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Asher Ager, Henry Wild and Quinn Bloom smooth out the piles of mulch just added to the front garden at Hollin Meadows.

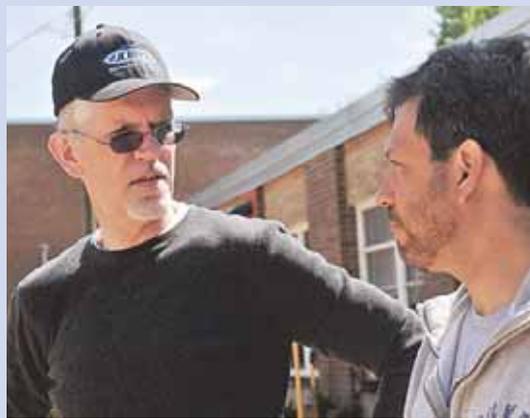
Hollin Meadows Celebrates Earth Day

Girl Scouts held a used book sale and also added the last few boxes of this season's cookies on the table at the annual Earth Day celebration at Hollin Meadows Math and Science Focus School on Saturday, April 20. The events started with the Run/walk the Dig It Dash at 9 a.m. Holly

Woods and Vines offered a variety of spring plants for sale. Students and volunteers took turns distributing mulch to all the planting beds in the multiple school gardens. Bricks for a border in the back garden were available for painting in the courtyard and work progressed on the building of an outdoor classroom in the back garden.



Javier Johnson, Johnny Brown, Lawrence Mercado, Jonathan Portillo and Bryan Balanta fill wheelbarrows with mulch for the schoolyard and classroom garden at Hollin Meadows.



Hollin Meadows principal Jon Gates greets Del. Scott Surovell in the classroom garden.



Megan Huck and Anna and Mia Penkiunas start painting a few more bricks.



Volunteers continue work on the construction of the outdoor classroom.

Aerial Spraying Program Criticized

County targets canker worm moth.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Despite concerns voiced by residents and the Audubon Society, Fairfax County conducted aerial and ground spraying on Monday, April 22, using the pesticide *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt) to kill the canker worm moth in six areas of the Mount Vernon Magisterial District, including the Hollin Hall and Paul Spring Parkway area in the Fort Hunt neighborhood.

Spraying was also conducted in other areas of southeastern Fairfax County. Some 1,965 acres were scheduled to be sprayed overall. Surveys conducted by the county last year indicated that the canker worm moth has dramatically grown in numbers and, if not controlled, will cause the defoliation

and eventual death of many trees in the older sections of the county.

However, some Mount Vernon area residents and non-profit environmental advocates expressed concern about the potential impact on humans, pets, wild birds, and all insects and the timing and cost benefit of the program. Some raised the issue of the priority; should it have been approved by the Board of Supervisors (it was by unanimous vote) ahead of other programs suffering from budget cuts, and whether the county staff consulted sufficiently with locally affected residents.

County urban forest coordinator Troy Shaw, responding to questions about the adequacy of information outreach, said, "This past February and March we conducted Mount Vernon area informational hearings, including at Sherwood Hall library and in the Tauxemont neighborhood. We also sent out a letter to residents, and businesses in the affected area describing the program and asking whether or

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Fredona Gartlan Dies

A life dedicated to helping the needy.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Fredona Manderfield Gartlan, a longtime advocate for those suffering from mental illness, died April 22, 2013 at her home in Mason Neck. She was 85 and had suffered in recent years from Alzheimer's Disease. The cause of death was an apparent heart attack.

She was the wife of the late state

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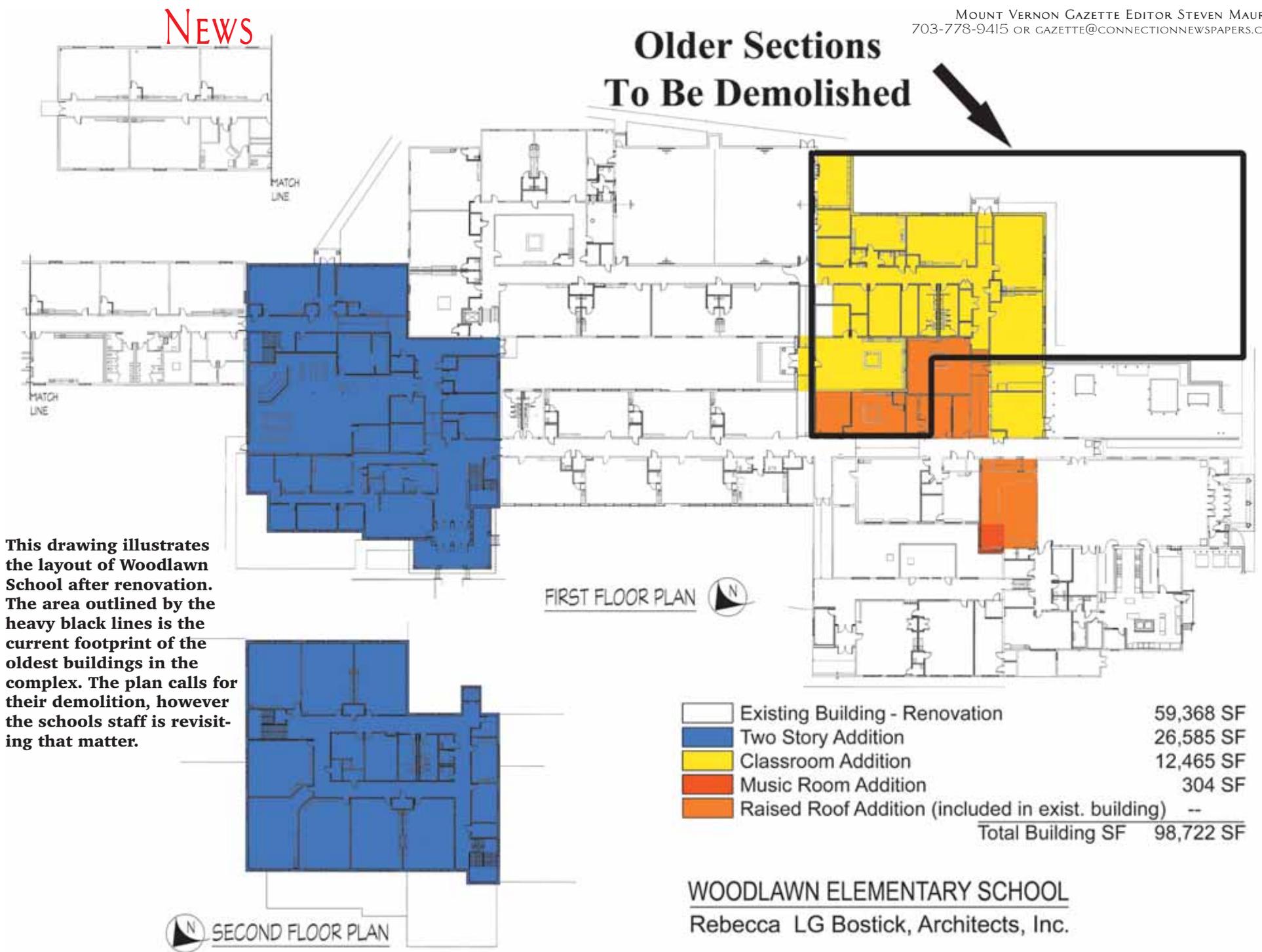
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Older Sections To Be Demolished



This drawing illustrates the layout of Woodlawn School after renovation. The area outlined by the heavy black lines is the current footprint of the oldest buildings in the complex. The plan calls for their demolition, however the schools staff is revisiting that matter.

Woodlawn School: History Lessons in New Classrooms

Residents ask school system to save part of building.

By MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

The planned renovation of Woodlawn Elementary School has become a topic of discussion between Fairfax County Public Schools staff members and local elected officials. At the heart of the discussion is the school system's proposed renovations to the school. Those plans call for demolition of the original school structure, which opened in 1938 in the Engleside neighborhood near Route 1. That facet of the plan may change soon.

