

From left, Andy Kant of Cardhu Single Malt Distillery, John Campbell of Laphroaig Distillery and Dr. Bill Lumsden of The Glenmorangie Company show off a small barrel used in the creation of a special Single Malt whiskey at the George Washington distillery.



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Special Single Malt Unveiled

At George Washington's distillery.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

General George Washington and his Scottish farm manager James Anderson reflected on Anderson's suggestion to add whiskey distillation to the plantation milling business.

"I told him absolutely not," the General said.

"But I said it would make more money," Anderson said.

"I told him we absolutely will," Washington chimed in.

The pair spoke at an Oct. 13 event at the Mount Vernon Gristmill and Distillery to unveil a special Single Malt whiskey created in collaboration with master distillers from three different Scotch whiskey producers.

The process started in March 2012 with the team at Mount Vernon grinding one ton of Scottish malted barley in the gristmill, just as it would've been done in George Washington's time. The mash, created with 18th-century methods, was stirred by hand and then run through a sieve, also by hand.

"There was lot of hard work, a lot of learning," said head distiller Dave Pickerell with Oak View Consulting.

From there, master distillers Andy Kant of Cardhu Single Malt Distillery, John Campbell of

Laphroaig Distillery and Dr. Bill Lumsden of The Glenmorangie Company helped create the whiskey using Mount Vernon's copper pot stills heated by wood fires. They produced 10 gallons of a single distillation whiskey and 10 gallons of a "limited edition" twice-distilled whiskey, totalling about 30 bottles of each.

"We didn't measure, we did it all by taste," said Cant. "We decided what we were making wasn't half bad. It was such a blast, just using what we know."

Because they used smaller barrels and the materials produced a more pure product, "the idea was a short maturation," said Lumsden.

The whiskeys were barreled in used Bourbon casks that were re-coopered in Speyside, Scotland. Some of the spirit was then finished in broken down madeira wine barrels, known to be a favorite of Washington.

"It was really creative," said Campbell. "We just kept taking a taste, saying yes, this is good."

Unlike the straight unaged and aged rye whiskeys also produced and periodically sold at the Mount Vernon Distillery, these special bottles will be auctioned off. The first pair came up at the Distilled Spirits Council of the United States 14th annual "Spirit of Mount Vernon" heritage dinner and rare spirits auction held on the lawn of Mount Vernon in the evening on Oct. 13. The set sold for \$26,000.

"It's glory," said Pickerell, describing the light, sweet taste of the finished product. "I think the expectations from the Scots were low; that we were able to rise to the occasion was really cool."



General George Washington (left) and his farm manager James Anderson (right) toast to the completion of a new Single Malt at the gristmill distillery and celebrate continued collaboration and camaraderie with Scotland.



Steven Bashore of George Washington's Mount Vernon pours a taste of the three-year-old Single Malt distilled in collaboration with distillers from Cardhu, The Glenmorangie and Laphroaig Scottish distilleries.

Civilian Review Board Needed

Unanimous recommendations head to supervisors in wake of John Geer shooting, transparency missteps.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

After six months of meetings, the Ad Hoc commission created by Board of Supervisors chairman Sharon Bulova to review police practices has concluded its primary work. Chair of the commission's Independent Oversight and Investigations subcommittee Jack Johnson presented that group's final recommendations to the full commission on Oct. 8.

The subcommittee unanimously favored creating an Independent Police Auditor position that would "report directly to the Board of Supervisors and would provide oversight in cases of police use of force that lead to serious injury or death, including officer involved shootings," Johnson's letter to commission chairman Michael Hershman said.

The report also calls for establishing a seven-member Civilian Review Panel for cases of alleged police misconduct. The panelists are meant to work with the new

auditor "as to serious use of force cases so that the panel can provide its views to the Board of Supervisors and the Chief of Police as to policy and practices changes that may be warranted," Johnson said in the letter.

"Oversight provides a meaningful voice or forum for the public and forms a crucial bridge between the public and the police," Johnson continued. "Increased transparency, trust, and communication between the police and the public can lead to greater community cooperation in achieving the ultimate goal of decreased crime and increased public safety."

It was the last full meeting of the ad hoc commission, and in addition to hearing from the independent oversight committee, the commission voted unanimously to support the recommendations of all five subcommittees and to forward the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors. Recommendations from the Mental Health Subcommittee call for an overhaul of how the criminal justice system

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Del. Marcus Simon (D) with Michael Hershman, chairman of the Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission. Simon headed the Mental Health subcommittee.

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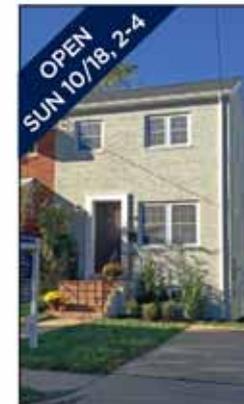


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Chairman Candidates Offer Stark Differences

Anti-taxer Arthur Purves challenging incumbent Chairman Sharon Bulova.

BY KEN MOORE
THE GAZETTE

Sharon Bulova is exactly where she wants to be. “I believe in local government. It’s where the rubber hits the road, and where you’re closest to your constituents,” said Bulova, chairman of the Board of Supervisors, the top elected official in Fairfax County.

“My priorities, the number one priority, is to strike a balance between keeping taxes affordable to our residents while also making sure that we are investing in the services and the programs that people in Fairfax County appreciate, rely upon and live here for.”

Bulova, formerly the Braddock District Supervisor, took the helm of the county’s board in a special election in 2009 after U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly was elected to Congress in 2008.

Arthur Purves (R) is Bulova’s challenger in this November’s general election.

“You have to understand that the economic situation in this county is not good,” said Purves. “I already mentioned that we had close to the smallest job growth of any large county in the United States in the past year.

“We lost 14,000 jobs due to sequestration, we lost a lot of middle-income jobs after the housing bubble burst, the number of food stamps applications has doubled since 2008 and staffing for parks and libraries was cut by 100 staff members since 2008,” he said.

“To me, it’s crucial to cut taxes, not to prevent a tax increase, but to cut taxes.”

That was the beginning of the difference between the two candidates’ views about taxes at the Great Falls Citizens Association Candidates Debate held at The Great Falls Grange on Sept. 29.

Bulova said she works to “ensure that we continue to have an excellent school system and balancing that with public safety, human services, and great libraries,” said Bulova. “Also parks, fire and rescue, all the services including public works making sure that we can have clean air, clean water. Those are priorities of local government.”

About 200 people attended.

“LET ME POINT out that Virginia is one of seven states that still has the BPOL tax, the tax where business has to pay a tax even if it loses money,” said Purves. “Virginia used to be first, number one, in terms of being business friendly, in the nation and now we’re number four.”

“In Tysons Corner, all those new commercial office buildings going up, they aren’t attracting new businesses, they are just

drawing businesses away from other office buildings in the county. So we need to attract businesses and the way to do that is to be more competitive than our neighboring jurisdictions.”

Bulova conceded that “these have not been easy times.”

“I was elected chairman just exactly as the great recession happened,” she said.

“I am a pro-business Democrat and one of my priorities is to stimulate our economy,” she said. “Diversifying our industry sector is something that our board has been focusing on.”

She pointed at the growing hospitality business with Cvent, an event planning company that moved its headquarters to Fairfax County, and the World Police and Fire Games held this year, an economic and cultural success.

The county needs to ensure that “we are not so reliant on the federal government and defense-related programs and that we are diversifying our economy into different industry sectors such as medical research and translational medicine,” Bulova said.

Revitalizing the older commercial and industrial sections of the county, including Tysons and Merrifield have been another priority, said Bulova.

“Transforming Tysons from what has been a highly successful commercial area into a mixed use walkable community that includes amenities and exciting programs for all of us to enjoy, and to make sure that is a walkable community that has the kind of bus service, transit as well as the Silver Line.”

GREAT FALLS Citizens Association’s Ralph Appleton asked the two candidates about transportation projects, including the toll roads.

“Are there inconsistencies between the board plan for I-66 and/or other toll roads inside the beltway and VDOT plans? If so, briefly highlight any differences and your positions on the differences and then, if you want, your position on toll roads — Good, bad, or what?” said Appleton.

“Bad,” said Purves.

He said Gov. Terry McAuliffe wants to toll I-66 inside the beltway for an extended pe-



Sharon Bulova (D) and Arthur Purves (R) listen to Ralph Appleton’s question at a debate at the Great Falls Citizens Association. The chairman of the Board of Supervisors is the only position on the board elected at-large.

riod of time and then have HOT (High Occupancy Travel) lanes.

“These are tax hike lanes. That’s a better name than HOT lanes,” said Purves. “We really ought to understand why there is no money for transportation and infrastructure and it’s not an easy thing to solve. At the federal level, all money is being taken up by Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid. We need to fix our entitlement programs if we are to ever fix our transportation problem,” he said.

Bulova is proud that she cut the opening ribbon for the Silver Line. “There’s something I agree with Mr. Purves on and that is there was a time when the federal government was the level of government that paid for large transportation projects,” she said.

“Regarding tolls, we’ve had, at least from my point of view, a relative positive experience with managed lanes, HOT lanes on the Beltway,” Bulova said.

Bulova said one approach to transportation problems could include creating a network of choices, including carpool lanes and toll lanes. “So this may be a viable transportation project but there are things we care about and want to see dealt with, especially the impacts of the toll lanes on the surrounding communities. Once you get inside the Beltway on I-66 you can’t get on it during peak hours, and this project would allow everybody to use it during peak hours.”

CONTROVERSY around the Fairfax County Police Department caused scrutiny and criticism of the board, especially since the shooting of John Geer.

“My boss has a great saying. The saying is, ‘Bad news does not improve with age,’” said Purves.

“John Geer was a civilian and he was unarmed and he was shot by a Fairfax County policeman, and for 17 months the [Board of Supervisors] stood silent while the police department refused to give the details

of that shooting to the Commonwealth’s Attorney who is responsible for conducting that investigation,” Purves said. “And the trust between the community and the police is a fragile thing and it’s a very important thing and this 17-month delay, I think, endangered that trust.”

