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Launching Challenger Baseball

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West Potomac High School baseball coach Jim Sullivan and four varsity players were also on hand to assist with the game, after West Potomac sophomore Adriana DeLorenzo sang the National Anthem.

"The players had a blast, demonstrated character, and showed everyone how to have fun no matter what your ability," said organizer Tony Castrilli. "The game really brought the community together and our volunteers did an exceptional job helping the players and making the game a success."

The next Challenger baseball game is scheduled



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to take place this summer in June.

— TIM PETERSON



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'Booster Shot'

Supervisors approve budget and tax hike.

BY KEN MOORE
THE GAZETTE

When the Board of Supervisors approved the budget on Tuesday, April 26, they increased taxes by about \$300 for the average homeowner and increased funding for schools by 5 percent.

The property tax rate will increase four cents from \$1.09 to \$1.13, per \$100 of the assessed value of a home.

Board members had a chance to explain their reactions to the budget and in some cases, their vision for the future at the budget markup on April 19.

For most the budget was a successful and important step, but others found much to worry about, now and in the future.

"This budget provides a needed booster shot to support our excellent school system and to ensure the quality services our residents expect and rely upon. Our board heard from thousands of residents advocating for an increase in taxes to address our community's needs," said Chairman Sharon Bulova.

She appointed Lee District Su-

"One disappointing thing for me in the discussion of the school budget that we didn't hear about was our special needs, ESOL, and Title I schools and our challenged academic schools and students who are living in poverty."

— Jeff McKay,
Lee District Supervisor

NOT ALL SUPERVISORS

supported the budget. Supervisors Pat Herrity and John Cook, the board's two Republican members, voted against the budget, which passed 7-2.

"I was dismayed at the pre-budget markup meeting," said Herrity, "to hear some of my colleagues

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Shining a Light on Addiction and Overdose

Town Hall meeting addresses heroin and prescription drug abuse in Fairfax County.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

South Lakes High School and George Mason University graduate Ginny Lovitt lost her brother Chris to a heroin overdose. He was 21 and had been discharged from the Sagebrush Treatment Center of Northern Virginia just a week before, in January of 2013. His tolerance was down.

Though he had been struggling with the disease of addiction since he was 15, Lovitt said he also suffered from the stigma and isolation of being an addict.

"He wasn't a bad person, he was a sick person," Lovitt said at a May 3 Town Hall meeting on heroin and drug abuse at the Fairfax County Government Center. "He couldn't get fully connected to this recovery community."

Immediately following his death, Lovitt and her parents established the Chris Atwood Foundation to help raise awareness of opiate addiction, eliminate the stigma and teach individuals how to administer doses of Naloxone, a drug that can reverse an overdose within 30 to 45 seconds.

Lovitt joined a panel of elected officials, law enforcement and treatment service leaders who spoke on the growing public health crisis at local, state and national levels: heroin and prescription drug abuse and subsequent overdose.

The Town Hall was hosted by Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) who opened the evening speaking about unreported overdose deaths in his district he had learned about. By shining a light on the disease of addiction and promoting the resources available to people in Fairfax County,



Lieutenant James Cox of the Fairfax County Police Department explains that they mostly see local young heroin users injecting the drug between fingers and toes to better hide their addiction from parents and law enforcement.



Center, Special Agent Karl Colder with the Drug Enforcement Administration describes the flow of heroin into the United States from Mexico and South America, and some of the DEA's latest initiatives to stop it.



U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) said the overdose problem needs to be attacked on all fronts, at the national, state and local levels.



Left, CSB Fairfax Detoxification Center Nurse Supervisor Wanda Orr and CSB Assistant Deputy Director Lyn Tomlinson explain some updates and goals for the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board.



Herrity explained, people facing challenges with prescription opioid drugs and/or heroin can "get help for yourself and loved ones."

U.S. Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-10) followed Herrity, citing the statistic that overdose deaths eclipse deaths from car accidents in Virginia, with 728 in the last year.

"Like Pat, in the past few years, I've seen this throughout our community," Comstock said. She called for attacking the problem "on all fronts," at the local, state and national level, and stressed the need for more drug treatment facilities and education about addiction.

"We need a whole community of support,"

she said, "and want families to come out of the shadows and see there are others like them."

Recognizing existing recovery resources and communities was one of the evening's themes, after making the connection from initial addiction to prescription pain medi-

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Training to Reverse an Overdose

In 30 to 45 seconds, a single dose of the drug Naloxone can be the difference in whether someone experiencing an opiate overdose lives or dies.

Since October 2015, the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board has been offering "Revive!" training courses to the public for how to administer the antidote, in both nasal spray and direct-thigh-injection forms. In that time, they've trained 530 people, CSB Assistant Deputy Director Lyn Tomlinson said.

"A lot of people are learning about it," said Lauren Krause, a Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board substance abuse counselor who led a training on May 3.

"People are feeling empowered by this training, they're learning how they can fight back and help the people they love."