The demolition plans caught the attention of Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay and state Del. Scott Surovell. McKay, who attended the school as a child, has since proposed a compromise that would preserve two of the original classrooms and the old front entrance as a separate structure. "This would preserve a part of our community's history, but still allow the planned renova-



The building that faces Highland Lane is the original 1938 part of the facility. Multiple officials have recommended saving a portion of the structure for history's sake.

tion to continue on schedule," McKay said on Monday.

Cluster 4 Superintendent Deborah Tyler has agreed conceptually with the need for a compromise. "We decided to ask the architects to look again at the plans," said Tyler, "and see if they can keep as many of the historic features as possible."

The current facility is an amalgam of structures built during the past 75 years. Classrooms date from 1938, 1947, 1952, 1956, 1968 and 1987. They are stitched together with hallways, all crowded with students and staff. A visitor can see the changes in materials and design by walking from one end to the other, much like an archeologist looking back through the layers of an old city.

IN MARCH, school administrators and facilities managers were pursuing approved plans to renovate the school, which had scored poorly in a 2008 facility assessment survey. Those plans called for the razing of the 1938 and 1947 structures and building

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Carwash Fundraiser

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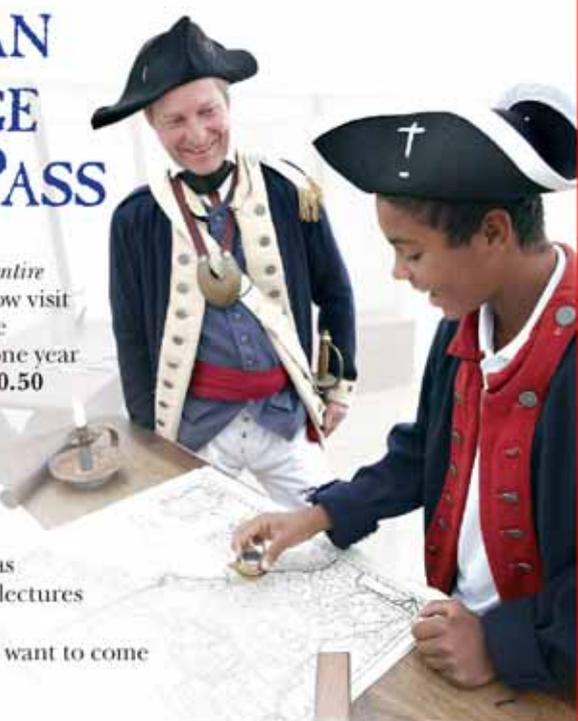


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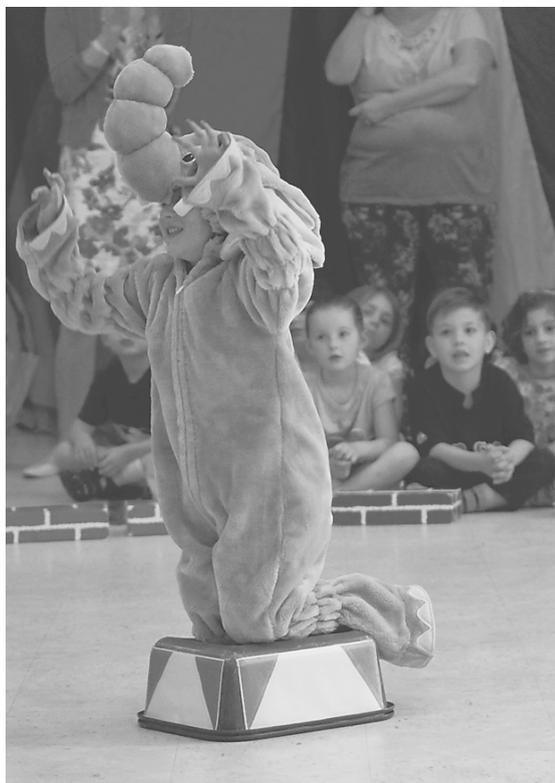
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Kindergarten Circus at St. Aidan's



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Where Should Farmers Market Be?

Three potential locations vying to be location of 30-year-old market.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

In the world of real estate, agents will tell you it's all about "location, location, location." That's why a debate is unfolding behind the scenes in Mount Vernon about the proper venue for the Mount Vernon Farmers Market.

Some say the market should stay at the Sherwood Regional Library. Others say it should move to the Mount Vernon RECenter on Belle View Boulevard. Yet another group says the market should be located at the Belle View Shopping Center.

"I'm going to be disinclined to move the most successful farmers market in Fairfax County from a location that people seem to

be very happy with unless there's an awfully good reason or people support it," said Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland. "Presently, I'm not convinced that is the case."

Hyland pointed out that the decision rests in the hands of the Fairfax County Park Authority, which has the final say as to whether or not the market moves. Last month, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations approved a resolution to move the farmers market from the Sherwood Regional Library to the Mount Vernon RECenter. According to the newsletter of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens Associations, the move is a needed way to deal with changing circumstances.

"With the limited number of parking

spaces and the increase of vehicles entering and exiting the library parking lot along with the numerous pedestrians in the parking lot, accidents have become the norm," explained the Consumers Affairs report to the committee. "Actual incidents are more frequent than previously thought."

THE MARKET DATES back about 30 years, boasting a successful mix of local growers from the region. Now the future of the market has been called into question, various interests across the community are vying for dominance. Members of the Belle View Merchants Association say that the shopping center proves a perfect venue for the market, especially because several of the restaurants could use fresh produce from

the vendors.

"It could be great, and very helpful to us," said Naresh Bhatt, manager of Dishes of India at Belle View Shopping Center. "We could definitely buy local produce and use it in the restaurant."

The shopping center parking lot has been used in the past for community use such as selling Christmas trees and wreaths. Supporters say the spot offers great visibility for the market because it's along two major roads, Fort Hunt Road and Belle View Boulevard. It has ample parking because it's one of the largest lots in the area. And it would bring potential customers for other businesses and restaurants to the shopping center.

"Some people have some problems about the adequacy of the parking at the library," said Hyland. "At times, you'll have difficulty finding a space, but generally it's adequate."

Fairfax County Targets Canker Worm Moth by Air

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not they wanted to opt out of the program. We then followed up with a postcard to affected residents announcing the dates of the spray program." Street signs posted in the Fort Hunt area also announced the program.

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH on the Bt pesticide provides evidence that there are no significant adverse effects on humans or pets. Studies have illustrated that small numbers of humans and pets have been adversely affected, but not in sufficient numbers or circumstances to warrant preventing its EPA registration and use in the U.S. for agricultural or urban/suburban tree protection reasons. The urban forest Bt spray program

is also being conducted in the Richmond area and in the Charlotte, N.C. area.

The U.S. EPA published an assessment in a Report issued on Sept. 28, 2011 (EPA-HQ-OPP-2011-0705, Case #0247): "The Agency believes that Bt ... likely is a substance that would not produce any effect in humans similar to an effect produced by a naturally occurring estrogenic substance." This assessment documented 40 cases of adverse effects on humans and pets; 11 were pets; 29 on humans. The circumstances on humans included accidental spraying of those doing the actual spraying, and minor allergic reactions on those in the direct line of the spray. A U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service Report concluded as a result

of its research on the human health effects of aerial and ground spraying of Btk (Kurstaki variety): "Btk are likely to cause irritation to the skin, eyes, and respiratory tract; however, serious adverse health effects are implausible."

Not everyone agrees with the safety assurances, or the need for the program which has been in use in the county since 2003.

Liz Reiley, long time resident of the Paul Spring Parkway neighborhood, wrote to Shaw, enclosing excerpts from a Journal of Pesticide Reform report that raises questions about the health effects of the Bt spray program.

"Its alleged (the Bt spray program) not

to be harmful to people and animals I am always skeptical of these claims — when there are harmful consequences of aerial spraying it is usually disclosed down the road. ... Aerial spraying in our neighborhood has the potential to affect children and adults years from now and we won't know it; I just think that it is more prudent and safe for all concerned to conduct very focused ground spraying," Reiley said.