Bulova said the Geer case could offer a case study in “everything that could go wrong as far as transparency, sharing what happened with the public and providing the information that was requested and making sure that justice was timely served. And things did not go well in that case,” she said.

Bulova created the Ad Hoc Police Practices Commission, which will report its recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 20. See www.fairfaxcounty.gov/policecommission

“You’ll see all the work we’re doing,” she said. Purves brought up the in-custody death of Natasha McKenna, a woman with mental illness who died in the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center, after deputies used a taser on her four times while struggling to restrain her.

“It was a death that probably could have been avoided if the county had mental health court diversion program which it considered doing in 2004 and then abandoned,” said Purves. “Jails are the largest provider of care for mentally ill persons in the country.”

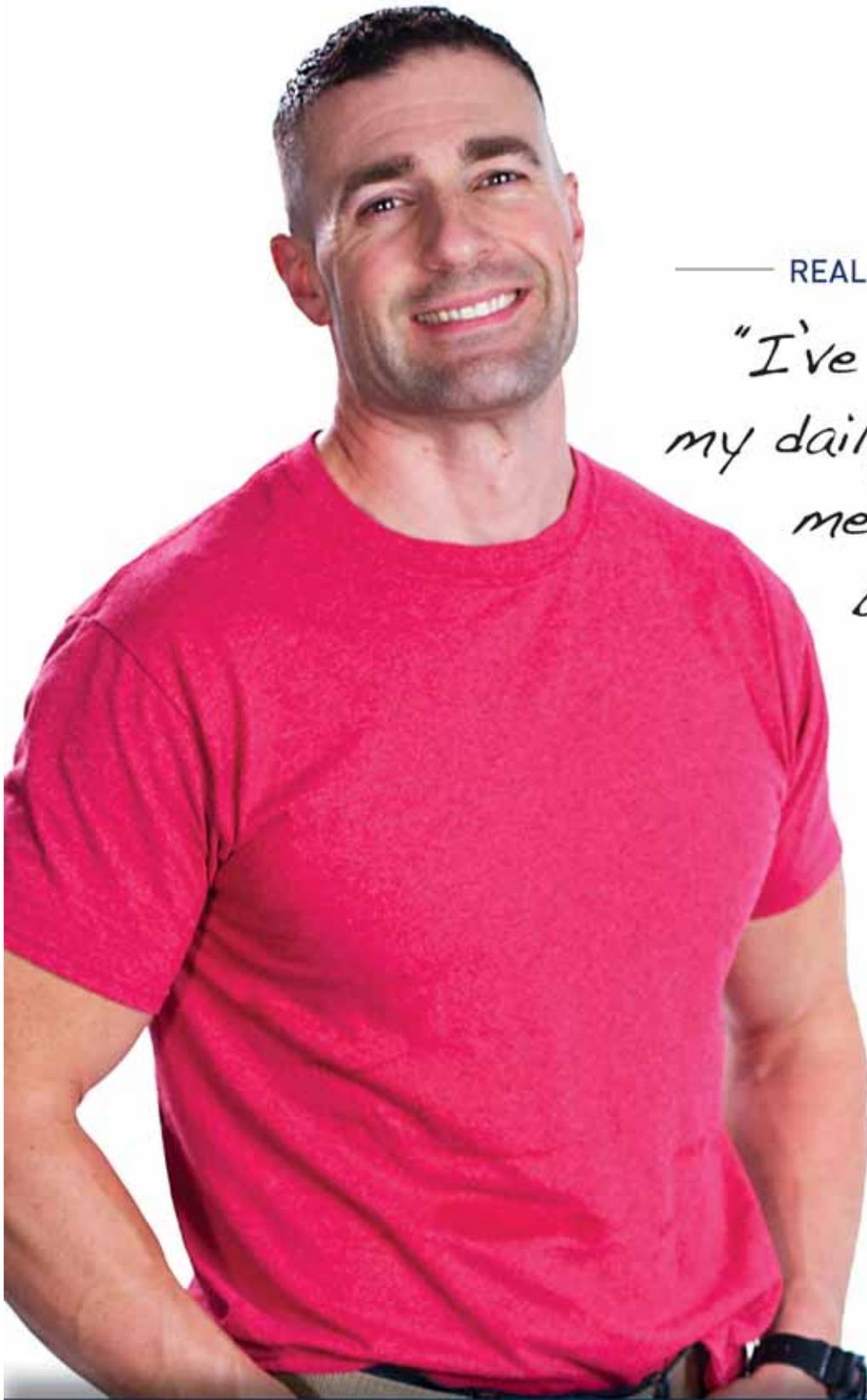
The county is working towards a “diversion first” program that could address some of those concerns. See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/diversionfirst/>

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— Sharon Bulova (D), Chairman, Board of Supervisors

“The economic situation in this county is not good.”

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Torri Baker, Director of the UCM Early Learning Center on Popkins Lane, spoke about the critical need for, and impact of, quality affordable early childhood education for working poor families.



Enjoying the luncheon program are Pastor Brent Thalacker (at left) of Nativity Lutheran Church and Pastor Robert Lewis of Messiah Lutheran Church.

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Discussing Early Childhood Education

Ventures in Community (VIC), an organization of faith communities and other nonprofits serving Southeast Fairfax County, hosted its monthly luncheon meeting at United Community Ministries (UCM) on Wednesday, Oct. 7. The program focused on early childhood education and the well-being of children in Fairfax County. Featured speakers were Torria Baker, director of the UCM Early Learning Center and Anne Cahill, manager of Economic, Demographic and Statistical Research, Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services. Attendees were asked to bring children's books to the luncheon to benefit UCM's Mount Vernon Kids programs, which include

Healthy Families Fairfax, UCM Early Learning Center, Forward Steps, and Computer Center Learning Partnership.

The VIC's mission is to unite the faith communities of Southeast Fairfax County to advocate for and serve people in need. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of most months at 11.30 a.m. This year's VIC officers are: co-facilitators Keith Davey of the Mount Vernon Stake, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and David Levine of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services; secretary Barbara Cotter; and treasurer Karen Latta.

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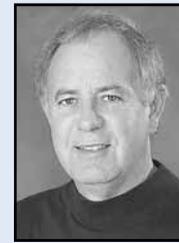
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PEOPLE



Joint Birthday and Oktoberfest Celebration

Col. Kevin Scherrer stands beside his birthday present on Saturday, Oct. 10. His wife, Suzanne, surprised him with the vintage Army Jeep, named Gretchen, for his 60th birthday.



Col. Joe McKeen (right) and Col. Schuy deCamp, both of the U.S. Army, pitch in to get the Oktoberfest party ready. Both men served with Scherrer and have longstanding friendships.



Kara, the Scherrer's granddaughter, enjoys a soft pretzel.



Friends, Patty Voorhees (left) and Kerry O'Toole set up the tree filled with fresh soft pretzels, adding to the festive environment.

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 RENÉE RUGGLES
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Recommendations for Police

FROM PAGE 1
 responds to people in mental health crisis.

Commission chairman Hershman is scheduled to present the group's recommendations to the Board of Supervisors at its Oct. 20 regular meeting.

"It is Chairman Bulova's intention to move to accept the report and refer it to staff for discussion at the Public Safety Committee scheduled for Oct. 27 at 3 p.m.," said Bulova's chief of staff Clayton Medford.

The Board of Supervisors launched the Fairfax County Ad Hoc Police Practices Review Commission in response to public concern over the shooting death of John Geer by a Fairfax County police officer. On Aug. 17, 2015, former Fairfax County Police officer Adam Torres was charged with the second-degree murder of Geer, who was shot dead in the doorway to his own home on Aug. 29, 2013 after police were called in a domestic dispute.

Torres was fired in July 2015, almost two years later.

The commission has been meeting since March as a full commission and five subcommittees. Areas of



Michael Hershman, chairman of the police commission, with Sharon Bulova at the final meeting of the full commission before recommendations go to the Board of Supervisors on Oct. 20.

focus by committee include Use of Force; Communications; Mental Health; Recruitment, Diversity and Vetting; and Independent Investigations and Oversight.

The final report from the Ad Hoc commission is available online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman/pdf/adhoc-final-10.8.15.pdf.



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Meet the Candidates

Dumfries Mayor Jerry Foreman (center) and Del. Scott Surovell (D-44, right) are competing for the open state senate seat being vacated by state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-36). The two answered questions at Belle Haven Country Club about transportation priorities, improving funding to schools and dealing with predatory car title lenders on Richmond Highway. The candidates spoke at the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce October Business Breakfast on Oct. 8.



State Sen. George Barker (D-39, left) is the incumbent facing a challenge for re-election from candidate Joe Murray (right). On congressional redistricting, Barker called for establishing more competitive districts than how it's currently done; Murray also wants districts drawn in a more objective way.

Republican challenger Anna Urman (right) speaks next to her opponent, incumbent Del. Mark Sickles (D-43), at the Belle Haven Country Club meet the candidates event. The pair disagreed on questions of funding affordable housing, expanding Medicaid and allowing guns in and around schools.



Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) introduces himself to the audience on Oct. 8 at the Belle Haven Country Club meet the candidates event.

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Closer Look at School Spending

Report: Local schools spend less to educate more challenging students.

Since Fiscal Year 2009, Alexandria Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 13.3 percent, adjusted for inflation. Arlington County Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 15.7 percent, but still spends the most per student of any school district in the state.

Fairfax County Public Schools has reduced per pupil spending by 6.5 percent over the same period, adjusted for inflation, but FCPS spends significantly less per student than either Alexandria or Arlington.

These numbers are from a draft report released last month by the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission in a report on Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending 2015. In FY 2014, the average Virginia school division spent 7 percent less to educate each student than it did in FY 2005.

