



Spring is a great time for a pickup basketball game at Grist Mill Park.

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The sunny day brought out 6-year-old Jeremiah and his Uncle's dog Romi.



Alexandra Rodriguez and her dad Enrique used the sunny weather to get in some basketball practice.



Nick flies a kite at Fort Hunt Park on Saturday, March 23. He made it with his dad earlier in the day.

What's in a Name?

Route 1 or Richmond Highway offer different connotations.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

William Shakespeare's Juliet once famously asked, "What's in a name?"

Her question was based on a feud between warring families. But here in Mount Vernon, two warring factions are divided about a different name — the major highway that runs from the Beltway to the Occoquan River.

One faction of people says it should be known as Historic Route 1, a road with special designation connecting Civil War battlefields with George Washington's estate. Another faction says the corridor should be called Richmond Highway, underscoring the regional significance rather than the national thoroughfare connecting Maine to Florida.

"It's sort of a disparaging way of referring to this area as Route 1," said Jim Davis, co-chairman of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations. "Prosecutors use it in court when they want to berate the place."

Davis said that many people associate Route 1 with crime and vice, an era when shady businesses here were known as "no-tell motels." He says the corridor should be known as Richmond Highway because it speaks to the regional significance of the road. Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) disagrees. He helped shepherd legislation in 2010 that renamed the road "Historic Route 1."

"Route 1 has historic assets along the entire length of it," said Surovell. "I don't think we should be renaming little tiny segments

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Health Care for Transportation Dollars

Vote-swapping agreement on transportation funding opens door to Medicaid expansion.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Half a million uninsured Virginians may be eligible for Medicaid under an agreement now being worked out in Richmond — a deal in which Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell agreed to include Medicaid expansion as part of the budget if Senate Democrats supported a transportation package. The

vote-swapping arrangement is classic politics, but it may open the door to half a million poor Virginians receiving health care.

"It's like the 'Lincoln' movie," said Kyle Konidk, analyst with the University of Virginia Center for Politics. "If you are trying to achieve an objective in politics, a lot of time you can't be totally pure about it."

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Hybla Valley Elementary Celebrates Vernal Equinox

On the first day of spring, the Hybla Valley Elementary School community celebrated with an international festival at the school. All seven continents were feted. A Mariachi band, an Irish dance group along with student and family cultural performances drew crowds into the gym, the World Stage.

In the African wing, art and mudcloth and bead trading were displayed. Art depicting Australia hung in the hallway by the kindergarten classes. In the 5th grade hallway, Antarctica was also featured in art

and could be viewed while at the other end near Asia, henna tattoos were applied to students.

The South American exhibit featured a lotteria game in the café, pottery-making in the art room and more art displays. A labyrinth, a cultural theatre, a German band, bagpiper and drummer along with mini language lessons were a few of the highlights from the European exhibit.

The evening ended with the bagpiper Colin Agnew and drummer Beth Morga leading the festival participants in a parade throughout the hallways and out to the front entrance of the school on Lockheed Boulevard.



Tajikistan was on display in the Asian exhibit.



Students were given passports to have stamped as they toured exhibits and performances.



Bonnie Calhoun, playing the cello, accompanies Mary Wilkerson in melodies from around the world.



Santiago Estela and Carlo Castro rehearse the Salsa before their performance.

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Students dressed in folk costume depict their cultural origins.



Art teacher Denise Corcoran throws pots in the art room as part of the South American exhibit.



Bagpiper Colin Agnew and drummer Beth Morga of the Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Pipes and Drums leads the parade of students and their families through the school at the conclusion of the festival on Thursday evening.

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PEOPLE



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Teens Volunteer

A group of high school friends volunteered with their parents to host the February and March Life Skills Dinners for client families in UCM's transitional housing programs. The students earned community service hours for the time spent preparing and serving a meal for the families. From left are UCM case managers Caitlin Hollis and Stefanie Bass; mothers Marge McConnell, Tina Musleh, Monica Rodgers; Sophia Musleh and Kelly McConnell, both juniors at Edison High School; Andy Rodgers, 8th grader at Mark Twain Middle School; and Orlis Perla, junior at Edison. Not pictured but contributing to the meals were: Walt Dandridge and his son Harrison, junior at Edison; Margaret Roberts and her daughter Katie, also a junior at Edison; and Norma Perla, mother of Orlis. UCM manages two transitional housing programs that include housing, intensive counseling, case management, and life skills classes.



Learning about Government

Del. Scott Surovell hosted the 3rd Annual Amundson Institute earlier this year. Originally founded by former Del. Kris Amundson as the Young Leaders Program, the Amundson Institute offers high school students in the Mount Vernon and Lee community to learn about how the state legislative process functions. The students included, from front row left, Darien Cashku of West Potomac High School, Laraib Ilyas of West Potomac High School, Trisha Racho of West Potomac High School. In the back row from left are John Day of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes school, Gordon Baer of West Potomac High School, Adel Lahlon of Mount Vernon High School and Ben Deneault of Mount Vernon High School.

Amerau, Harris Engaged

Captain Harold F. Amerau, Jr., U.S. Navy (Ret.) and Colonel Carla M. Stucki-Amerau, U.S. Air Force (Ret.) of Alexandria are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lieutenant Junior Grade Brittany Nicole Amerau, U.S. Navy, to Lieutenant Junior Grade Christopher Paul Harris, U.S. Navy, son of Timothy and Pamela Harris of Richmond.

The future bride is a 2006 graduate of Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria and graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2010. She is a Navy pilot assigned to Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron 28 in Norfolk.

The future groom is a 2005 graduate of Benedictine High School in Richmond and a 2006 graduate of Fork Union Military Academy. Harris is also a 2010 graduate of the Naval Academy. He is assigned to the USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) in Norfolk.

While attending the Naval Academy, Amerau was a member of the women's lacrosse team and Harris was captain of the Navy basketball team. An April wedding is planned in the Naval Academy Chapel in Annapolis.



Lieutenant Junior Grade Brittany Nicole Amerau and Lieutenant Junior Grade Christopher Paul Harris are engaged.



