



Matthew Baldwin conducts a workshop on the finer points of playing with a yo-yo.

Plymouth Haven Baptist's Colonial Fair

The line extended into the parking lot as children and their parents waited for a turn to ride a pony at the Plymouth Haven Baptist Church Colonial Fair on Saturday, April 27. Matthew Baldwin, the Yo Yoda gave instruction to a group of children on yo-yo techniques as Don Francisco organized a marching band to participate in the colonial parade.

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Don Francisco leads the children in a parade around the church.



Catherine Schurr takes aim at Boy Scout Jason La Kier at the water balloon throw.



Hailey Moore and Stephanie Martin lead Madeline around on a pony ride.

Barking Up The Right Tree

Community supports dogs' continued use of Westgrove Park.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Approximately 100 citizens attended the Park Authority's public hearing Tuesday night, April 30, to discuss the proposed master plan for the Westgrove Park, off of Fort Hunt Road and adjacent to Belle View Elementary School.

Although some residents and organizations expressed reservations and concerns, the majority of attendees and speakers supported the creation of the off leash dog area at Westgrove Park. Opposition was minor, with the bulk of the criticism aimed at fine tuning the proposal. The next step for the Park Authority staff is to review the residents' comments and modify their proposal before submitting to the Park Authority Board for its review and final vote.

Westgrove Park has been used for many years as the site for a sewage treatment plant and a pump station as well as a natural



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Mary Jo Detweiler, Friends of Westgrove Park.

resource area consisting of 23 acres of undeveloped land, including 15 acres of forest plus meadows and marshland. Immediately to the east of the park is Dyke Marsh Wildlife preserve and im

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Leveling the Field

Should some businesses be taxed at higher rates than others?

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

Why should consultants be taxed at a higher rate than contractors? Is it fair to hit up businesses that do research and development for twice as much as retail merchants? These questions are at the heart of a recommendation from the Lee

District Budget Advisory Group, which is urging the county government to take a close look at its business and professional occupancy license taxes.

"Someone needs to take a look at this and see if these rates are discouraging smaller businesses," said Suzette Kern, chairwoman of the advisory group. "Those are the

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A sitting area is re-imagined in the center passage of the Woodlawn home by the UNGC student team.



The music parlor was redesigned for the 21st century and a family of three by James Michaud and Jasmine Callender.



The family dining room redesign was influenced by the remaining and borrowed pieces, an 18th century gold clock and the painting of the young child. Gold was chosen for the chandelier and the fire screen.

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Student Designers' Works on Display at Woodlawn

In the home designed by the architect of the U.S. Capitol building, William Thornton, Woodlawn is the site of The All American House, a collaboration between MADE: in America and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Woodlawn was originally part of George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate. Upon the wedding of his step-granddaughter Eleanor Parke Custis and Col. Lawrence Lewis, Washington commissioned the home to be built for the newlyweds. The home was completed in 1805.

The All American House features the talents of interior architecture students from George Washington University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro along with Corcoran College of Art + Design. The Corcoran College of Art + Design students worked on displays of a virtual make-over of the adjacent Frank Lloyd Wright designed Pope-



Detail of the intersection in the music parlor of the 18th and 21st centuries.

Leighy House. The exhibit and events run through June 16.

This showcase is "a reinterpretation of Woodlawn for a 21st century family." Interior architecture students from UNGC mentored by Jo Ramsay Leimenstoll, professor of interior architecture at UNGC, were tasked in creating designs for six of the rooms at Woodlawn. Two students from George Washington University worked on two main rooms in the home, the music parlor and the dining room. The designs and executions were juried as a design competition to create the inaugural show house. The jury included members of the Congressional Club and officials from the National Trust and the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID). The judges announced on April 18 the UNGC students came

in first for the family parlor and third place for the center passage. George Washington University stu-

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Details through the mirror of the center passage that garnered third place for the UNGC students.

Participating interior architecture students and their mentors pose for a photos on the river veranda and the Woodlawn Home. UNGC students included Lauren Postlmayr, Anna Behrendt, Nicole Ware, Kacie Leisure, Kathryn Frye, Sharon Frazier, Alyssa Hankus; George Washington University students are James Michaud and Jasmine Callender; Corcoran College Art + Design students are Monica H. Mesa, Sara AlNabhani + Blair Bunting, Alex Dobbs + Azuka Enkhbaatar, Emily Patterson + Eva Kod'ouskova, Mona Algwaiz + Brooke Hollingsworth, Pamela Miller + Ann Fortune and Sharifa Algahtani + Meghan O' Malley.



NEWS

\$2.5 Million To Help Dyke Marsh

Airports Authority offers funds to National Park Service.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

Federal Aviation Administration safety standards require the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority to extend the runway at National Airport. However, the effect will adversely impact the Potomac River watershed, so the MWAA is offering \$2.5 million to the U.S. National Park Service to improve the Potomac river watershed in the Dyke Marsh area south of the airport. The timing, if the NPS accepts the proposal, will enable the park service to complete phase one of the Dyke Marsh restoration plan: to restore a breakwater in the southern end of the marsh.

The public comment period for the U.S. National Park Service's Environmental Impact Assessment and related restoration plan for Dyke Marsh ended April 25. The next step is for the NPS to view the public comments and prepare a final resto-

ration plan. At the same time the FAA's required National Airport runway extension (impacting 1.94 acres) to fulfill airport safety requirements means that the airport mitigation funding required to complete phase one for Dyke Marsh restoration can be realized. The first step of the restoration in the proposed NPS plan is the restoration of the breakwater promontory — a wave break in the location of the former promontory in the southern end of the marsh.

Dredging that took place between 1940 and 1972 which covered 270 acres of the freshwater tidal marsh caused the destabilization and removal of the breakwater promontory. The resulting erosion means the marsh is now disappearing at the estimated rate of 1.5 to 2 acres per year on average. Left without any intervention to halt the degradation, Dyke Marsh will disappear in 30-40 years.

The Friends of Dyke Marsh, the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations, the Virginia Nature Conservancy, and the Potomac River Conservancy all support the Airport Authority's proposed dedicated mitigation funding for the Dyke Marsh restoration. Under the proposed airport authority agreement the U.S. National Park Service must execute a contract by Dec. 31, 2015, and complete the construction by Dec. 31, 2016.

Details

Friends of Dyke Marsh:
www.fodm.org

For Information on the Environmental Assessment prepared by the U.S. National Park Service: www.nps.gov/gwp

Federal Law: PL 86-41, mandated federal protection of Dyke Marsh as a U.S. Wildlife Preserve.

Location of Dyke Marsh: Beginning immediately south of Alexandria city along the Mount Vernon Parkway on the western shore of the Potomac river running from Belle Haven Marina south four miles to Southdown road.

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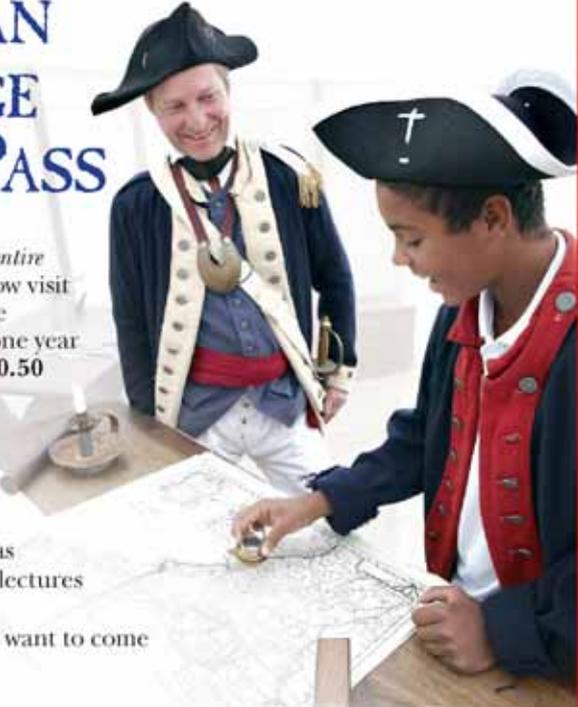
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Leveling the Playing Field

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very businesses we are trying to attract to Fairfax County.”

Members of the advisory group say they are concerned that the county’s current business licensing and taxation might be serving as a disincentive for some types of highly desirable businesses. Although they acknowledge the need to generate revenue to fund county services, they also say the tax and licensing structure could be reconfigured to produce “desired incentives” rather than “disincentives as they do now.”

“Fairfax County should examine its business tax and licensing structure to see if high pay, high technology and professional employers would have stronger financial incentives to locate if revisions were made to the current schedule,” the advisory group recommends.

“This is especially important for a county striving to diversify its private sector employment base as federal spending shifts.”

SUPERVISOR

JEFF MCKAY

warns that adjusting the BPOL taxes may be difficult because its one of the two sources of revenue that Fairfax County has authority to raise. He disagrees with members of his advisory group that the BPOL

taxes create a disincentive for businesses to locate in Fairfax County — especially research and development businesses. McKay says Montgomery County is the biggest competitor to Fairfax County, especially biomedicine and bioinformatics.

“Our challenge of attracting those people is not our tax rate, and it’s certainly not out BPOL tax,” said McKay. “It may be a whole lot of other reasons, political probably more than anything else.”

McKay said the reason that Fairfax County charges some businesses more than others has to do with how much other kinds of tax revenue is generated from the business. For example, retail merchants have one of the smallest BPOL tax rates because they also pay sales tax indirectly that are passed on to buyers.