These numbers are critical to understand as local schools, Fairfax County in particular, face a looming budget gap in the coming budget cycle. It's easy to skip the specifics, look at a large overall budget number and conclude that surely there is plenty of room to cut the budget. These numbers show the problem with that approach.

Fairfax County was among the Virginia school divisions with a reduction in resources and numbers of teachers per student which also had a growing percentage of "resource-intensive" students.

More than 27 percent of Fairfax County Public Schools students were living in poverty in 2014; that's 49,895 students, up from about 18 percent or 28,527 poor students in 2005. Number and percent of students with limited English have also grown over the time period. In 2014, 49,442 students, or 27 percent, in FCPS are limited English proficient, up from 35,091 or 22 percent in 2005. The report calls these students "resource intensive," and what that means is that it costs more to effectively teach them.

The larger chart comes from a different source, the 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide, and shows Fairfax County with far lower per pupil costs and teacher salaries than surrounding school districts.

Arlington and Alexandria school districts also have large percentages of poor students.

Alexandria had 6,160, or 58.8 percent of its students living in poverty in 2005, and in 2014, 7,443 poor students, 55 percent. Alexandria has also had an increase in limited English proficient students, 33.3 percent of 4,510 students in 2014, up from 22.7 percent in 2005.

In Arlington, 7,972 students, 33.9 percent were living in poverty in 2014, up from 6,373 students, 35.8 percent in 2005. Arlington has seen a drop in limited English students, from 35.5 percent (6,323 students) in 2005 to 28 percent in 2014 (6,591 students).

Public Schools	Fairfax County	Montgomery County, MD	Arlington County	Alexandria City
FY 2015 Cost Per Pupil	\$13,519	\$15,351	\$19,040	\$17,041
Average Teacher Salary	\$66,782	\$75,452	\$76,892	\$73,612
2014 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT				
Total Enrollment	183,895	151,289	23,421	13,563
Percent ESOL Enrollment	17.0%	13.2%	17.4%	25.5%
Percent Free/Reduced Price Meal Eligible	27.5%	34.3%	31.8%	59.7%
Percent Special Education Enrollment	13.8%	11.7%	14.7%	12.6%
2015 APPROVED ENROLLMENT				
Number Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	2,890	2,889	792	548
Percent Increase/Decrease from 2014 Actual	1.6%	1.9%	3.4%	4.0%
SCHOOLS				
Elementary	139	133	22	12
Middle	23	38	5	2
Traditional (K-8)	0	0	0	1
Secondary and High Schools	25	26	5	1
Special Education	7	5	2	0
Alternative	2	0	3	2
SOURCES OF REVENUE				
Local	69.6%	66.6%	83.0%	79.3%
State	23.3%	27.9%	12.5%	14.9%
Other	7.2%	5.5%	4.6%	5.8%
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS				
School-Based	93.2%	91.2%	90.9%	89.7%
Nonschool-Based	6.8%	8.8%	9.1%	10.3%

SOURCE: 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide

GRAPHIC BY LAURENCE FOONG/THE CONNECTION

Comparison of local school district finances and enrollment from the 2015 Washington Area Boards of Education Guide.

INFLATION ADJUSTED PER PUPIL SPENDING			
Division	FY 2009	FY 2014	% Change (FY 09-14)
Alexandria	\$20,323	\$17,622	"13.3%
Arlington	\$22,214	\$18,736	"15.7%
Fairfax	\$14,901	\$13,931	"6.5%

Inflation-adjusted to 2014 dollars.
SOURCE: Joint Legislative Audit and Review Commission report on Efficiency and Effectiveness of K-12 Spending 2015 <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/pdfs/reports/Rpt472.pdf>

As the saying goes, if you think education is expensive, try ignorance. And if you think it's too expensive to effectively educate the population we have, consider the costs of services to people who don't have the education they need to live successfully later in life.

Effective leaders in Northern Virginia will have to lead the way to funding effective school systems in a challenging economic environment. But if you hear a candidate claim that schools can get by on less by being more efficient, ask if they have read this report.

According to the JLARC report: School districts reduced per-student spending on instruction through a combination of employing fewer

teachers per student, limiting teacher salary growth, and requiring teachers to pay a higher percentage of health insurance and retirement benefit costs. Divisions report that these spending reductions are hindering instructional effectiveness.

School divisions reduced instructional spending by less than one percent, and non-instructional spending by 10 percent, at the statewide level during the time period.

You can read the Virginia JLARC report here: <http://jlarc.virginia.gov/pdfs/reports/Rpt472.pdf>

— MARY KIMM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police Deserve Support

To the Editor:

Over the past months I have read the opinion letters and your newspaper's coverage of accusations of excessive use of force by Fairfax County Police. I am struck by the profound lack of balance in your reporting. It is as though you have an agenda and I don't think it reflects the mood and beliefs of the majority of Fairfax County citizens. It seems to be the same voices raised against the police, and anti-police protesters are given front page coverage

in your newspaper. Nowhere have I seen a positive story about the role the police play every hour of every day in keeping our communities safe. Nor do I see reporting on police men and women attacked and injured in the line of duty.

I do not intend in any way to diminish the pain and grief of losing a family member to violence. But I am ashamed that all of us who benefit from the work of the Fairfax County Police Department are silent. We take comfort and feel safer when we see a police presence in our neighborhoods and yet we have not taken the time to speak out in support of the

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police when the media presents only one side, and seems on a mission to destroy what is essential to the survival of any democracy, and that is respect for the rule of law.

Marietta Bernot
Alexandria

'Ready on Day One'

To the Editor:

This spring, we had the chance to share the stage with each other and Dan Storck as we sought the Democratic nomination for Mount Vernon District supervisor. Throughout the sometimes spirited debate of the primary, it became clear that we all shared some common values that far overshadowed our differences. That's why we think it is so important to support Dan Storck for supervisor.

Dan is the only candidate for Mount Vernon District supervisor that has the skills, experience and vision to keep our communities moving forward. Dan will be ready on day one to take the baton from Supervisor Gerry Hyland.

As School Board member, Dan

has built or funded five new and 18 Mount Vernon-related school additions/renovations, while his initiatives saved taxpayers millions of dollars, improved student health, and vastly increased the number of students' taking advanced courses and getting job-ready skills certifications to help them find good paying jobs.

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- ❖ Fight to fully fund Mount Vernon's public schools so that our teachers have resources competitive with other school systems around us and enable our students to reach their full potential.

- ❖ Work with community groups to empower our senior citizens to remain in their homes.

- ❖ Forcefully advocate to fix our traffic and transit issues and extend the Yellow Line as soon as possible.

We believe that Dan is the leader we need now. That's why we're asking all of our neighbors to join

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ANTHONY STACY

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White cabinetry and white marble counter tops give this kitchen a clean, airy feel.

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A Place To Cook

Local designers transform outdated kitchens into timeless, elegant spaces.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
 THE GAZETTE

Local designers recently took three Virginia kitchens in need of an overhaul and reimagined them to create spaces that are both spacious and elegant. Keeping with the open concept trend, the kitchens flow into the rest of their homes and allow cooks to prepare meals while mingling with friends and family.

When a Springfield couple decided that it was time to bring their 1960s kitchen into the 21st century, they enlisted the help of Stephanie Brick of Nicely Done Kitchens and Baths also in Springfield.

"The original space was confined to a small kitchen box in the back of their house," said Brick, who relocated the kitchen to another part of the house in order to make the room larger, free-flowing and better suited for entertaining. It includes an island with bar-height seating, allowing the couple to prepare meals while enjoying the company of their guests.

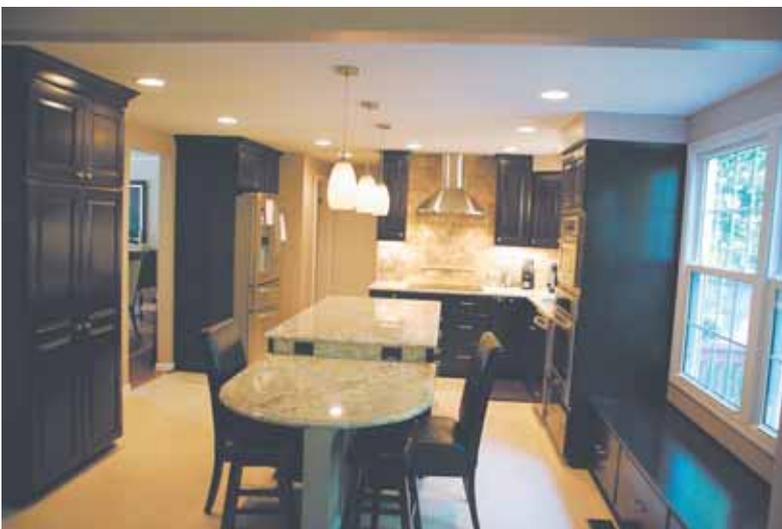
The bold, contrasting colors of red, white and black cabinetry, accented by stainless steel appliances and fixtures, create a modern, European design.

Brick also transformed a cramped Burke kitchen with a U-shaped design that separated the food-prep room from the rest of the home into a warm and open space.

The kitchen includes dark cabinetry made from alder wood, which is contrasted against light granite countertops. "We eliminated the peninsula and the low-hanging cabinets above it and were able to open up the kitchen to the rest of the home," said Brick.

Instead of including a separate kitchen table, the Nicely design team modified the height of the end of the island for standard chair-height seating. "This family can now work, eat, and enjoy company without the restrictive barriers of their past kitchen," said Brick.

Together with Evelyn Nicely, Brick co-designed a free-flowing, bright white kitchen with clean lines in Arlington. White Carrera marble counters and white cabinetry, along with recessed and natural lighting from an over-the-sink window combine to create an airy space. Guests and family members can mingle with the cook while gathered around a walnut butcher block-topped island. "[It] invites them to join in the kitchen preparations without being underfoot," said Nicely.



Dark cabinetry and contrasting light granite add warmth to this kitchen.