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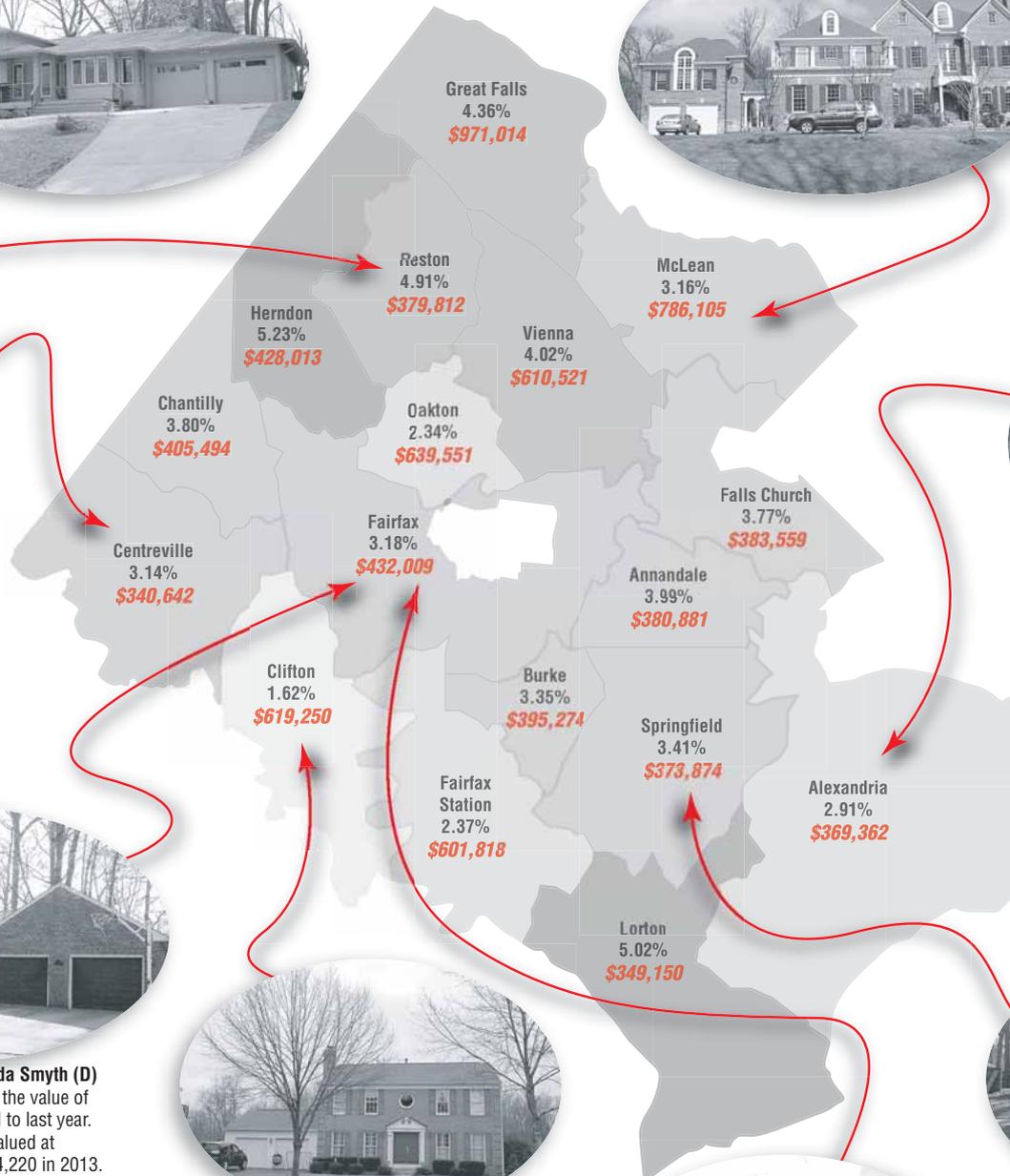
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2013 Assessments by Zip Code Areas

Hunter Mill Supervisor **Cathy Hudgins (D)** saw her assessment went up 0.94% from \$570,520 in 2012 to \$575,910 in 2013.



Dranesville District Supervisor **John Foust (D)** saw a 2.00% gain in his property value when compared to 2011. The county valued Foust's house at \$3,048,110 last year and \$3,109,050 this year.



Sully Supervisor **Michael Frey (R)** saw a 5.28% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Frey's home was assessed at \$214,490 in 2012 and \$225,820 in 2013.



Lee Supervisor **Jeff McKay (D)** saw an increase of 0.96% in his home assessment in 2013. Last year, his home was worth \$703,450 and this year it is valued at \$710,220.



Providence Supervisor **Linda Smyth (D)** saw a 11.99% increase in the value of her house when compared to last year. Smyth's home was valued at \$494,880 in 2012 and \$554,220 in 2013.



Springfield Supervisor **Patrick Herry (R)** saw a 6.47% gain in his property value when compared to 2012. Last year, his home was worth \$520,120 and this year it is valued at \$553,770.



Braddock Supervisor **John Cook (R)** saw a 5.26% increase in the value of his home over the last year. Cook's home was assessed at \$556,920 in 2012 and \$586,220 in 2013.



Fairfax County Chairman **Sharon Bulova (D)** saw her home value went up 4.35% from \$591,990 in 2012 to \$617,750 in 2013.



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 Townhouse **\$337,817 (4.50%)**
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ZIP CODE AREA	2012 MEAN	2013 MEAN	PERCENT CHANGE
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Annandale	366,264	380,881	3.99
Burke	382,480	395,274	3.35
Centreville	330,259	340,642	3.14
Chantilly	390,658	405,494	3.80
Clifton	609,373	619,250	1.62
Fairfax	418,712	432,009	3.18
Fairfax Station	587,881	601,818	2.37
Falls Church	369,629	383,559	3.77
Great Falls	930,477	971,014	4.36
Herndon	406,751	428,013	5.23
Lorton	332,476	349,150	5.02
McLean	762,002	786,105	3.16
Oakton	624,911	639,551	2.34
Reston	362,028	379,812	4.91
Springfield	361,529	373,874	3.41
Vienna	586,948	610,521	4.02

SOURCE: FAIRFAX COUNTY

OBITUARY

Charlotte S. Drummond

Charlotte Susan Sauer Drummond died on March 8, 2013 in The Villages, Fla. She was 68. She was born and raised in Silver Spring, Md. where she graduated from Montgomery Blair High School and attended Montgomery College. She resided in Scotland for several years after marrying her husband, John R. Drummond of Glasgow, Scotland. They returned to the United States and resided in several locations in Northern Virginia before settling in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County, where they lived for nearly 30 years before moving to Florida.

For over 20 years she worked for the Senior Services of Alexandria where she performed a variety of



duties. She coordinated taxi service for senior residents of Alexandria, enabling them to get reduced cost taxi rides to grocery stores and medical appointments. She also coordinated para transit taxi service. In addition, she assisted low-income elderly individuals in getting energy assistance through the Washington Area Fuel Fund and performed a variety of administrative functions. She enjoyed helping Alex-

andria seniors and developed friendships with many of them.

Charlotte is survived by her husband of 45 years, John R. Drummond, her son Robin D. Drummond of Alexandria, her sister, Katherine S. McGuirk of Glen Burnie, Md., and her brother, H. Arthur Sauer of Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her brother, George E. Sauer of Potomac, Md., and her parents, Nellie F. Sauer and Herman A. Sauer.

A memorial service will be held on April 13, at 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, VA 22302.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Senior Services of Alexandria, 700 Princess St. - Mezzanine Level, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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churches. Proceeds benefit hunger-fighting initiatives. Visit www.cropwalkonline.org for more.

TUESDAY/APRIL 16

Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. "The Jones Jinx: Tracing Common Surnames." Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or 703-

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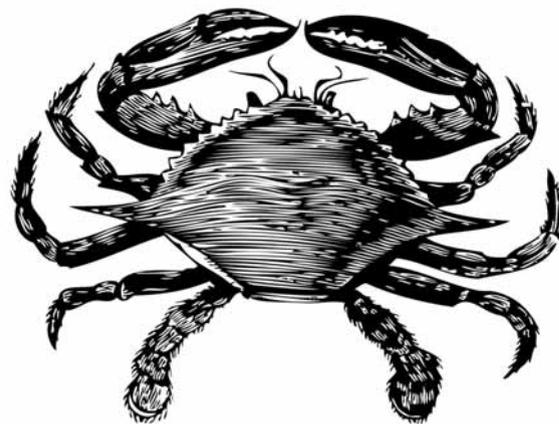
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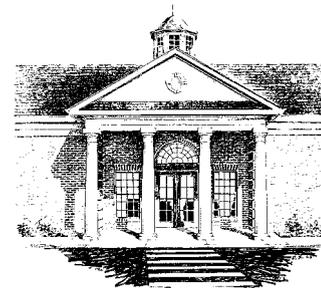
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OPINION

More Obstacles to Transparency

General Assembly puts more information out of public reach, but other factors also limit access.