“We get a huge amount from retailers,” said McKay. “With research and development, they are not really selling a product. So

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they’re also not generating sales tax that comes back to the locality.”

BPOL TAX RATES were set and capped by the General Assembly about 40 years ago. County officials point out that three categories — professional, consultant and research and development — fall well below the state maximum

“This means the small businesses are generally only paying a small flat tax,” said Merni Fitzgerald, director of public affairs for Fairfax County.

The last time the Board of Supervisors looked at the BPOL tax rate categories was 20 years ago, when members were trying to simplify the number of different categories that existed at the time.

Supervisors ended up reducing the number of different BPOL categories from 17 down to 10. And they instituted a flat fee for small businesses. Although supervisors could theoretically raise the rates within what’s allowed by the state, they still have to figure out a way to balance the

of 58 cents. Also, they point out, the flat tax is embedded into all business categories. So if a business has gross receipts between \$10,000 and \$50,000, they pay \$30 a year. If the gross is between \$50,000 and \$100,000, they pay \$50.

books.

“The revenue consequences of any change could be significant,” said Fitzgerald. “If, for example, you lowered the 31 rate to the 19 rate of the business service category, the county’s revenues would decrease about \$20.4 million.”

“Someone needs to take a look at this and see if these rates are discouraging smaller businesses. Those are the very businesses we are trying to attract to Fairfax County.”

— Suzette Kern, chairwoman, Lee District Budget Advisory Group

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NEWS

Students Re-imagine Woodlawn

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dents won second place for the music parlor and the dining room. The Corcoran School of Art + Design student Monica N. Mesa brought home best in show in her virtual make over of the Frank Lloyd Wright Pope-Leighy House.

The goal of the project is to provide young designers with a major platform to articulate their vision of a new American interior design aesthetic and to make historic homes vibrant cultural centers for exploring the history and future of design in America.

“The All American House certainly offers young designers a historic setting within which to demonstrate an inspired design, but it also reflects the work of National Trust Historic Sites to re-imagine, innovate, and open up the doors and windows to the possibilities of inspiring creativity, raising consciousness and fostering community,” said Dr. Estevan Rael-Gálvez senior vice president of historic sites at the National Trust.

The All American House featured products of MADE: In America from award-winning furniture companies including: Bielecky Brothers; Century; Duralee; Edward Ferrell / Lewis Mittman; Hickory Chair; Keith Fritz, Kindel, Kittinger; Niemann-Weeks, and Paul Montgomery Studios.

A variety of on-site activities is listed in the calendar of events on the Historic Woodlawn web-site: <http://woodlawn1805.org/events>. For more information about the All American House visit the MADE: In America web-site: <http://www.madeinamerica-usa.org>.



George Washington University students James Michaud and Jasmine Callender created the redesign of the interiors of the family dining room and the music parlor. Both were awarded second place in the juried competition for their efforts.



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Corcoran College of Art + Design student Monica H. Mesa goes through her design elements with her classmates at the installation in the home at Woodlawn.



The family parlor redesigned by the team of UNGC students received the top awards.



A detail of the family parlor highlights images taken of the woodwork created by cabinetmaker Thomas Day in North Carolina. The photographs were taken as part of the WPA project. Day was a free black American furniture designer and cabinetmaker in Caswell County, N.C. working in the first half of the 19th century.



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Legislators Address Chamber

Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber hosted a legislative dinner April 22 at the Mount Vernon Inn. Local state legislators briefed chamber attendees on the results of the recently concluded Virginia General Assembly session. From left are state Sen. Adam Ebbin, Del. Scott Surovell, Chamber President Ashley McNeff Behrens, and, seated, state Sen. Linda "Toddy" Puller.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported by the Mount Vernon District Station.

BURGLARY, 6700 block of Richmond Highway, April 29, 2:45 p.m. An employee reported someone entered the business and stole cash. Forced entry was made through a window.

ROBBERY, 3100 block of Lockheed Boulevard, April 27, 7:25 p.m. A 32-year-old reported he was walking and counting his money. An unknown man snatched the cash and fled. Several officers to include a K-9 searched the area,

but no suspect was located.

ASSAULT, 6600 block of Richmond Highway, April 26, 9:05 a.m. A 24-year-old reported a man she did not know asked her for directions. He allegedly fondled her buttocks as he walked away. A 32-year-old man from Alexandria was charged with assault.

INDECENT EXPOSURE, 4000 block of Buckman Road, April 26, 3:30 p.m. A 23-year-old reported she was with her six-year-old daughter when they both saw a man exposing himself.

A 56-year-old man from Alexandria was charged with indecent exposure and simulated masturbation.

ROBBERY, 3500 block of Robert E. Lee Place, April 26, 8:45 p.m. Officers responded for a fight. They located a 19-year-old victim who reported several individuals attempted to rob him. Officers searched the area and located the alleged suspects. An 18-year-old man and two 16-year-old boys, all of Alexan

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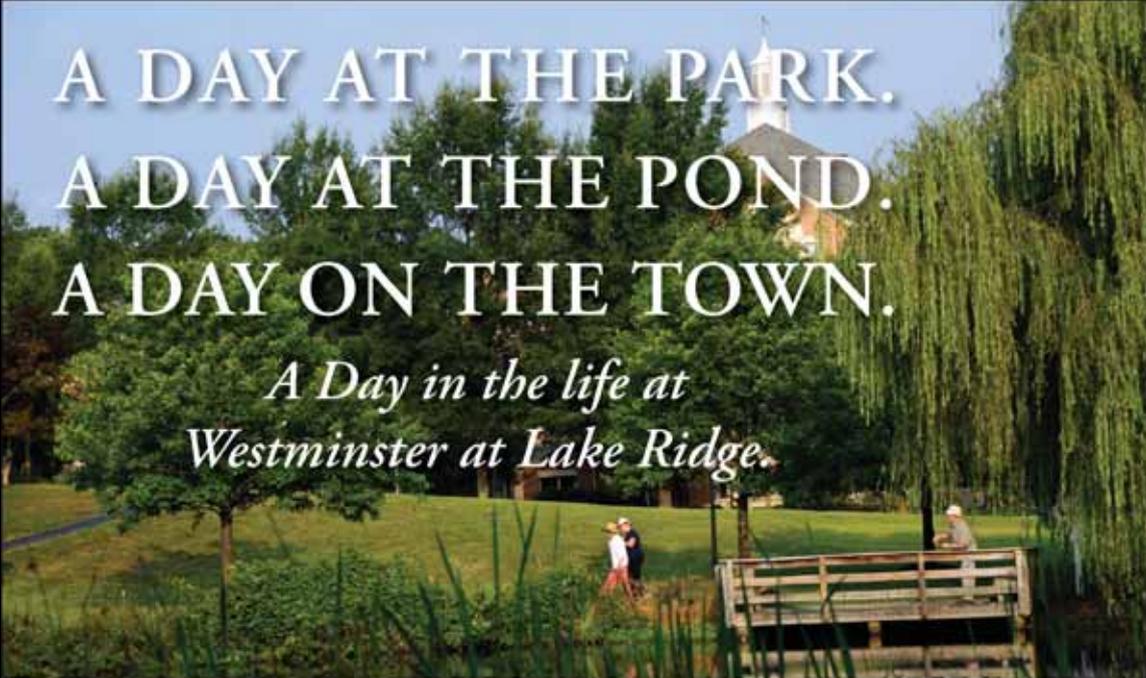
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mediately west and across Fort Hunt road is an upland forest area. Environmental advocates representing Dyke Marsh continued to speak out in favor of retaining the park in its natural state, and others expressed concern that the off leash dog area was larger than other dog parks in Fairfax County and would like the dog park section to be reduced. One speaker proposed enhanced wildlife conservation, planting selected vegetation to attract wildlife, and using the park to promote improved integrated watershed management with Dyke Marsh and other environmentally sensitive sites.

The Park Authority staff presentation stressed that the proposal includes preserving and protecting forest lands, meadows, stream protection, educational outreach for students, creation of trails, and overall natural resource protection. This is in addition to the maintenance of the off leash dog park area which is a small part of the total land use in the park.

Mary Jo Detweiler, Friends of Westgrove Park, supported the plan with these reservations: dog park area larger than others in the county, and would prefer it to be smaller and less a dominant factor of the park; enhance the northern portion of the park to promote wildlife habitat including vegetation to attract and sustain wildlife, including butterflies. She was also concerned about the adverse noise impact dog barking would cause for residents in the immediate vicinity.

Glenda Booth, Friends of Dyke Marsh, asked that the decision to make the OLDA permanent be taken in the larger context: namely the fragile nature of air and water quality, and that only 6 percent of the Fairfax County land is undeveloped. Westgrove is part of that undeveloped inventory and she would like it to remain that way. Further, the Belle View watershed is in poor condition and the Westgrove OLDA plan will contribute to the stress on the watershed and adjacent natural resource areas, including Dyke Marsh which lies immediately east of Westgrove. She also criticized the draft master plan as lacking commitment to creating a conservation area, objected to the expansion of the parking area, and the use of impervious driveway materials which contributes to runoff, and the lack of commitment to monitoring standards, among other criticisms.

