



West Potomac Athletic Booster co-president Rick Genuario presents West Potomac Principal Alex Case with a piece of the new turf used on the field in the Jeffrey C. Dietze Stadium.

## New Turf Field Dedicated

The fans came early to the Jeffrey C. Dietze Stadium on Friday evening, Sept. 5. It was the first home game of the 2014 football season and the dedication of new turf field.

West Potomac Athletic Boosters co-president Rick Genuario opened the ceremony with thanks to all of the partners and donors.

**Partners include:** Accelerated Development & Support Corp/ John Stamos; Apex Systems/West Potomac Class of 1989 graduates Jeff Veatch & Sean Casey; Clarke & Sampson, Inc; Chris Ellis; Fort Hunt Sportsmen's Association; Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association; Jersey Mike's/ Pat Foley, owner, 7732 D Richmond Highway; Kim Gallagher, Inc.; Larsen Design & Build Associates; Southside 815; West Potomac High School Band and the West Potomac PTSA.

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The West Potomac Dance Team is selling club signs to raise money for this year's team events.

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Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland's chief of staff Brett Kenney standing in for Hyland brought his two daughters Sophie and June to the ceremony.



Wolverine fans cheer as the Wolverine take to the new turf field in the first home game of the 2014 season.

## Transit-Oriented Apartments Open

The Shelby promotes multimodal travel, community, art.

BY TIM PETERSON THE GAZETTE

Though named for the innovative automotive designer and racer Carroll Shelby, the team behind the recently opened Shelby apartment building on North Kings Highway has made alternate forms of transportation a priority.

Not minding the irony, Insight Property Group Development Manager Rebecca Snyder said, "One of the visions is bold Americans who took a chance and created something extraordinary."

Insight and Bozzuto Management collaborated with Lee District Supervisor Jim McKay's office to get their own bus stop built, allowing tenants to take better ad-

vantage of The Shelby's nine-mile proximity to the Pentagon.

"They've been such supporters of ours," said Snyder. "Every turn, any challenge with the process, permits — they've been right there with us. They're so passionate about this district. It's already wonderful; they want it to be even better."

Then there's a bicycle fix-it station on the premises, complete with compressed air for topping off tires, an electric car charging station and a transit display area in the building's Americana-chic lobby providing updates on bus and train arrival times.

And the Huntington Yellow Line Metro stop is less than half a mile away.

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## Supervisors Approve Revised Budget Plan

FCPS full-day Mondays at discussion forefront.

BY TIM PETERSON THE GAZETTE

When students at the 142 public elementary schools around Fairfax County stayed there the full day on Monday — the first time in about four decades — they likely weren't worried about the cost. That's between the School Board and Board of Supervisors.

On June 26 this year, the School Board voted 10-1 in favor of ban-

ning early-dismissal Mondays. Then the Board of Supervisors followed suit at its Sept. 9 meeting, passing the fiscal year 2015 Revised Budget Plan 8-2, that includes continued budget "guidance" from the FY 2014 carry-over that would help "accommodate" the school change into the 2015-2016 school year.

The county would offer additional money to the schools to help

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# Transit-Oriented Apartments Open Along Route 1

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“Transit is such a big part of what we do,” said Snyder, “really connecting customers to transit that exists.”

Insight partnered with Bozzuto Management to create the 240-unit “community” defined by its ease of transit access, design and decor flair from local artists, and engagement with the surrounding area. Twenty-eight of the units are designated “affordable dwelling properties.”

In the last four years developing the building, Insight spent “hundreds of hours” with residents in the vicinity of the site, listening to their thoughts on how the neighborhood could be enhanced. “I’ve never met a group of people that care more about their neighborhood,” said Snyder.

The effort included integrating more than 100 original pieces of art from more than 40 local artists and craftsmen such as SwatchRoom, James Kerns and Carbon Industrial. “Beautiful pieces inspired by maps,” Snyder said, “inspired by connectivity.”

The Shelby opened Aug. 23 and accepted its first resident move-in on Sept. 1. Though “quite a few leases” are coming in, accord-

ing to Snyder, so far, Insight and Bozzuto are those tenants’ only neighbors. “We’re kind of here all the time, she said, of the team’s constant presence as the building gets up and running in earnest. “I guess they get to live with us.”

Del. Scott Surovell is enthusiastic about The Shelby, and the type of “transit-oriented development” it represents. “It’s a totally different style of building,” he said. “You don’t see apartments like that on Route 1. I’m hoping to see a lot more as we move forward.”

Surovell referenced the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) “Multimodal Alternatives Analysis” that began 14 months ago. According to the project overview, the study seeks to “address the need for improved connections and access for people who live, work and travel in the corridor.”

The \$2 million analysis project is set to wrap up soon, with a hearing on Oct. 9. “It’s the most important study in 30 years,” said Surovell. “We’re trying to determine what the most appropriate form of transit is for next two decades, and appropriate land-use patterns. Do we extend the Yellow line? Rely on buses?”

George Mason University professor and transport economist Ken Button has more tempered optimism over The Shelby, and further transit-oriented projects that may result from the multimodal study.

“Most forecasts for transit use have been over optimistic,” Button said. “It’s more difficult than some think to get people using transit.”

“People assume the whole transit behavior is determined by work trips,” he said. “These days, they have multipurpose trips. They go shopping, take the kids to school. Transit doesn’t usually fit all those requirements. We lead very flexible lives these days; you’ve already got very diverse land use.”

Button emphasized he’s not against alternative transit options — in fact quite the opposite — but acknowledged for the majority of people, it won’t be their solution. Compared with what he estimates to be thousands of vehicles that pass by on Route 1 hourly, residents of the 240 units in The Shelby — that’s if most choose not to drive — don’t provide much of an immediate offset.

But more buildings like The Shelby wouldn’t hurt, he said. What they offer in the short term is choice. “Drops in buckets



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**Rather than follow a more car-oriented parking lot-forward model, The Shelby crowds the road, giving an urban feel.**

aren’t bad,” said Button. “Choice is important for people. The real thing about modern society — free market — you have a choice.”

# Supervisors Approve Revised County Budget

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cover the cost of full-day Mondays for both the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 school years, as well as tentatively extend a three percent increase in the transfer. Both of which would factor into the next school budget.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova introduced the line-up of speakers slated to address the board regarding the 2014 carry-over. According to the July 29 review package, that amount is a “non-recurring balance” of \$11.22 million.

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Voters Helen Kelly led off describing the effects of new voting equipment funded by the carry-over. Receiving the \$3.5 million in 2015 rather than 2016, she said, would not only increase training opportunity for 2016 election day volunteers and thereby potentially reduce lines for the presidential election, but afford a \$2.5 budget savings in that same year.

Chief Fairfax County public defender Todd Petit followed, making a case “for the first time” for the county to supplement public defenders’ salaries. “We are state employees,” said Petit, “as is the Sheriff and all of her employees. As are all the magis-

trates, commonwealth attorneys. This board has supplemented, historically, and continues to supplement those offices today.”

Bulova responded in her motioning that the defenders’ salaries are a state matter, and that the board would refer Petit’s request to the county’s legislative committee.

“It is a real problem,” Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland said, “if we want our criminal justice system to work for those who can not afford counsel. Hopefully we’ll have success at the state level.”

In all, Bulova made one further funding adjustment and two additional motions. The former included \$535,000 in various

environmental initiatives — applauded my several faith-based activists present, such as Scott Peterson of the Faith Alliance for Climate Solutions.

She then motioned for approval of a one-time funding of \$179,000 to support master site analysis and area use recommendation study for Lake Accotink Park. And then came matter of support for FCPS implementing full-day Mondays.

Funded by a salary placeholder of \$7.6 million (from the school board), with an additional \$600,000 (county supplement),

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## West Potomac Tag Day

On Saturday’s “Tag Day,” more than 200 students from West Potomac’s Performing Arts Department will be knocking on doors throughout the community. Teams from chorus, guitar, band, orchestra and theatre will give out “tags” inviting neighbors to this year’s performances, and asking for donations to help cover costs. Above are Claude DeLamater-Brotherton (chorus), Marcus Levitan (guitar), Megan Fuqua (band), Alden Myers (orchestra) and Luukas Nieminen (theatre).