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.”

It doesn't add, “except when we don't want to,” although that provision does seem to be available in many cases. Individual government entities have a variety of ways of making it hard for the public to access public information.

One such way is simply to require that the information seeker file a “FOIA request,” a written request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. Most public information should be readily available, handed over on request. The written query allows the entity, a school system for example, to parse the request to provide as little information as possible. It is a method of foot-dragging, of just hoping that the requestor will give up.

A growing obstacle involves fees. Many government agencies respond to any request for public information with a bill, sometimes for thousands of dollars. The bills can cover staff time to calculate the answers, to locate the data. The staff time involved is already on the public payroll, and charging fees to provide

public information to the public when the public is already paying for the existence of the information is double dipping. Again, it's a method designed to discourage access. And it is often effective. And while many citizen groups in our area can cough up \$3,000 or \$6,000 or more for access to the email correspondence of public officials on a decision that affects the public, for example, many cannot. It is inequitable to charge this sort of fee.

The existence of email correspondence between public officials is another concern, allowing for discussion that, while usually FOIA-able, takes place outside the public eye. Local governments could develop a public archive for email correspondence that would do much to enhance transparency and sunshine in the Commonwealth, and reduce embarrassment on the part of emailing officials because they would recognize in advance that their email is public.

The Virginia Freedom of Information Act includes an exception that allows police to withhold, without justification, “complaints, memoranda, correspondence, case files or reports, witness statements and evidence.” Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexan-

dria have adopted what they call a “blanket” approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any document they can without any analysis of whether they should. But no public entity should be allowed blanket exemptions. Withholding public information, if it is allowed, should be on a case-by-case basis. Police departments all over the country routinely allow access to police reports, incident reports and many other source documents without harm, documents that police here refuse to allow the public to see.

So with many systemic roadblocks to public access to public information, it is discouraging to say the least to see the General Assembly add significant new obstacles.

The Virginia Coalitions for Open Government reports that the General Assembly passed exemptions that “will limit access to some correspondence of legislative aides, to evacuation plans for hospitals operating under certificates of public need, to certain flight plans filed at regional government airports, to records and meetings of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and to bank self-assessments. All concealed handgun permit applications will now be off-limits, too, thanks to a bill that was radically amended from its original purpose and reported from committee to House floor in less than 24 hours,” limiting public comment.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A Code of Silence

To the Editor:

The Virginia Freedom of Information (FOIA) is a state law that gives you ready access and the right to obtain government information and public records in Vir-

ginia.

It is important to note, the custodian of records “may” — at his or her discretion — release records even if there is a FOIA exemption attached to it unless another part of the Code of Virginia would specifically prohibit such release. Unfortunately, most law enforcement agencies in Virginia arbitrarily and

unwisely choose not to release records to the media and the public in general. This lack of logic. Law enforcement agencies must be brought to the reality that government information in Virginia is presumed public. The “Code of Silence” exercised by the Virginia law enforcement community is contrary to that of most police or-

ganizations in our country. Hiding behind a “wall of silence” does not promote good police-public relations. This deep-rooted non-cooperation with the public should be eliminated sooner than later.

Efforts to correct this inequity in the Virginia General Assembly has been obstructed by the aggressive and strong police lobby.

Out grassroots citizen advocacy organization, the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc. (CCPA) has consistently experienced denials of our FOIA requests from Northern Virginia law enforcement agencies and particularly the Fairfax County police. Most of our requests were related to allegations of excessive force or for several highly questionable shooting deaths of unarmed citizens by the police. All of these requests were made after the police declared their investigations were completed and closed.

The public's comments regarding this issue are being sought. If you wish to comment, please email us at virginiaccpa@aol.com.

Nicholas R. Beltrante
Executive Director

Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc.

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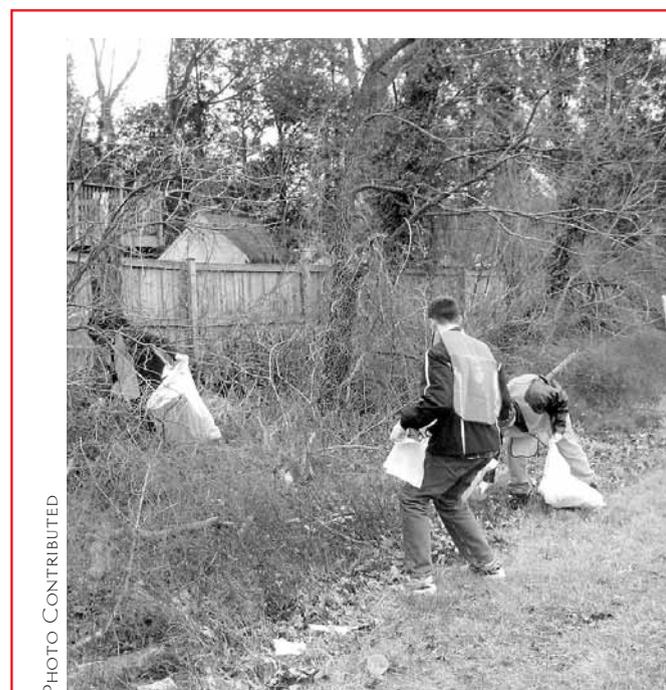


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Community Clean-up

Mount Vernon High School students recently participated in a newly formed community service project, “MVHS Community Clean-Up,” which resulted in the collection of 16 bags of garbage from the surrounding Mount Vernon High School neighborhood. Those students were: Bridget Awantoh, Joseph Hood, and David Sopko. The purpose of this community service project is to show the community Mount Vernon High School students have pride in their school and community. Since the recent clean-up, the project's coordinator has had more volunteers sign-up and plans to have another clean-up during the early part of April.

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Int'l Acclaimed Magician – Juliana Chen,
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Master Magician – John Carlson
Magical Emcee – Eric Henning

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LETTERS

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Why Not Cut?

To the Editor:

Is it Groundhog Day again? It seems so, since this is the silly season when, annually, the MVCCA's Budget & Finance Committee trots out its annual plea to the Board of Supervisors to search every nook and cranny to raise the tax rate in every possible tax category to facilitate funding their expansive view of the government's role in our lives, regardless of the reality of the state of the economy the past several years. One need only compare this year's MVCCA county budget resolution with those from the recent past to see my point. Here are quotes from this year's resolution and those from the prior three years:

2010: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges the Board of Supervisors to look at all available sources of revenue for providing the additional funding necessary to fund the essential programs described herein. In addition to the Real Property Tax Assessment, other forms of revenue that should be considered by the Board of Supervisors should include consideration of a referendum on a meals tax, reinstatement of the vehicle registration (or "car sticker") tax, and increases in the BPOL tax rates;

2011: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges the Board of Supervisors to look at all available sources of revenue including, but not limited to a meals tax and increases in the BPOL tax rates for providing the additional funding necessary to fund the essential programs described herein;

2012: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the MVCCA urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt the \$1.08 tax real estate tax rate and to look at all available sources of revenue including, but not limited to, a meals tax referendum and increases in the BPOL tax rates for providing the additional funding necessary to fund the essential programs described herein;

2013: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations urges the Board of Supervisors to adopt the \$1.095 residential real estate tax rate and to look at all available sources of revenue including, but not limited to, increases in proffers from real estate development, a meals tax referendum and increases in the BPOL tax rates to be more closely in line with surrounding jurisdictions for providing the additional funding neces

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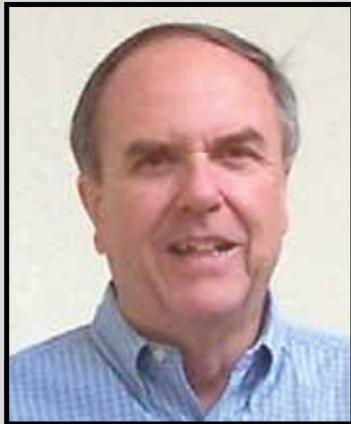
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SPRING FUN

Las Vegas Comes to Alexandria

Big name magicians convene to share tricks, entertain families at Magi-Whirl 2013 on April 6.