Catherine Voorhees, Hollin Hall resident, said, "We shorten the hours of access to our libraries and cut other county programs yet go ahead with an aerial and ground spray pesticide program of questionable priority." The Audubon Society sent a letter

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Fredona Gartlan: A Life Dedicated To Helping the Needy

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Sen. Joseph Gartlan, and the mother of six children. Fredona Gartlan was the first president of the Mount Vernon Mental Health Center Board and long-time member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board. Together, she and her husband provided decades of leadership in Northern Virginia for those suffering from mental illness, cognition disabilities, and addictions. In recognition of their years of service, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors named the Mount Vernon Mental Health facility in 2010 the Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health.

George Braunstein, executive director of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, said, "Thanks to Fredona Gartlan's many years of community leadership and advocacy, Fairfax County has a strong local network of community mental health services that is helping thousands of people, of all ages, on the road to recovery and health.

It was her early involvement in mental health advocacy that inspired many others,



Fredona and Joe Gartlan

including her husband, to get involved in improving community mental health services.

Every day people come to the CSB's Joe and Fredona Gartlan Center for Community Mental Health (in Mount Vernon) and find help. They may not have known Fredona, but their hope is her legacy."

Survivors include a brother, Grover J. "Bud" Manderfield of Alexandria, and children, Michael Gartlan, Anne Gartlan Steele (Ed), Joan Gartlan, Peter Gartlan (Janet),

Paul Gartlan (Gilda), and Joseph V. Gartlan 3d.

Grandchildren include Patrick Gartlan, Kendall Gartlan, Rachel Gartlan, Aubrey Gartlan, Paul Gartlan, Caitlin Gartlan, and Olivia Steele.

During her lifetime, Fredona Gartlan was also an active volunteer in many aspects of community life in Fairfax County, including at her children's schools, civic associations and with the Wilton Woods and Hallowing Point Garden Clubs.

Her children wrote: "Our mother was part of the greatest generation of moms who selflessly devoted their lives to raising their children, supporting their husbands, and supporting their schools and communities. She was an extraordinary and gracious woman, a great friend and a champion for the health and well-being of those who were mentally ill and homeless."

Fredona Gartlan's children also expressed their deep thanks to Sookhee Lee, who provided great comfort, care and joy to their mother during her illness.

Viewing will be held on Sunday, April 28, 3-6 p.m. at Demaine Funeral Home; 5308

A Life of Service

Fredona Gartlan Record of Service and Leadership:

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- ❖ Member of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board
- ❖ Member of the Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute Advisory Board
- ❖ Chair of the Association of Community Services Boards
- ❖ Member, Board of Visitors of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate
- ❖ Member, Woodlawn Plantation Council
- ❖ Board of Directors, New Hope Housing in Alexandria

Backlick road, Springfield. The funeral will be held Monday, April 29, 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria.

Immediately following the funeral service, burial will be at Mount Comfort Cemetery, 6600 South Kings Highway, Alexandria.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to New Hope Housing, 8407-E, Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309.

Trying To Save Part of Building

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structures. As of that time, according to FCPS spokesman John Torre, the plans had been submitted for permit approval, but funding had yet to be secured.

"I was disturbed when I first heard about the schools staff's plans, McKay said on March 18. "I was disappointed that FCPS officials were initially against a compromise regarding historical preservation."

FCPS pressed forward, and on April 2, Torre offered the following in an email: "The design has been vetted with the school board member, county supervisor, various members of the design committee and at a community meeting. The planning and design process has been ongoing for the past two years."

An important matter, which may have complicated the coordination issues that McKay mentioned, is that the Woodlawn facility is in the Mount Vernon district, but many of the students live in Lee district.

Tyler said that her decision to ask for alternative plans arose from a meeting that she had on April 8. She discussed the original designs with FCPS facilities manager Jeff Plantenberg, school board members Dan Storck (Mount Vernon) and Tammy Derenak Kaufax (Lee). Platenberg left that session with a request to revisit the demolition plans.

McKay said that he was unaware of Tyler's initiative when he scheduled a separate meeting on April 16. Storck and Kaufax could not attend, but McKay, Surovell, Platenberg and Fairfax County History Commission chair Gretchen Bulova discussed possible options. "I'm pleased that we could reach a happy solution among us," McKay said of the group's recommended compromise.

Surovell said this week that he was pleased that FCPS will reconsider the plans now that they have heard from the community. "The Route 1 corridor has a unique concentration of historic sites," he said, "and I think it's important to try to save them."

Storck wrote of his next steps in an April 16 email: "I will be holding a follow-up meeting with school and interested community members after I have received the options, costs and timing impacts that I have requested from staff. This should be in the next couple of weeks."

School Board member Kaufax also said that she is

waiting for the schools staff for recommendations. "We asked them to be as creative as possible in searching for a way to both preserve a part of the old building and provide a healthy learning environment for the students."

Woodlawn principal Dawn Hendrick voiced her position on the reconstruction through Torre: "The renovations will provide Woodlawn students with a safe, clean learning environment. The building and classrooms will be technologically ready for learning. The renovations will also make the facility ADA friendly and staff will have accommodations that make work easier."

THE IDEA of a compromise appeals to the students' parents. Woodlawn PTA president Shavonta Green-Floyd addressed the issue Monday: "The PTA is pleased with the recent developments. We have yet to issue a formal position, but we support the concept of balancing some historical preservation with the much-needed renovations. The needs of the students and teachers come first, and we hope any compromise will not delay the renovation schedule."

The surrounding community also favors some means of historic preservation. "We had no input during the planning process," said Karen Pohorylo, president of the Engleside Civic Association. "But we certainly support a compromise on this and we'll find a use for the older building if the county will save it."

Woodlawn School enjoys a rich history. The Quakers who bought Woodlawn Plantation in 1846 started a school the following year in the miller's cottage at George Washington's gristmill. Later, after the Friends built their meeting house in 1851, the students met there. Courtland Lukens, owner of Engleside Farm, and E. E. Mason, son of John Mason who purchased Woodlawn from the Quakers in 1853, donated land for a two-room school in 1869.

The school burned in 1917, but the county quickly rebuilt it on the same site. The current school opened in 1938 on land purchased from Engleside Farm. Over the years, Woodlawn teachers and principals have come from many of the Quaker families who were important to the vibrancy of the community — Gillingham, Lukens, Wilkinson, Cox, Buckman and others.

Earth Day with Raptors



PHOTO BY GERALD A. FILL/THE GAZETTE

In commemoration of Earth Day, on April 20, at the Belle Haven parking lot area, the Friends of Dyke Marsh and the U.S. National Park Service co-sponsored an information and education session about raptors (birds of prey) that frequent the Mount Vernon parkway region. The live raptors available for up close viewing were a screech owl and a species of falcon. In addition to the live raptor presentations handouts for children and adults were available.

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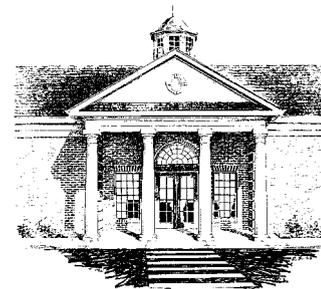
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OPINION

Connection Guide to Parks Wins 'Best in Show'

Investigative reporting, in depth coverage, education writing, photography, art, design, sports, garner Virginia Press Association honors.

The Connection Newspapers won dozens of awards from the Virginia Press Association, with winners announced on Saturday, April 20, in Norfolk.

The Connection project, *Insiders Guide to the Parks of Fairfax County*, published in our *Newcomers and Community Guides*, won a top honor of Best in Show for Art. The project also won first place for informational graphics. Spearheaded and researched by Jean Card, who also designed the pages, with photography by Craig Sterbutzel and map design by Laurence Foong, *Insiders Guide to the Parks* led judges to say: "This is chock-full of information. It probably leaves readers with no unanswered questions. Colors and typography work well together. The down-page photo and text wrap features are nice touches."

A multi-part series on immigration spearheaded by Victoria Ross won first place for in-depth or investigative writing. The Connection devoted multiple pages in multiple editions for multiple weeks to exhaustive reporting on immigration. "This entry clearly stood out above the rest in this category," said judges of Ross's work. "The author portrayed an excellent mix of data and human stories in covering all of the facets of this topic. It was obvious she spent a great deal of time working on this in-depth series. This was extremely comprehensive, well rounded and objective. This was not just reports, numbers and data but a terrific compilation of human stories, personal experiences, challenges and a great deal of hope." See the entire immigration package at www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/Immigration/.