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## Half-Time Performance

The West Potomac Dance Team performed a James Bond-themed dance routine featuring 26 women and two men during the WPHS first football game of the season. The performance was choreographed by seniors Caroline Austin and Madison Kucias. West Potomac Dance Team promotes school spirit and team support through dance for both the football and basketball teams.

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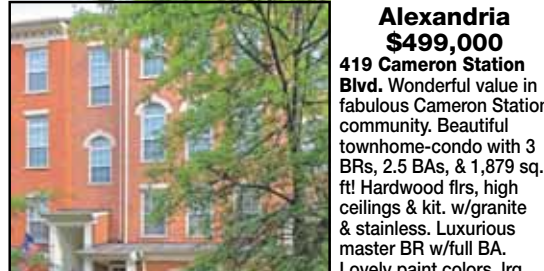
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## NATURE

# The Broad-winged Hawks Are Coming

Migration brings  
“a river of raptors.”

BY DONALD SWEIG

Every autumn, in addition to literally billions of songbirds, a million or more avian raptors (hawks, eagles and falcons) migrate from their nesting and breeding areas all over North America to their winter homes, mostly in Central and South America. Raptor enthusiasts and hawk counters often head for mountain ridges and other concentration points in hopes of seeing some of the birds fly by.

But, one doesn't necessarily have to do this to see migrating hawks.

Broad-winged hawks often migrate in large groups and very large numbers. At the right time, with the right weather, it is possible to see lots of them almost anywhere. Peak migration for Broad-winged hawks in the mid-Atlantic states is usually between Sept. 12 and 22.

Sept. 18-19 are often the big days in the Washington area.

It is helpful to understand a little about how Broad-winged hawks migrate.

“Broadwings,” like some other raptors, don't fly well over long distances.

So they utilize “thermals,” rising columns of hot air off the land, to help them gain altitude for migration.

When a migrating Broadwing, for example, starts out in the morning from a place like the wooded hills along the Potomac River near Great Falls, it will flap a few times to get out of the trees and then it begins to look for a thermal.

When it finds one, it sort of sits in the column of rising air and often makes little circles to stay in the thermal as it rises with the air, something like an elevator. If a second Broadwing sees the first one, it may well take off, flap a bit, and join the same thermal as the first bird; and so forth. Soon there may be five or 10, or more (often many more) birds in the same thermal.

Eventually, the hawks will reach the top of the thermal and just mill around in it before gliding off to look for another thermal. When one sees a number of Broadwings together in a thermal, it is called a “kettle.”

**LOOK AT THE SKY**, especially clouds, and preferably with binoculars anytime you can in mid-September. If you see a bunch of birds swirling around together in a cloud, or in the clear sky, you probably have a “kettle” of Broadwings. And, one really can see them almost anywhere. It's a serendipitous happening.

There are also avian pathways that the birds often use, like perhaps a highway, as they migrate south.

There is nothing definite or conclusive about such pathways.

It's just matter of where one has in the past most often seen the migrating Broad-winged hawks. There seems to be such a migration pathway crossing the Potomac River



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**Adult Broad-winged hawk over Great Falls. Notice the wide, white band in the tail and the black edge at the back of the wing. The annual migration of Broad-winged Hawks passes through our area approximately Sept. 12-22.**

from somewhere between the American Legion Bridge and Chain Bridge, upriver to at least Violette's Lock on the C&O Canal.

In past years, I have seen very large concentrations of Broad-winged hawks even over congested Northern Virginia: over the Tysons Mall, over the Fairfax County Government center, over the Town of Vienna.

Three years ago, several birding friends and I were just finishing some early morning birding in the meadow at Riverbend Park in Great Falls, when someone looked up and said, “Look!”

We all did and saw a big kettle of Broad-winged hawks. As they started to “stream out,” we saw another kettle coming in. We stood there for perhaps 20 to 30 minutes and watched at least 2,000 Broad-winged hawks migrate by.

It was a veritable “river of raptors.” It was the most I had ever seen. The next morning, at the same place, I saw none at all.

It was pure serendipity.

**THE BEST TIMES** to look for migrating Broad-winged hawks is between Sept. 12-22 in the morning from between about 9 and 10, when they get up to start flying, and in the late afternoon, after 5, when they often come down for the night.

I often have good luck at places like the Great Falls National Park, especially on the Maryland side. The many trees there are attractive to Broadwings for overnight roosting.

But one can see them almost anywhere, even in your own neighborhood, as I have in mine in Northern Virginia.

One doesn't always see them when you look. But, if you do, it is a memorable experience.

Broad-winged hawk and other raptor migration is an integral part of the annual flow of natural happenings.

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# Hope Grows Gala To Benefit Needy in Community

Oct. 3 bash features hors d'oeuvres, dinner, dancing and auctions.

BY ED SIMMONS, JR.  
THE GAZETTE

Seeking a glamorous night out? Blessed with a caring heart for those not as fortunate?

Mount Vernon-area residents are invited to dress up and come dance and dine Friday evening, Oct. 3 at the Hope Grows Gala at Waterford in Springfield.

Attracting a compassionate crowd from throughout Northern Virginia, this annual fundraising dinner gala and auction benefits Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church which aids the impoverished and homeless along the Route 1 corridor.

Thanks to generous area churches and individuals, more than 350 soup kitchen breakfasts and lunches are provided each week; 900 individuals are supported by the

food pantry each week; 20,000 clothing assists are made each year.

Additionally, in winter the hypothermia shelter keeps the homeless from freezing, and throughout the year an emergency fund provides small grants to individuals and families in need.

Also, food packages are delivered to 55 sick and homebound families each week; there's tutoring and mentoring in resume writing, job search skills and adult literacy.

It costs \$1,500 each day to keep Rising Hope's doors open and serving the poor. To show support, purchase tickets at \$100 each at <http://www.risinghopeumc.org/>.

The fun starts at 7 p.m. with drinks, hors d'oeuvres, bidding at the silent auction and dancing to the live sounds of the Close2Home Band. Dinner, recognition of sponsors, auction and more dancing follows.



At Waynewood pool on Saturday, Sept. 6, in their picnic attire, the Close2Home band features Leah Matthews, Steve McPherson, Lynne White, Tom Bratten, Jay McConville, Brian Wernecke and Dwight Wernecke.

# Budget Revision Approved for Schools' Monday Change

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the proposal would bankroll the extra class time. The allocations include increasing health services, changes to School Age

Child Care (SACC) and projected losses from changes to recreation and nature centers that would lose Monday programming.

Language in the motion caused Provi-

dence Supervisor Linda Smyth to question the amount of latitude being given to the School Board.

"That \$7.6 million is a very round guesstimate," said Smyth. "The schools are saying they think it's going to be less than that — they just don't know how much yet. How long does this go on? Every year are we going to be paying for full-day Mondays again?"

But other supervisors clarified the estimating was a necessary evil and meant as a bridge to reaching the 2015-2016 budget-planning.

"Once we get to next year's budget," said Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay, "we're going to be weighing this against ev-

erything else. This is singularly one of the most important things they could've done."

Sully Supervisor Michael Frey was similarly frustrated with the way the motion reflected on the board itself, with respect to credibility.

"The fact is we are giving the schools more money for an item that wasn't considered important enough to put into their budget request last spring," Frey said. "We're rewarding behavior I think is simply picking and choosing what they think is most popular at the moment."

**THE MAJORITY SENTIMENT**, however, was that the School Board amending its budget request, partially as a result of the excessive snow days last winter, was unique timing, justified and necessary.

"This is guidance at this point in time," said Springfield Supervisor Pat Herry. "I can support it as guidance. But this is a decision, basically, that increased their struc-

tural deficit. We'll have to look at it. It was the right thing to do, I'm happy we did it, but it increased the structural deficit."