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Through Oct. 18, 10-5 p.m., 10-9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Studio 18. View summer vacation-themed artwork. Admission is free. Visit www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

"Angel Soldier Dance

Sublime. Through Oct. 18, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. View work exploring femininity and masculinity by female artists from Maine's Blue Hill Peninsula. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

Athenaeum Invitational

Exhibition. Through Oct. 25, during gallery hours at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Works inspired by the song "Don't Fence Me In," by Cole Porter, will be on display. Free. Visit nvfaa.org.

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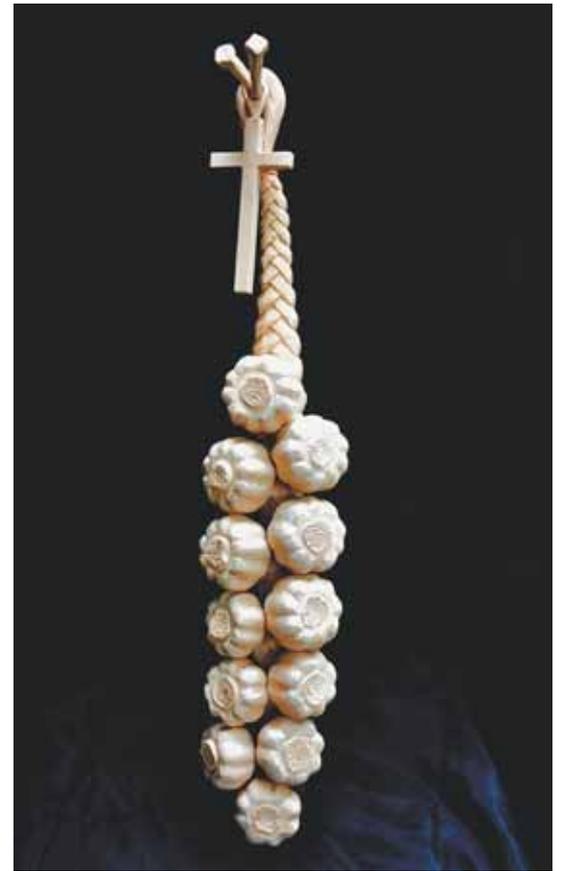
Through Oct. 25, gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, and during performances at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Drive. In this exhibit artist J.T. Kirkland integrates the painted gesture with the naturally occurring textures or "gestures" in the wood. John James Anderson will also share the space. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu.

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"Seven Deadlies."

Through Oct. 31, Fridays 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturdays 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at The Gallery @ Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane.



From left: "Ascending" by Sigrid Vollerthun, "Resurrection" by Guy Jones, and "Vampire Repellant" by Mark Elfman are part of "Superstition & Belief," an exhibit, which explores myth, religion, belief, fantasy, and dreams. The exhibit is on display during gallery hours at The Art League, 155 N. Union St through Nov. 1. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Sculptor Karen Swenholt explores lust, sloth, greed, gluttony, wrath, envy, and pride. Free. Visit www.convergence.org for more.

Sugar Shack's Halloween Goat

Scavenger Hunt. Through Oct. 31, at various locations. Sugar Shack is hiding 31 goat figurines around Alexandria. Each of the small goats are worth 12 donuts, and there will be five larger goats worth bigger swag packs. Hints will be posted daily during the second half of the month. Most goats are hidden in local shops, restaurants, and parks. Free. Call 703-577-9023 for more.

Immanuel Pumpkin

Patch. Through Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. At this fundraiser find pumpkins, gourds, baked goods, hearty soups, and autumn crafts. All profits go to charity. Free admission. Visit www.icoh.net for more.

"Skeletons:

Exploring Under the Surface." Through, Nov. 1, Thursdays 12-6 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays 12-9 p.m.; and Sundays 12-6 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Experience 2D and 3D artwork in a wide range of mediums that digs deeper and discover what is 'under there,' literally and figuratively. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

Sheila Harrington:

"Each Day is a Celebration." Through Nov. 1, during gallery hours at The Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Artist Sheila Harrington is inspired by the cyclical, seasonal changes of life, how human beings respond, and the juxtaposition of

the natural and man-made. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org for more.

Water Taxi to the National Mall.

Through Nov. 1, at various times at Alexandria Marina, 1 Cameron St. Cruise from Old Town to D.C. on the *Miss Sophie*, while stopping to view some of the area's attractions. Tickets are \$28 roundtrip and \$14 one-way for adults. Children under 12 are \$16 roundtrip and \$8 one-way. Visit www.potomacriverboatco.com.

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"Painting the Line, Drawing the

Paint." Through Nov. 8 at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 4915 E. Campus Drive. This show that will include works by Ann Schlesinger, daughter of Jim and Rachel Schlesinger. Free. Visit www.nvcc.edu for more.

Mount Vernon in 3-D: Then &

Now. Through Nov. 20 during regular operating hours at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Visitors will have the chance to travel back in time, and in 3-D, to see how the estate appeared more than 100 years ago through a special photography exhibition. The exhibition is included in the regular admission fee of \$17 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$9 for youth and free for children younger than 5. To view the historic stereoview images as well as the modern 3-D anaglyphs, visit www.mountvernon.org/3D.

Young at Art Juried Art Show.

Through Nov. 20, Monday-Friday, 5-10 p.m. at Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Artists 55 and older can contribute their artwork for the exhibition. On Thursday, Aug. 20, artists can bring their work to the Durant Center from 10 a.m.-noon to be registered and displayed. Artists must fill out a Entry and Artist/Lender Agreement and pay an entry fee of \$20 for up to three works of art, \$5 for any additional pieces. Entry forms can be found at www.seniorservicesalex.org or by

calling Mary Lee Anderson at 703-836-4414, extension 111.

"Not-So-Modern" Jazz Quartet

Performance. Thursdays through Dec. 31, 7:30-10 p.m. at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Not So Modern Jazz Music plays music from the glory days of traditional jazz, including tunes from traditional Dixieland and the Swing era. Free. Visit www.stelmoscoffeepub.com.

"Nature's Journey."

Through Jan. 2, at American Horticultural Society, 7931 East Boulevard Drive. Darlene Kaplan will exhibit more than 60 of her original oriental brush paintings in a one-person art exhibition. Free. Visit www.darlenekaplan.com for more.

VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital

Art Show. Through Jan. 31 at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. The artwork is on display in waiting areas and examination rooms as a part of Del Ray Artisans' Gallery Without Walls program. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

"Ancient Art of Movement."

1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Carmen Shippy, retired professional dancer, teaches a series designed for ages 50 and above. Movements are designed to strengthen core muscles and increase flexibility. Adjustments will be made for those with physical limitations. First lesson in the series is free for non-center members. To continue lessons, a yearly membership to all Senior Center programs is \$48. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

Flamenco Show.

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at La Tasca, 607 King St. Watch dancers and guitarists perform traditional flamenco. Free to attend. Call 703-299-9810 or visit www.latascausa.com.

French Movie Night.

Every Thursday, 7 p.m. in the back room of Fontaine Caffe & Creperie, 119 S. Royal St. View a French film. Free, no reservation necessary. Call 703-535-8151.

Journey to Be Free: Alexandria

Freedmen's Cemetery. Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Alexandria

Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. A new exhibit tracing the 150-year history of the long-forgotten Freedmen's Cemetery, its rediscovery and how the new Contrabands and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial was created at the site. Call 703-746-4356.

Their Fates Intertwined: The Lees

of Alexandria in the War of 1812. Wednesday- Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Lee-Fendall House and Gardens, 614 Oronoco St. A new exhibit on the experiences of the Lee family in Alexandria during the War of 1812 examines the contributions of Alexandria's citizens during the conflict that led to the writing of our national anthem through the lives of this iconic Virginia family. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Alexandria Cars and 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.

Fifty Years of Collecting.

Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 12-5 p.m. Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. An anniversary exhibit of objects from the Fort Ward collection. Free. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Dinner for the Washingtons.

12 p.m. 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 for more.

Second Thursday Music.

Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. 7 pm. Second Thursday of every month. Visit nvfaa.org to view concert calendar and listen to upcoming Second Thursday Music artists.

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The cast of Aldersgate Church Community Theatre's production of "The Miracle Worker" will give final performances Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 16 and 17. Visit www.acctonline.org.

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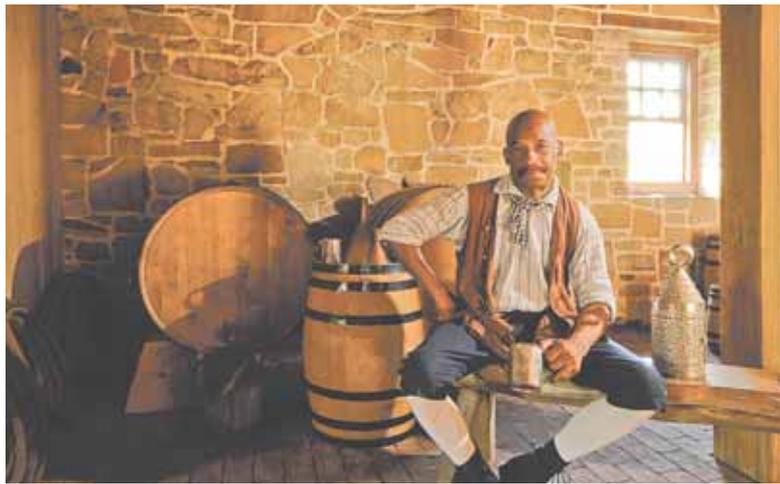


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Coopering and Distilling at Mount Vernon

Visit Mount Vernon's distillery to learn more about the arts of coopering (making a cask or barrel used for storing alcohol) and apple brandy distilling. On Oct. 17-18 and Oct. 21-23 10 a.m.-5 p.m. guests may watch Cooper Marshall Sheetz demonstrate how broad axes, planes, and drawknives are used to craft barrel staves, which are then heated and bent into shape, and held together with hoops or bands. Oct. 17-23 guests may also learn about how apple brandy is made. All demonstrations will be held at George Washington's Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Admission to the distillery is included in the cost of admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon, which is \$9-17. Visit www.mountvernon.org/distillery.