Steven Nixon, president of Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness (PACK), spoke out in support of the draft plan and

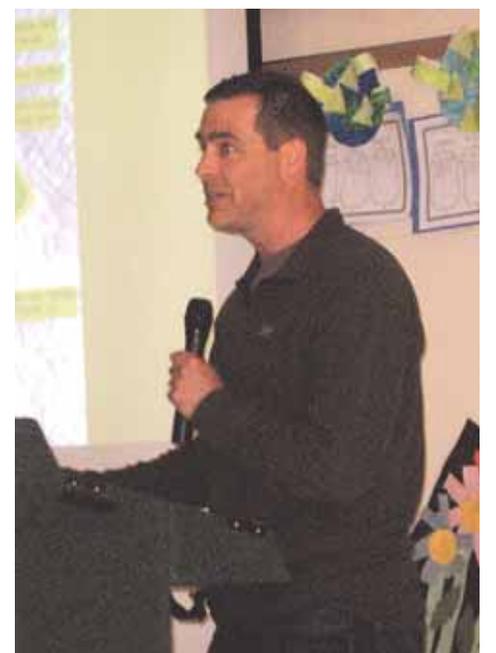


The Park Authority public hearing attracted 100 residents.

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Linwood Gorham, Mount Vernon's representative on Park Authority Board, addresses the citizens.



Steven Nixon, Pumphouse Association for Canine Kindness (PACK)

thanked Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Park Authority Board Member Linwood Gorham, and park staff for their support and efforts. PACK was the original grassroots organizer of a petition drive that secured 500 signatures to promote an interim use OLDA designation at Westgrove Park, and the eventual plan for a permanent OLDA designation. PACK is now the designated volunteer manager of the OLDA.

Ron Cunningham, resident, expressed concern about two security issues. He pro-

posed maintaining the perimeter security fence and also called attention to the Fairfax County police officer who last July at a public hearing urged that the entrance/exit be a right turn exit only since the visibility for a left turn out of the park was a safety hazard.

Several residents expressed concern about the noise problem that barking dogs presented to River Tower residents and urged that noise abatement methods be considered in the final master plan.

Near the end of the meeting, Hyland expressed his general support for the proposal but said that some fine tuning based on community suggestions was still in order. He said that he believed the proposal was not going to make everyone happy but it was as close as one can get to a reasonable accommodation and compromise for the dual uses of the park: maintaining a natural resource area to be enjoyed by outdoor enthusiasts and students of Belle View Elementary School, while also accommodating an off leash dog area.

CRIME REPORT

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dria, were charged with robbery, assault by mob, and gang participation.

BURGLARY, 6600 block of Wakefield Drive, April 25, 12:45 p.m. A resident reported someone entered the home and stole several items to include jewelry. Entry was made through an unlocked door.

BURGLARY, 6700 block of

Kenyon Drive, April 24, 12:45 a.m. A resident reported someone entered the home and stole jewelry. Entry was made through an unlocked window.

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6800 block of Lamp Post Lane, electroic device from residence

7700 block of Richmond Highway, wallet from business

6800 block of Deer Run Drive, purse from residence

2300 block of Huntington Avenue, drinks from residence

3300 block of Lockheed Boulevard, personal document from residence

6100 block of Richmond Highway, laptop from business

8800 block of Walutes Circle, chairs

from residence
2900 block of Arlington Drive, beer and wine from business

7500 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from residence

3400 block of Beechcraft Drive, generator, nail gun and saw from vehicle

7700 block of Blue Jay Court, bicycle/tool box from residence

3000 block of Fordson Court, cell phone from business

6500 block of Quander Road, iPhone from business

8300 block of Richmond Highway, cell phone from business

8700 block of Richmond Highway, soda from business

STOLEN VEHICLES:

1300 block of Bunker Hill Road, 2012 Acura

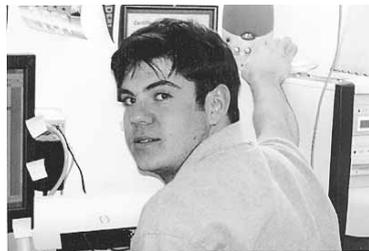
8200 block of Russell Road, Honda Accord

OBITUARY

Neil David Kelly

Neil Kelly, 31, a lifelong resident of the Fort Hunt area of Alexandria, died on April 22, 2013 at Mount Vernon Hospital.

He was a 1999 graduate of West Potomac High School, and a 2007 graduate of George Mason University with a B.S. degree in finance. In high school Neil was a top player for the men's tennis team. During Neil's youth he played baseball and basketball in the Fort Hunt league. His love of basketball led to coaching which he enjoyed. He previously had also been a referee for the league.



After college Neil worked for Dell Corporation, and previously at the Department of Interior as a computer specialist. Neil was a huge sports fan, and enjoyed watching most sporting events, but especially the Caps, the Nationals, NBA Basketball and the

Redskins. Neil leaves behind his parents, Robin and Mike Kelly, and brother and sister, Alan and Jillian Kelly. He also leaves behind his grandmothers, Emily Corbin of Alexandria and Marquerite (Stevie) Kelly of Winnsboro, SC. He comes from a large family and leaves many loving aunts, uncles and cousins. To all Neil was fun to be around, had a great sense of humor and was the most loving and caring person to all. He will be missed and loved forever.

A service will be held at Aldersgate Church on May 11, at 2 p.m.

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THROUGH FRIDAY/MAY 3

Princess for a Night Collection.

Donate formal dresses, shoes, handbags, jewelry, unused make-up (for example, sample cosmetics) and "nice" shopping bags. Drop items off at T.C. Williams main office, 3330 King St. between 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. The project especially needs dresses for full-figured young ladies (sizes 18+). Please do not donate velvet or wintry dresses, soiled items, outdated items, casual dresses or items for mature women, as they cannot be used. E-mail eleanor.muse@acps.k12.va.us for questions or to volunteer.

SATURDAY/MAY 4

Multi-family Yard Sale.

8 a.m.-noon. The main corridor for the yard sale is the quadrant in between the GW Parkway, Fort Hunt Road, Collingwood Boulevard, and Waynewood Boulevard. Many families will be participating. Park once and walk around.

Yard Sale.

8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Washington Farm United Methodist Church, 3921 Old Mill Road.

Princess for a Night.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School. Students can shop for prom dresses, handbags, shoes and jewelry — all free. Students will be served on a first come, first-served basis. 703-619-3304.

SUNDAY/MAY 5

River Christian Center. 10 a.m. The River Christian Center will be launching its ministry at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, 6055 Richmond Hwy. Services will be held weekly at 10 a.m. Visit www.myrivercc.org for more.

Commissioning Day and Blessing of the Fleet.

2 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Yacht Club, 4817 Tarpon Lane. Free. There will be a flag ceremony, music and a race. Visit www.mountvernoyachtclub.com for more.

Wetlands Awareness Day. Noon-4 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Family-friendly event features live animal presentations, nature activities and other hands-on stations. Free, but a small fee for some activities. 703-768-2525.

MONDAY/MAY 6

6th Annual Maj. Douglas A. Zembiec Memorial Golf

Tournament. 1 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. Benefits "Build a House Project." \$350/golfer. Visit www.pscharities.org or 703-823-2696.

Princess for a Night.

2:15-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon High School. Students can shop for prom dresses, handbags, shoes and jewelry — all free. Students will be served on a first come, first-served basis. 703-619-3304.

TUESDAY/MAY 7

Alzheimer's Disease Research Update. 11 a.m. at Hollin Hall

Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Free. Call 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY/MAY 10

Dress selection. Any northern Virginia-area student can select a formal dress and accessories from 3:30-6 p.m. at T.C. Williams, 3330 King St. Students will be served on a first-come, first-served basis. Free. E-mail eleanor.muse@acps.k12.va.us for questions or to volunteer.

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OPINION

Five Myths About Public Libraries

BY SARAH TALLEY SOUTHER

The Digital Age is well past its dawn and budgets are tight, leaving many people to question why we continue to fund libraries. After all, don't they just house a bunch of old books in print and everything you need is online ... right? Here's a few common myths about libraries:

1. Google and other search engines meet everyone's information needs.

Search engines can find amazing things, but only if you have access to the Internet. For many, the Fairfax County Public Library is their only means of access. Even in a wealthy area like Northern Virginia, almost 20 percent of families make less than \$50,000 per year, and depend on libraries for access to the Internet.

Not everything's online, or if it is, it's not free or it might be inaccurate. There's another hurdle: Not everyone uses search engines well enough to get to what they need. Fairfax library staff teach people how to find and evaluate information sources all while protecting their privacy.

2. Books are becoming obsolete

Just as television and DVDs haven't killed movies, e-books haven't killed print. Over 13 million items were checked out from Fairfax libraries last year and most of them were books. Despite the uptick in demand for e-books, there are plenty of popular titles that aren't avail-

able because many publishers refuse to sell e-books to libraries.

3. The library is a quiet warehouse for books. Odds are, no one will "shush!" you unless you're yelling on your cellphone in speaker mode. The library is a vibrant place that provides people with more than information. Early literacy story times, homework support, classes, book discussions, tax preparation assistance, tutoring, and other activities that support information literacy happen at the library. More than 172,000 people took advantage of these events last year in Fairfax.

The Internet can bring people together, but libraries reinforce real-world communities because they are "bridging spaces" where people from many walks of life meet. Walk into a Fairfax library today, and you'll find a variety of new programs that bring people together, ranging from genealogy workshops to creative writing classes to one-on-one social media training.