Alexandria Gazette Packet reporters took all three awards for In-depth or Investigative Reporting in their division, one circulation category above the Connection papers. Nicholas Horrock won first place, In-depth or investigative reporting, for a multi-part series on Potomac Yard. "Great reporting job and extremely thorough," said judges. "Well organized with great sidebars, from the Native American to the EPA angles. Writing is smooth and easy."

Montie Martin, Alexandria Gazette Packet, won second place also for In-depth or investigative reporting for *Guns From the South*. Judge's comment: "Very well reported, thorough piece on the issue. Easy to read; organization flows well. Good quotes." Michael Lee Pope, won third place in the same category, for *Looking Behind the Numbers*.

Kenneth Lourie won first place for Column Writing. Judge's comment: "An exceptionally friendly, down-home writing style. The best of the group without a doubt."

Laurence Foong and Michael Lee Pope, first place, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Informational Graphics.

Nikki Cheshire, an intern for the Great Falls Connection, garnered a first place award for

her dramatic breaking news photo, a helicopter rescue at Great Falls Park. See the award winning photo at www.connectionnewspapers.com/photos/2012/jun/11/18271/.

Bonnie Hobbs won first place for public safety writing in the *Centre View* and second place for public safety writing in the *Fairfax Connection*. Judges said: "Although the cases featured in these entries were sensational, which made them interesting in and of themselves, the writer maintained the readers' interest by her excellent storytelling ability. The stories not only conveyed facts but also emotion. The coverage was comprehensive and thorough with no questions left unanswered."

Alex McVeigh won first place for Education Writing, first published in the *Oak Hill-Herndon Connection*.

Photographer Deb Cobb won first place for an online slide show of coverage of daily patrols on the water in the *Mount Vernon Gazette*. See it at www.connectionnewspapers.com/photos/galleries and search for *Daily Marine Patrols*. Cobb also won first place for general news photo for her photo of "Freezin' for a Reason," the polar bear plunge into Lake Anne.

Mike Pope won first place for breaking news for coverage of "New Leadership at Gunston Hall."

Pope also won third place for continuing coverage for "Horses and Graves Versus Road Widening" in the *Mount Vernon Gazette*, and third place for *Mount Vernon Health, Science and Environmental Writing Portfolio*.

The staff of *Great Falls Connection* won second place for overall excellence (general makeup). Judges said: "Although the tabloid format and general design has a 'features' feel, this is a beautiful paper. The text, use of color and section delineation makes it very easy to read and follow both news and features. All cover selections draw you in." Winners included Kemal Kurspahic, Amna Rehmatulla, Chelsea Bryan, Laurence Foong, Stuart Moll and Geovani Flores.

Louise Krafft and Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet: *Combination Picture and Story for Memorial Day*. Judge's comment: "A variety of great photos neatly presented helps tell the story of this important day."

Craig Sterbutzel, *Burke Connection: Sports News Photo — Santiago Valdez*. Judge's comment: "Great Exposure."

Jeanne Theismann, Alexandria Gazette Packet: *Headline Writing*. Judge's comment: "Think you can't say much in two words? This entry disproves that. I particularly like 'Bovine Intervention' with the subhead 'Del Ray's Holy Cow, ACT partner for local charities.'"

Louise Krafft won second place for picture story or essay for her coverage of the *Mount Vernon High School graduation*.

Mary Kimm, third place, editorial writing for a package of education-related editorials.

Award Winners

Special Award: Best in Show, Non-daily Artwork
❖ Jean Card, Laurence Foong and Craig Sterbutzel, *Fairfax Connection: Informational Graphics, Parks in Fairfax County*.

First Place Winners

- ❖ Victoria Ross, *Springfield Connection: In-depth or Investigative Reporting, Immigration*
- ❖ Nicholas Horrock, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: In-depth or investigative reporting, Potomac Yard*
- ❖ Jean Card, Laurence Foong and Craig Sterbutzel, *Fairfax Connection: Informational Graphics, Parks in Fairfax County*
- ❖ Nikki Cheshire, *Great Falls Connection: Breaking News Photo, Rescue at Great Falls*
- ❖ Deb Cobb, *Mount Vernon Gazette: Online Slideshow, Daily Patrols Take to the Water*
- ❖ Deb Cobb, *Reston Connection: General news photo, Freezin' for a Reason*
- ❖ Laurence Foong and Michael Lee Pope, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: Informational Graphics*
- ❖ Bonnie Hobbs, *Centre View North: Public Safety Writing*
- ❖ Kenneth Lourie, *Arlington Connection: Column Writing*
- ❖ Alex McVeigh, *Oak Hill/Herndon Connection: Education Writing, The Human Element of Learning*
- ❖ Michael Lee Pope, *Arlington Connection: Multimedia News Report, Secret Police*
- ❖ Michael Lee Pope, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: Business and Financial Writing*
- ❖ Michael Lee Pope, *Mount Vernon Gazette: Breaking News Writing*

Second Place Winners

- ❖ Montie Martin, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: In-depth or investigative reporting, Guns From the South*
- ❖ Jean Card, *Mount Vernon Gazette: Page Design*
- ❖ Bonnie Hobbs, *Fairfax Connection: Public Safety Writing*
- ❖ Louise Krafft, *Mount Vernon Gazette: Picture Story or Essay, Mount Vernon Graduation 2012*
- ❖ Louise Krafft and Jeanne Theismann, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: Combination Picture and Story, Memorial Day*
- ❖ Craig Sterbutzel, *Burke Connection: Sports News Photo, Santiago Valdez*
- ❖ Jeanne Theismann, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: Headline Writing*
- ❖ Jeanne Theismann, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: Column Writing*
- ❖ Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Stuart Moll, Laurence Foong and Jean Card, *Mount Vernon Gazette: Special Sections or Special Editions: Insider's Guide*.
- ❖ Kemal Kurspahic, Amna Rehmatulla, Chelsea Bryan, Laurence Foong, Stuart Moll and Geovani Flores, *Great Falls Connection: General Makeup*.

Third Place Winners

- ❖ Michael Lee Pope, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: In-depth or investigative reporting: Looking Behind the Numbers*
- ❖ Laurence Foong, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: Page Design*
- ❖ Laurence Foong, *The Fairfax Connection: Informational Graphics*
- ❖ Mary Kimm, *Fairfax Connection: Editorial Writing; five editorials about education*
- ❖ Louise Krafft, *Arlington Connection: Sports Feature Photo, Louise Krafft, Alexandria Gazette Packet: Picture Story or Essay, Celebrating the Irish*.
- ❖ Michael Lee Pope, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: Multimedia News Report, Schools in Crisis*
- ❖ Michael Lee Pope, *Mount Vernon Gazette: Feature Series or Continuing Story, Horses and Graves Versus Road Widening*
- ❖ Michael Lee Pope, *Mount Vernon Gazette: Health, Science and Environmental Writing*.
- ❖ Jon Roetman, *Arlington Connection: Sports Writing*.
- ❖ Steven Mauren, Jean Card, Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong and Stuart Moll, *Alexandria Gazette Packet: General Makeup*.
- ❖ Steven Mauren, Geovani Flores, Stuart Moll, Laurence Foong and Jean Card, *Mount Vernon Gazette: Special Sections or Special Editions, Children's Edition*.

MDDC

The Potomac Almanac, a Connection Newspaper located in Potomac, Md., competes in the Maryland-Delaware-DC Press Association, and won at least six press association awards, which will be formally announced on May 17 at the MDDC Press awards luncheon. Susan Belford, John Byrd, Laurence Foong, Ken Moore (2) and Staff were named as winners.

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LETTERS

Bigger Issue Than TJ

To the Editor:

Regarding TJ, you are barking at the wrong tree. Also, you can't kill the messenger. Yes, indeed there is a problem with the total educational system but this is not a Fairfax County or a TJ issue but a national issue. It may also be a cultural issue nationally. Rather than picking on TJ per se, why are we not talking more about fixing how we can improve K to Junior High so that more students can compete for entrance to this great school. Not that it is already highly competitive enough.