BY AMBER HEALY
THE GAZETTE

An annual magic convention will bring big stars of the entertainment world to a high school auditorium early next month, and everyone's invited.

Magi-Whirl is one of the Washington, D.C.-area's premiere magic conferences, bringing together hobbyists with professionals and collectors alike to share ideas and pick up some new tricks.

"This is not a local magicians show," said Danny Selnick, president of Ring 50 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians, the local chapter of the worldwide fraternity of illusionists and other masters of deception. "This is Las Vegas comes to Alexandria."

There will be some local magicians, both taking part in the lectures that will take up Friday night, April 5, and the early part of the day on Saturday, April 6.

But the real treat comes Saturday night, when the auditorium at Bishop Ireton High School turns into a star-studded performance.

Featured this year is Juliana Chen, a woman born in China who defected to the United States via Canada and became the first woman named World Champion at the World Congress of Magicians, earning her the title of the First Lady of Magic. A specialist in a wide variety of tricks, including a mask that changes colors on its own and cards that appear in an endless stream when she clicks her fingers, Chen has served as the artistic director of the Shanghai International

"Magic for me is seeing the magic happen."

— Eric Henning

Eric Henning, fresh off his third Presidential Inaugural appearance, will be Master of Ceremonies at Magi-Whirl 2013 at Bishop Ireton High School on April 6.



PHOTO BY RICHARD NOWITZ

Magic Festival, and the Athens Festival of Illusion at the Giallono Music Theater from 2005 through 2007.

Also on the bill is Brad Ross, one of the youngest illusionists to lead the Disney Live! series of performances with Mickey Mouse and other familiar characters, appearing with the tour since 2006. He'll be flying in to give a lecture to the magicians participating in the convention on Friday night and Saturday before taking the Bishop Ireton stage Saturday.

Other headliners include Master Payne, who has served as the official house magician of the Camlann Mediaeval Fair for more than 30 years and is one of the best-known magicians in the Seattle area, and John Carlson, a former New York City police officer who traded in his siren for the happy shrieks of children at birthday parties across the country.

"This is a chance for the community to see superstars," said Michael Taggert, the show's organizer. "That's the whole purpose of the show. It's not just another dance troupe or symphony or school play. It's

something you don't see in the Washington area very often."

Taggert and Selnick are responsible for the event, Selnick as the Ring 50 president and Taggert as the show's producer. But they're quick to point to the magicians flying in from across the country and around the world to bring their talent to Alexandria for a night of fun.

"Last year, we had three international superstars come in," Taggert said, adding that there are a few people already contacting him for future conventions as far away as 2015.

Ring 50 had a convention for many years, starting in the 1960s, but after a while the conventions fell away. But in the recent past, it was rediscovered that Ring 50's bylaws require an annual convention, Taggert said.

TAGGERT ALSO WORKS with another big name in magic, albeit one based more locally. Eric Henning has made quite the name for himself, performing at least once for the Obama family in addition to occasional gigs throughout the area, including one coming up at the Old Town Theater in Alexandria the week after the convention.

Henning describes his magic style as "very old school but with a twist." In magic, as in



Juliana Chen, the first woman to win the World Congress of Magic, is one of several headliners for Magi-Whirl 2013, at Bishop Ireton High School on April 6.

life, everything old is new again, and he specializes in up-close magic, where the illusion often occurs in an audience member's hand.

"I don't ask what's new, but what's old," he said. He got his start working Renaissance fairs and other open-air performances, where people had to be convinced to stop and pay attention and maybe, if they were impressed, drop a few coins in a hat or box.

He took up studying older types of magic tricks at the Library of Congress, where he would "read all the books" he could find, including one of the first books about magic, written by a skeptic. It was a big book, but there was "only one chapter on magic. The rest was how to prevent witches from being burned. Just because someone knew how to do a few tricks didn't make them a witch," Henning said of the book.

The best magic tricks are like Shakespeare — timeless and well received by nearly any audience at any point in history. That's what Henning tries to focus on in his performances, he said.

Part storyteller, part actor, his performances are theatrical and meant to bring the audience into his world. He plays the part of a wizard, and if he does his job well, he doesn't need to explain that it's all make-believe. "People understand," he said.

"Magic for me is seeing the magic happen" for people in the audience, he said.

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CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.

ONGOING

50th Annual Needlework

Exhibition. Through Sunday, March 31. Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday through Monday. At the Historic Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway. \$10/adults; \$5/students through grade 12; free/children 5 and under. Visit <http://woodlawn1805.org/50th-annual-needlework-exhibition/> or call 703-780-4000.

Free Admission. Through Sunday, March 31. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and 1-3 p.m. Sunday. No admission charge at the Lee-Fendall House Museum throughout March. Located at 614 Oronoco St. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or call 703-548-1789.

Theater Performance. Through Sunday, March 31. "Ladies Swing the Blues," a world premiere by Thomas W. Jones II and William Knowles at Metrostage, 1201 N. Royal St. Explore the jazz folklore, mythologies and backstage stories of the '40s and '50s with four legendary jazz divas as they gather to commemorate the passing of jazz legend Charlie Parker.

Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets \$50 (students \$25). For tickets call 800-494-8497 or visit www.metrostage.org, Groups/Info 703-548-9044. Fully accessible, free parking.

Art Exhibit. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. "State of Emergency," Sabyna Sterrett's exhibition of woven repurposed plastic bags and products, will be featured in The Art League Gallery, at 105 N. Union St. Through April 1. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

Art Exhibit. See "Process:

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25th Annual Potomac River Watershed Cleanup will take place on Saturday, April 6, 9 a.m. - noon.

SPRING FUN

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Photography” at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Features established and emerging talent displaying a wide variety of picture taking devices ranging from large print to electron microscopy. Over 15 types of equipment are represented. Through April 7. Free. Visit www.nvfaa.org.

Spring Classes. Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at www.artatthecenter.org or 703-201-1250.

Art Exhibit. Through Tuesday, April 23. Open Friday-Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday 1-9 p.m. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of the juried show “Sculptural Elements.” Located located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street. Free Admission. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com or call 703-548-0935.

Art Exhibit. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. “Spotlight,” an exhibition of acrylic paintings on canvas by Lukman Ahmad, will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. through Sunday, April 28. Visit www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter/gallery.html.