3700 Burgundy Road. Haunted House, pumpkin painting, moon bounce, live music, craft mart, used book and kids' closet sale, food tent. Proceeds from activity tickets, food and merchandise sales benefit student financial aid. Free admission. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org or call 703-960-3431.

Long Black Veil Release Party. 12-9 p.m. at Port City World Headquarters, 3950 Wheeler Ave. Long Black Veil, Port City's Black IPA was originally introduced in October 2014 to coincide with the anniversary of the death of its namesake, The Female Stranger. Tickets are \$10. Visit www.portcitybrewing.com for more.

Book Signing. 1 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Author Maria Gianferrari will present and sign her picture book, "Penny and Jelly: The School Show." Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

Book Signing. 1-3 p.m. at Sacred Circle Metaphysical, 919 King St. Sylvia Moore will sign copies of her book "Grandma's Bones." Free. Call 405-458-5642 for more.

Walking With Zombies Ghost Tour. Every 15 minutes 5-8:45 p.m. at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 North Fairfax St. Hear tales of the origins of zombies on the battlefield, and then join "zombies" for a party on the front lawn. Tickets are \$20. Visit www.nvrpa.org for tickets.

Pizza Party. 6:30-10 p.m. at Immanuel Church on the Hill, 3606 Seminary Road. Dignity Northern Virginia, a LGBT Catholic organization will host a pizza party following mass. Free. Call 703-349.6351.

Gina DeSimone and Kevin Dudley. 7 p.m. at Focus Alexandria/Church of St. Clement, 1701 N. Quaker Lane. Gina DeSimone is front-woman of the DC-based blues and swing group the Moaners. Kevin Dudley, born in Texas and now residing in Virginia, plays guitar and sings about love, death and diners. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door. Call 703-380-3151 or visit www.focusmusic.org.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 17-18 Coopering Demonstrations. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Master cooper Marshall Scheetz will be on-site for coopering demonstrations. Watch as broad axes, planes, and drawknives are used to craft barrel staves, which are then heated and bent into shape, and held together with hoops or bands. Admission to the distillery is included in the cost of admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon, which is \$9-17. Visit www.mountvernon.org/distillery.

SATURDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 17-23 Apple Brandy Distilling. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at George Washington's Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn about the process of apple brandy distilling. Admission to the distillery is included in the cost of admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon, which is \$9-17. Visit www.mountvernon.org/distillery.

SUNDAY/OCT. 18 Pumpkin Pace Food Race. 9 a.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Alexandria's United Community Ministries in partnership with The Fun Runz is hosting a 10K run plus 5K/1mile Fun

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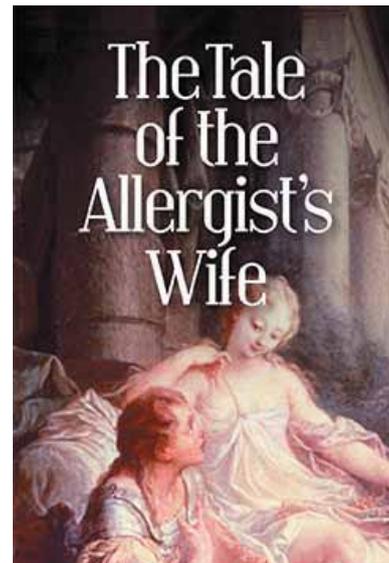
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Art for Life. Third Thursday of every month. 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Hyatt Regency Crystal City has partnered with the National Kidney Foundation for a program highlighting a different artist each month for a year.

Civil War Sundays. 1-5 p.m. at Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327. Learn more about the Civil War as it occurred in Alexandria. Find dioramas, newspaper articles and more. Free. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 15

"Rendezvous in Paris." 10 a.m. at Fort Belvoir Officers' Club, 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. Attend a Yacht Haven Garden Club fundraiser. A fashion show and lunch will follow a social hour. Tickets are \$40. Call 703-589-3404 for more.

Book Signing. 6:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Author Alexandra Bracken will be signing copies of "The Princess, The Scoundrel, and The Farm Boy." The book is an adaptation of Star Wars: A New Hope. Children are invited to wear Star Wars gear. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

An Evening of Music for Mixed String Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. An Evening of Music for Mixed String Ensemble featuring members of The Air Force Strings led by Technical Sgt. Wayne Graham as part of The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil.

FRIDAY/OCT. 16

Conya Doss. 7:30 p.m. at The Carlyle Club, 2050 Ballenger Ave. Conya Doss is joined by Snuhgie Stocks for a live performance. Tickets start at \$35. There is a \$25 minimum food and beverage purchase required per guest, except for general admission tickets. Visit www.thecarlyleclub.com.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Morning Market and Community Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Epiphany Lutheran Church and Weekday School, 5521 Old Mill Road. Crafts, vendors, baked goods and large community yard sale. Free. Call 703-780-3852.

Community Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2501 Belle View Blvd. In addition to a yard sale, find hot dogs and barbeque. Free. Call 703-765-1219 for more.

Native Tree Planting. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Tarleton Park, 4500 Holmes Run Parkway. Join TreeStewards of Arlington and Alexandria and the Wakefield Tarleton Civic Association in planting native trees in Alexandria's Tarleton Park. Free. Email FriendsOfTarletonPark@outlook.com.

Hollin Hall Senior Center Annual Mega Bazaar/Craft Fair. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at 1500 Shenandoah Road. More than 30 crafters, silent auction, bake sale, door prizes and more will be featured. Free to attend. Call 703-765-4573 for more.

Alexandria Country Day School Fall Fair and Country Market. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Alexandria Country Day School, 2400 Russell Road. Find food trucks, photo booth, face painting, spin art, moon bounce and obstacle course, bake sale, cake walk and more. Free to attend. Call 703-548-4804 or email countrymarket2015@comcast.net.

Family Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Armistead L. Boothe Park, 520 Cameron Station Blvd. The City of Alexandria's Family Fall Festival will include performances by the Beale Street Puppet Theatre and the sounds of "Ken and Brad Kolodner" playing traditional American old time or folk music. Also find a pirate moon bounce, pony rides, scarecrow building, face painting, hay rides, and more. Admission to the event is \$5 per person or \$15 per family up to four people. Register by visiting www.alexandriavag.gov/webtrac and use activity code #284601.

Cheesetopia. 2-5 p.m. at Balducci's, 600 Franklin St. Shoppers are invited to taste gourmet cheeses, participate in group demonstrations, get tips from experts, and partake in other cheese-themed events. Free. Visit www.balduccis.com for more.

Burgundy Fall Fair. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School,

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Runs. Price varies by race, \$20-\$35; register by Oct. 12 to receive event T-shirt. Bring non-perishable food items to help stock the UCM Food Pantry. Details and registration at thefunrunz.com or visit www.ucmagency.org.

Debate: "The Snowden Impact: Privacy, Secrecy and Security." 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Temple Beth El, 3830 Seminary Road. Republican Congressional candidate Micah Edmonds and Alexandrian author Ronald Goldfarb will debate "The Snowden Impact: Privacy, Secrecy and Security." Robert Siegel of NPR will moderate the discussion. Free. Call Ronald Sturman at 703-801-8553 for more.

Cauldron Tea at Carlyle House. 1-3 p.m. at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. This afternoon will include a program on "Alexandria History and Legends" and a craft for children who would like to participate. Tour the museum after the tea and learn about 18th century funeral and mourning practices in Virginia. Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children. Visit www.carlylehouse.org for more.

Jazz at Meade. 6 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St. The guest musician will be George V. Johnson, Jr. Donations of \$15 are accepted. Call 703-549-1334.

MONDAY/OCT. 19

Book Launch Reading. 7-8 p.m. at M. Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Sass Brown, author of "USA-1000," will read from her book, which was selected by Adrienne Su as the winner of the 2014 Crab Orchard Series in Poetry. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

TUESDAY/OCT. 20

STEM Homeschool Program: Architecture Walking Tour. 1-2:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Homeschool students and their families are invited to explore science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) with a monthly program sponsored by the City of Alexandria. Learn about the 18th and 19th century architectural styles that define "Old Town" and the societal and technological changes that influenced their creation. Children attend free, adult tickets are \$8. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov for more.

Genealogy and DNA. 1-3 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Jim Bartlett discusses how to use DNA test results to prove lines of ancestry in this free talk sponsored by the Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. Visit www.mvgenalogy.org.

Lecture at Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House. 7 p.m. at 9000 Richmond Highway. In celebration of the Pope-Leighey house 75th anniversary, an ongoing lecture series has been launched. The inaugural lecture will feature Ashley Wilson, AIA, Graham Gund Architect, The National Trust for Historic Preservation, and a presentation titled "Sustainable Solutions: The Search for an Appropriate Finish for the Exterior of Frank Lloyd Wright's Pope-Leighey House, Alexandria, Virginia." Tickets are \$25. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/the-pope-leighey-lectures-tickets-18691986234.

SocialLights. 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. This informal program is designed to provide a positive and

motivational environment for artists to network and share ideas. Free. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

OCT. 20-NOV. 15

"Safari." 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at The Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, 105 N. Union St. Resident fiber artists display work inspired by the wild. Free. Visit www.potomacfiberartsgallery.com.

OCT. 20-NOV. 29

PHOTO '15. Gallery hours at Multiple Exposures Gallery, 155 N. Union St. Senior Curator and Head of the Department of Photographs at The National Gallery of Art Sarah Greenough will jury the "PHOTO '15" exhibit. Thirty-one fine art photographers will display their work. Admission to the gallery is free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 21

Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club Meeting. 9:30-11 a.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Ryan Johnson, a professional clock repairman will be sharing information about how to properly take care of your clocks, especially old clocks, and the possible need for professional repairs. Guests are invited to bring clocks to the meeting for Q&A. Call 703-360-4979.