As for the cultural issue, indeed the percentage of Asian Americans are quite high compared to the demographics but it is a known fact that Asian American parents consider education of children as their highest priority and instill in their children from early age the importance of education. Tiger mom discussion will be a separate issue but they do definitely push their kids to excel in education over say participation in sports. What is right or wrong in raising the children is another issue.

TJ is doing their best to bring leaders of tomorrow like Steve Jobs, Bill Gates et al. I am sure not long in the future there definitely will be Nobel Prize scientists to come out of TJ. Don't kill the messenger for doing the right thing. Aren't we sometimes force feeding the students to enter institutions that they can't graduate from?

Yori Okuda

Prepare for Park Meeting

To the Editor:

The Westgrove Park Off-Leash Dog Area (OLDA) has been the subject of numerous articles and letters

in the Gazette over the past two years. Last November, the Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) agreed to establish the OLDA on an interim basis pending the outcome of the Master Planning process. This decision was appropriate under the circumstances and the interim OLDA has become a smashing success. On any typical day, dozens of Mount Vernon residents avail themselves of this new community amenity and users have been responsible stewards of the environment, policing the OLDA, cleaning up after their dogs and respecting park rules.

Since the OLDA commenced operation, I'm unaware of any evidence that operation of the OLDA has resulted in any adverse environmental impacts. This is not surprising since the experts believe OLDAs are "best management practices." The handful of naysayers have been publicly silent over the past several months although next Tuesday they'll have one more opportunity to express their opposition. On that evening, April 30, at 7 p.m. at Belle View Elementary School, the FCPA has noticed a public meeting where interested parties can provide comments concerning the proposed Master Plan for Westgrove Park. As proposed, the Master Plan includes the OLDA on a permanent basis. This is a triumph for good sense and responsiveness to the taxpayers. We worked hard to establish the OLDA and making it permanent is now likely.

I encourage all supporters to attend the meeting and provide your positive comments. To that handful of opponents, feel free to speak for yourselves, but if you are going to claim you speak for organizations or groups, be prepared to provide documentation that those entities (1) actually exist, and (2) have provided you written authorization to speak on their behalf specifically with regard to the OLDA.

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OPINION



This osprey nest can be viewed on live video.

Osprey Nest on Live Video

To the Editor:

Several years ago, I installed a wood piling and a platform about 200 feet offshore from my home on Little Hunting Creek. Apparently, my choice of location was attractive because, every year since, an osprey pair has built a nest on the platform and raised at least two chicks.

This year is no exception, but after lengthy research, this year I've installed a camera next to the nest (see accompanying photo) and live video is now viewable on my updated website accessible at

www.littlehuntingcreek.org. Just click on the "OSPREYCAM" button, scroll down and click on the blue arrow. After viewing a short advertisement (provided by www.ustream.com), the nest image will be visible live. The website includes information concerning the creek and helpful links.

The female osprey has laid two eggs so far and there may be more to come. We expect chicks to begin to hatch from mid to late May. Enjoy the show!

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

Aerial Spraying Program

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to the county objecting to the spraying program saying that the Bt pesticide will not only kill the canker worm moth but all insects including ones relied on as a source of food by wild birds, and all moth and butterfly caterpillars, including endangered ones.

THE U.S. NATIONAL PARK SERVICE does not allow Bt spraying for canker worm on its federal properties along the nearby Mount Vernon Parkway: "The NPS does sometimes use Bt spray to treat infestations of the non-native gypsy moth; it does not use the insecticide on native moth populations such as the fall canker worm or spring canker worm. Bt kills many other species of forest caterpillars which serve as an important food source for insectivorous migratory birds. The NPS has documented 480 species of macro-moths within the park, 11 of which are considered rare in Virginia. One moth, *Abrostola Urentis*, is known in Virginia only in the George Washington Memorial Parkway."

Glenda Booth, president of the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, said, "Bt pesticide broadcast from helicopters will kill all moth and

butterfly caterpillars, including species in decline. ... Fall canker worms are native insects and their caterpillars appear when many songbirds migrate through northern Virginia, including the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve. Birds are natural predators of these insects. The friends of Dyke Marsh hopes the county will adopt less harmful treatment, if one is really needed."

COST OF THE OVERALL Bt spray program, according to the county, is \$52,000 for aerial spraying, and \$20,000 for ground spraying. The cost includes the use of helicopters and the cost of the Bt pesticide.

Jim McGlone, urban forester and member of the county's Tree Commission, said, "Bt is a relatively benign bio-pesticide. ... Bt is a widely occurring soil bacterium that has been used since the 1920s as a pesticide ... and approved for use in organic farming. ... Fall canker worm emerges earlier than most other Lepidoptera, so effects to non-target species is minimized. ... in the end I trust the EPA and the state agency regulating pesticides to make a reasonable, scientifically valid decision on the safety of applying Bt."

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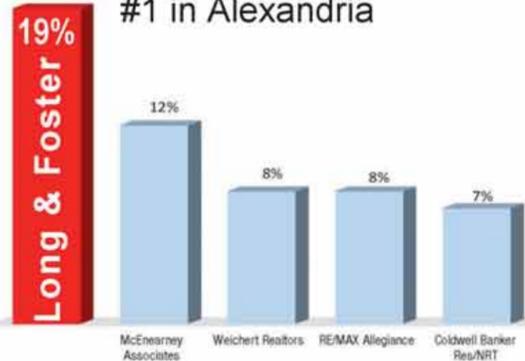


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ENTERTAINMENT

'Six Degrees of Separation' at Port City

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

Kevin Bacon is nowhere to be found. Instead, it's Sidney Poitier that brings together friends and strangers in "Six Degrees of Separation," now playing at Port City Playhouse.

The popular "six degrees of separation" theory explores the premise that everyone in the world is connected to everyone else by a chain of no more than six acquaintances, and Port City Playhouse brings playwright John Guare's smart dialogue to life in a thoughtfully-executed production that showcases a stellar ensemble cast.

"Everyone enjoys playing the 'Kevin Bacon' game," said Director Mary Ayala-Bush following the opening night performance April 19. "This play is a wonderful mélange of people's relationships, their function and dysfunction and how all these people are searching for different types of acceptance."

The 1990 play was inspired by the real-life story of David Hampton, a con man who managed to convince a number of people in the 1980s that he was the son of actor Sidney Poitier. Several of Guare's friends were caught up in the swindle and he based his fictional characters on their experience.

"Six Degrees" opens with the affluent Flan (Chuck Leonard) and Ouisa (Dana Gattuso) attempting to get Geoffrey (Cal Whitehurst) to invest in a Cezanne painting when a young man shows up at their 5th Avenue condo.

Claiming to be a Harvard classmate of their children, Paul (Chaz Pando) is bleeding and says he has just been robbed. Charming and charismatic, he regales everyone with tales of his screen legend father, who he says will be arriving the next day. But before then, he needs money and a place to stay.

But all is not what it seems, despite Paul knowing the intimates details of Flan and Ouisa's life.

Following his breakout performance in



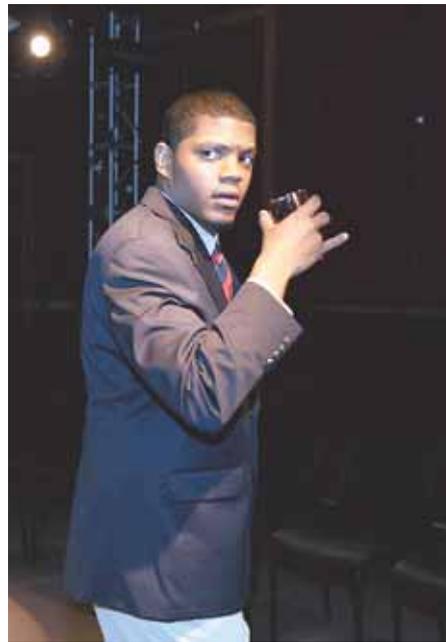
Dana Gattuso is socialite Ouisa at Port City Playhouse.

Port City's "The Soul Collector," Pando returns in the tour de force role of Paul, an effortless and manipulative con artist without a conscience. His theatrical counterpart is Gattuso, who gives a stirring performance as Ouisa tries to make sense of Paul's behavior.