Tavern Toddlers. Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mondays through the end of April. Designed for walkers through 36 months and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime in Gadsby’s historic ballroom. Gadsby’s Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Art Exhibit. See Multiple Exposures Gallery “Dual Show” by Eric Johnson and Susan Meyers through Sunday,

May 5. Located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com or 703-683-2205.

Art Exhibit. Through May 11. Local artist Nicholaus Aman attempts to express the compelling nature of the Pacific coast through his solo exhibition, “Pacific Pulse,” at Alexandria’s Artspace 109 Gallery, 109 N. Fairfax St. The gallery hours are: Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays noon-5 p.m.

Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition. At The Lyceum, Alexandria’s History Museum, 201 South Washington Street. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia’s decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. See how Robert E. Lee’s hometown was transformed literally overnight from a prosperous commercial port into a supply, hospital, and transportation center for the Union Army, and find out why Alexandria became a destination for African Americans seeking freedom. Explore the experiences of Alexandrians and others who lived here during this tumultuous time, through their own words, as well as in period photographs and collections items. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit www.alexandriahistory.org or call 703-746-4994.

THURSDAY/MARCH 28

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free.



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Fort Hunt Little League Opening Day is April 6.

Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Blockbuster Thursday. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Call for title. Free. 703-746-1702.

FRIDAY/MARCH 29

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The United States Air Force Band will perform music for soprano and clarinet. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

SATURDAY/MARCH 30

Cleve Francis. 7:30 p.m. \$32.50. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

SATURDAY/APRIL 20

Alexandria Earth Day 2013. 10 a.m. Alexandria’s 20th Annual Earth Day celebration takes place at Ben Brenman Park. Visit www.alexearthday.org.

Celebrate Earth Day and Arbor Day at Springfest 2013. This event is free fun for family at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Enjoy pony rides, games, farmers market, environmental workshops and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/living/environment/earthday/ for more Earth Day events.

MONDAY/MAY 27

Community Fun Fest. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fairfax Baptist Temple at 6401 Missionary Lane in Fairfax Station. Visit fbtministries.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 1

Alexandria Armenian Festival. 1:30-6 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Vendors, entertainment, food and more.

Free admission. Visit alexandriarmenianfestival.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 6

USA & Alexandria Birthday Celebration. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, birthday cake, food and fireworks. The evening culminates in Tchaikovsky’s “1812 Overture.” Concert at 6 p.m. and fireworks at 9:30 at Oronoco Bay Park. Free.

SATURDAY, JULY 13

Obon Festival. Highlighting Japanese culture at Ekoji Buddhist Temple, 6500 Lakehaven Lane in Fairfax Station. Visit www.ekoji.org.

WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY/AUG. 7-11

Arlington County Fair. Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 Second St. South. Indoor and outdoor activities. Visit arlingtoncountyfair.us.

3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Easter Egg Hunt. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave. All ages can hunt for eggs. RSVP by March 28. 703-291-0190.

Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m. see Multiple Exposures Gallery “Dual Show” by Eric Johnson and Susan Meyers. Located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit

www.multipleexposuresgallery.com or 703-683-2205.

Book Signing. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Great Harvest Alexandria, 1711 Centre Plaza. Rachel Brame and Roderic Brame will sign copies of their book “Mighty Titans.” Free. Visit www.alexandriagreatharvest.com.

Book Signing. 3-5 p.m. at St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave.

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Celebrating Easter

With Fun & Style

When: Sunday, March 31st **Where:** The Holiday Inn of Alexandria SW

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- Roasted Tomato Basil
- Chicken & Lemon Orzo

Entrees

- Tilapia Stuffed w/Maryland Crab
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- Mediterranean Easter Lamb
- Pan Seared Chicken Breast w/Rosemary Orange Cream Sauce
- Farfalle w/Bolognese (beef) Sauce
- Broccoli, Red Pepper & Onion Frittata

Carving Station

- Honey Baked Ham w/Pineapple Glaze
- Top Round Roast Beef w/Au Jus & Horseradish Cream Sauce

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- Omelets & Eggs Made To Order

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- Crisp Sliced Bacon
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- Fresh Spring Vegetable Medley
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- Saffron Rice w/Fresh Herbs

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- Seasonal Fruit & Cheese Display w/Gourmet Crackers & Flatbreads
- Classic Caesar Salad
- Tri Color Tortellini Primavera Salad
- Waldorf Salad w/Local Apples & Walnuts
- Fresh Baked Breads, Bagels & Hot Cross Buns

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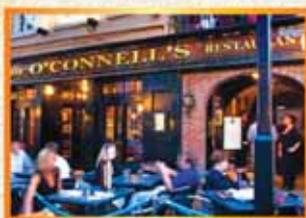
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MONDAY/APRIL 1

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TUESDAY/APRIL 2

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Magi-Whirl 2013

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"People seeing something for the first time, they get that look on their face."

Taggart and Henning both have high praise for the technical theater students at Bishop Ireton, who do all the lighting and technical work for the performances. After one Magi-Whirl convention a few years ago, Henning was told by one of the headliners, who had a residency in Las Vegas, that the students were the best technical crew he'd ever had.

Henning, from Laurel, Md., isn't the only local performer on the bill. Other members of Ring 50 will be warming up the audience both inside the auditorium and in the lobby before the show starts, and among the performers will be Drew Owen, based in Northern Virginia.

"I love to perform magic," Owen said of why he wanted to be a part of the show. "At its best, magic gives us hope by making the impossible seem possible. I do a lot of kids shows involving costuming and props so I really like it when I get the chance to

746-1702.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 3

Music. Carolina Chocolate Drops performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

perform very close up, with only a deck of cards or a few coins."

He'll be walking around the auditorium before the big event, helping "get [the audience] into a magical mood for the main show."

He, like Taggart and Selnick, is eager to see what the other magicians can do and hope to learn a few new, well, tricks.

"I'm interesting in all of them," Owen said. "I've never seen any of them perform live but I have seen video and they all have very different performance styles. The magicians who planned this event did a great job of putting together a performance with tremendous variety and really top notch magicians."

Selnick said he expects "100-plus" magicians to participate in the convention, whether taking in lectures or picking up new tricks and supplies from a wide variety of magic dealers during the weekend.

Henning said the highlight of the event for him is what happens after the show is over, when the magicians get together and try to out-magic each other.

"We're lousy with good performers in this area," and getting a group of them together to see who can do new tricks, or old ones in new ways, so the others can't figure it out is a real treat, he said.

See the Show

The show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$15 each or \$50 for a family pack of four at www.magi-whirl.org. Tickets will be available at the door for \$18 each. If the first show sells out in advance, a second show might be added.

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What's in a Name: Route 1 or Richmond Highway?

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of it because there's a recent history we are uncomfortable with."

THE OFFICIAL HISTORY of Fairfax County, published by the Board of Supervisors in 1978, uses Route 1 rather than Richmond Highway. A check of the index shows no references to Richmond Highway, although it has five separate listings for Route 1. The book, which is viewed by many as the definitive history of Fairfax County, explains that the history of the highway dates back to 1808, when the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Company opened a road from Long Bridge to Alexandria.

"This is roughly what is now called Henry Street, runs parallel to the Potomac, and ultimately was extended into the present Jefferson Davis Highway, or Route 1," according to the official history.

Route 1 is a designation that dates back to 1918, when U.S. 1 was added to the state's highway system as State Route 1. It was briefly known as State Road 31 in the 1920s and early 1930s until the New Deal created an Atlantic highway known as Route 1. After World War II, the Interstate system took all the major traffic. Businesses on Route 1 suffered, and crime proliferated.