2015 Business Awards Presentation and Reception. 6-9 p.m. at The George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Alexandria businesses will be awarded honors by the Alexandria Chamber of

Commerce and Alexandria Business Leaders at this catered event. \$100 in Sept. for members, \$110 in Oct. for members and \$165 for non-members. Visit www.alexchamber.com.

Dramatic Reading. 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. "One" is a hip-hop musical by Walter Robinson and directed by McKenna Dilworth. "One," the musical brings a "recovery" from addictions message to youth. "One" is based on the 4,500-year-old story of Moses, but told as if the story occurred today in Harlem, N.Y. The suggested donation is \$10. Email theatreofpurpose@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY/OCT. 21-23

Coopering Demonstrations. 1-5 p.m. at George Washington's Distillery, 5513 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Master cooper Marshall Scheetz will be on-site for coopering demonstrations. Watch as broad axes, planes, and drawknives are used to craft barrel staves, which are then heated and bent into shape, and held together with hoops or bands. Admission to the distillery is included in the cost of admission to George Washington's Mount Vernon, which is \$9-17. Visit www.mountvernon.org/distillery.

THURSDAY/OCT. 22

"Alexandria Surrenders to the British." 7 p.m. at John Strongbow's Great Hall, 710 King St. Have dinner followed by a discussion of Alexandria's submission to the British at the end of the War of 1812. Free. Call 703-329-3075 or email herald@medievalmadness.com.

The United States Air Force Band-Chamber Players Series. 7:30

p.m. at The Lyceum: Alexandria's History Museum, 201 S. Washington St. Attend a concert titled "Music for Brass Ensemble" featuring members of The U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass led by Technical Sgt. Christine Purdue. Free. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

FRIDAY/OCT. 23

Brewing History: Beer Tasting, Tour and Dinner. 6:30-9:45 p.m. at The Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Learn about beer-making in Colonial America with a mansion tour, beer brewing demonstration, beer tasting and four-course dinner. Tickets are \$100. To register, visit www.mountvernon.org.

Documentary Screenings. 7 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Watch "Harvest of Empire," a documentary that exposes the direct connection between the long history of U.S. intervention in Latin America and the immigration crisis we face today, as part of the Immigration Film Festival. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.immigrationfilmfest.org or www.IMFilmFest.eventbrite.com.

Short Film Screenings. 7 p.m. at Virginia Tech School of Public and International Affairs, 1021 Prince St. As part of the Immigration Film Festival watch "I am Ayotzinapa," about Mexican artists commemorating missing students believed to have been kidnapped by government militias; "Ger Kler: A Journey of Untold Strength," about a young team of students documenting the migration from refugee camps in Burma and Thailand to the U.S. Three other short films will also be

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Ghost and Graveyard Special Halloween Tour. 7-9 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Alexandria Colonial Tours will end its special one-hour Halloween tour in the very room where the "Female Stranger" died at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Visit www.alexcolonialtours.com.

Taste for Giving. 7-10 p.m. at Patent and Trade Office, 600 Dulany St. A selection of Alexandria's restaurants will offer tastes from their menus, beer (Port City Brewing Company) and wine (North Mountain Vineyards), music (Megan and the Dads), and both live and silent auctions. Tickets are \$75. Visit www.tasteforgiving.org.

FRIDAY-SATURDAY/OCT. 23-24

Halloween Pumpkin Hunt. 5:30 p.m. on Friday and 1:30 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. Elementary school-aged children and younger may participate in the hunt and will receive a toy pumpkin. The event will also feature Halloween crafts, food and drink, ghost stories and a costume parade. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$12 for children participating in the hunt. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org or contact John Christiansen at 703-548-1789 or contact@leefendallhouse.org.

SATURDAY/OCT. 24

Heritage Craft Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road. The Belles Craft Sale and Marketplace Café features handmade items, a "select treasures" sale, and a bake sale/café. Free to attend. Visit www.heritagechurchva.org for more.

Library Bicycle Ride. 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Alexandria Library is hosting its third annual bicycle tour of all Alexandria Library locations. Bring your bike and join library staff for a leisurely 2-hour loop. Free. Registration required at www.bit.ly/alexlibrarybiketour.

Family FieldFest. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Multi-Purpose Athletic Field, 1820 Limerick St. The first-ever Family FieldFest will have activities for children and adults, including pumpkin carving, face painting, live music and free demonstrations from local companies with a focus on healthy and sustainable living. Free. Visit www.VolunteerAlexandria.org.

Raven's Night. 5 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. "Raven's Night" is a Halloween costume party featuring belly dance performances, a dinner concert, live music and more. Tickets are \$25. Visit www.birchmere.com for more.

Fearless Fifteeners Young Adult Author Panel. 5 p.m. at Hooray for Books! 1555 King St. Six young adults authors: Maggie Lehrman, author of "The Cost of all Things;" Sharon Roat, author of "Between the Notes;" Marci Lyn Curtis, author of "The One Thing;" Kim Liggett, author of "Blood and Salt;" Cordelia Jensen, author of "Skyscraping;" and Lauren Gibaldi, author of "The Night We Said Yes" will discuss their books. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com for more.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY/OCT. 24-25

Fall Harvest Family Days. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Pioneer Farm in George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Celebrate the beginning of autumn with the family at Mount Vernon



Belladonna Boheme, belly dance instructor, is an organizer of Raven's Night.

Raven's Night at The Birchmere

Raven's Night at the Birchmere on Oct. 24 is being described as a Halloween festival. The event, which is being presented in "acts" begins with the "All Hallow's Eve Exposition" with a carnival and sideshow. "Act 2" includes the "Salon Lunaire Concert" with live entertainment, food, drink, and a belly dance performance. The final act has a supernatural theme with a final performance. Raven's Night is at The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$25 plus service charge. Visit www.ravensnight.com for more.

with activities including wagon rides, apple-roasting and a straw bale maze. The event is included with purchase of admission to Mount Vernon; tickets are \$17 for adults, \$9 for children, \$16 for seniors and free for children 5 years and younger. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SUNDAY/OCT. 25

Doggy Trick or Treat. 1-3 p.m. at The Dog Park, 705 King St. Pick up a goody bag and a map of over 25 participating businesses at The Dog Park, then lead your pet around Old Town to find treats. The Dog Park will also host a costume contest for individuals and groups—groups can be all dogs, or dogs with humans. Winners receive gift certificates to The Dog Park. Free. Call 703-888-2818 for more.

Mad Science! 1-3:30 p.m. at The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St. This 45-minute tour starts every 30 minutes and features historic medicines with surprising side effects. Admission is \$6 for people age 5 and up. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

19th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade. 2-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue, south of Bellefonte Avenue. Awards will be given for Best Pet Costume, Best Decorated Business, Best Decorated Home, and Best Decorated Stroller. Awards will be presented in a brief ceremony after the parade, along with refreshments and goodie bags for the children. Adults, children and dogs are all welcome to join. Free. Visit www.visitdelray.com for more.

New Dominion Chorale Concert. 4 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 4915 East Campus Lane. New Dominion Chorale, under the direction of Founder and Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge, will open its 25th season with a performance of Gioachino Rossini's "Petite Messe Solennelle."

Ticket prices are \$30 (general admission), \$25 (seniors), and \$15 (youth ages 5-25). Group tickets are available for groups of 10 or more at \$20 per ticket. Visit www.newdominion.org for more.

"The List" Screening. 5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. "The List" is about Kirk Johnson, a young American fighting to save thousands of Iraqis whose lives are in danger because they worked for the U.S. to help rebuild Iraq. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.immigrationfilmfest.org.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

AARP Alexandria Dinner Club. 4-8 p.m. at Clyde's, 1700 N. Beauregard St. AARP has reserved the private room at Clyde's at Mark Center for members and their guests to enjoy dinner together with a 20 percent discount. Email VRasmussen@aarp.org for more.

Tree Selection and Care. 7-8:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Topics will include the benefits of native trees, planting trees to reduce your energy costs, improving soil, correcting drainage issues, and removing underperforming plants. Free. Visit www.mgnv.org.

OCT. 27-DEC. 27

Green Spring Gardens Art Show. Gallery hours at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Artist Carol Higgs works in batik, oil, watercolor, and collage. Painter Joan Wolfe works with acrylic and Erik and Caroline Hottenstein use watercolors. Free. Call 703-642-5173.

WEDNESDAY/OCT. 28

Daniel Bennett Group Concert. 7 p.m. at Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Jazz group from New York celebrated the release of "The Mystery at Clown Castle." Free.

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Sophomore quarterback Tanner Jones (11) led West Potomac on its lone scoring drive during Friday's 28-9 loss to West Springfield on Oct. 9.



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West Potomac's Erik Roach (19) and JaSean Worthy bring down West Springfield quarterback Peter Muskett during Friday's game at West Potomac High School.

West Potomac Sputters against West Springfield

Wolverines score season-low 9 points, drop to 1-2 in conference.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Peter Muskett had to be helped off the field after aggravating an injury to his right ankle during the second half of Friday's game at West Potomac. After sitting out a few plays, the West Springfield quarterback returned to action, only to end up limping off the field near the end of the third quarter.

"He's a warrior," Spartans head coach Jason Eldredge said, "and I had to drag him off the field to shut him down."

Muskett's effectiveness as a runner has been limited since he suffered an ankle injury on Sept. 11 against Mount Vernon, West Springfield's second game of the season. On Oct. 9, Muskett's right arm and a stingy performance from the West Springfield defense were enough to earn the Spartans a pivotal Conference 7 victory.

Muskett threw three touchdown passes, senior defensive back Jeremiah Pickell snagged a trio of interceptions and West Springfield avoided a three-game losing streak with a 28-9 victory over West Potomac.

Muskett completed 17 of 25 passes for 220 yards and threw all three of his touch-

down passes in the second quarter. He connected with senior Darean Robertson for an 8-yard score with 8:26 remaining in the first half, giving the Spartans a 10-0 lead. With 4:23 on the clock, Muskett found Robertson for a 27-yard touchdown.