Hunter Mill Supervisor Cathy Hudgins echoed the team, role-playing sentiment. She said, "That is the most difficult part for us: We say in one breath that they set their own policy. And we fund it. We're not setting their policy. They're now ready to do it, but it is their process."

**"This is singularly one of the most important things they could've done."**

— Lee District Supervisor Jeff McKay

**PRIOR** to the public hearing on the budget plan amendment, Bulova opened the day with a slate of formal recognitions and proclamations. The first group recognized was the Guardians of the Ribbon, Pink Heals

Tour.

This love-based initiative led by Dave Graybill has brought a fire truck, police car and tour bus — all head-to-toe pink — to 440 cities across the U.S. to bring the needs of women and families in particular in line with community funds. "I give this to you; it's why we don't take donations," said Graybill.

Among other proclamations was the designation of the week of Sept. 8-14 as Suicide Prevention Week in Fairfax County. Supervisor John C Cook (R-Braddock) raised the issue.

"There were 150 suicides in Fairfax County last year," said Cook. "You compare that to homicides, where there's usually about 14-15. That's one almost every other day. Not every one makes the newspapers, but every single one represents a life that didn't have to be lost. The good news is we have a lot of people, organizations that are doing a lot of good work in prevention."

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 ♦ Monday/Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Noman M. Cole Jr. Pollution Control Plant, 9399 Richmond Highway, Lorton.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

**Prevention of Blindness Society Meeting.** 1:30-3 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn how houses and apartments can be designed with greater safety, comfort and convenience. Call 703-746-1762.

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## MONDAY/SEPT. 15

**Adult Resource Fair.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. or 6-8:30 p.m. at Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road. Get information on training programs, employment, academic resources and more. Call 703-324-4600 or 703-360-6088.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

**Mount Vernon At Home Open House.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2511 Sherwood Hall Lane. Information session on membership and volunteer opportunities with Mount Vernon At Home. RSVP at 703-303-4060 or [info@mountvernonathome.org](mailto:info@mountvernonathome.org).  
**Providing Health Care Information.** 1-2:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Marie Woodward, RN, presents information on creating and maintaining a personal health care record to provide critical health care information to a new doctor, physical therapist or an emergency responder. Call 703-383-9300 for more.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 23

**Long Term Care, A Social and Family Challenge.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2511 Sherwood Hall Lane. Presented by AARP, sponsored by Mount Vernon At Home. RSVP at 703-303-4060 or [info@mountvernonathome.org](mailto:info@mountvernonathome.org).

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 24

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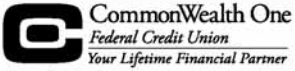
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# OPINION

## Change Is Coming, Right?

### Legislators on changing the culture of cash and gifts in Virginia: Crickets.

**W**ith former Gov. Bob McDonnell and his wife Maureen facing what could be decades in prison after their convictions for corruption, a reasonable person might reasonably expect that members of the General Assembly would be gearing up to make some big changes.

Under Virginia law, there was no barrier to the McDonnells taking tens of thousands of dollars in gifts from a single donor in search of help.

In addition to the gifts, the tens of thousands of dollars in contributions to campaign funds were not part of the corruption trial, but they were certainly part of seeking influence.

Virginia needs real change, but there is silence from members of the General Assembly on any real change.

It turns out that unlimited contributions and gifts is not good for government, not good for the public, especially not good for elected officials as the recent news demonstrates. It would be better for most businesses to have limits as well so as not to be subject to the expectation

of making huge donations.

The National Conference of State Legislatures [www.ncsl.org](http://www.ncsl.org) summarizes how the 50 states regulate contributions: "States commonly place limits on contributions to candidates from various sources, and also on contributions to political action committees (PACs) and political parties. Just four states — Missouri, Oregon, Utah and Virginia — place no limits on contributions at all. Another seven states — Alabama, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, and Texas — have minimal contribution limits. These states limit or prohibit contributions by corporations and unions to candidates, but leave contributions from all other sources unlimited. In the remaining 39 states, contributions to candidates from individuals, political parties, PACs, corporations and unions are typically limited or, in the case of corporations and unions, prohibited outright."

In Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total, cumulatively to all candidates in a four-year election cycle. (These limits increase to \$6,000 and

\$24,000 in 2015.) In Maryland, corporations and CEOs are not giving \$100,000 and more in an election cycle.

Do we really want to be a state where the rules are so lax, that what barely raises an eyebrow here can send a former governor and his wife to prison for a long time?

The silence is bipartisan. The silence unites NoVa (Northern Virginia) and RoVa (the rest of Virginia). Every incumbent in Virginia thinks they are benefiting from the ability to collect so much cash.

They all know that they would not engage in the kind unseemly behavior that was recently on display in the McDonnell trial. They seem to think that the McDonnells were just an aberration.

Having our legislative process, locally and at the state level, awash in cash and gifts from people with business before the legislative bodies is not good for any of us.

It's time for some real limits and some disclosure requirements with teeth.

— MARY KIMM

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#### EDITORIAL

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Don't Second-Guess Police

To the Editor:

I'm writing in response to the recent Mount Vernon Gazette editorial and letter to the editor regarding police officers, their conduct, and the idea of so-called citizen oversight boards.

I don't believe that citizen oversight boards would be effective or productive. For starters, the general public is not trained in law enforcement tactics or procedures. Furthermore, it's impossible to

fully understand or judge the actions of an officer without police training and being present when a controversial incident occurs. That is precisely why police departments rely on the chain of command, internal affairs investigative units, and in instances of wrongdoing, the county prosecutor. I do not subscribe to the notion that internal Fairfax County police investigations should be shared with the public because they are somehow flawed or inadequate.

It is easy to sit in judgment with the benefit of hindsight, complete

information, and the luxury of time. Police officers are human, and like the rest of us they are imperfect. They face split second life or death decisions, and are often forced to act based on incomplete facts, while relying on their training and situational instinct.

Family members and friends of mine have served as police officers. Take the time and get to know police officers and hear about their experiences; in doing so you realize while most of us spend our lives staying away from trouble, police officers rush towards it every day. The headlines are a virtual job description for the police: drug induced violence, assault, armed robbery, rape, stabbings, gunshot wounds, school shootings, murder, and grisly traffic accidents. Police officers deal with these situations on a regular basis — the general public does not.

Our society asks police officers to protect us, and by an overwhelming margin they do so professionally and

without mistake. In my view, they deserve the benefit of the doubt. We should do more to support police officers, rather than imposing more second-guessing about the very safety and security they help provide.

Tom Lehner  
Alexandria

### Ask Supervisors For Police Oversight

To the Editor:

Again the citizens of Fairfax County may find their tax monies being paid out to the families of the victims of Fairfax County police abuse, misconduct or negligence.

In January 2010, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors agreed to an out-of-court settlement of \$1.5 million to the family of Ashley McIntosh who was killed in 2008 by a Fairfax County police officer who was charged with reckless driving.

In January 2011, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors agreed to an out-of-court settlement of \$2 million to the parents of Dr. Salvatore J. Culosi for the fatal shooting of their unarmed son by a Fairfax County police officer on Jan. 24, 2006.

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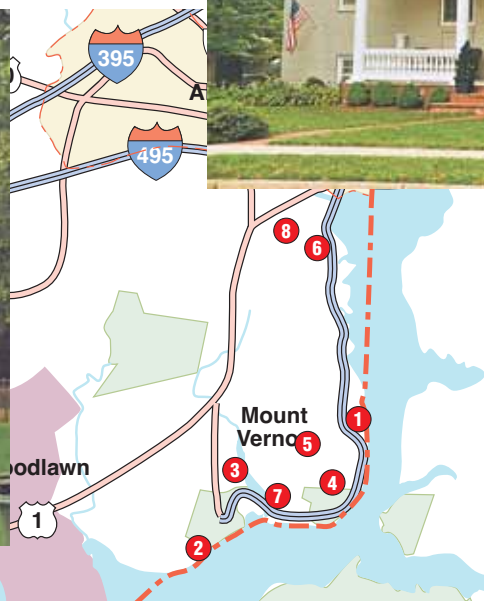
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# Home LifeStyle

**Panelists (from left) at the 2014 NVAR Economic Summit: Mitchel Kider, Dr. Michael Frantoni, James Dinegar and David Versal.**



## 'Recession Ripple Persists'

**Private sector job growth key to strengthening regional economy, housing demand.**

By TIM PETERSON  
THE GAZETTE

**"T**here's no question the primary economic driver of this region has always been Uncle Sam," said David Versal, senior research associate at the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis. "That said, we're not Detroit."