4. This could all be done by volunteers.

While volunteers donated nearly 145,000 hours to the library last year, there is a limit to what volunteers can do. Staff members review collections for completeness and accuracy, present early literacy storytimes, make sure public computers run properly, and read extensively so they can provide book suggestions to all kinds of readers (including staunchly reluctant ones).

tions. With the county's more than one million residents and 1,360 sworn police officers, Fairfax County stands alone when compared to other similar jurisdictions regarding CCRBs.

The Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc.

(CCPA) has lobbied since 2010 for the creation of a CCRB to be appointed by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors with the authority to receive and investigate citizen allegations of police abuse, misconduct, negligence and civil rights violations and report its findings and recommendations to the police department for action. The CCPA has received letters from six supervisors expressing their interest in the CCPA's proposal.

In addition, the CCPA also received letters of support from a dozen local, state and national organizations. A poll taken by the CCPA revealed the citizens of Fairfax County overwhelmingly support a CCRB.

At a hearing before the Board of Supervi-

Library workers follow ethical codes that state they must try to make available accurate and complete information without bias and protect your privacy. Much is asked of library workers, and information service expertise is necessary to provide customers with the services that they demand.

5. Public libraries are a drain on public coffers.

Libraries provide services to job seekers, businesses, consumers, and investors. Studies in Pennsylvania and Florida show that for every \$1 a community invests in its public libraries, it sees a return of about \$4.

When Thomas Jefferson said "Information is the currency of democracy," he did not envision the increasing gap between the technology "haves" and "have-nots." Access to the Internet is essential if you want to do homework, search for jobs, and interact with the government. For many in Fairfax, the library is their only means of access.

We invest resources in libraries and schools because they provide a public good in the form of educated, informed citizens during all stages of their lives. The fact that Fairfax County sees a monetary return on this investment is a wonderful bonus.

Sarah Talley Souther is a librarian for the Fairfax County Public Library who has worked in library and information science for twenty years in six states. She is currently a youth services librarian at Sherwood Regional Library in Alexandria.

sors in 2011, the county executive and the chief of police rejected the CCPA proposal with their counter-proposal "that the county internal auditor be charged with the responsibility and report his findings to the county executive thus satisfying a third party review requirement." The CCPA replied by stating, "It falls short of the CCPA's recommendation for a CCRB that would be comprised of Fairfax County citizens. It's apparent they are doing everything possible in their power to avoid citizen oversight."

Nearly two years ago, the Board of Supervisors requested that the county internal auditor review this matter and report its findings and recommendations to the board. The county internal auditor released its report which lacked any mention of the CCRB.

Nicholas R. Beltrante
Executive Director
Virginia Citizens Coalition
for Police Accountability, Inc.

COMMENTARY

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

6,750 Bags Of Thanks

To the Editor:

The following open letter is addressed to the Mount Vernon High School Community.

The 2013 Combined Parent Council (CPC), many parents, Mount Vernon High School faculty members, and MVHS student volunteers sold over 6,750 bags of mulch on Saturday April 20, raising over \$15,000 towards the 2013 MVHS All Night Graduation Party.

The 2013 CPC would like to thank everyone who participated in any way towards this major fundraiser event. The 2013 CPC would also like to say congratulations to all the 2013 MVHS graduating Seniors and have a fun, memorable, and safe All Night Graduation Party.

2013 Combined Parent Council

Still No Citizen Oversight

To the Editor:

Fairfax County is one of the largest jurisdictions in our country without an independent Citizen Complaint Review Board (CCRB) to investigate citizen allegations of police abuse, misconduct, negligence and civil rights viola-

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PEOPLE

Mount Vernon Council Hosts 22nd Annual Gala

April 27 event held at Ft. Belvoir Golf Club.



Mount Vernon Council secretary Carol Coyle congratulates Mount Vernon High School student Reemal Zaheer on her volunteer work and being chosen one of the two student volunteers of the year.



State Sen. Toddy Puller and Del. Scott Surovell present a proclamation to members of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce.

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Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland congratulates Walter Clarke, accepting the Mount Vernon District Organization of the Year award for the Southeastern Fairfax Development Corporation.



Katherine Ward present Becky Todd with the council trophy for Citizen of the Year.



Tracy Wood and Diane Moery accept the Mount Vernon Organization of the Year award for the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce volunteer board.

Rebuilding Together Project Returns to Mount Vernon



On Saturday, April 27, volunteers work in the front of the house, spreading mulch and sanding the awning. The Washington Building Congress also plans to build a ramp leading to the front door.



This annual Rebuilding Together project is a home owned by a 70-year-old widow who now is raising her grandson, since the loss of his mother. The volunteers are contractors who are members of the Washington Building Congress.



A member of the volunteer team installs a newer, more accessible shower head and a bar for stability, inside the shower. The bathroom was also taped off, in preparation for a new coat of paint.

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OPEN SUN

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 \$967,500
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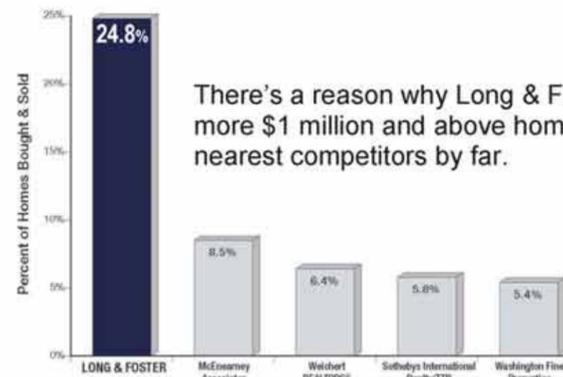
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ENTERTAINMENT

Alexandria to 'Nashville' and Home Again

May 3 show at the Durant Arts Center features Esten's original songs and benefits The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

BY CHELSEA H. BRYAN
THE GAZETTE

Charles "Chip" Esten, an Alexandria boy from age 8, who plays Deacon Claybourne on the ABC hit show "Nashville," likes to think of songwriting like it's farming. "I love the farming as much as I love the crops, I love doing it as much as what you get out of it," said Esten, speaking of his love for the writing process as much as the record deals and shows that it can yield.

The 47-year-old actor, comedian and singer-songwriter credits Alexandria, in part, for helping him fall in love with the city of Nashville, because of its "Virginia qualities."

"I honestly am one of those people where I don't look back with rose-colored glasses. [Alexandria] was that beautiful and it is that beautiful. It's always struck me that somebody that loves this town so much would leave it and go elsewhere. My mom raised us here, my sister and I, we have great, great memories."

Esten moved to Alexandria's Rosemont neighborhood in North View Terrace from Pittsburgh, Pa. with his sister Cathy and mother Cynthia following her divorce from Esten's father. His mother, deeply involved in the community and immediate past president of Inova Alexandria Hospital's founding group the Board of Lady Managers, raised him surrounded by family and friends. "It was pretty idyllic, after the divorce and all, everybody came in alongside. I got nothing but great memories," said Esten.

It's clear Esten was a fan of the area early on, since his song-writing debut as a third grader at Maury Elementary School when he won the school re-writing contest for

changing the words of "It's a Small World (After All)," to "It's a great school after all."

"My early entry into songwriting was complete plagiarism," said Esten with a laugh.

Among young Esten's other early career moves were a clown show at Wolf Trap in Vienna, and a lead role as Joseph in an Episcopal Grace Church production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat."

Whether his early years primed Esten more for his comedic work on "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" or his dramatic roles, he's always kept a foot in both worlds.

On his cross-genre work, Esten says he is equally comfortable. His work on "Nashville" "... is not really a transition, because all the time I was doing 'Whose Line' and doing live shows, the next day I'd go and do an episode of ER ... those are the things I've been able to do for a while. Some days it would go one way or the other. I've always preferred when it goes back and forth and you can keep one foot in both worlds."

For Esten, "Nashville's" emphasis on drama — not laughs — is not disappointing in the least. "I've never been like I need to do comedy or I need to do drama. I've just always wanted to do things that are real good and that stretched me. We're trying to make ["Nashville"] as human as possible, things that make you smile or laugh," said Esten.

Perhaps the aspect of "Nashville" truest to Esten's heart is neither laughs nor drama, but songwriting. The Alexandrian began writing early, in high school, making use of guitar lessons and the family piano. While at The College of William & Mary in the late '80s, he started up a band called N'est Pas with fellow fraternity brothers in Theta Delta Chi. At first, the band played covers,

Charles "Chip" Esten with mom Cynthia and sister Cathy Puskar. Chip and Cathy are working together to put on a Friday, May 3, benefit concert for The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.



PHOTO COURTESY OF CATHY PUSKAR

an eclectic mix of INXS, The Cure, The Police, U2, Tom Petty and REM. However, Esten soon began to experience the benefits of playing a newly-written song with bass and rhythm players in the room, seeing the song blossom into a fuller sound in a matter of minutes.

That's why playing, singing, writing and acting for "Nashville" is a dream come true for Esten. "Now that I'm in Nashville the thing that I'm loving the most is co-writing. You walk into the room and you shake hands with someone you've never met before and you walk out four hours later and you've got this thing ... sharing ideas and everything, it's almost magical, like a miracle.

"That's the thing in Nashville is it's a writer's town, the Bluebird it's ... people don't sit there playing covers."

Esten isn't as much focused on snagging his next dramatic role or starring in box-office hits as he is grounded in writing, playing and performing music. "That's the thing right now, that's the part I can really focus on and do is meeting all these people and writing these songs. It would seem a logical outcome that you can record."