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The training includes a discussion of overdose risk factors and myths, and how to visibly distinguish between an overdose and someone who is just high. With an unresponsive, potential overdose scenario, there's a CPR-like progression of calling 9-1-1, checking the airway and giving rescue breaths before administering a dose of Naloxone.

Once the one-hour training session is over, trainees have an opportunity to get a prescription for Naloxone filled at the CSB.

Revive! training classes are offered twice a month at the Merrifield Crisis Center at 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive in Fairfax and the Gartlan Center, 8119 Holland Road in Alexandria.

For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb.

— TIM PETERSON



Cindy Koshatka, with Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board Emergency Services, practices administering a nasal spray of the overdose-reversing drug Naloxone.

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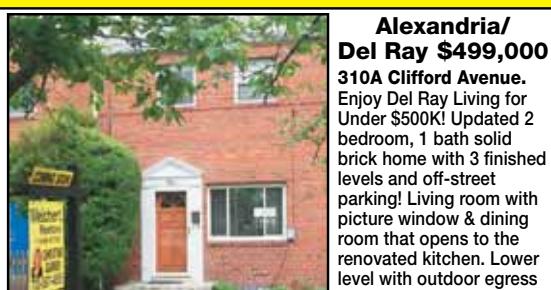
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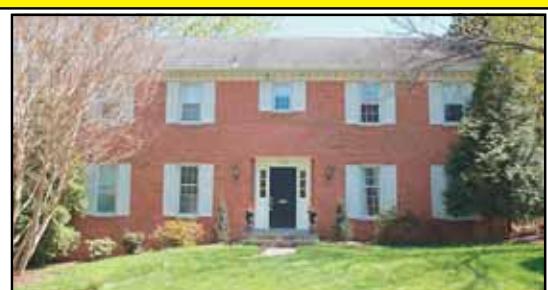


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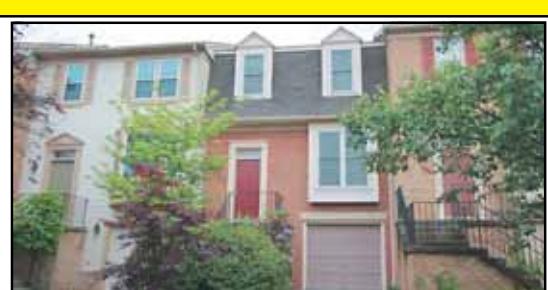


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FARMERS MARKET OPEN

The McCutcheon/Mount Vernon Farmers Market

Farmers Market is open for the year at the Sherwood Hall Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 8 a.m.-noon every Wednesday, through Dec. 16. Local farmers and producers will sell fresh produce and fruits; meats; breads and pastries; honey, jams and jellies; dairy products and eggs; herbs; and more. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/farmersmarkets for more.

SOBER-RIDE FOR CINCO DE MAYO

Free Cab Rides. Thursday, May 5, 4 p.m. through Friday, May 6, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, celebrating with alcohol may call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI (8294) and receive a free (up to \$30 fare) safe way home. Visit www.soberride.com.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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THURSDAY/MAY 5

Business Roundtable. 8:30 a.m. at



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Benefit Concert

Nearly \$2,500 was raised on Saturday, April 30, at a benefit concert at Saint Aidan's Episcopal Church on behalf of Alice's Kids. Local teen musician Charlotte Costantino organized the event and also performed, along with her brother Eric Costantino. Other performers included Anna Katharine Bozard and local teen trumpet prodigy, Geoff Gallante. Ron Fitzsimmons (left), executive director, Alice's Kids is with Geoff Gallante.

the Holiday Inn Express, 6055 Richmond Highway. Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation to host "Cybersecurity for Small Businesses" Business Roundtable session. Program, networking, and a light breakfast. Free. Register at www.sfdc.org/cyber-security-for-small-businesses-may-5th/.

Ancient Art of Movement. 12:45 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Hollin Hall presents The Ancient Art of Movement with Carmen Shippy. Learn movements and techniques drawn from belly dance and modern dance to strengthen your core and increase flexibility. There will be a demonstration followed by audience

participation. Free, open to the public. Reservation required, call 703-765-4573.

FRIDAY/MAY 6

Fridays at the Seminary. 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at 3737 Seminary Road. Virginia Theological Seminary's Lifetime Theological Education office invites the community to "Caring for Creation: Loving God and Neighbor" with former (Episcopal) Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. \$40. Register at <https://give.vts.edu/caring-for-creation-fridays-may2016> by Monday, May 2.

Diabetes Self-Management Workshop. 10 a.m.-noon at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Hollin Hall presents a senior self-defense seminar. Guy Philbin will teach seniors how to be SAFE – Sense, Awareness, Fight or flight, Escape to safety. Wear comfortable and

Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Hollin Hall presents a Diabetes Self-Management Workshop. Fairfax County is enrolling individuals for free workshops to help people with diabetes with topics like meal planning, label reading, foot care and preventing complications. Free, open to the public. Reservation required, call 703-765-4573.