Robertson caught four passes for 48 yards. "I love Darean like a brother," Muskett said. "It's not only on the football field, [it's] at school every day, we sit together at lunch, we're in the same classes. He's one of my best friends and I'd do anything for him, so just the fact that I get to come out here and throw touchdown passes to one of my best friends, it's awesome."

With 6 seconds left in the half, Muskett threw a 10-yard fade to Daniel Adu, and the 6-foot-2 junior made a leaping catch over a West Potomac defender in the back, right corner of the end zone, giving West Springfield a 22-0 halftime lead.

"We saw that Daniel caught the jump ball earlier down the sideline [and] we knew he could do it again," Muskett said. "We've been working on that all week in practice, actually, and honestly, he just made one of the best plays I've ever seen by a football player."

The win improved West Springfield's record to 4-2, including 2-1 in the confer-

ence, and stopped a two-game slide. The Spartans started the season 3-0, before suffering a 42-40 loss to still-unbeaten South County. The following week, West Springfield was blown out by Stone Bridge, 41-10.

Friday's win keeps the Spartans in the Conference 7 championship hunt. West Potomac dropped to 4-2, including 1-2 in the conference. The Wolverines' only blemish prior to Friday was a 24-21 loss to still-unbeaten Lake Braddock.

"[This win] means everything to us," Muskett said. "After South County, I think we were too confident — not confident, but cocky and complacent — so Stone Bridge really shocked us. ... Coming in here to win this and then going into TC [Williams] and [Lake] Braddock, I think our momentum's definitely going to change a little bit."

Adu had five receptions for 65 yards. Najee Green had four catches for 80 yards. EJ Strother scored on a 1-yard run with 8:31 left in the third quarter, extending the Spartans' advantage to 28-0.

While the offense put up points, the West Springfield defense held a potent West Potomac offense to its lowest output of the season. The Wolverines entered the game averaging 40 points per contest, but managed just a safety and a 4-yard third-quarter touchdown pass from backup quarterback Tanner Jones to CJ Burch.

Jones completed 15 of 22 passes for 144 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted three times. Starting quarterback Mark Ellis, who "got a little dinged up" according to head coach Jeremiah Ross, completed 5 of 12 passes for 42 yards and was intercepted once.

"[It is] nothing that's going to hold him out down the road," Ross said about Ellis, "but just tonight he got a little dinged up."

Ellis entered Friday's action having passed for 1,383 yards and 14 touchdowns with just two interceptions in five games.

West Springfield limited West Potomac to 50 rushing yards on 19 carries, for an average of 2.6 yards per attempt.

"We schemed them all week long," Eldredge said. "Here was my idea: I knew they were going to see [the] South County and Stone Bridge [results], and I knew at that point, they were going to think they could run the ball on us. They came out running the ball and [when] they couldn't do that ... then we bracketed their receivers when they had to go to pass. We just made them a one-dimensional offense at that point."

West Potomac's Burch had seven receptions for 68 yards and a touchdown. Cory Jones caught five passes for 67 yards. Sophomore running back Daiimon Cleveland led the Wolverines with 37 rushing yards on seven carries.

Pickell had a big night for the West Springfield defense. The 5-foot-6, 140-pound senior recorded nine tackles (two solo) and intercepted three passes.

"I think we played great," he said. "We played exactly how we prepared to play."

One week after many games were moved up a day due to potential inclement weather, Friday's kickoff was delayed more than two hours due to weather.

"I'm not into making excuses," Ross said when asked if the delay affected the Wolverines. "... Was it ideal? Probably not. We've had the same situation early in the year with Langley and we did fine. We had to move up the game last week because of weather and we did fine."

West Springfield will host T.C. Williams (2-4) for homecoming at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

After Friday's game, Wolverines receiver Burch left West Potomac High School in an ambulance with a possible concussion. On Tuesday, the senior said in a Twitter direct message that he will be cleared to play this week against Annandale.

The Wolverines will host the Atoms (4-2, 2-1) at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Mount Vernon Football Falls to Annandale

The Mount Vernon football team lost to Annandale 41-20 on Oct. 9, dropping the Majors' overall record to 2-4 and Conference 7 mark to 0-3.

Mount Vernon running back Hameed Oyedele carried 18 times for 159 yards.

The Majors will travel to face undefeated South County at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16.

WP Field Hockey To Close Regular Season

The West Potomac field hockey team will travel to face West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 15 to close the regular season.

The Wolverines enter the contest with an 8-6 record, including 3-3 in Conference 7.

The conference tournament is scheduled to start Oct. 19.

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THURSDAY/OCT. 15

Meet The Candidates: Mount Vernon Supervisor. 6:30 p.m. at South County Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Room 221. Learn more about the issues facing Mount Vernon and the vision these candidates have for economic development, transportation, schools, and quality of life. Visit www.mtvernon-leechamber.org.

American Association of University Women Mount Vernon Branch Meeting. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Kari Galloway, Executive Director of Friends of Guest House, will give a presentation on Ex-Offender Women. Free. Visit www.mtvernon-va.aauw.net for more.

SATURDAY/OCT. 17

Tree Planting. 9 a.m. at Westgrove Dog Park, 6801 Fort Hunt Road. Boy Scout Zach Broome's Eagle Scout project is planting trees at Westgrove Dog Park. With the support of Westgrove PACK, the dog park's sponsoring group, 14 trees of various sizes have been donated. Community residents who would like to help with the planting or by providing tools are encouraged to contact westgrovepack@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 27

"Understanding and Caring for a Person with Dementia." 7-8:30 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. This class will discuss the different types of dementia, common behaviors, the reasons for troubling behaviors, communication techniques, and services available for caregivers. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/olderadults.

WEDNESDAY/NOV. 11

School Open House. 9-11 a.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. School serves

pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

SATURDAY/DEC. 5

School Open House. 2-4 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

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Briosos Named Champion of Character

The Fairfax County Athletic Council and the Department of Neighborhood and Community Services has selected Dana Briosos as a 2015 Champion of Character. Dana played rugby for the Fort Hunt Gators, and was selected for this honor by epitomizing standards of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Throughout her career as a Fort Hunt Gator, Dana has demonstrated dedication to her team, both on and off the pitch. During the 2015 season she was selected as the team captain.

Dana's performance has been recognized outside the confines of Fort Hunt Rugby, as well. She earned several regional and national distinctions:

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flanker (top 30 HS girls in the country)

- Selected for the 2015 Stars & Stripes HS All-Stars Camp (top 50 HS girls in the country)

- Named to 2014 and 2015 Rugby Virginia HS All-Star Teams

- Selected as the 2014 Rugby Virginia HS All-Star Team MVP

- Recruited and received a scholarship to play rugby for Division I Notre Dame College (South Euclid, Ohio).



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Marguerite Chapman has graduated from The Loomis Chaffee School (Windsor, Conn.).

Joshua Thorne was awarded the Hartshorn Award for the 2015-2016 school year by the University of Mount Union (Alliance, Ohio).

Melanie Wiscount has received a Doctor of Education in educational technology from Wilkes University (Wilkes-Barre, Pa.).

Walter H. Archanbo III, Aaron L. Busby, and Craig M. Donovan have graduated from Park University (Park, Mo.).

Betelehem Sebhata has graduated from Davenport University (Grand Rapids, Mich.).

Mary Grace Vivian Killmer, a member of the class of 2017 at Wofford College (Spartanburg, S.C.), will study abroad in Vienna, Austria for the fall 2015 semester.

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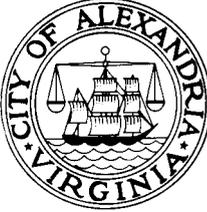
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, October 17, 2015, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the Tenant of the property located at 2312 Mount Vernon Avenue (Parcel Address 2318 Mount Vernon Avenue and 111 Oxford Avenue) to construct and maintain an encroachment for outdoor dining at that location associated with the restaurant known as Pork Barrel BBQ, Sushi Bar, and Holy Cow.

The proposed ordinance permits the restaurants located at 2312 Mount Vernon Avenue as Pork Barrel BBQ, Sushi Bar and Holy Cow to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owners of the property located at 200 Strand Street to construct and maintain an encroachment for a stoop, stairs, canopy and building overhang onto the Prince Street right-of-way at that location as approved by the City Council on March 14, 2015.

The proposed ordinance permits the Old Dominion Boat Club clubhouse building to encroach onto the Prince Street right-of-way at 200 Strand Street including a stoop, stairs and a canopy that encroach approximately 6.6 feet and a building overhang for the balcony that encroaches approximately 6 feet for 49 feet along Prince Street as shown on the Encroachment Plat. City Council approved this encroachment with the Development Special Use Permit for the Clubhouse on March 14, 2015.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATION), Article G (PARKING METERS) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The proposed ordinance: (1) adds parking meter zone 4 and (2) makes related changes to include the new zone in the existing meter hour and rate processes.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2016.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the adoption of supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2016.

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Richard Menifee Moose,

On September 25, 2015, Richard Menifee Moose, a diplomat, banker, and political and community activist, died in his home in Alexandria, Virginia at age 83. His superiors and colleagues credited him during his more than 50 year career with being one of America's leaders in bringing about the end of apartheid in South Africa and Rhodesia, uncovering facts and developing arguments that led Americans toward new ideas for ending the Vietnam war, and for being a courageous contributor to America's foreign policy debates throughout his public service.

Mr. Moose was born on February 27, 1932 in Little Rock, Arkansas, but spent many of his early years in Heber Springs, Arkansas. He graduated from Little Rock Senior High School in 1949, and from Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas in 1953. He received his masters from Columbia University in International Relations. He served in the United States Army for two years before joining the United States Foreign Service in 1956. He was first posted to Mexico City in the Foreign Service where he served as the Ambassador's assistant. He was then posted to Yaounde, Cameroun where he recognized the need for the continuing independence of African nations, and the abolishment of apartheid in South Africa and Rhodesia.