Though focused on music, Esten is not limiting himself to writing and recording. "You know, it's so funny because looking

ahead is ... all these things that are happening right now just have me trying to live as much in the moment as possible. I've been trying to make sense of it, it's all so great that I'm trying to experience it and be present in it ... It's like on 'Whose Line.' If you're thinking of the jokes that happened five minutes ago or that will happen in five minutes, you're in trouble. You just got to be present and be thankful."

Esten will be back in Alexandria on Friday, May 3, to perform at a concert at the Durant Arts Center from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. for The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, to benefit his alma mater T.C. Williams High School. His sister Cathy Puskar is chair of the board of trustees for the scholarship fund. "It's going to be a special performance by Chip for 200 people. ... People will actually get to talk to him and meet him, get autographs and pictures," said Puskar.

The night's goal is to raise more than \$25,000 to provide scholarship money for T.C. Williams graduates who need financial assistance to pay for college.

And what, exactly, can fans expect to hear — original songs as well as popular songs from "Nashville"? "That's exactly what it'll be," said Esten. "Mostly things I've written while I've been in Nashville."

Details

Two hundred tickets are up for grabs to see Charles "Chip" Esten perform. The evening runs from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., and benefits graduates of Esten's alma mater T.C. Williams via The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. Tickets are \$150 and include beer from Port City Brewing Company and a barbecue dinner. Visit www.facebook.com/ScholarshipFundofAlexandria.

CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

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 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.theheartleague.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. 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.

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.

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

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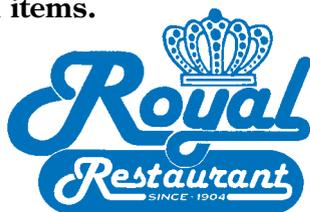
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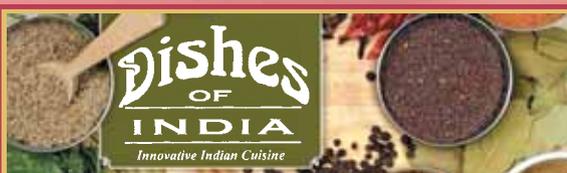


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FRIDAY/MAY 3

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.

Theater Performance. 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Port City Playhouse, Alexandria's award-winning theatre company, is pleased to conclude its 2012-13 season with "Six Degrees of Separation" by John Guare. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of ten or more.

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.

Concert. The United States Air Force Band will perform folk music at 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or 202-767-5658.

Book Sale. 10 am. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Proceeds benefit Friends of Duncan Library.

Community Service Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. around Alexandria. Sign up at www.springforalexandria.org for opportunities.

Market Square Party. 2:30-4:30 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. The celebration begins with a program led by Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille, who will present awards and prizes for volunteers while they enjoy live jazz music, a wellness center, lunch, and other activities. Visit www.springforalexandria.org.

FRIDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 3-7

Sample Give Away. At a trunk show from Mata Traders, get samples of fair trade sweeteners, nut butters and more at Ten Thousand Villages in Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.alexandria.tenthousandvillages.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 3-12

Art Exhibit. 7-10 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Thirteen T.C. Williams High School students selected as this year's National Art Honor Society inductees will show their work.

FRIDAY/MAY 3 THROUGH JUNE 6

Art Exhibit. See "The Death of Fear," an ink and pencil exhibit by Nelson Gutierrez at the Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free.

SATURDAY/MAY 4

Music. Howie Day 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.

Reception. 3-6 p.m. Attend the Bethany House of Northern Virginia's second annual Garden of Light Reception, located at the Holiday Inn & Suites rooftop patio, 625 1st St. The event will feature refreshments, live music and a silent auction. Tickets are \$55 per person, and will directly benefit victims of abuse served through BHNV's Family Assistance Program. Visit www.bhnv.org or call 703-658-9500.

Workshop. 9:30-11 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Workshop on creating garden containers led by Green Spring's staff. \$35 per person. Call 703-642-5173 to register and pay \$20 supply fee by May 1.

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Meet local artists and hear live music. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org/artmarket for more.

Concert. 8-10 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Come see "May be Time for Jazz."

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Concert. 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd. Come see Tom Prasado-Rao perform. \$18/general admission, \$15/advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org.

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.

Bowties & Belles. 4-7:30 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club. Watch the Kentucky Derby while enjoying a raffle, live and silent auction, music and more. \$100/patron ticket includes parking and a private bourbon tasting. \$80/individual. All proceeds benefit the Campagna Center. Tickets can be purchased at www.CampagnaCenter.org.

Reception. 3-6 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Suites, 625 1st St. Come meet the artists for the Bethany House Of Northern Virginia's "Garden of Light" art exhibit. Visit www.bhnv.com or call 703-658-9500.

BBQ. St. Luke's Church will host its annual Catesby Jones BBQ, featuring North Carolina-style pulled pork, house-made sauces, grilled chicken, hot dogs, beans and cole slaw. Food is available for eating under the tent or carry-out. Proceeds benefit church programs and community outreach. 703-765-4342.

Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Proceeds benefit Friends of Duncan Library.

Spring Fling Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Buy books, CDs, DVDs and more.

Meditation Basics. 11 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Free workshop on meditation. All levels welcome.

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

Story Grab Bag. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can create a story grab bag. Free. 703-746-1702.

Bringing Books to Life. 3 p.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Enjoy movement, music, drums and more for the whole family. Free.

Wag A Tale. 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 5-12 can register to read aloud to Chester, a reading therapy dog. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Preschool Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Potomac Poets Series. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Adults can enjoy an open mic after a few readings. Free. 703-768-6700.

Alexandria Gives. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Donate food, clothing and supplies to Alexandria nonprofits at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King St. Visit www.springforalexandria.org.

Lemonaide Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 27 stands throughout Alexandria. Two main stands at Market Square and First Baptist Church, manned by the Kids Helping Kids Teams, will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The proceeds raised will be given to The Fund for Alexandria's Child & Casa Chirilagua. The goal is \$15,000 this year. Visit www.springforalexandria.org.

Women's History Walking Tour. 1:30-3 p.m., meet at Ramsay House. Take a tour of historical sites associated with significant women in Alexandria. Walking shoes recommended. Free. Ends with a reception at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. Visit www.historicalexandria.org/.

Preservation Weekend

George Washington's Mount Vernon, is celebrating more than 150 years of historic preservation with a weekend of activities, including exclusive behind-the-scenes tours led by archaeology, preservation, and collections staff. Inside the Mansion, see conservation in action as experts tackle Mount Vernon's most extensive preservation project to date, the restoration of Washington's Large Dining Room, or "New Room." Enjoy preservation-themed activities for children in the Estate's Hands-On-History room inside the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center. With the exception of the Mount Vernon in the Civil War tour, all Preservation Weekend activities are included with admission ticket.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 4-5

Behind-the-Scenes-Hike to the West Gate. 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. During George Washington's lifetime, visitors to Mount Vernon would frequently enter the estate through the West Gate area. This location, normally off-limits to visitors, will be open to participants on this hike. While walking to the historic West Gate with a member of the Estate's Preservation staff, learn more about the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association's efforts to preserve and protect George Washington's estate. Upon arrival at the West Gate, visitors are rewarded with a spectacular view of Mount Vernon from its original approach. This is a two-mile hike over rough terrain. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are suggested. Limited to 30 guests.

Behind-the-Scenes-Archaeology Lab. 10 and 11 a.m. What happens to artifacts after Mount Vernon's archaeology team digs them up from the ground? Learn more about the science behind the quest for Washington objects during a tour of Mount Vernon's Archaeology Lab. In addition to sharing fascinating stories of recent discoveries, staff will demonstrate the challenges with preserving 18th-century objects. This space is open for tours exclusively during Mount Vernon's Preservation Weekend. Limited to 20 guests.

Restoring George Washington's "Large Dining Room." 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Meet with the team of architectural paint conservators behind the restoration work in the Large Dining Room — cleaning and repairing the walls, ceiling, and the room's ornamentation. Learn more about how these scientists are discovering the historic paint colors, preserving the delicate decoration, and see some of the tools they use in their restoration of the dining room.

Museum Tour/Meet the Curator. 2:30, 3:30 and 4:30 p.m. Mount Vernon's experts devote painstaking attention to the ongoing challenges of preserving the Washington objects on view in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum. Enjoy a rare tour of the museum galleries led by the Estate's expert curators. View original Washington objects and learn about the stories behind their return to Mount Vernon.

Walking Tour/Archaeology & Architecture at Mount Vernon. 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Explore George Washington's estate through this one-hour walking tour with Mount Vernon's archaeology and architectural staff. What exciting things have been found on the grounds over the years? How do architects "read" buildings? See excavation sites including where the Washington family trash was discarded and the House for Families slave quarters and visit the Mansion basement. Learn more about what has been discovered about our founding father by digging underground in what would have been the Washington family's "midden," or trash bin.

"Once Upon a Time" Storytelling - Preserving George Washington's Home. 2 and 3 p.m. The youngest visitors (ages 3 to 8) can gather to hear the exciting tale of the courageous women who saved Mount Vernon from ruin.

Mount Vernon in the Civil War Walking Tour. Additional fee. 3:30 p.m. Learn about the unique history associated with saving and preserving Washington's beloved home during the American Civil War. Explore historic locations and listen to dramatic Civil War stories — from the life-risking efforts of the estate's earliest caretakers to battlefield cannon fire rumbling the Mansion.