The bench of talent runs deep as Ayala-Bush brings to life a group of coddled, confused New Yorkers. Leonard masters the snarky wit of Flan while Jennifer McClean and Jon Poole are annoyingly fun as the victims' spoiled offspring. Kyle McGruther and Marcus Anderson give touching performances as sexually gifted young men.

Produced by Frank Pasqualino with costumes by the award-winning team of Kit Sibley and Jean Schlichting, Ayala-Bush masterfully augments Guare's script with Port City's first in-the-round production.

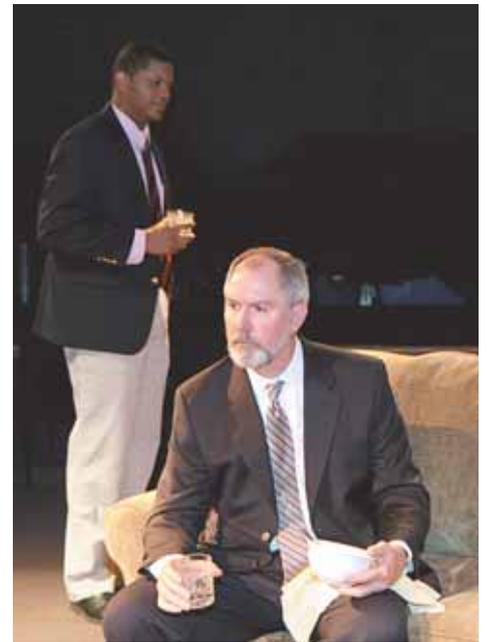
In the hands of the capable Port City Playhouse theater company, "Six Degrees of Separation" is a sharp, funny and often poi-



Chaz Pando as con artist Paul in "Six Degrees of Separation."

gnant look at the causes and consequences of con artistry.

"Six Degrees of Separation" is playing now



Chuck Leonard as Flan and Chaz Pando as Paul.

through May 4 at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. For tickets or more information, visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.



Members of the cast and crew of "Six Degrees of Separation" celebrate April 19 following opening night at Port City Playhouse.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

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. 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.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, April 28 see "Turn on Your Masters" at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The artists pay homage

to, praise, critique or dish the artists who have influenced them. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, April 28 see "Trash Talk" at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit focuses on everyday common objects that are reclaimed, recycled and transformed into art. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target for more.

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, SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 15



Green Fair

Goats, chicks, gardening, and green products will be featured at the spring Green Fair on Sunday, April 28, 12:30-3 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. A representative of the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture (<http://arcadiafood.org>) will discuss Arcadia's four-acre demonstration farm on the historic grounds of Woodlawn Estate that provides a sustainable model of agriculture and its mobile vegetable truck that serves urban low-income areas. Features of the Spring Green Fair especially for children include baby goats from Alexandria's Frog Pond Early Learning Center and chicks from Moose Manor Farms of Pomfret, Md. — a representative will provide information on locally grown pasture-raised chickens and explain the difference between store-bought eggs and local farm fresh eggs. Environmentally friendly household products will be available for purchase and an "Eco-Nice" table will distribute information on free environmentally safe disposal methods for household items like paint, batteries, and on upcoming large-scale shredding programs. Admission is free and children are welcome. For more information email greensanctuary@mvuc.org.

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

Art Exhibit. Through Monday, May 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Studio 21. Linda Lawler presents "Everyday Gods and Goddesses." Free. Call 703-683-1780 or visit www.theartleague.org.

Art Exhibit. Through May 11. Local artist Nicholas 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.

Art Exhibit. Through Sunday, May 26, Thursday, Friday and Sunday noon-4 p.m.; Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See works by Mary Margaret Pipkin. Free. Visit www.mmpipkin.com.

Walking Tour. Saturdays in May, 9 a.m., take a three-hour walking tour of Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Meets at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St., and ends at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$25/person; \$20/volunteers and friends group members of the four sites. Tickets at www.historicalalexandria.org or 703-746-4242.

Art Exhibit. Through Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at River Farm Gardens, East Blvd. Come see "Elegance of Spring."

Distillery Open. George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill open through Oct. 1. \$17/adult, \$8/child, 5 and under are free.

Life Drawing. Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone your figure drawing skills. Just drop-in with your supplies to draw our live models. Fee: \$8-12. View the calendar: www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Student Design Competition. Come see Woodlawn transformed from a historic house museum into a comfortable and stylish home for 21st century living. Through June 16. \$20. Call 703-780-4000.

Art Exhibit. See "Ode to Hundertwasser" at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. See works from local artists inspired by paintings by Austrian painter Hundertwasser. Through May 19. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Art Exhibit. Helen Dilley Barsalou has a show of 39 watercolor and collage paintings at Goodwin House, 4800 Fillmore Ave. It is open from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. until May 21.

The American Horticultural Society's **River Farm** headquarters will re-open to the public on Monday, April 29. The 25-acre gardens and grounds have been closed since January for renovations. Visitors are once again welcome to enjoy panoramic views of the Potomac River, play in the popular Children's Garden, check out what's growing in the Edible Discovery Garden, wander through the Andre Bluemel Meadow, or relax in one of the many sunny and shady nooks around the grounds. Call 703-768-5700 or visit www.ahs.org.

THURSDAY/APR. 25

Art Focus Group. 7:30-9 p.m. Making

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Mosaics - The Math and Art of Mosaic Making. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250.

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the glorious demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who tell stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in our 1784 historic house.

\$28. Call 703-914-7987 to register.
Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501

Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1705.

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

Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

Little One-Ders. 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages

12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Blockbuster Thursday. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch a movie. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or 703-746-1702.

World Short Story Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1779.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children age 3-6 can come dressed in

their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

Poetry Reading. 6:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The culminating event in Alexandria's National Poetry Month activities, Mapping Alexandria in Poems and Pictures features readings of poems about Alexandria with Poet Laureate Amy Young. Free.

Theater Performance. West Potomac High's Beyond the Page Theatre Company will present "The New Mel Brooks Musical Young Frankenstein" 7 p.m. Based on the 1974 film of the same name, the production is a parody of the horror genre. This production is recommended for mature audiences only. Tickets are \$12 and available at the door.

see the Virginia Ballet Company's working stage rehearsal of the Don Quixote ballet at the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Tickets are \$10 plus a \$2 fee per each ticket. Visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org or call 703-249-8227.

Poetry Performance. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Shelly Bell performs slam poetry. Free.

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at The Mount Vernon Theater. Watch "The Wiz." \$12/adult; \$10/student, senior. Reservations can be made at 703-619-3259.

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APRIL 25 THROUGH JUNE 2

Theater Performance. MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., presents "Ghost-Writer." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$55; \$25/student. Visit www.metrostage.org or 703-548-9044 for tickets.

FRIDAY/APR. 26

Junior Brown. \$25. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Basic Gardening: Easy Makeover Tips. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This 'Do-over' class will help determine your needs to create a garden that matches personal style. \$10. Visit www.greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173 to register.

Ballet Performance. 6:30 p.m. Come

SATURDAY/APRIL 27

Colonial Fun Day. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Church. Enjoy a pie baking contest, games, food, pony rides, raffle and more. Proceeds benefit the preschool. Free. 703-360-4370.

Workshop: Container Garden for Shade. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Add beautiful color and texture to a shady garden, patio or porch with a container that thrives in the shade. \$35 per person plus \$25 for supplies. Call 703-642-5173 to register and pay fee.

Ballet Performance. Performances at

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2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Come see the Virginia Ballet Company perform the full-length Don Quixote Ballet at the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Adults/\$30; children, students and seniors/\$20; plus a \$3 fee per each ticket. Visit www.virginiaballet.com or call 703-249-8227.

Community-wide Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Mount Zephyr community of Mount Vernon (from Richmond Highway/Route 1 turn on Mohawk Lane at the traffic light at the South County Government Center, then turn right — at the second street — on to Richmond Avenue). Free. E-mail Ron Walker at pres.otterdad@hotmail.com or call 703-360-0651.