Upon his return to the United States, he was posted to the first Executive Secretariat at the State Department, during which time he was posted to the Pentagon during the Cuban Missile Crisis to serve as a liaison with the State Department.

In 1966 to 1968 during the Lyndon Johnson Administration, he served as special assistant to National Security Advisor, Walt Rostow. It was in this position that Mr. Moose became an early skeptic of the Vietnam War. He remained at the National Security Council into the Nixon administration. Mr. Moose's views clashed with those of the new National Security Adviser, Henry Kissinger, and he resigned in late 1969.

Mr. Moose then resigned from the Foreign Service and served with Congressman, Morris K. Udall, followed by a tenure working for then Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Senator William J. Fulbright. Mr. Moose co-authored, with colleague James Lowenstein, a series of reports exposing, among other things, the United States' secret bombings in Cambodia. He accompanied Senator Fulbright to meet with President Lyndon Johnson at the White House in an unsuccessful effort to present the case for ending the war.

Upon the election of Jimmy Carter, Mr. Moose was appointed Under Secretary of Management at the State Department, and then as Assistant Secretary for African Affairs. Mr. Moose's appointment to run African policy coincided with a period of intense American engagement across the continent and also returned him to a longstanding interest in integration stemming from his ties to Little Rock Central High School where the desegregation crisis of 1957 took place.

As Assistant Secretary for Africa at the State Department, Mr. Moose was in the forefront of U.S. policy initiatives, none more important than fostering a peaceful transition in South Africa from apartheid to a democratic government which opened the door to the election of Nelson Mandela as President. Mr. Moose also took the lead in formulating the strategy to secure Zimbabwe's independence in that same region. He worked tirelessly to ensure that the settlement was based on democratic elections, not on a power-sharing arrangement imposed from the outside.

At the end of the Carter administration, Mr. Moose joined the international banking division of Kuhn Loeb & Co., which merged with Lehman Brothers. While residing in London as a Managing Director of Lehman Brothers, he led the international financial advisory activities of the company. In 1988, Mr. Moose moved to work for American Express in New York City. He then moved to the Washington D.C. area where he served as Senior Vice President of International and Government Affairs, from 1988 to 1993.

With the election of President Bill Clinton, he returned to government as Under Secretary of State for Management. While Under Secretary, he was designated Chief Operating Officer of the Department and represented all foreign affairs agencies on the President's Management Council.

Mr. Moose resigned from the State Department in 1997 and became President of the Institute for Public Research at the Center for Naval Analysis where he worked on a variety of issues designed to make government more efficient and responsive in an age of diminishing resources.

After his retirement, he became an ardent campaigner for Democratic candidates and civic issues, including as a key activist and liaison between environmental groups and city leaders to close the Mirant coal plant, the last coal-fired power plant in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. His ultimate accomplishment was co-founder of At Home in Alexandria, in Alexandria, Virginia, an organization that enables older people to stay longer in their homes.

Mr. Moose is survived by his wife of 58 years, Margaret Davis Moose, originally of Little Rock, Arkansas, his son Jeffrey Menifee Moose, his daughter Amanda Moose, and his grandchildren Elias Menifee Moose, Lea Grover, Samuel Henry Lazarus, and Lily Mae Lazarus.

A memorial service will be held for Mr. Moose at St. Paul's Church in Alexandria, Virginia on October 17 at 11am. Contributions may be sent to At Home in Alexandria, Doctors Without Borders, and the International Rescue Committee.

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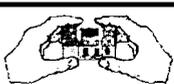


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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 11
us in supporting his campaign for Mount Vernon District supervisor.

**Candice Bennett
Jack Dobbyn
Tim Sargeant**

How To Address Student Disparities?

To the Editor:

Voters should understand the inequities in our schools and what each candidate proposes to end these problems.

Differing views about perceived chronic school issues exist (put simply, poorer, underserved students need society's help to compete versus poor parents are sending unprepared students that drain public resources and damage the community) because how the issue is defined determines a strategy.

All parents want what is best for their children. Some parents — and states, and school districts — have greater means to provide educational resources.

In 2013, the average per-student expenditure for public K-12 schools in the U.S. was \$10,938. States varied in per-student funding, from \$19,752 in Vermont to \$6,949 in Arizona. Disparities exist within states, between wealthy suburban school districts and poorer urban and rural school districts.

Affluent students in well-off school districts have higher rates of high school graduation, college attendance and entry to more selective colleges. For example, 82 percent of affluent students who had SAT scores over 1200 graduate from college. In contrast, only 44 percent of low-income students with the same high SAT scores graduate from college. This gap can't be explained by differences in intelligence and ability.

Affluent parents provide their children with educational advantages, such as first-class pre-kindergarten classes, private SAT preparation classes, and private after-school, weekend and summer enrichment programs (such as summer camp, dance and music lessons, travel league sports, and vacations abroad). Students from communities with low-income and working-class students aren't so lucky. Their parents don't have the income to pay for the advantages given to their wealthier peers.

Such factors mock the idea of "equal opportunity" in public education.

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All students deserve an equal chance to fulfill their potential and succeed in society. Political leaders must address two inequities. Raise the overall level of per-student funding and increase supplemental funding for the neediest students and schools. Equal educational opportunity is spending more on schools serving significant numbers of low-income students.

Segregation inequality practices in public education were not officially ended until the 1970s when the state government's attempts to resist desegregation ended.

Inequalities in many of our schools persist. The Emancipation Proclamation was law in 1863 but it was the 1960s before full citizenship rights to people of color were finally won. Inequality in educational funding for schools with large populations of poor and working class students remains.

How do our candidates running for public office plan to end such inequities impacting our youth?

Martin Tillett
Mount Vernon

Republicans Write Checks Too

To the Editor:

I received e-mails informing me that the 25th Annual Lobsterfest to be held by Supervisor Hyland would be "A Benefit for United Community Ministries (UCM)." Since Supervisor Hyland is not running for re-election, I assumed the event would be politically non-partisan for the sole benefit of a worthy charity.

I was disappointed when I found the entrance driveway into the hosting farm lined with campaign signs supporting seemingly every Democratic candidate for office in the upcoming election. Not a single Republican sign was on display. Call me naive, but an event advertised as solely for the benefit of UCM and hosted by a non-candidate should not have been conducted as a partisan political event. Had I known the event would be conducted in this way, I would have instead sent my \$100 contribution to UCM directly. A CPA I asked couldn't say with certainty that contributions payable to "Hyland For Supervisor - UCM" as requested would be deductible, because the checks are not payable to UCM directly and Mr. Hyland is not a political candidate. Presumably,

UCM realizes that those who support its efforts in our community are not limited to Democrats, as demonstrated by the extensive list of donors of money and auction items.

Although attendees to the Lobsterfest would be unaware from the displayed signs that any Republicans are running for office, the Mount Vernon supervisor race has a Republican candidate who would make an outstanding supervisor. Jane Gandee is that person. She started a business in Mount Vernon with her husband almost 30 years ago and it has grown to the point at which they now have over 30 employees. The business has a large headquarters building in Hybla Valley. Developing that building gave Jane keen insight into the regulatory morass now existing in Fairfax County when one wishes to develop one's property. She intends to address development issues and reduce "red tape" so businesses are encouraged to establish themselves in our county. Disappointments like the demise of the Kings Crossing Town Center proposal, and the inability of the owners of the DAKS restaurant to obtain timely county approval for their environmentally friendly development proposal must never recur. North Hill is unchanged from its status in the early 1980s prior to Supervisor Hyland's first term in office. Millions were squandered on the Lamond property (now McCutcheon Park) which is usually inaccessible to the general public. This is unacceptable. Jane will apply a business-like approach to development issues while ensuring due care is given to issues of community concern, including environmental, educational, communication and transportation issues.

Jane is vice-president of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce. She serves on the board of directors of Rising Hope Mission Church, well known for serving the less fortunate in our community and is chairman of the Advisory Board of the Alexandria Salvation Army, another organization benefiting the poor.

Jane signs payroll checks for her employees and will be a responsible steward of taxpayer funds. With the county budget stressed in recent years, a level-headed business woman is just what the doctor ordered to represent Mount Vernon on the Board of Supervisors. I encourage voters to consider voting for Jane Gandee.

H. Jay Spiegel
Mount Vernon

BULLETIN BOARD

FROM PAGE 19

SUNDAY/JAN. 10

School Open House. 2-4 p.m. at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, 3700 Burgundy Road. School serves pre-kindergarten to 8th grade. Childcare available. Call 703-329-6968 to RSVP or schedule a personal tour. Visit www.burgundyfarm.org for more.

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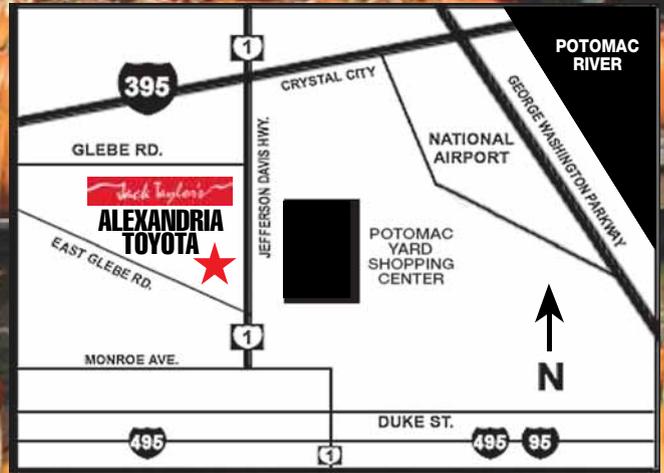
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- ❖ The Mount Vernon Adult Day Health Care Center needs volunteer English and Spanish-speaking social companions, and front desk volunteer.
- ❖ The Hollin Hall Senior Center a ballroom dance instructor to teach a class on Thursday afternoons, and an Italian instructor.
- ❖ The Gum Springs Senior Center needs a Spanish teacher.

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