MAY 4 THROUGH JUNE 2

Exhibition. Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Come to an exhibition of non-functional ceramic artwork. Free. For more information, go to www.torpedofactory.org/target.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 4-5

Celebration. George Washington's Mount Vernon, is celebrating more than 150 years of historic preservation with a weekend of activities, including exclusive behind-the-scenes tours led by the archaeology, preservation and collections staff. Visit www.mountvernon.org

SUNDAY/MAY 5

Steve Tyrell. 7:30 p.m. \$45. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Concert. 3 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Come see performances by Alice Weinreb,

William Wielgus and David Teie. Free. Visit eclipseco.org or call 703-635-2770.

Titan Expo. 1-5 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3300 King St. Enjoy music, moon bounce, races, food, games, book sale and more. Supports the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

Open House. 1-5 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Come to an open house at the Athenaeum, featuring music, food, local celebrities and door prizes. Free.

Opening Reception. See "Paintings of the Potomac Valley Watercolorist" at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Visit potomacvalleywatercolorists.org for more.

Neshama Carlebach Live. 7 p.m. at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive. \$30-\$40 with VIP packages available. Visit springconcert2013.eventbrite.com or 703-998-6460 for tickets.

African Dance. 2 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Celebrate life events and history through traditional African Dance. High

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energy performance for all ages. Free. 703-746-1702.

Annual Step ALIVE! Walkathon. Registration begins at 1:15 p.m. at First Christian Church, 2723 King St. Participate in a 5k benefiting ALIVE!'s Child Development Center. After the walk, enjoy a picnic, music and more. Visit alive-inc.org.

MONDAY/MAY 6

Wreath Laying Ceremony. 1:30 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1A Prince St. The Sheriff's Office will join the Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Retired Police, Fire and Sheriff Association at a wreath laying ceremony at the memorial marker. Free.

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 Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months with adult. Free. 703-746-1702.

Origami. 3:30 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 8 and older can learn basic techniques. Supplies will be provided. Registration required, 703-746-1704 ext. 3.

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.

Local Author. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Judy Hogan will discuss her new murder mystery "Killer Frost." Free. 703-746-1702.

Early Words. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500

Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and songs. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Wild and Wonderful. 3:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children age 6-12 can meet turtles. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Introduction to Creative Writing. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Adults can enjoy a six-week writing workshop. Bring ideas, laptop or pen and paper. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Tavern Toddlers. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Toddlers and their caregivers can enjoy playtime and crafts. \$7 for a group of 3, which must include one adult; \$30 for a five-week pass. Visit www.gadsbys-tavern.org or 703-746-4242.

TUESDAY/MAY 7

Talk. 6-8 p.m. at Morrison House, 116 S. Alfred St. Kathy DeZarn Beynette will talk about her path to a viable career in the arts. Free. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or 703-838-8000.

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

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



One Million Bones Installation

The One Million Bones project is coming to the Torpedo Factory Art Center. This installation will be made up of hundreds of ceramic bones created by different groups in the Northern Virginia area, including Minnie Howard Middle School, local recreation centers and churches, Bishop McNamara High School, and more. Participating groups will install their "bones" on Monday, May 6 and be on display through Friday, May 10 before it makes its way to join thousands of other bones made from groups all over the world. On June 8, one million handmade bones crafted by students, artists and activists from around the world will be laid on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. A striking symbol of our common humanity, these bones were made to honor those lost to genocide and mass atrocities and those still fighting to survive them in Sudan, South Sudan, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Burma, and Somalia. The Torpedo Factory Art Center is located at 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

Baby Rhyme Time. 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months with

adult. Free. 703-746-1702.

Writing about History and Fiction in D.C. 7 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Ed Moser will speak about writing. Free. 703-746-1702.

Game Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

Toddler Time. 10:30 a.m. at John

Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 13-23 months can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Sherwood Poetry Read-Around. 6:45 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults can share their favorite poems, either original or from a favorite poet. Free. 703-765-3645.

Sweet Dreams. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. All ages can enjoy bedtime stories. Free. Register both adult and child. 703-339-4610.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Michael O'Brien will discuss his book "We Shall Not Be Moved: The Jackson WoolWorth's Sit-in and the Movement It Inspired." Free. 703-765-3645.

MAY 7 THROUGH JUNE 16

Art Exhibit. See artwork by Sandy LeBrun-Evans and Danny Conant at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Free. Hours are Thursdays from noon-9 p.m., all other days from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 8

DJ Dance Party. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. \$6. Visit www.gottaswing.com for more.

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

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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.

Spanish Story Time. 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All abilities and all levels can join in for stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

Lego Family Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Families can enjoy building together and more. Free. 703-746-1702.

PBS POV Documentary Series. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1779.

Rising Words, Rising Images. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discuss "Things Fall Apart" by Chinua Achebe. For children ages 12-17. Free. 703-76-3645.

Older Adults Book Group. 2 p.m. at Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Discuss "The Rope" by Nevada Barr. Free. 703-339-4610.

Film Noir Film Series. 6:45 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Call for title. Discussion follows at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub. Free 703-746-1705.

THURSDAY/MAY 9

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the gardens with a master gardener docent who will 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.

Art Reception. 5-8 p.m. at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Come to the reception for the "Art Uniting People" exhibit. Free. For more visit www.healthieralexandria.org/antistigma.

Reception. 6-8 p.m. Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Come to a reception for the "Beyond Function" art exhibition and meet some of the featured artists. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/target.

Tour. 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Travel to Wilmington, Del. and tour Mt. Cuba's native plant gardens in the morning and spend the afternoon at Winterthur with a house tour and a tram tour of the grounds and gardens. \$120 per person. Register on-line at www.greenspring.org or call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Come see Beth Hart perform. \$25.

Concert. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Second Thursday music with a Songwriters Association of Washington artist. \$10.

Final Show. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. See the final show in the 2013 season of "In Her Words" presented by Liberated Muse Arts Group and the Alexandria Public Library system. Free. Visit www.inherwordstour.com for more.

Music. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Hear music by Walmsley, Archer Ayleward and more. Donations of non-perishable foods will be accepted. 703-549-3312.

Memorial Service. Noon-1 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Sheriff Lawhorne and the Sheriff's Office will join the Alexandria Police Department and the Alexandria Retired Police, Fire and Sheriff Association at the annual Alexandria Police and Sheriff Memorial Service, as they honor the memory of their fallen comrades.

Dining for Good

Dine at Virtue Feed & Grain Restaurant on Monday, May 6 and mention the Carpenter's Shelter Fire Relief Campaign to your server to have 10 percent of your bill donated to help with the restoration of the Carpenter's Shelter after a recent fire. The Carpenter's Shelter, located in Old Town, serves more than 1,000 homeless and formerly homeless children and adults each year. If you can't make it to the restaurant on May 6 but would still like to help, visit <http://www.razoo.com/story/Carpenter-S-Shelter-S-Fire-Relief-Campaign> to donate online.



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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.

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.

Second Thursday Old Town. 6-9 p.m. at areas around Old Town, with headquarters at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Some locations have free admission, some might charge. Enjoy music, spot the dot contests, best "dot" costume prizes and more. Visit www.secondthursdayoldtown.com for more.

FRIDAY/MAY 10

Gardening Demonstration: Hostas. 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Master Gardeners show you how to care for and make the most of this great plant in your garden. \$10 per person. Register on-line at www.greenspring.org or call Green Spring Gardens 703-642-5173.

Neighborhood Social. 4-7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Neighbors are invited to stop by the Athenaeum and socialize. Free.

Farm to Table Event. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Enjoy a four-course dinner featuring products cultivated and produced on estate grounds and tours of some of the grounds. \$175/person. Purchase tickets at mountvernon.org.

Concert. The Wild Feathers and Ryan Bingham will perform at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit birchmere.com or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

Music Performance. The United States Air Force Band will perform a free concert at 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or 202-767-5658.

SATURDAY/MAY 11

Music. Gary Taylor performs at 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the

Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$35. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Gardening Demonstration. 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Horticulturalist Karen Rexrode shows you colorful shrubs and evergreens to anchor your mixed border for year round beauty. \$18 per person. Register on-line at greenspring.org or call 703-642-5173.

Opening Reception. 3-5 p.m. see "The Death of Fear," an ink and pencil exhibit by Nelson Gutierrez at the Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free.

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.

Benefit. The 12th annual Child and Family Network Centers' benefit will take place at the home of Marnie and John Repetti. The event will feature a silent auction, food and drink from Susan Gage Catering, and will be a festive night in one of Alexandria's beautiful, newly renovated homes. For more information or to donate, contact Joanna Zumhagen, Development Associate, at 703-836-0214 or jzumhagen@cfnc-online.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 12

Mother's Day with Mother's Finest. 7:30 p.m. in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit birchmere.com.

Tea Party. 1 p.m.-3 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about mothers who raised children in the historic house from the 1780s to the 1960s. \$28 adult/ \$18 children under 12. Call 703-941-7987 for reservations.

Mother's Day Tea. Seatings at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 703-549-2997, or emailing carlyle@nvrpa.org. \$27 per person. Carlyle House will also be offering free tours on Mother's Day for all mothers and grandmothers, noon-4 p.m., cost is \$5 for other adults and \$3 for children (ages 5-12).

WEDNESDAY/MAY 15

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear music by Asleep at the Wheel and Amelia White. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

Presentation. 7:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park Visitor Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Larry Brindza will give a presentation on the life and migration of the monarch butterfly. Free. 703-768-2525. Visit www.fodm.org and www.foppr.org.