That was a year ago, when Versal addressed members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors at their economic summit held in George Mason University's Mason Inn.

At this year's summit, his past remarks came back to haunt him, if not the whole room. "In 2013, job growth ground to a halt," he said at the event last Thursday. "July [2013] to July [2014], net was about 20,000 jobs in our region. Who do we come closest to?"

The stunned conference hall full of Realtors, seeing his slide, answered in unison: "Detroit."

Versal was back again for 2014, along with discussion moderator Kenneth Harney, author of the syndicated column "The Nation's Housing."

New panelists included: James Dinegar, president and CEO for the Greater Washington Board of Trade; Dr. Michael Frantoni, chief economist and senior vice president of research and industry technology for the Mortgage Bankers Association, and Mitchel Kider, chairman and managing partner for Weiner Brodsky Kider PC.

**THE THEME** of this year's summit was "Housing Hangover: Recession Ripple Persists in 2014: Jobs, Confidence, Mortgages (+ Aspirin) Fuel Recovery."

Each panelist brought a different perspective to the central concept that no, the recession is not over, growth is slow and home sales are flat; but yes, the recovery is on and as long as home buyers, sellers and Realtors alike keep in front of the economic and regulatory changes taking place, things are looking up. We're all still here.

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**Members of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors met at the Fairview Park Marriott Hotel in Falls Church for their 2014 Economic Summit.**

Versal echoed his callout from last year, that since 2010 government spending cuts have decimated the Washington D.C. metro area. "We lost over \$11 billion in federal procurement," he said, referencing the massive contracting industry, "just in 3 years; \$11 billion that was in our economy in 2010 that is no longer. This is on top of the 20,000 jobs we've removed."

One true gainer in jobs over the same period, he said, has been hospitality — specifically restaurant jobs. However even though those jobs help pad the not-Detroit figure, they don't exactly help a housing market that's light on top-end inventory and lacking any semblance of a middle.

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# Housing Demand

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“Ask yourselves as Realtors: Are people buying \$6-7-800,000 houses in this region people who work in restaurants? Unless they own the restaurant probably not,” said Versal.

According to Versal, Northern Virginia isn't creating enough jobs paying in the \$40- to \$70,000 range to stimulate growth in the market's midsection.

But that's not all: Another factor — and a continuation from 2013's remarks — keeping the market from balancing out is the lack of adequate housing construction.

Or rather, construction of homes for purchase. Versal said half of what's being built is rental property, which doesn't produce sales and doesn't help the sagging middle.

But the regional analyst did point out a few bright spots, looking forward. In the next three to four years, Versal predicts, the D.C. metro region will be creating 50-60,000 jobs again, like it was 10 years ago — which should drive demand for housing. However this growth, he stressed, will be borne by the private sector, not the federal government.

James Dinegar of the Greater Washington Board of Trade took that optimism and ran with it, giving a speech that hyped the many “cool factors” of the D.C. metro region.

He cited Forbes magazine recently voting that area “America's Coolest City.”

He cited things like Bao Bao the infant panda at the National Zoo, Robert Griffin III, Maryland joining the Big Ten major college football conference (and more importantly the Big Ten Network) and capital bike-sharing program that leads the nation in users per capita.

He cited things like numerous top tier universities, the juggernaut of cyber job-creating — NSA at Fort Meade — and being the hospitality capital of the world.

Things that, presumably, should be drawing young, family-oriented and financially stable professionals to the area, or keeping them here.

“You have to get your head around the Big Ten,” Dinegar gave an example. “The BTN reaches 52 million households. We're not exposed to the Midwest the way we have been in the ACC. We're on radar screens now we haven't ever been on.”

According to Dr. Michael Frantoni of the Mortgage Bankers



TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

**“The economy has been bad. Yet in spite of all of this, we're all still here,” said David Versal, senior research associate at the George Mason University Center for Regional Analysis.**

Association, having a greater overall pull would be helpful to attract fresh capital to the nation's capital. The national trend, he said, is decreased mobility: Recent census data shows that aside from family-related moves, people are staying put more than they used to.

“Moving to a better neighborhood? If anything, people are moving to save money. But they're not aspirational movers,” he said.

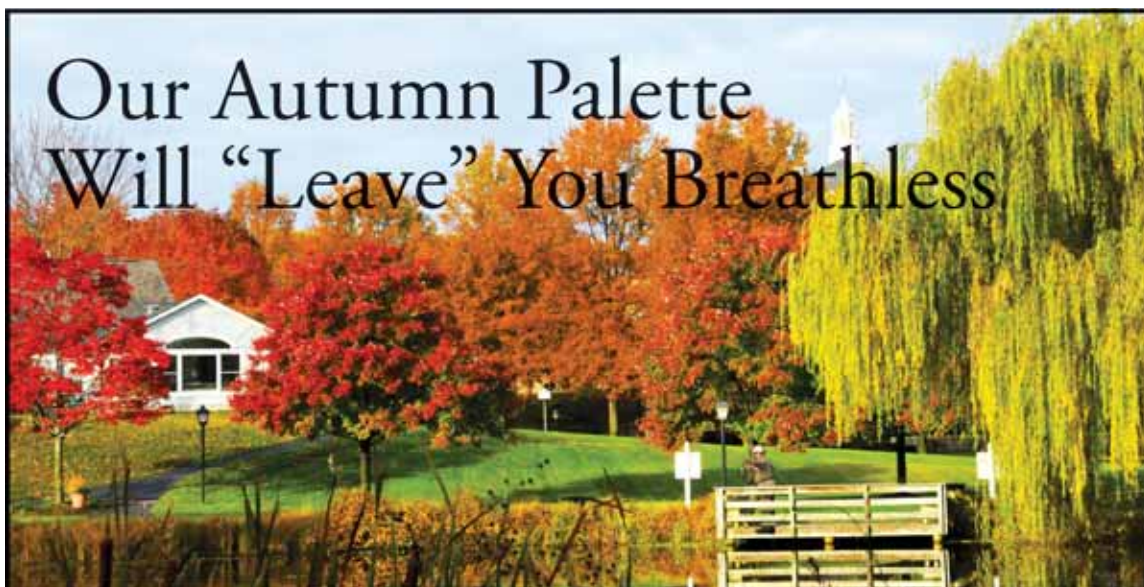
Or maybe they are aspirational movers, but are saving money by living with their parents. That group would be the mercurial, hard to put a finger on, mid-20s to mid-30s bracket referred to as “millennials.” And they're a key group, being well situated with academic and professional experience to fill the \$40-\$70,000 a year private sector jobs Versal said should be driving the regional economy going forward.

However, said Frantoni, “They're different in all kinds of ways. They get married later, have children later, come home later. Everything is later. We don't know why.”

**A MILLENNIAL'S HESITANCY** to buy property probably doesn't have much to do with the projected rise in interest rates from 4.3 percent for a 30-year fixed mortgage rate in 2013 up to 5 percent in 2015. But it may have something to do with the fact that student loan debt has ballooned in the last decade from \$200 billion to over \$1 trillion, according to Frantoni.

None of the panelists expects dramatic changes in the next several years. We're off the roller coaster, they all concurred. We're still here.

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## ONGOING

### Port City Playhouse's 37th Season.

Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Port City Playhouse will begin its 2014-15 season of outstanding plays with the premiere of *Black Hole* by Jean Koppen. Performances are Friday-Saturday, Sept. 12-13, 19-20 and 26-27, and Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 8 p.m., with matinees on Saturday, Sept. 20 and 27, at 2 p.m. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of ten or more. Visit [portcityplayhouse.org](http://portcityplayhouse.org).