"Open air marketing of drugs, prostitutes who openly walked up and down Route 1 — it had a very negative connotation that we have been trying to eliminate over the



A section of Route 1 in Dinwiddie County.

years," said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland. "For many people, the name Route 1 is not a positive."

ADVOCATES FOR USING Richmond Highway say the name Route 1 lumps the Fairfax County stretch in with every other

corridor from Maine to Florida, adding to the lack of identity created by the abundance of big-box retailers and national chain stores that dominate the corridor. Using a name that has Virginia roots, on the other hand, creates a sense of branding for the region.

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— Mount Vernon Supervisor
Gerry Hyland

"Richmond Highway has a better sense of place," said David Ben, communications director for the Southeast Fairfax County Development Corporation. "It's a little thing, but it's one little thing that could go a long way."

Advocates for Route 1, on the other hand, say the road needs to be identified with other parts of Virginia and the rest of the Eastern Seaboard.

"I grew up on Route 1, and it will always be Route 1 to me," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay. "Richmond Highway is a term that a lot of people use to deal with the stigma that the Route 1 corridor has nationwide. But if you look at a map or a GPS device, it's Route 1."

Political Trade: Health Care for Transportation Dollars

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The governor says he remains opposed to expanding Medicaid in Virginia, a key part of President Barack Obama's Affordable Care Act. But in a series of amendments he submitted to the General Assembly this week, McDonnell left the door open to expanding the program under certain conditions. If the federal government fails to fund 90 percent of the program, for example, Virginia would withdraw from the program. Other conditions include creation of a lockbox to retain temporary savings created by an initial burst of federal money as well as instituting managed care controls to save money and deliver better care.

"We're seeing a number of Republican governors who opposed it started looking at the bottom line," said Frank Shafroth, director of the Center for State and Local Leadership. "Medicaid is such a fundamental part of the state's budget that it wouldn't be outside the realm of possibility that the governor will call a special session."

LAST WEEK, Republican Attorney General

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Ken Cuccinelli issued an opinion that questioned the constitutionality of expanding Medicaid expansion in Virginia. In response to an inquiry from Del. Bob Marshall (R-13), Cuccinelli took aim at powers invested in the Medicaid Innovation and Reform Commission, whose members get to say whether or not the governor's conditions have been met. Cuccinelli panned this arrangement as "a delegation of the General Assembly's legislative authority."

"It is my opinion that the Virginia Constitution prohibits the General Assembly from delegating final legislative authority regarding budget or other enactments to a committee comprised of a subset of members of the General Assembly," Cuccinelli wrote in the March 22 opinion.

The governor responded Tuesday, crafting new language clarifying the role of the commission. McDonnell's new budget language sought to clear up any ambiguity about what was necessary to meet the conditions outlined in the agreement. That means that the commission will play a more

limited role, one that sidesteps subjective judgments in favor of objective rulings.

"That is different from giving the commission as much latitude as the attorney general was interpreting based on the language that was there previously," said state Sen. George Barker (D-39). "The governor says that he feels comfortable that this will stand up."

CREATED IN 1965, Medicaid is an entitlement program to help states provide medical coverage for low-income families and people with disabilities. Since that time, the program has become the nation's primary source of health insurance for people who live in poverty. Now the Obama administration wants to dramatically increase the number of people who qualify for Medicaid in Virginia. The federal government would pick up 100 percent of the cost until 2016, when Virginia would be on the hook to pay for 10 percent of the program.

"While I remain opposed to the Medicaid expansion at this time due to the unsustainable 1,600 percent growth in Medicaid in the past 30 years, I have helped outline a plan for long-term reform to save money and get better patient outcomes," the governor said in a written statement this week. "My amendments provide for greater certainty as to the expectations of the General Assembly related to what reform means and what must be done before any potential expansion of Medicaid."

Some Democrats have accused the Repub-

lican attorney general with playing politics on health-care reform, which Cuccinelli tried to challenge as unconstitutional. They say his campaign for governor clouds any objectivity he might have on the issue, and that his opposition to the constitutionality of the commission's role is a thinly veiled political maneuver designed to build support among the Republican base.

"I believe the attorney general is incorrect that these phases are subjective because there are clear deliverables," said Del. Patrick Hope (D-47). "There will be white smoke, and we will know when these reforms have been accomplished."

Another provision of the Affordable Care Act is also creating deep divisions in Virginia over the issue of abortion. The federal health care reform calls for the creating of an exchange in the commonwealth where uninsured people who make too much money to qualify for Medicare can sign up for coverage. This week, McDonnell said he wants to prohibit abortion coverage through insurance plans purchased through the exchanges. As legislators gather for their veto session next month, this provision may be targeted by a number of Democrats who say it limits a woman's right to choose. "We cannot permit far right-wing ideology to dictate personal medical decisions or to interfere with business agreements," said Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31). "It is very demeaning to women, to their physicians, and to all Virginians."

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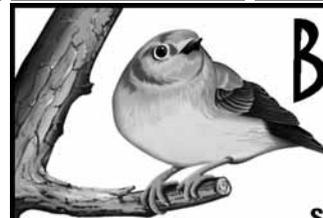
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sary to fund essential public programs; Could there be any better proof that the MVCCA fails to represent the mainstream of community thought but, rather, represents a small minority of taxpayers who share the extreme view that expansion of government to the maximum is the way to go? Has anyone in the MVCCA leadership noticed that the economy continues to teeter on the edge of recession, and that the federal deficit has increased \$7 trillion over the past four years, necessitating belt tightening, not increased spending? Has anyone noticed the "sequestration" issue and its potential impact on the county? Not the MVCCA. As aptly stated by Albert Einstein, insanity may be defined as "doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors react to the 2013 MVCCA budget resolution as it has in prior years — essentially ignoring it. When the MVCCA starts advocating reasonable cuts in county programs rather than increases coupled with a search for tax increases, to comport with current economic conditions, perhaps it will begin to be considered as something other than a fringe organization.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

Aerial Spraying Jeopardizes Birds

To the Editor:

On behalf of the more than 4,000 members of the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia, we are writing to express our concerns about Fairfax County plans to spray for fall cankerworms in the Mount Vernon and Lee districts of the county.

The mission of the National Audubon Society is to conserve and restore natural ecosystems, focusing on birds, other wildlife and their habitats for the benefit of humanity and the earth's biological diversity.

According to staffers in the county's Urban Forestry Division, the Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) pesticide that the county will apparently spray from helicopters, will kill all moth and butterfly caterpillars, not just the caterpillars of the fall cankerworm. This is disturbing because caterpillars are a major food source for many birds and have an important role in our ecosystems.

Cankerworms are native insects. They hatch just at the time many species of songbirds are migrating through Northern Virginia, an excellent example of nature's synchronicity. These birds are traveling from their wintering grounds in South and Central America to their breeding grounds in the northern United States and Canada. They cannot make the journey successfully without stopping to refuel. Each individual bird can consume hundreds of caterpillars as it replenishes its body fat, which will provide the energy for the next stage of the journey. Therefore, this spraying will kill off a major food source for thousands of migrating songbirds that will be arriving in the area at exactly the same time as the county plans to spray. Birds are natural

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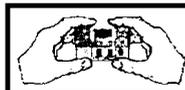
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PEOPLE

Mount Vernon CrossFit Opens on Richmond Highway

Mount Vernon CrossFit @ The D.A.M. Garage head coach and director of programming, Sean Dunston, was working up a sweat coaching the participants in the Saturday morning three-part work out in January. More than 29 teams of two went through an exercise regime. Mount Vernon Chamber chairman Michael Gailliot along with board members arrived at the gym and set up for the official ribbon-cutting. Gailliot welcomed the new business that had taken over the existing car repair garage at 8459 Richmond Highway. The new owners are no strangers to Richmond Highway as they are Holly Woods & Vines owners Vanessa Wheeler and John Johnston.