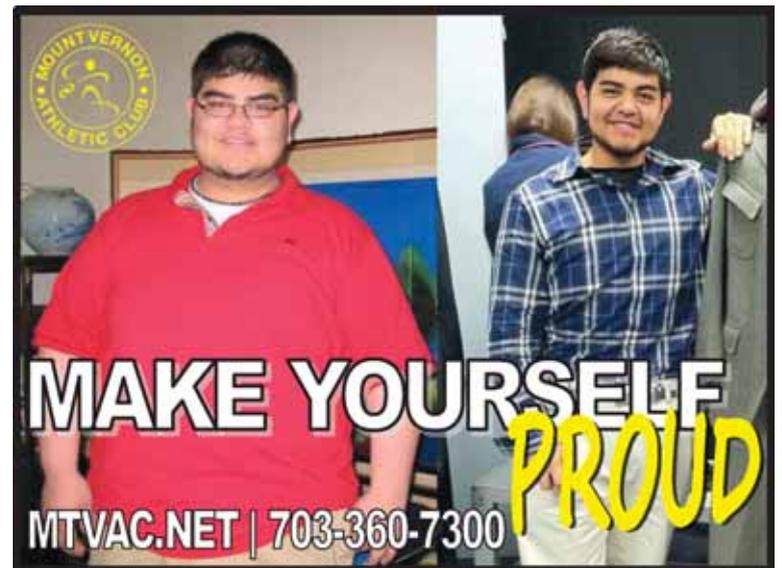
PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that a brief fireworks display will take place as part of private events at George Washington's Mount Vernon on the following date:

Saturday, May 4, between 8:30 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
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By MARILYN CAMPBELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Amanda Shipe presses the palms of her hands into the back of one of her students. The student's body forms a triangle, her head dangling upside down, the balls of her feet squeezing against the coarseness of the yoga mat beneath her. Shipe's touch sends the student's sitting bones skyward.

"[This] is called 'downward facing dog.' We do a lot of hands on alignment in our yoga classes to make sure students are doing their asanas [postures] correctly," said Shipe, who runs Mind Your Body Oasis yoga studio in Arlington.

Shipe and other area yoga studio directors are welcoming new students into their doors this week as part of the eighth annual D.C. Yoga Week, an effort by the Washington-area community of yogis to raise awareness about the practice.

Participating yoga studios are offering free and \$5 classes along with discounts on merchandise and workshops. The weeklong event began April 29 and culminates with Yoga on the Mall, an outdoor yoga class of more than 1,000 yoga enthusiasts of all skill levels that will be held this Sunday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"There are a lot of people who are afraid to take yoga. Some people have a miscon-



PHOTO BY AMANDA LOMAX

strued perception of what yoga is. This week they can take a class without making a large investment and become more familiar with yoga," said Dawn Curtis of East Meets West Yoga Center in Vienna.

Shipe believes rampant misinformation fuels the trepidation that keeps some people at bay. "There are so many fears about yoga and so much talk out there in social media," said Shipe. "This event will raise awareness about how great yoga is for your mind, body and spirit. It will bring new people into yoga classes and remind people that yoga is pretty mainstream and very available at many studios."

Jatin P. Ambegaonkar, Ph.D., an associate professor in George Mason University's College of Education and Human Development in Fairfax, says the week-long focus

on yoga is an opportunity to educate those who are unfamiliar with the practice.

"Scientific evidence has shown that the clear benefits of yoga include a sense of relaxation, a sense of well-being, a sense of cardiovascular wellness and musculoskeletal wellness," said Ambegaonkar, who lives in Centreville. "The problem with yoga is that in the last eight to 10 years, there have been a lot of hybrids that have branched out from the original Indian art form of yoga, like power yoga and hot yoga, that are somewhat of a fad."

Ambegaonkar added that while such popular forms of yoga are not necessarily harmful, more research is needed. He also offered a caveat. "One of the basic tenets of yoga is the focus on the body and recognizing it as being a temple," he said. "People

Local effort offers budding yogis a chance to improve their minds, bodies and spirits with free or \$5 classes.

Amanda Shipe, of Mind Your Body Oasis yoga studio in Arlington, assists a student with a downward facing dog yoga pose. Mind Your Body Oasis is one of several area studios offering free and \$5 classes during D.C. Yoga Week.

who practice yoga regularly know when they have reached their limit."

According to its co-founder, Annie Mahon of Circle Yoga in Washington, D.C., Yoga Week began as a way to expand the yoga community and increase cohesiveness. "One goal is to make yoga accessible to a wider audience," she said. "We'd like to be able to do more community-based yoga, like therapeutic yoga and support yoga in different areas of the [region]. We want to create more community in the yoga world."

"Yoga week really encapsulates what yoga is about, which is community, togetherness and unity," said Sara VanderGoot of Mind the Mat in Alexandria and Arlington. "The word yoga itself means unity. We're all part of the same whole and yoga week embodies that truth."

Freddy Margolis of Village Yoga in Potomac, Md., plans to join Yoga on the Mall. He also hopes D.C. Yoga week will unite local yogis.

"The D.C. area has one of the strongest yoga communities in the country," he said. "People get worried about their own studios, but it's nice for us all to come together and have a nice day out on the Mall."

For more information about D.C. Yoga Week, Yoga on the Mall or to find a list of participating studios, visit <http://dccy.org/>.

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West Potomac Point Guard Pressley Competes in Capital Classic

Senior scores nine points as member of Suburban All-Stars.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Being selected to compete in the 40th Annual Capital Classic was a testament to Khory Moore's talent as a basketball player. Still, the Wakefield senior wanted to leave his mark. He wanted to stand out.

While all-star games can at times be marred by lackluster effort, Moore hustled around the court, looking to make a difference. He snatched rebounds. He leaped on defense to disrupt a pass. He even took a charge — an unusual sight during an exhibition game.

"I don't like to lose," Moore said. "When they were going on a run, I had to do something different than everybody else was. I had to stand out [in case] a college coach was here."

Sunday's Capital Classic consisted of two contests. The opener was an all-local matchup between the Suburban All-Stars and the District All-Stars. The main event matched some of the best players in the area (Capital All-Stars) against some of the top talent from around the country (United States All-Stars).

One of four athletes from the Northern Region competing for the Suburban All-Stars, Moore made his presence known during Sunday's opening contest. Moore led all Northern Region players with 12 points, including a pair of 3-pointers, but the Suburban All-Stars came up short against the District All-Stars, 118-88. Moore said participating in the event was a "great" experi-

ence, but it also served as a wake-up call.

"It made me realize that I'm not as good as I thought I was," Moore said about competing against the talented District team. "I've got to keep working every day in the gym and stay humble. That just humbled me a lot."

Moore led Wakefield to the 2013 National District championship. The Warriors finished Northern Region runner-up and advanced to the state semifinals. Moore said he is leaning toward attending Virginia Wesleyan College.

West Potomac point guard Brandon Pressley, Woodson forward Tommy Stepka and Fairfax guard Zack Burnett also played for the Suburban squad. The four Northern Region players came off the bench, entering the game together for the first time with 5:37 remaining in the first quarter.

Pressley finished with nine points.

"It was a really good experience," he said. "It opened my eyes up to the type of competition that I'm going to be seeing next year trying to play on the next level."

Pressley, who is listed at 5 feet 7, said practicing against Suburban teammates JJ Epps (5-7 Magruder guard) and Magic

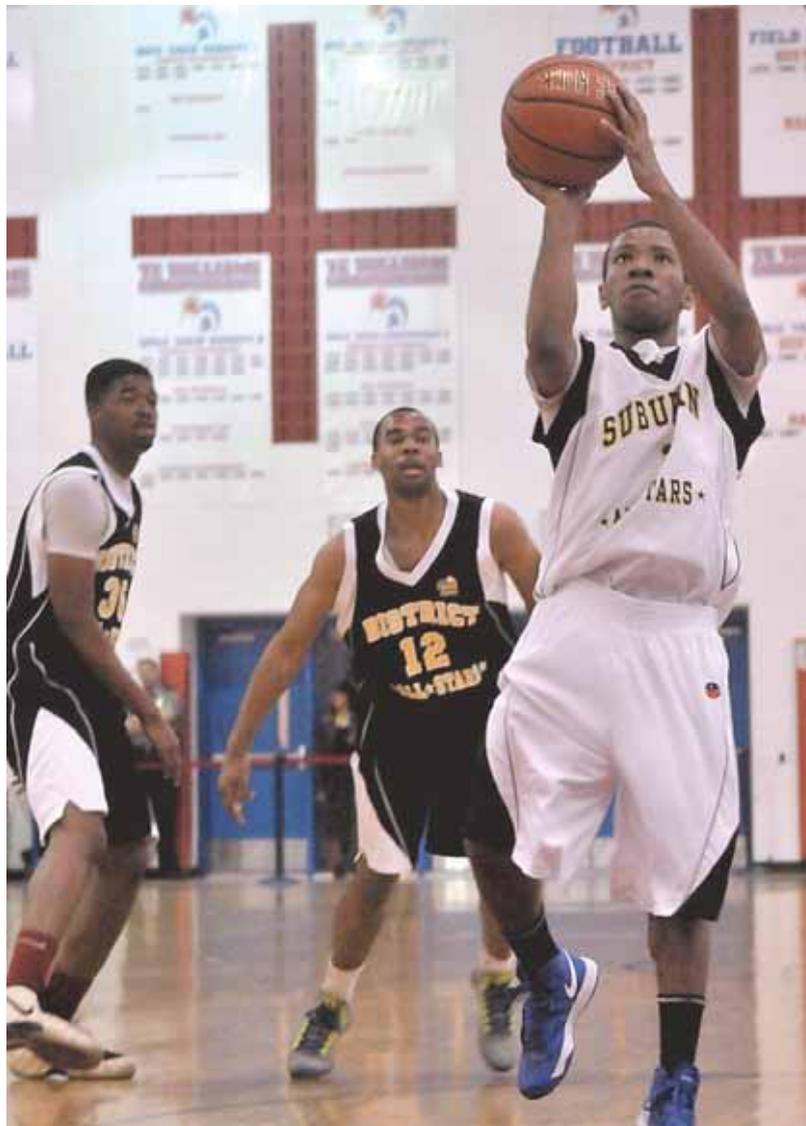


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West Potomac senior Brandon Pressley scored nine points as a member of the Suburban All-Stars during the 40th Annual Capital Classic on Sunday at T.C. Williams High School.