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sept. 21 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street. "Influence and Inspiration: The Art League Faculty Celebrates 60 Years." Exhibit showcases Washington Color School Artists to present League faculty. Reception Sunday, Sept. 7 from 4-6 p.m. Exhibit open Thursdays and Fridays noon-4 p.m., Saturdays 1-4 p.m., Sundays noon-4 p.m., and closed Mondays-Wednesdays. Visit [www.theartleague.org/content/influence\\_inspiration](http://www.theartleague.org/content/influence_inspiration) or call 703-683-1780 for more.

**Saving Mount Vernon.** Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 3:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Visit the rarely seen basement and wander the historic area to learn the heroics of the estates caretakers. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Through My Eyes.** Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 26. 1:30 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Join people from Washington's world as they go about their daily activities, making several stops along the way. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**National Treasure Tour.** Through Oct. 31. 1-3 p.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A tour dedicated to the behind the scenes filming of "National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets." \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**New Exhibit.** Mount Vernon invites visitors to explore George Washington's design for the grounds of his estate, through a new exhibition, "Gardens & Groves: George Washington's Landscape" at Mount Vernon through Jan. 12, 2016. Gardens & Groves is the first museum exhibition to focus specifically on Washington's landmark achievements as a landscape designer combining rarely-seen original documents, artwork, and books with period garden tools, landscape photography, and a scale model of the Mount Vernon estate. Included in admission \$18/adult; \$17/senior citizen; \$9/child age 6-11; children under 5 are free. Visit [www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Alexandria Cars & Coffee** invites car enthusiasts to meet for coffee at Hollin Hall Shopping Center in front of Roseina's, 1307 Shenandoah Road. Owners of classic cars, hot rods, exotic cars, motorcycles and more meet to share car stories and drink coffee. Group meets the first Sunday of every month. 8:30-11 a.m.

**George Washington's Mount Vernon** has joined Thomas Jefferson's Monticello and James Madison's Montpelier to expand the

"Presidents Passport," Virginia's premier presidential trail. As an added bonus to this year's program, visitors to the Alexandria Visitors Center at 221 King St. showing or purchasing a ticket to any of the three presidential estates will, upon request, receive for free Alexandria's "Key to the City" pass, which grants access into nine historic sites and museums in Alexandria - a \$26 added value. Visit [www.PresPassport.Monticello.org](http://www.PresPassport.Monticello.org) for more.

**Fifty Years of Collecting.** Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays noon to 5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum 4301 West Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Dinner for the Washingtons.** Noon at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. A walking tour that goes behind the scenes to find out how food was prepared and served before the era of microwaves and TV dinners. \$5 in addition to estate admission. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

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**Photography Workshop.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Multiple Exposures Gallery on 105 N. Union St. Photographers and enthusiasts of all skill levels are invited to share work, ideas, and questions at this free workshop held on the last Sunday of each month, except December. No reservations. Call 703-683-2205.

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## THROUGH NOV. 21

**Young at Art.** Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. An exhibit for artists who are 55 or older. Free. Call 703-836-4414 or 703-824-1345.

## TUESDAY/SEPT. 2-SUNDAY/OCT. 12

**Photography Exhibit.** Opening Reception on Sunday, Sept. 7, 2-4 p.m. Gallery Hours 11 a.m.-5 p.m. daily and 2-9 p.m. on Thursdays at Multiple Exposures Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center #312, 105 N. Union St. E.E. McCollum will be showing images from his "Shadow Series" and Danny Conant will be showing "French Impressions." Visit [www.dannyconant.com](http://www.dannyconant.com) or [www.eemccollum.com](http://www.eemccollum.com) for more.

## THURSDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 4-27



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Camden Gonzalez plays Stanley and Anna Fagan plays Stella in "A Streetcar Named Desire" at Little Theatre of Alexandria.

# LTA Stages 'Streetcar'

Tennessee Williams' masterpiece runs for a limited engagement, Sept. 13-28.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging the iconic American masterpiece, "A Streetcar Named Desire," by Tennessee Williams from Sept. 13-28.

The original play set in the hot, steamy New Orleans was directed by Elia Kazan and ran for two years on Broadway. It won the 1948 Pulitzer Prize for drama, and launched the career of Marlon Brando in the role as Stanley. It also starred Jessica Tandy, Kim Hunter, and Karl Malden and was made into the 1951 film, starring Vivien Leigh as Blanche, that won four Academy Awards.

LTA Director Kristina Friedgen said it is now a part of the American Zeitgeist. "Its indelible mark has been left on our culture — from Marlon Brando's unforgettable cry for 'Stellah!' to Blanche's famous line, 'I have always depended on the kindness of strangers,'" she said. "Something about it shakes us to our core."

She calls "Streetcar" her all-time favorite show, and jumped at the chance to impose her 'vision' on the play. "Williams has written an amazingly rich story and I'm honored to get to shape the way LTA's audience will hear it," she said. "There's just so

much to work with and definitely some room to play in order to find the right tone of the play."

She said what she was trying to accomplish was "to form a cast that really embraced these characters — their flaws, their joys, the dreams, their fears — and who could understand and portray the tension of this piece, so that we could really do justice to William's script."

Producer Elissa Hudson said she could not ask for a more perfect setting for Williams' classic than at the LTA. "When presented with the opportunity to try and capture all the nuances of a play of this stature, I knew it would prove to be an overwhelming yet extremely satisfying adventure and every day proved I was correct," she said.

"Our extremely talented director, amazing cast and crew and all associated with this production have worked so hard and will keep the audiences spellbound as they delve into the intricacies that each character brings to the stage," she said.

Actress Jennifer Berry, who plays 11 scenes as the neurotic Southern belle Blanche DuBois, describes her character: "[Blanche] is so broken by the tragedies in her past and the consequences of her bad choices

that she can no longer function or adapt to the changing world around her." She said, "She is desperate, in need of love and protection that she thinks only a man can give her."

Berry said her biggest challenge was embracing the complexity of her role. "It's challenging to live in her head and to embody all of who she is: her character, her habits, her memories. I have to experience her hurts and her laughter to create a character who can affect and react to the characters around her."



SEE 'STREETCAR', PAGE 19



# ENTERTAINMENT

**Banned Books Exchange.** At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Drop off a book that has been banned or challenged. Let's keep banned books circulating — it's a great way to fight censorship. Take a book — read what they don't want you to read. Not sure what books have been banned? Visit [www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek](http://www.ala.org/bbooks/bannedbooksweek). Free and open to the public. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## FRIDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 5-OCT. 5

**Electronic Athletics.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Opening reception is Sept. 6, 4-6 p.m. Schlesinger Center, Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, 4915 East Campus Lane. Exhibit of artwork by Eric Celarier and Glen Kessler. Free. Visit <https://www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter/calendar.html>.

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**The Magic of Music.** At Spring Hills Mount Vernon, 3709 Shannons Green Way, Alexandria. A flurry of musical activities will bring a broad spectrum of entertaining and educational musical events to Spring Hills Mount Vernon Assisted Living Community. The highlight of the week is the "Spring Hills Got Talent Show," featuring performances by residents, staff and community members on Sunday, September 7 at 6 p.m. The public is welcome. Call 703-780-7100 or visit [www.springhillsmountvernon.com](http://www.springhillsmountvernon.com).

## SEPT. 9-OCT. 14

**Art Gallery.** 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory, 105 N Union St. In "Architectural Interpretation," artists create fiber art inspired by architecture. Free. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com).