Owners John Johnston and Vanessa Wheeler and head coach/director of programming at the gym Sean Dunston.

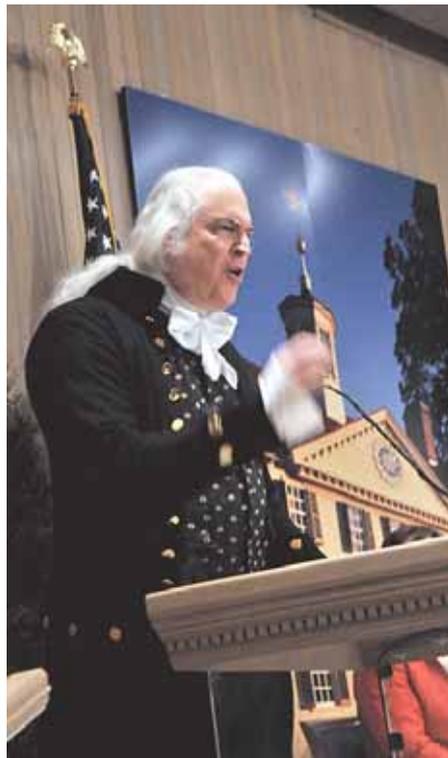


The former car repair garage behind the BestWay on Richmond Highway has been renovated as the new Mount Vernon CrossFit @ The D.A.M. Garage.

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Ceremony at Mount Vernon Estate Honors New Citizens

They came from Belarus, Vietnam, Afghanistan, the United Kingdom, Bolivia, Tunisia, Brazil and Thailand, Trinidad & Tobago, Cambodia, Latvia, Cameroon, China, Mexico, Columbia, Canada, South Korea, Iraq, El Salvador, Pakistan, India, Sierra Leone, Honduras, Eritrea, Peru, Ghana, the Philippines, and Ethiopia. Fifty immigrants took the Oath of Citizenship on Friday, Feb. 22, at the Mount Vernon Estate in a special naturalization ceremony sponsored by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Mount Vernon Ladies Association. Director of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Alejandro Mayorkas presented Tsehaye Teferra with the Outstanding American by Choice Recognition Award. Teferra is the president and CEO of the Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc.



General George Washington portrayed by Dean Malissa speaks to the 50 new citizens and their family and friends at the conclusion of Friday's naturalization ceremony at the Mount Vernon Estate.



Fifty immigrants stand and recite the Oath of Allegiance to the United States.

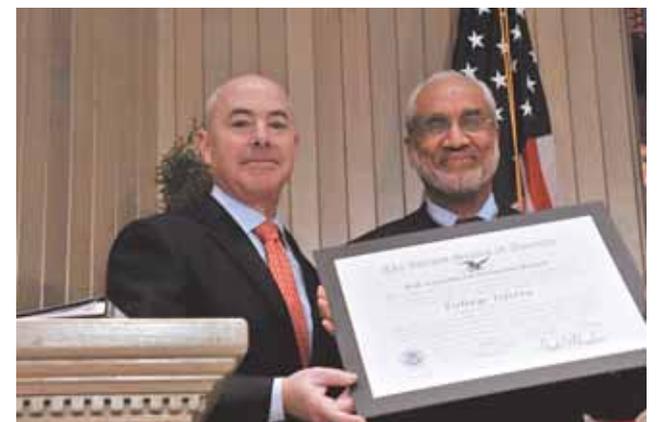
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Charles Francis Keutcha of Cameroon shows General Washington (Dean Malissa) his Naturalization Certificate.



Family and friends fill the aisles trying to capture the ceremony on their phones, cameras and tablets.



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SCHOOLS

Operation Patriotic STEM at Ft. Belvoir ES

Marymount University makes science fun.

As stomp rockets flew through the air, balloons expanded, and electricity set hair standing on end, children at Ft. Belvoir Elementary School didn't know which hands-on science activity to try first.

They were participating in Operation Patriotic STEM, an evening of science activities organized by Marymount University. Dr. Usha Rajdev, Marymount associate professor of Education, has established a partnership with the Ft. Belvoir school to "give back to U.S. military families who sacrifice so much for us."

For the evening's activities, she brought in educational partners Rick Varner from NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, Elizabeth Burke from Project Learning Tree, and Tammy Maxey from Agriculture in the Classroom.

Marymount master of education candidates and undergraduates studying to become elementary school teachers were joined by students in Dr. Eric Bubar's physical science course staffed the hands-on activities, which included creating lightning and static electricity with van de graaf generators; viewing Jupiter and the moon through a telescope; papermaking; stringing earth-bead bracelets; making and launching



Teaching the art of making paper rockets, from left, are Nicholas Tavenner, an M.Ed. in special education candidate; Edwin Hernandez '14, a BBA major in Dr. Bubar's physical science course; NASA's Rick Varner, and Rhonda Hotop, M.Ed. candidate and student teacher at Ft. Belvoir Elementary School.

stomp rockets; learning about covalent bonds by using milk, food coloring and soap; playing a resource-matching game; making seed buddies that use body heat to help seeds germinate; and inflating balloons with baking soda and carbon dioxide.

Next year, the partnership with Ft. Belvoir

will expand. Undergraduates in the Teaching Mathematics and Science course will spend Wednesdays at Ft. Belvoir. In the mornings, they will learn a hands-on math lesson, then immediately teach it to a class at the school. In the afternoon, they will do the same with a science lesson.

while striking out six in five innings of relief. Barnes also drove in four runs at the plate.

West Potomac will complete the tournament with a game against Hayfield at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 28.

West Potomac Softball Bounces Back

After a season-opening loss to Mount Vernon, the West Potomac softball team responded with three consecutive victories.

The Wolverines defeated Woodson 11-10 on March 22. The following day, West Potomac beat Robinson (15-4) and Edison

(15-4) during the Madison spring break tournament.

West Potomac will host Annandale at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3 and will travel to face T.C. Williams at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 5.

West Potomac Boys' Soccer Undefeated

The West Potomac boys' soccer team is off to a 3-0 start after beating Lee 4-2 on March 22.

The Wolverines opened the season with a 3-0 victory over Marshall on March 19 and defeated Edison 6-5 on March 20.

SCHOOL NOTES

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Mount Vernon High School sent 19 qualifying students to the Region Science Fair, held at Robinson Secondary School. The first place winners will head to the state competition.

1st place: **Sarah Valencia** (chemistry) and **Calista Skaggs** (environmental analysis)

2nd place: **Bailey Lustig** (chemistry); **Megan Cantwell** (environmental analysis); **Megan McKinney** (environmental analysis); **Gabrielle Ocker** (microbiology); **Adel Lahlou** (physics/astronomy) and **Megan Cole** (plant science)

3rd place: **Madison Pessel** (biochemistry) and **Mimi Zhang** (physics/astronomy)

Honorable Mention: **Maxwell Pessel** (animal science); **Helen Sudhoff** (medicine/health science); **Sonia Francone** (medicine/health science); **Carmina Galvez** (microbiology) and **Cassandra Pelky** (plant science).