Harris (5-11 Oxon Hill guard) was unlike anything he faced in the Northern Region.

"Both of those guys are about my size, extremely quick, extremely athletic and I haven't seen anything like that in our region," Pressley said. "I'm always used to being the quickest guy. It really makes me see that I have to work more on my skill and not just depend on getting by guys [with] quickness."

Pressley said he is undecided on where he will play college basketball.

Stepka finished with four points.

"It's great to play in an all-star game because it shows how much you worked throughout your high school career," Stepka said. "It's not really about the game. It's just more what you did to get to the game."

Stepka helped Woodson overcome a 19-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat Wakefield in overtime in the Northern Region championship game on Feb. 23. After capturing the school's first outright region title, the Cavaliers beat Battlefield in the state quarterfinals before losing to eventual state champion Henrico in the semifinals.

"Playing in the state semifinals, winning the region and playing in this all-star game," Stepka said, "I couldn't ask for a better senior year."

Stepka said he is undecided where he will attend college or if he will continue his basketball career.

Burnett finished with four points. He helped Fairfax advance to the 2013 Northern Region tournament.

In the main event, Herndon's Will Ferguson was the lone Northern Region representative to suit up for the Capital All-Stars, who lost to the United States All-Stars, 126-120. The Capital team was coached by Herndon head coach Gary Hall.

"It was good to play for him one last time," Ferguson said.

Ferguson, who said the opportunity to play in the game was a "blessing," finished with three points. He led Herndon to the 2013 Concorde District championship and will attend Massanutten Military Academy next season.

Bishop O'Connell's Junior Etou finished with 11 points for the Capital team. Etou helped O'Connell win the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship.

West Potomac Crew Wins First Place

The West Potomac women's lightweight four won first place on April 27 at the Charlie Butt Regatta on the Potomac in Georgetown, beating Mount Vernon, McLean and Sidwell Friends. From left are Taylor Haas, Lillian Lane, Hannah Gwartney, Laura Jacobs and Sarah McKeown. Coach Alan Weatherly is not pictured. The West Potomac team competes for a nationals berth at the qualifying regatta is the VASRA State Championship on May 11 at Occoquan. In addition to the usual pressures of higher dues and other fundraising pressures due to its club status in Fairfax County, the rowing team recently dealt with five engines being stolen from the team's launches at National Harbor in Maryland.



PEOPLE



Col. Greg Gadson, Fort Belvoir Installation Commander, welcomes volunteers to the cleanup.



Marines from Fort Belvoir help with community cleanup.

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Working Together in Richmond Highway Clean-up

Volunteers met on a cold Saturday morning on April 20 at the Candlewood Suites on Richmond Highway to begin the annual "Spring Clean" of Richmond Highway that collected more than 70 bags of trash.

Organized jointly by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce and Fort Belvoir Installation Command, the event involved volunteers from throughout the community.

"The chamber of commerce is not only business minded, we're community minded as well," said Holly Dougherty, chamber executive director. "We care about the appearance of our community and the image it promotes."

Volunteers were greeted by Fort Belvoir Commander Col. Greg Gadson who thanked the volunteers for working with Fort Belvoir to promote a clean community. "It's not just Fort Belvoir or the chamber trying to make a better community. It's all of us working together," Gadson said.



Captain Trenton Houghton, Shift Commander, at Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Woodlawn Station brought volunteers from the fire station.

Partnering organizations were the Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department, Mount Vernon



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High School football team, and the Inlet Cove Home Owners Association. Candlewood Suites Hotel sponsored

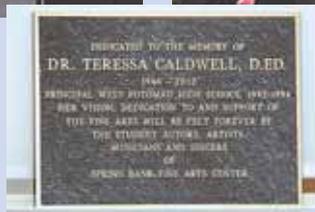
lunch for the volunteers, a carwash, and games with \$650 being donated to the Fischer House on Fort Belvoir.

West Potomac Principal Cliff Hardison tells guests of his memories of Teresa Caldwell. He shared glimpses of the late administrator's personality with fellow colleagues, bringing smiles to many.



Memorial Service for Caldwell

A memorial service for Dr. Teresa Caldwell, a teacher, administrator, and mentor who died late last year was held at West Potomac High School on April 10. A former principal of West Potomac, Caldwell's career as an educator spanned several decades. She also served as principal at McLean High School. She later taught school law for the University of Virginia to prospective administrators and led a master's cohort for Virginia Tech.



A plaque honoring Teresa Caldwell was dedicated.



At left, West Potomac High School teacher and coach Daryl Mackey speaks to a library full of Teresa Caldwell's colleagues and friends. In part, he spoke of his memories of how she gave him his first chance to teach, after meeting and interviewing him at a game.

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Community Yard Sale
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TUESDAY/MAY 14

Health Presentation. 12:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Dr. Carla Ribiero, podiatrist, will talk about common foot problems, diagnosis and treatment. Free. To RSVP 703-765-4573.

TUESDAY/MAY 21

Genealogical Society Meeting. 1 p.m. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will meet in room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The meeting will feature a presentation by Sharon Hodges titled "The File Burned, Now What? Finding Your WWII Relative." The United States entered World War II December 1941. More people than ever are attempting to find out exactly what their relatives did in WWII, but many are finding that the personnel file was burned. This session will explain what records are available and where to locate them. Free and open to the public. Visit www.MVGenealogy.org.

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Golf Tournament. 2 p.m. at Ft. Belvoir Golf Course. Register for the Fairfax County NAACP Inaugural Golf Tournament. \$100/golfer. Rental clubs available. Includes dinner. Visit fairfaxnaacp.org for more.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Fairfax County Park Authority is seeking volunteers to support **iCan Shine**, a five-day camp that teaches children with disabilities to ride two-wheel bicycles. The camp will be held during Fairfax County Schools' spring break, March 25-29 at Lee District RECenter in Franconia. Besides making a difference that will last a lifetime, volunteers will also earn one free RECenter day pass for each camp session worked (10 pass limit). Volunteers must be at least 15 years old. For more information, call Adapted Aquatics Coordinator LeeAnn David at 703-324-8565 or send an email toleeeann.david@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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Resolution Authorizing Acquisition of Easements Necessary
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May 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

The Fairfax County Water Authority will hold a public hearing pursuant to Va. Code Ann. § 15.2-1903 on at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2013, to receive public comments on a proposed Resolution authorizing the acquisition of easements necessary for the improvement and expansion of Fairfax Water's water system infrastructure adjacent to sections of the Richmond Highway (U.S. Route 1) in Fairfax County. The improvement and expansion is required to provide adequate capacity to serve existing and future customers. The necessary easements are to be located across several parcels of land adjacent to U.S. Route 1, more particularly described as Fairfax County Tax Map Parcels 083-3-01-0037, 083-3-01-0038, 083-3-01-0040, 083-3-01-0041, 083-3-08-B, 093-1-01-0019, 093-1-01-0025, 093-1-16-0013, 092-2-18-06-0001A, and 093-1-18A-0001. Following the public hearing, the Water Authority Board may vote on or after June 6, 2013, to adopt the proposed Resolution.

The proposed Resolution and other related information can be viewed at Fairfax Water's Website at <http://www.fairfaxwater.org>.

The public hearing will be held in Fairfax Water's offices at 8570 Executive Park Avenue, Fairfax, VA. Those wishing to speak at this hearing or desiring a copy of the proposed resolution should call Eva Catlin at (703) 289-6017. Interested parties also may submit written comments to PublicHearingComments@fairfaxwater.org or mail written comments to:

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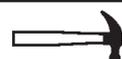
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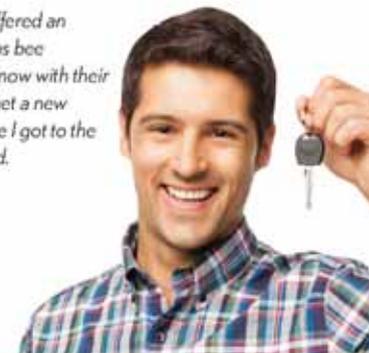
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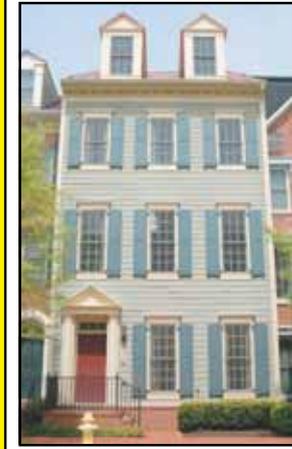
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