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 11

**Visiting Artist Speaker Series.** 5-7 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. Hear from two of this year's visiting artists as they speak about their work and inspirations. Sarah Chittenden discusses her experiments with feathering, flowing, color and design in light. Joseph Cavalieri will speak about his work with silk-screened glass. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**40th Anniversary Book Signing.** 6-9 p.m. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. In honor of four decades of history, creativity, and collaboration, the Torpedo Factory Artist Association published the new book "40 Years of Art and Community." A number of artists will be on-hand to sign a copy during September's Second Thursday Art Night. RSVP to ensure receive a copy is available. Call 703-838-4565 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Second Thursday Live.** 7 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Singer/guitarist Bill Thomas performs his distinctive "blues plus" with Larry Tapper on harmonica. \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Ellie Holcomb performs, opens for Amy Grant. Visit [www.ellieholcomb.com](http://www.ellieholcomb.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

**Nature Presentation.** 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. "Native Woodland Grasses and Glades of Forested Natural Communities," a presentation by Rod Simmons. Free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary for lectures. Call 703 642-5173 for more.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 12

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Melissa Ferrick opened by Natalia Zukerman. \$25. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or call 703-549-7500.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 13

**Model Soldier Figure Show & Exhibit.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Thomas Edison High School, 5801 Franconia Road. Exhibition of hundreds of model soldiers; sci-fi/fantasy; ordnance creations; over 100 vendor tables selling figure kits, toy soldiers, Russian-painted figures, fantasy figures, plastic models, military history books, videos, military music, and militaria. \$10/competitor, \$7/Display-only, \$5/ under 18; \$7/general admission, \$3/13-17, under 12 free. Visit [www.ncmss.org](http://www.ncmss.org) for more.

**Craft and Family Fun Fair.** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Connect with old friends and neighbors. Cold drinks and luncheon items from the St. Luke's grill will be available, along with a gourmet bake sale featuring cakes, pies, cookies and brownies made by St. Luke's finest cooks. There also will be fresh produce from a nearby farm. Entertainment will be provided by a

guest guitarist and two local pianists. For children, there will be a moon-bounce, face-painting and games. Visit [www.saintlukeschurch.net](http://www.saintlukeschurch.net) or call 703-765-4342 for more.

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Local artists will perform. Browse artwork by local artists and more. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket) for more.

**Mobile Art Lab.** Noon-11 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory along the City Marina. Working in collaboration with local and regional artists, the Mobile Art Lab provides arts access throughout Alexandria by going directly to the people. Using a surplus truck from Arlington, the Mobile Art Lab has art supplies and equipment that will enable quality, engaging arts programs to happen anywhere in the City. To find out where the Mobile Art Lab will be next, follow on Twitter @AlexArtLab or contact Diane Ruggiero at [diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov](mailto:diane.ruggiero@alexandriava.gov) or 703-746-5590.

**Alexandria Multicultural Fest.** Noon-4 p.m. at the Conservatory Center at Four Mile Run, 4109 Mt. Vernon Ave. Designed to bring community members together to celebrate Alexandria's diversity, the Alexandria Multicultural Fest features entertainment for all ages including live music and activities representing the region's cultures. Admission is free. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation), or contact Kelly Gilfillen, Marketing Manager, at 703-746-4644 or [Kelly.Gilfillen@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Kelly.Gilfillen@alexandriava.gov).

**"Victorian Mourning Practices."** Lecture at 1:30 p.m. or 2:30 p.m. at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King St. The program will include a display of

mourning jewelry, as well as clothing. Visit Victorian Society members as they picnic on the cemetery lawn, as was the practice of the day and learn about more customs. The lecture and display will be in the vault at Ivy Hill Cemetery. \$10 per person. Call 301-395-9541 or 703-549-7413 for more.

**Live Music: The Manhattans.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Manhattans perform. \$49.50. Visit [www.kissandsaygoodbye.com](http://www.kissandsaygoodbye.com) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) for more.

## SATURDAY-WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 13-24

**Senior Olympics.** 19 locations. Participants must be 50 years old by Dec. 30, 2014. Deadline to register is Aug. 29 by mail, and Sept. 5 online. Registration is \$12, additional fees may apply. To find a location and register, visit a local senior center, or visit [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us).

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 14

**Lyceum Summer Chamber Series.** 3 p.m. The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Guitarist Piotr Pakhomkin performs. Free, donations accepted at the door. Visit [www.wmpamusic.org](http://www.wmpamusic.org) or call 703-799-8229 for more.

**Presidential Salon with James Madison.** 3 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. President James Madison, as portrayed by John Douglas Hall, shares his thoughts about events 200 years ago to the day at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Guests are invited to share their opinion on the War and ask questions during this intimate conversation with the President. \$15 per person. Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/)

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## MONDAY/SEPT. 15

**Stop, Drop & Roll — Call for Participants.** 6:30 p.m. at Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. A practice and performance project for two groups in an opposing structure of athletic-inspired movement. Rehearsals take place Monday, Sept. 15 and 22. Performance is Wednesday, Sept. 24. Free. Email [janefranklindance@gmail.com](mailto:janefranklindance@gmail.com) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 17

**Antiques Club Program.** 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will have an informal program where members will “Bring Your Summer Find,” or bring an antique from their home for show and tell. Free, the public is invited. Call Ann Connell at 703-360-4979.

**Heel and Wheels.** 4-8 p.m. at Beyer Automotive Group, 7416 Richmond Highway. Experience driving the Nationwide Insurance NASCAR simulator and visit vehicles from fire and police departments. \$10. Visit [www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com) for more.

**Celebrate Recovery Month.** 4-7 p.m. at Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Join Alexandrians as they celebrate the 25th anniversary of National Recovery Month at a family celebration featuring food, music, a moon bounce, snow cones, popcorn and a variety of speakers, some of whom will talk about their own experiences with mental illness, addiction or both. The “Art Uniting People” exhibit, experience recovery through art can also be visited inside the Center. Visit the Mental Health Anti-Stigma HOPE Campaign Facebook page for more.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 18

**Ford Evening Book Talks.** 7 p.m. at George Washington’s Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Ave. A book talk that features authors and historians discussing their latest books about George Washington and the nation’s founding era. Space is limited and registration is required. Free and open to the public. Visit [www.mountvernon.org/](http://www.mountvernon.org/) for more.

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Gary Puckett & the Union Gap performs live. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## FRIDAY-SATURDAY/SEPT. 19-20

**Live Music.** 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. The Wailin’ Jennys. \$39.50. Visit [www.thewailinjennys.com](http://www.thewailinjennys.com) or [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 20

**Art and Craft Fair.** 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. James’ Episcopal Church of Mount Vernon, 5614 Old Mill Road. The Art and Craft Fair offers a wide variety of art and crafts from a variety of local and regional artists and vendors, plus food and fun for the whole family. Visit [www.stjamesmv.org](http://www.stjamesmv.org).

**Living Legends Theater Night at MetroStage.** 7 p.m. reception, 8 p.m. play, at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., in North Old Town. In observation of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act, the occasion will honor those Living Legends of Alexandria who played key roles in fostering civil rights in Alexandria in the ‘60s. The play, “Three Sistahs” is



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**Jennifer Berry plays Blanche and Anna Fagan plays Stella in “A Streetcar Named Desire.”**

## ‘Streetcar’ Takes the Stage at Little Theatre

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Actor Camden Gonzales, who plays the brutish and sensual role of Stanley Kowalski, said it’s not easy to play a brute. “I consider myself to be a considerate and caring guy ... and for this role, I’ve really had to tap into the deepest and darkest parts of my soul to find that primal personality,” he said. “While on the surface Stanley may appear like an ape, deep down he truly is just as fragile as any of us.”

Actor Marshall Shirley, who plays the role of the friend Mitch, said, “He is the polar opposite of Stanley — where Stanley shows his manliness to the world, Mitch keeps everything close to the chest,” he

said. “Stanley is loud, commanding and needs to be worshiped. Mitch is quiet, submissive and craves adoration.”

He said that liking Stanley was the biggest challenge for him. “I see him as such a weak man with no real redeeming qualities I had to find reasons to be his friend,” he said. “I would have ended the relationship with Stanley the first time I saw him go after Stella.”