Five Fairfax County Public Schools Health and Medical Sciences students have earned the right to compete at the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) National Leadership Conference in Nashville June 26-29 after finishing first, second, or third at the 33rd annual HOSA State Leadership Conference, held recently in Williamsburg.

At the state level in the Physical Therapy category, **Nena Abernathy** of Mount Vernon High School won first place. **Marissa Cucinotta** of West Potomac High School won second place in the Career Health Display event. **Yona Lindenbaum** of West Potomac High School won second place in the Clinical Specialty event. These students are eligible to compete at the National Leadership Conference.

The Barbara James Service Award for Community Service was awarded to the following students: **Yona Lindenbaum**, gold level; and **Kelsie Whalen** of West Potomac High School, recognition award. Lindenbaum also received the Virginia HOSA Scholarship award.

West Potomac will travel to face Stuart at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2.

West Potomac Girls' Soccer Starts 2-0-1

After playing to a 1-all tie against Marshall in its season opener on March 12, the West Potomac girls' soccer team won back-to-back games against Hayfield and Edison to improve to 2-0-1.

The Wolverines beat Hayfield 1-0 on March 14 and defeated Edison 3-1 on March 20.

West Potomac will travel to face Stuart at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 2.

SPORTS BRIEFS

West Potomac Baseball Starts 3-1

The West Potomac baseball team split two games on Saturday during the Wolverines' spring break tournament.

West Potomac lost to Oakton, 5-2, and beat Stone Bridge, 9-6, moving the Wolverines' record to 3-1. Oakton was ranked No. 6 in the March 18 edition of the Northern Region coaches poll and Stone Bridge was ranked No. 5.

According to the West Potomac High School athletics Web site, West Potomac pitcher Michael Barnes earned the victory against Stone Bridge, allowing three hits

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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predators of these insects. It is their "job" to keep the caterpillars at sustainable levels.

It is our understanding that one of the county's justifications for spraying for fall cankerworms is that these caterpillars can defoliate trees. Tree experts tell us that healthy trees are capable of re-leaving after defoliation, especially when it happens in the spring. Native trees have evolved with these insects and they would have died out if they could not withstand an abundance of caterpillars every now and then.

We also understand that the U.S. National Park Service will not allow the county to spray on its properties, in areas like the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve,

because of similar concerns.

As an organization whose mission is to preserve and protect birds, other wildlife, biodiversity and the natural environment, we urge Fairfax authorities to abandon the plan to spray for cankerworms and give the birds the chance to do the job for you, as nature intended.

Should the county proceed with the spraying, we would ask concerned citizens in the affected areas to exercise their right to opt out of having your property sprayed with Bt. Contact the Fairfax County Department of Public Works & Environmental Services to ask that your property not be sprayed.

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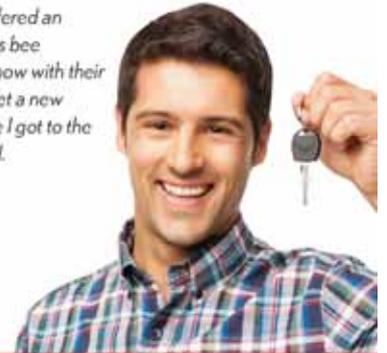
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*\$2,000 DONATION CAP. (1) OFFERS INCLUDE VA TAX, FREIGHT, \$499 PROCESSING FEE, ACQUISITION FEE AND \$0 SECURITY DEPOSIT. 36-MONTH LEASE WITH 12K MILES PER YEAR. TOTAL DOWN PAYMENT PLUS TAX, TAGS, FREIGHT AND \$499 PROCESSING FEE DUE AT SIGNING. DOLLAR PER DAY AMOUNT BASED ON 30-DAY MONTH. MONTHLY PAYMENTS EQUAL TO: (COROLLA: \$239/MONTH, CAMRY:\$279/MONTH). (2) 0% APR FINANCING AVAILABLE FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS ON SELECT MODELS. OFFERS FOR WELL-QUALIFIED BUYERS WITH APPROVED TIER1+ CREDIT THROUGH TFS. 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$16.67 PER \$1,000 BORROWED. \$499 PROCESSING FEE. (3) BASED ON BLACK BOOK TRADE VALUE MINUS EXCESS MILEAGE AND RECONDITIONING. (4) COVERS NORMAL FACTORY SCHEDULED SERVICE FOR 2 YEARS OR 25K MILES, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. THE NEW VEHICLE CANNOT BE PART OF A RENTAL OR COMMERCIAL FLEET. SEE PARTICIPATING DEALER FOR COMPLETE PLAN DETAILS. VALID ONLY IN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES AND ALASKA. (5) TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICE COLLEGE GRADUATE PROGRAM IS AVAILABLE ON APPROVED CREDIT THROUGH A PARTICIPATING TOYOTA DEALER AND TOYOTA FINANCIAL SERVICES. NOT ALL APPLICANTS WILL QUALIFY. REBATE OFFERED BY TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC. REBATE WILL BE APPLIED ON LEASE CONTRACTS, FIRST TOWARD THE AMOUNTS DUE AT LEASE SIGNING OR DELIVERY WITH ANY REMAINDER TO THE CAPITALIZED COST REDUCTION OR TOWARD THE DOWN PAYMENT ON FINANCE CONTRACTS. ONE REBATE PER LEASE OR FINANCE TRANSACTION. (6) REBATE OFFERED BY TOYOTA MOTOR SALES, U.S.A., INC. REBATE WILL BE APPLIED ON LEASE CONTRACTS, FIRST TOWARD DUE AT SIGNING OR DELIVERY, WITH ANY REMAINDER TO THE CAPITALIZED COST REDUCTION, OR TOWARD THE DOWN PAYMENT ON FINANCE CONTRACTS. ONE REBATE PER FINANCE OR LEASE TRANSACTION. NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE TOYOTA COLLEGE GRADUATE REBATE PROGRAM. SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE DETAILS. ELIGIBLE CUSTOMERS MUST BE IN CURRENT ACTIVE DUTY STATUS IN THE U.S. MILITARY. (7) 2012 OR 2013 EPA-ESTIMATED MILEAGE. ACTUAL MILEAGE MAY VARY (†) WHICHEVER COMES FIRST FROM DATE OF TCUV PURCHASE. (††) FROM DATE OF TCUV PURCHASE. (†††) 1.9% APR FINANCING ON ALL CERTIFIED PRE-OWNED VEHICLES FOR UP TO 60 MONTHS WITH APPROVED CREDIT ON SELECT MODELS THROUGH TFS. 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$17.05 PER \$1,000 BORROWED. \$499 PROCESSING FEE. SEE DEALER FOR COMPLETE FINANCING DETAILS. (††††) *PURCHASERS CAN RECEIVE \$1,000 CASH BACK FROM TOYOTA OR CAN APPLY CASH BACK TO DOWN PAYMENT. TAX, REGISTRATION, INSURANCE, AND DEALER FEES ARE EXTRA. NOT ALL CUSTOMERS WILL QUALIFY. CASH BACK OFFER NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER APR OR LEASE OFFER. ALL OFFERS EXPIRE 03/31/13.