Walking Tour. 2 p.m. at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. Learn more about the Civil War history of Fort Ward and the Defenses of Washington on a soldier-led walking tour of the historic fort. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Literary Fiesta. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Celebrate El Dia de los Ninos with music, stories and free books. All ages welcome. Free. 703-746-1702.

Search and Rescue Dog

Association. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn what to do if you get lost in the woods. All ages. Free. 703-746-1704.

Saturday Stories. 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

Gary Lloyd Storyteller. 2 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. All ages. Free.



Tom Prasada-Rao in Concert

Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents folk singer-songwriter Tom Prasada-Rao in concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 4, at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at www.focusmusic.org.

703-746-1705.

Global Tea Testing. 2 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Enjoy teas from all around the world while learning about cultures and traditions. Register by calling 703-746-1771.

Tour. 1 p.m. starting at the Friendship Firehouse, 109 South Alfred St. Learn about Alexandria's firefighting history. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for youth ages 10 to 17. Advanced reservations required. Call 703-746-4994.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Mount Vernon Theater. Watch "The Wiz." \$12/adult; \$10/student, senior. Reservations can be made at 703-619-3259.

Native Plant Sale in Parkfairfax. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Largest native plant sale in D.C. metro area hosts a record 16 vendors from 4 states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade in historic Parkfairfax, 3601 Valley Drive. 571-232-0375 or

www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org.

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Tour. 1 p.m. at Friendship Firehouse Museum, 109 S. Alfred St. Learn about three major fires, the techniques used to fight them and the five volunteer companies of the early city. \$6/adult; \$4/youth ages 10-17. Reservations required, 703-746-4994.

SUNDAY/APR. 28

Boney James. \$55. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Carpenter's Cook-Off. Noon-3 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Taste samples of food from chefs around the area. There will be a live auction, music and more. \$50/adults; \$15/child. \$65 buys entrance into the live broadcast with Food & The Beast and entrance to the cook-off. Proceeds benefit Carpenter's Shelter. Visit www.carpenterscookoff.com for more.

Flowers in Fashion. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Hear the history of personal adornment with flowers and interconnections between botany, garden aesthetics and clothing design. View fabulous floral motifs in fashion to see how their shapes and meanings have inspired designers through the ages. For people 13 and older. \$28. Call 703-642-5173 to register.

Ballet Performance. 2 p.m. Come see the Virginia Ballet Company perform the full-length Don Quixote Ballet at the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Adults/\$30; children, students and seniors/\$20; plus a \$3 fee per each ticket. Visit www.virginiaballet.com or call 703-249-8227.

Music. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Listen to music by the Mike Gillispie jazz quartet. Free. 703-746-1702.

Fair. 12:30-3 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Goats, baby chicks, gardening and green products will be featured at the Spring Green Fair. Free. Email greensanctuary@mvuc.org.

Flash Mob. 1-4 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Dress in Civil War attire and participate in a flash mob. Free.

THROUGH APRIL 28

Exhibit. "Artistic Duo IV" will be on exhibit at Green Spring Horticultural Center Gallery, 4603 Green Spring Road. Works by watercolor artist Carolyn Grossé and photographer Stephen Gawarecki are featured in a joint show. Paintings range from realistic to abstract; photographs include his window series and moody landscapes. Free. Visit www.greenspring.org or 703-642-5173.

MONDAY/APRIL 29

Little One-Ders. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Baby Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to 11 months can hear stories and more. Sign up half-hour before it begins. Free. 703-746-1705.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Read, Sing & Play Baby. 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Biography Book Club. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1743.

TUESDAY/APRIL 30

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories

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Andrew L. Johnson, age 82, passed away peacefully in Jacksonville, FL, on April 18, 2013, after a long illness.
Born in Manhattan on July 1, 1930, Andrew was raised in New York and Wellfleet, MA. He entered the United States Air Force during the Berlin Airlift, and progressed through the enlisted and officer ranks over the ensuing 28 years in duty stations around the world, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978. He served during the Korean and Vietnam wars, and received the Bronze Star and several other commendations. A proud "Mustang", he rose to head the worldwide Senior NCO Assignments Division of the Military Personnel Center in San Antonio. Throughout his career, he held numerous national security assignments, and helped keep our nation safe during the cold war era. After retiring from the National Security Administration, he served with Bendix Field Engineering, the Allied Signal Corporation, and later created and led Sentinel Resources, Inc., a security-related firm in Northern Virginia. Andy had numerous artistic interests outside the office, including furniture making, decoupage, and singing. He had the opportunity to tour Europe and parts of the USA with his church choir. He was a member of the Masonic Order, a life-long Rotarian, and a volunteer Hearing Officer at the State Attorney's Office in Jacksonville. Andy will always be remembered for his quick wit, can-do attitude, and love of all things Swedish!
Andrew's passing was preceded by his brother, Rev. Arthur Johnson, and sisters Lois Ann Levak and Patricia Chesser. Andrew is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Barbara J. Johnson, his son, Dr. Douglas W. Johnson (Susan), his daughter, Susan Hoehne (Daniel), Ambassador William Todd, and his grandchildren, Danielle Foster (Will), Michael Johnson, William Todd, Chris Todd (Dezier), John Todd, and Caitlyn Todd.
Andy, we live in a safer world due to your sacrifices that will never see the public light, and we thank you. Rest peacefully, and know that you will always be remembered until the day we join you...
A Memorial Service will be held at eleven o'clock in the morning on Saturday, April 27, 2013 at Deermeadows Baptist Church, 9780 Baymeadows Rd., 32256 with Dr. Michael Riley officiating. Interment in Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia will take place later this summer.
In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, 4266 Sunbeam Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32257. HARDAGE-GIDDENS, THE OAKLAWN CHAPEL, 4801 San Jose Boulevard is serving the family.

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Mother Goose Time. 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Time For 2s. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

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APRIL 30 THROUGH JUNE 23

Exhibit. See "Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorist" at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Hours at the Historic House are Wednesday-Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. and at the Horticulture Center are Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Sunday, noon-4:30 p.m. Visit potomacvalleywatercolorists.org.

THROUGH APRIL 30

New Items on View. See the suite George Washington likely wore during his inauguration at Federal Hall at Mount Vernon Estate until April 30. Also on view until March 31 is the first draft of his first inaugural address. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 1

Jazz. Fourplay will perform at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$55. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

THURSDAY/MAY 2

Acoustic Performance. Hayes Carll performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Come see The Nocturnals perform acapella music. Free.

Dance. 7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Jane Franklin Dance will perform "Green Fits Menthol" both inside and outside the center. Free, donations suggested. 703-933-1111.

Spring Concert. 7:30-9 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The NOVA community chorus, jazz ensemble and Alexandria band will perform. Free, but parking is \$6. 703-845-6252.

FRIDAY/MAY 3

Music. John Hodgman 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.

Dance. 7:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Spring fling vintage dance party- with the Swing Band of the Alexandria Citizens Band. \$15.

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at The Mount Vernon Theater. Watch "The Wiz." \$12/adult; \$10/student, senior. Reservations can be made at 703-619-3259.

Musical Extravaganza. 8 p.m. at Rachel S. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 Beauregard St. The 150-voice combined chorus of the Northern Virginia Chorale, NOVA Annandale Chorale and NOVA Alexandria Choir, accompanied by the 80-piece NOVA Annandale symphony orchestra, present a Masterworks concert of favorite operatic choruses by Verdi and Wagner and more. \$15/adult; \$10/student with ID; children under 12 free. Tickets at www.northernvirginiachorale.org or 703-239-2180.

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SPORTS

Celebrating Opening Day for Fort Hunt Softball

Fort Hunt Softball held its Opening Day Celebration on Sunday, April 14 at the Walt Whitman softball complex. Approximately 600 people including players, family members and volunteers were in attendance to celebrate. The party started off with a picnic, games and dancing.

Cindy Jackson and Miriam Miller received the Commissioner's Volunteer of the Year Award for 2012. Both were recognized for consistently volunteering their time to oversee several programs which will have a direct impact on the overall success of the youth softball program. "Both Miriam and Cindy truly exemplify what a volunteer is all about" said Jim Miller, Softball Commissioner. "They took their duties to another level and the entire softball community will reap the benefits of their efforts for years to come."