“A Streetcar Named Desire” is playing from Sept. 13-28 at the Little Theater of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Showtimes for this limited engagement are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. with Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. \$19-\$22. Call 703-683-0496 or visit [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com).

an elegant, intimate musical which exposes the souls of three strong women as they reflect the promise of the future while revealing the pain of the present and their regrets of the past. \$75 (tickets held at door). Purchase tickets at [llatheatrenight.eventbrite.com](http://llatheatrenight.eventbrite.com).

**Live Music: Slaid Cleaves.** 7 p.m. at St. Aidan’s Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, between Fort Hunt Road and Route 1. Focus Music in Mount Vernon presents Americana/folk singer-songwriter Slaid Cleaves, with Mary Gordon Hall. Tickets are \$20 general, \$18 in advance at [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org).

## SATURDAY-SUNDAY/SEPT. 20-21

**Mount Vernon Marketplace.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon. Visit a recreation of an early American marketplace with crafts, entertainment and more. Try your hand at 18th century cricket and enjoy evening programs. Children \$9, adults \$18. Call 703-780-2000; 703-799-8697 or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org) for more.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 21

**Jazz Concert.** 4 p.m. at Meade

Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alford St. Yvonne Johnson will be perform for the Jazz at Meade Concert Series. Johnson, local artist, pianist, songwriter, was composing music for local theatres by the age of fifteen. Johnson will soon be releasing her new project, “Malcolm’s Set.” \$15. Call 703-549-1334, email [jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org](mailto:jazzatmeade@meadechurch.org) or visit [www.meadechurch.org](http://www.meadechurch.org).

**Bellydance Evolution.** 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt Vernon Ave. Step into the world of Alice in Wonderland as Bellydance Evolution brings this classic tale to life through world fusion and Middle Eastern dance. Tickets are \$29.50 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or 800-745-3000. Visit [www.BellydanceEvolution.com](http://www.BellydanceEvolution.com) or call 818-754-1760.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 22

**Agenda: Alexandria at the Hermitage.** 6:30 p.m. The Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. “Arts in Alexandria: The Torpedo Factory and Beyond.” Reception, 6:30; dinner, 6:45 p.m. Members \$37, nonmembers \$42. Program only 7:15, free to members; \$5 for nonmembers. Reservations required, call Sherry Brown at 703-548-7089 or email [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com).

## West Potomac Football Team Wins Home Opener

**T**he West Potomac football team defeated Fairfax 14-7 on Friday, Sept. 5, evening its record at 1-1. It was the Wolverines' first game on their new turf field, and the first victory for Jeremiah Ross as West Potomac head coach. The Wolverines scored a touchdown on each side of the ball. Junior linebacker Max Nail returned an interception for a touchdown, and senior quarterback Preston Jones threw a 68-yard touchdown pass to junior receiver CJ Burch.

"Defensively, we played really great," Ross said. "We played hard, we were physical, held them to just over 100 yards of offense."

Offensively, however, Ross is still looking for one of his two quarterbacks to establish himself as the starter. Through two games, Jones and sophomore Mark Ellis have split time. Jones got the start in the opener against Lake Braddock, but Ellis played better in relief, throwing a 20-yard touchdown pass to Brad Schaefer during a 30-6 loss to the Bruins. Ellis got the start against Fairfax, but Jones came on in relief and produced the Wolverines' lone offensive touchdown.

"Offensively, we're still coming along," Ross said. "We've got to keep getting better each week. ... We need to stop shooting ourselves in the foot."

West Potomac's next test is a road game against defending 6A state champion Centreville at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12. The Wildcats lost to private school power Gonzaga 31-14 in their season opener on Sept. 5. It was Centreville's first loss since 2012.

"We played a great football team," Centreville head coach Chris Haddock said after the game. "I think they're underrated. I think that they are probably better than most people think. I hope that a lot of the people in the region think that we're not very good because I think that we're going



**West Potomac junior Kreshawn Dikes wraps up a Fairfax ball carrier during the Wolverines' 14-7 victory on Sept. 5.**



**West Potomac running back Joshua Carter carries the ball against Fairfax on Sept. 5.**

to come back and be very solid for the rest of the way."

Ross said facing Centreville is an opportunity to "see what we're made of."

— JON ROETMAN

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THE GAZETTE

**West Potomac head coach Jeremiah Ross talks to some Wolverines during their home opener against Fairfax on Sept. 5.**



### SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Mount Vernon Football Falls to Herndon

The Mount Vernon football team dropped to 0-2 with a 46-27 loss to Herndon on Sept. 5.

Next up for the Majors is a matchup with South County at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 12. It will be the Majors' third straight home game.

#### West Potomac XC Competes at Monroe Parker

The West Potomac cross country teams competed at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 6 at Burke Lake Park.

The boys' team finished 12th out of 30 teams. The Wolverines were led by Matthew Frame, who finished 23rd with a time of 16:20.

The girls' team finished 13th out of 28 teams. The Wolverines' top finisher was Maura Finn, who came in 29th with a time of 19:51.

#### Division I Lax in Alexandria

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School will host a Division I women's lacrosse game between the University of Virginia and the University of Florida at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4. The UVa roster includes former SSSAS players Besser Dyson and Wyatt Whitley, and former Bishop Ireton goalkeeper Olivia Cole plays for Florida.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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#### TUESDAY/OCT. 14

**NOVA Registration Closes.** Registration for Northern Virginia Community College's second 8-week term closes. Classes begin Oct. 15. Visit [www.nvcc.edu](http://www.nvcc.edu) or visit campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge. Call 703-323-3000 for more.

#### THURSDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 16-17

**Mental Health First Aid.** 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the South County Center, 8350 Richmond Hwy. Public education program from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Wellness and Health Promotion. Over a two-day course, certified instructors help people learn to assist someone developing or experiencing a mental health problem or crisis. \$25. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/hocode/ereg/Registration.aspx?groupID=47).

#### NOVA SENIOR OLYMPICS

**Registration for the senior olympics** is open for the 10 day of competition from Sept. 13-24. Events include track and field, tennis, handball, dominoes and more. Registration is \$12 which covers multiple events. Participants must be 50 by Dec. 31, 2014. Online registration opens July 1 at [www.nvso.us](http://www.nvso.us). Call 703-228-4721.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Mount Vernon At Home** is a non-profit organization that relies on volunteer time to assist older adults aging in place in their homes. Volunteers are needed for local transportation to medical and personal appointments, errands, and grocery store trips; light handyman chores and home technology to name just a few. No minimum number of volunteer hours are required. Call Mount Vernon At Home 703-303-4060 or e-mail [info@mountvernonathome.org](mailto:info@mountvernonathome.org) to learn more. Visit [www.mountvernonathome.org](http://www.mountvernonathome.org) for more.

**Volunteer Advocates for Nursing Home & Assisted Living Residents** needed throughout Northern Virginia. Contact the Northern Virginia Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/ltombudsman/), email or email [Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Lisa.Callahan@fairfaxcounty.gov) or call 703-324-5861, TTY 711.

The **Adult Day Health Care Centers** need marketing assistants. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

**On-Call IT Specialists** to help older adults and adults with disabilities with basic computer issues. Schedule is flexible. For these and other volunteer opportunities, call 703-324-5406, TTY 711 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults) and click on Volunteer Solutions.

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ily of the late John Geer sued the Fairfax County Police Department, Chief of Police and an unnamed officer for gross negligence and wrongful death in the amount of \$12 million. The unarmed victim was fatally shot in the doorway of his Springfield home on Aug. 29, 2013 without justification or provocation.

The questions are "how much more of the Fairfax County taxpayers' money will be paid to the families of victims of the Fairfax County Police Department's abuse, misconduct and negligence?" Also, "will the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors ignore the actions of the Fairfax County Police Department and continue to dole out millions of dollars in out-of-court settlements as a result of their closed door meetings?"

The citizens of Fairfax County must have a voice in these matters. The Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability has proposed that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors appoint a Citizen Complaint Oversight Board to accept and investigate citizen allegations of police abuse, misconduct or negligence and report its findings and recommendations to the Chief of Police and/or the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The Chief of Police, County Executive and the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors have rejected the coalition's proposal.