Three Lifetime achievement Awards were presented to members of the community to recognize their dedication and contributions to the Fort Hunt and Mt. Vernon area softball programs. Recipients were: West Potomac and Tsunami Travel League Head Coach Craig Maniglia, Tsunami Travel League Commissioner Leslie Maniglia, and MVYAA and Magic Travel League Commissioner Karen Walker.

The Presentation of the Teams Ceremony was the largest ever with record numbers registering for FHYAA. Together with MVYAA and Ft. Belvoir, FHYAA softball fielded eight U9 teams (age 6-9), eight U12 teams (age 10-12) and five U18 teams (age 13-18). The presentation was kicked off by introducing the West Potomac Varsity and JV softball teams and was concluded with the National Anthem.

The ceremonial first pitch of the season was thrown out by Sandy McMaster of Fischer McMaster Homes, a league sponsor, Leslie Maniglia and Craig Maniglia.



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Lifetime achievement Awards were presented to Craig Maniglia, Leslie Maniglia and Karen Walker (absent) to recognize their dedication and contributions to the area softball programs.

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FHYAA Softball offers spring and fall softball for girls ages 6 to 18. For more information visit www.FHYAAsoftball.org.

Cindy Jackson and Miriam Miller receive the Commissioner Volunteer of the Year Award for 2012. The award was presented by Commissioner Jim Miller and Softball Board Members Kerry Daly, JP Moery and Paul McGuire. (Daryl Davidson was absent.)



SPORTS BRIEFS

WP Baseball Ranks No. 8

The West Potomac baseball team is ranked No. 8 in this week's Northern Region coaches poll.

After winning three of four, the Wolverines lost to South County 7-2 on April 12, beat Lee 2-0 on April 17 and lost to Woodson 5-1 on Monday. West Potomac bounced back with an 11-4 win against Annandale on Tuesday, improving the Wolverines' record to 9-5 overall and 5-3 in the Patriot District.

West Potomac will host T.C. Williams at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 26 and will travel to face Lake Braddock on Tuesday, April 30.

Madison is again ranked No. 1. Oakton moved into the No. 2 spot, followed by defending state champion Lake Braddock at No. 3. Centreville is ranked

No. 4, followed by Robinson (5), Yorktown (6), Chantilly (7), West Potomac, Langley (9) and South County (10).

T.C. Williams, Stone Bridge, McLean, Westfield and Fairfax each received votes.

The Concorde District has four teams ranked in the top 10, more than any other district in the Northern Region. The Patriot District has three ranked teams, the Liberty has two and the National has one.

West Potomac has been ranked as high as No. 5 this season.

West Potomac Boys' Soccer Beats Annandale

The West Potomac boys' soccer team defeated Annandale 2-1 on Tuesday, improving the Wolverines' record to 5-3-1 overall and 2-2 in the Patriot District. The victory also snapped a three-game losing streak for



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Jayme Murray and the West Potomac baseball team are ranked No. 8 in this week's Northern Region coaches poll.

West Potomac.

The Wolverines will host Woodson at 7

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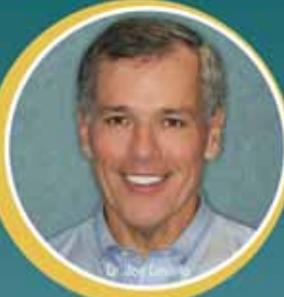
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Housing Market: 'Sell and Buy'

Sustained low interest rates and rising prices have energized the marketplace.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

The local real estate market is thriving, with Realtors reporting multiple offers on homes in some areas and dwindling inventory of homes for sale. At least two things are contributing to this change in the market.

First, interest rates have been in the basement: Freddie Mac reported a 30-year fixed-rate of 3.57 percent for March this year, as opposed to 3.95 percent in March 2012 and 4.84 percent in 2011 (for reference, March 2005 was 5.93 percent).

Second, home prices are rising: RealEstate Business Intelligence reported a 10.23 percent increase in average sold price in Fairfax County between February 2012 and 2013. Even though inventory is shrinking across the county, distressed sales (foreclosures and short sales) are a smaller part of the market.

On the whole, everyone has warm fuzzies about the market.

"It's as healthy as it's ever been," said Dane Work, an associate broker with Re/Max Preferred Proper-

ties in Fairfax. "Everything is a hot potato. The whole market is red hot, white hot."

BUT HOW LONG until the extended honeymoon phase is over? And what will that market look like? According to George Mason University professor of finance Gerald Hanweck, a lot like it has before.

"The hype is, fundamentally, what you would expect from a market like this," said Hanweck. "For quite a while, this has been a terrific housing market in Fairfax County."

Hanweck came to GMU in 1985 after spending nearly two decades in the research division at the Federal Reserve Board. Today in addition to teaching MBA finance courses, he is also associate dean for graduate programs.

The professor has seen real estate go through cycle after cycle over the decades. "It really just took time to allow housing prices to get on a path of rising, at a rate they had in the past," he said.

"When I first came here in 1968, the thought was housing prices should always go up ten percent a year. That was a rule. And in fact they did for some time," Hanweck said.

"Now we've hit a plateau," said Hanweck, "to where we probably should take off and start having price rises between 4 and 6 percent a year, on average, for residential properties. Once we hit that, and that's been happening now for several years, prices are high enough — after they had fallen in 2005 and 2006 — that people are willing to buy and sell. Enough time has passed."

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WHY THE DWINDLING SUPPLY? There are several factors, according to Hanweck, which result in people hanging on to their properties. Among them is a gradual increase in the number of retirees in this area who choose to stay in their homes. Another is people simply waiting to see how high prices will rise. There are also more instances of business investors buying properties to rent.

But none of this should dissuade anyone from jumping into the real estate market right now, Hanweck said. "Sell. Sell and buy."

"If you want to move, sell now, buy now. Buying six months ago would be even better, buying a year ago would've been even better. But buy. Over the next year, two years, it's going to be a good market. After that we're going to see federal government cuts actually start to impact." "I'm incredibly optimistic," said Work. "I have been for about a year and a half. It makes me look like a saint. The writing was on the wall for some of this.

"It's such a great opportunity for the end user, for occupants," he continued. "Everybody's got to live somewhere. Now is the time to lock in on something and secure it."

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THURSDAY/APRIL 25

Meeting. 6:30-9 p.m. at Virginia Hills Administration Center, 6520 Diana Lane. Colonial Republican Women will meet. Refreshments will be served. E-mail colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com or 703-624-3252.

Medicare 101. 3-4:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Get all questions about Medicare answered. Free. Register by calling 703-324-5205.

FRIDAY/APRIL 26

Application Deadline. Students can apply for the 2013 Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors in the Mount Vernon and Lee districts pursuing education in a business related field. Visit www.mtvernon-

leechamber.org or 703-360-6925.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 26-28

Ice Skating Competition. 9 a.m. Ice skaters from around the region will compete at Mount Vernon RECenter's 35th annual Cherry Blossom Ice Skating Competition. The public is invited to watch Olympic hopefuls skate. Admission is free to most events. Mount Vernon RECenter is located at 2017 Belle View Blvd. Call Skating Director Carl Kirtley at 703-768-3224.

SATURDAY/APRIL 27

Community-wide Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Zephyr community in Mount Vernon.

Donations. The Mount Vernon Evening Lions will be collecting donations for their White Cane Drive at the Belle View Safeway between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All money will be used for sight

projects. Any used eyeglasses and hearing aides will be recycled. Contact Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

Colonial Fun Day. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Church. Enjoy a pie baking contest, games, food, pony rides, raffle and more. Free. 703-360-4370.

Fashion Show. Shop with local vendors and browse a silent auction at 9:30 a.m. Fashion show begins at 11 a.m. at Aldersgate Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at www.aldersgate.net or at the door.

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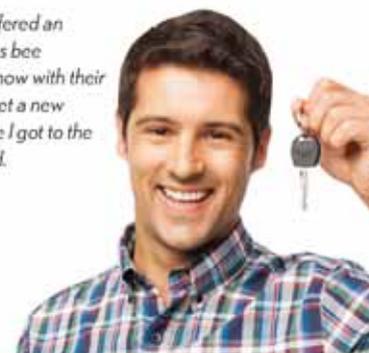
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