Now it's up to you, the citizens of Fairfax County, to contact Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova and the board's Public Safety Chairman Gerald

W. Hyland and demand that your voice be heard by way of an appointed Citizen Complaint Oversight Board. Without a Citizen Complaint Oversight Board, your voice will not be heard and your tax money will continue to be wasted as a result of police improprieties.

**Nicholas R. Beltrante**  
Executive Director  
Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc.  
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## Tax Dollars At Work

To the Editor:

It is always refreshing when one discovers tangible evidence that one's taxes are being used in a way that provides visible benefits for taxpayers. That is why, although my dogs are not of a size conducive to taking them to an off-leash dog area (OLDA), I have strongly supported the Westgrove Park OLDA. That OLDA is providing a recreational outlet for hundreds of dogs and their owners in the Mount Vernon District. I am hopeful users of the OLDA will be able to maintain it, through responsible stewardship, as a turf-based OLDA.

Last Friday, additional positive tangible evidence of the workings of our Fairfax County Government exhibited itself. That morning, I received a telephone call and when I answered found a recording that an elderly woman living near Fort Hunt El-

ementary School had disappeared from her home. The recording was from the Fairfax County Police Department and asked that I keep a lookout in case I saw this woman, whose description was provided.

Within the hour, I noted several police cars and motorcycle police officers slowly driving past my home looking for this woman. I looked up and saw the Fairfax County helicopter slowly traversing the neighborhood searching for her. I then looked out a rear window of my house and observed one of the Fairfax County fire boats doing the same on Little Hunting Creek. It was refreshing to see all of this Fairfax County infrastructure being used to try to find the woman. I understand that later that day she was, in fact, found and safely returned to her home.

Congratulations and thanks to our police and fire departments including operators of the fire boat and helicopter and our motorcycle and vehicle-based police officers for performing effectively to resolve the kind of problem none of us ever wants to confront.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

## Freedom Of Speech

To the Editor:

Frank Medico continues to comment on issues regarding freedom and liberty in our society by citing the Constitution, particu-

larly the First and Fourth Amendments, the former protecting free speech and religious freedom, and the latter regarding illegal search and seizure. However, Mr. Medico fails to understand that the amendments to the Constitution have been subject to review by the courts and changed since the beginning of our nation. Yet he interprets the original amendments to his own liking. He presents no facts or expert commentary to back up his broad, generalized, and unsupported statements.

Let's look at one well known example regarding the First Amendment which includes freedom of speech.

The renowned Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendall Holmes in 1919 wrote that "The most stringent protection of free speech would not protect a man in falsely shouting fire in a theatre and causing a panic" ... indicating that free speech is not absolute. Most recently it has determined that cases regarding child pornography harms children, or planning a criminal act could be punishable as a conspiracy; neither one constituting the right of free speech according to the courts.

In 1954, Congress amended the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) to restrict the speech of non-profit tax exempt entities, including churches (which I cited in my previous letter). This section of the IRS regulates organizations that are exempt from federal income tax. Before the Johnson Amendment was passed (as it is known), there were no restrictions on what churches

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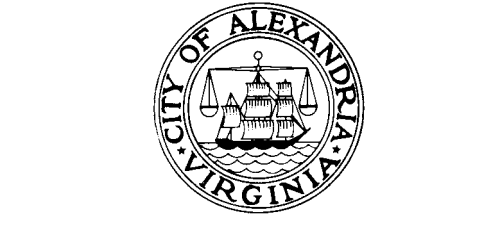
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 13, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE approving and authorizing (1) the acquisition of property by the City of Alexandria at 204 Strand Street from Anita Mann, Trustee and 208 Strand Street from Jane Caster Sweeney, Trustee; (2) the exchange of undefined potential alley access way rights between City of Alexandria and multiple property owners in the 200 block of Strand Street; and (3) the exchange of property between the City of Alexandria at 0 Prince Street, 200 Strand Street and a portion of 204 Strand Street and associated and extended riparian rights and the Old Dominion Boat Club at 1 King Street, 2 King Street and associated riparian rights, and adjacent property claims.

The proposed ordinance authorizes the property transfers necessary to effectuate the Property Acquisition and Exchange Agreement with the ODBC and the implementation of the Waterfront Plan.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-431 (Creation, composition, and organization) of Article C (Historic Alexandria Resources Commission) of Chapter 4 (Committees, Boards and Commissions) of Title 2 (General Government) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The purpose of this ordinance is to update the list of groups that are members of that are the members of the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission (HARC) with the new name of two of the commissions and to address other typos.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation), Chapter 12 (Taxicabs and Other Vehicles for Hire), Division 2 (Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance follows the direction given staff by Council at the November 12, 2012 legislative session and amends Section 9-12-30 and -31 to remove driver transfer provisions.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

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**ATTEMPTED ROBBERY**, 7600 block of Richmond Highway, Sept. 7. The victim was sitting in a restaurant when he was approached two men. One suspect displayed a brass knuckle and demanded money. The victim did not require rescue. The suspects were described as black, 20s, and about 5 feet 9 to 5 feet 10 inches tall.

**ROBBERY**, 8000 block of Capistrano Place, Sept. 5, 8:15 p.m. The victim was walking when six men approached him. One suspect assaulted the victim and another suspect took an electronic device. The victim resisted and all six suspects fled on foot. The victim was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

**ROBBERY**, 7400 block of Fordson Road, Sept. 2, 8:43 p.m. The victim was walking when she was approached from behind by a man. The suspect pushed the woman to the ground and took her purse. The victim did not require rescue. The suspect was described as black, between 18 to 21, and about 6 feet tall.

**ASSAULT ON POLICE**, 6300 block of Richmond Highway, Sept. 4, 9:08 a.m. While investigating a case in the parking lot of a shopping center, an officer was assaulted. A 40-year-old woman from Alexandria was arrested and charged with assault on law enforcement and obstruction of justice.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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could or couldn't say regarding politics, politicians, and voting. Before the amendment, churches leaders often spoke for and against candidates for office, including sermons against Thomas Jefferson, William Howard Taft, and Al Smith in the 1928 presidential election, because of their religious beliefs. One may agree or disagree with the Johnson amendment, but it is the law; as it is lawful to attend rallies supporting or criticizing it.

Regarding the Fourth Amendment against "illegal search and seizure," Mr. Medico's concern about NSA illegally collecting data on Americans is winding its way through the courts.

With no significant decision at this time, what NSA is doing is currently deemed lawful, whether Mr. Medico agrees or not. The example I cited in my letter regarding evidence of someone listening in on calls with known or suspected terrorists requires a court order as I stated.

Mr. Medico has placed his own opinions irrespective of the law and court decisions by assuming he knows the true intent of these amendments to our constitution, despite their interpretation over the years by the courts. In doing so, his broad generalities not documented by any substantive information do a disservice to the community. In our democracy we have the right, and the responsibility to peaceful protest and to participate in free elections as our country grows and changes. That is how we preserve our freedoms and create a better nation.

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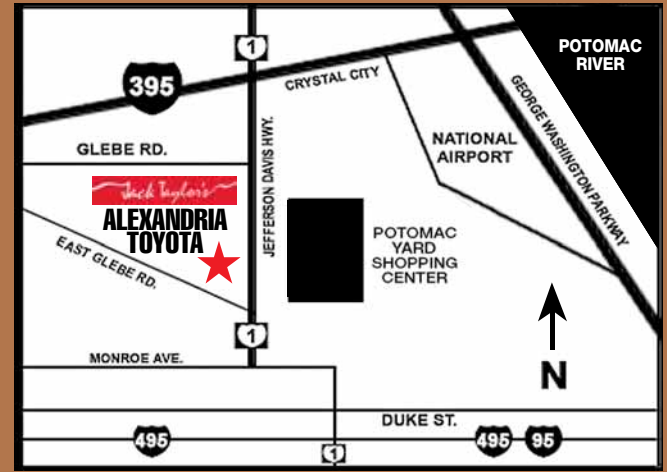
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