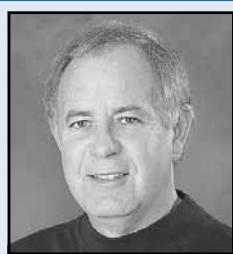
SAFE Seniors. Noon-1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Hollin Hall Senior Center presents a senior self-defense seminar. Guy Philbin will teach seniors how to be SAFE – Sense, Awareness, Fight or flight, Escape to safety. Wear comfortable and

sensible shoes. Free, open to the public. Reservation required, call 703-765-4573.

MONDAY/MAY 9

EMBARK Richmond Highway. 7 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School, 2500 Parkers Lane. Learn more about EMBARK Richmond Highway at this community meeting in an open house format for a project overview, to include general Bus Rapid Transit information and existing conditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/embarkrichmondhwy for more.

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Alex./Wellington Manor \$754,900 1114 Arcturus Lane

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Alex./Riverside Estates \$649,900 8425 Mount Vernon Highway

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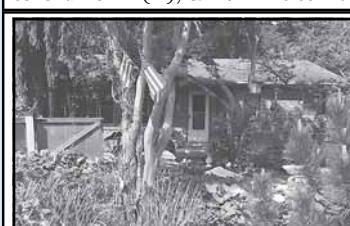
Alex./Stratford Landing \$619,900 8720 Bluedale Street

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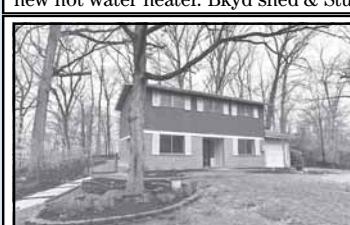
Alex./Riverside \$559,000 8332 Wagon Wheel Road

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Alex./Hollin Hall Village \$474,900 7924 Jackson Road

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Alex./Sulgrave Manor \$479,900 8802 Adrienne Court

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Alex./Kirk \$525,900 8112 Karl Road

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NEWS



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Spring Plant Sale

The art deco greenhouse at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, is full of garden plants, herbs, flowers, and open for its annual Spring Plant Sale, Saturdays and Sundays in May, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. A variety of old-fashioned annuals, perennials, herbs, and more than 30 varieties of tomatoes including many heirloom varieties are for sale. Above, Mary Barnett, greenhouse manager, displays cuttings from Mount Vernon Estate that were grown in the greenhouse this year.

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Lanier Middle School

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Thank you to all the students, teachers and partners who participated this year!

Agrium provided nearly \$20,000 in cash prizes and school awards!



Caring for Our Watersheds is supported by international nonprofit Earth Force, whose mission is to engage young people as active citizens who improve the environment and their communities, now and in the future. The program empowers students to imagine, develop, and create solutions in their local watersheds, developing problem-solving, budgeting, community-involvement, and presentation skills.

Turning ideas into realistic solutions is the key to improving our local watersheds.

Alexandria/Arlington/Fairfax Finalists, Grades 4-8

Final Place	Award	Proposal Name	School
1	\$1,000	Classes Plant Grasses	Lanier Middle School
2	\$900	The Effect of Nutrient Pollution and Algal Blooms on Our Local Watershed	Dogwood Elementary School
3	\$800	Ban the Bottle Continued	Lanier Middle School
4	\$700	Pesticides AVA	George Washington Middle School
5	\$600	Going Green 2K16	George Washington Middle School
6	\$500	Journey to a Jolly Watershed	Lanier Middle School
7	\$450	Ban the Bag!	Lanier Middle School
8	\$400	Green Roofs for VA; Development the Green Way	Lanier Middle School
9	\$350	Nitrate and Phosphate Levels in the Potomac River	George Washington Middle School
10	\$300	What Can We Do?	Meridian Homeschool Club



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Supervisors Approve Budget and Tax Hike

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congratulating themselves on tackling a difficult budget with a six percent tax increase on our residents.

"I'm certain most Fairfax County residents won't be jumping up for joy or congratulating you when they receive their tax bill next year. As most of you know, their salaries aren't going up by six percent," he said.

"My biggest disappointment is this year's budget does absolutely nothing to address long-term budget issues," said Herrity, Springfield District Supervisor.

Herrity has advocated for the board and the school board to meet on the budget throughout the year, something a few supervisors voiced agreement with on April 19. "A year ago, we were sitting in the same place we were today. I moved budget guidance that we begin to address the budget shortfall in the summer. Well, those meetings never happened," Herrity said.

Braddock Supervisor John Cook said he couldn't reconcile the burden the budget places on homeowners with the obligations the county has to pay for needed and important services.

"It's not just education, it's human services. We are in the bottom 10 in state funding for education, but we are in the bottom five in state funding for human services," he said.

"I can't close that gap between an unsustainable burden on residential taxpayers and a lot of legitimate government functions that we are trying to fund," he said.

"So I reached the conclusion, reluctantly, but properly so, that we need another source of revenue in this county to fund our services," said Cook.

He said his preference is for increases in an alcohol and cigarette tax.

"Remember we have to either convince the General Assembly or the taxpayer," he said. "We have to convince someone that we cannot continue to increase the property tax any longer."

DRAKESVILLE SUPERVISOR John Foust supported the budget.

"I believe it advances many of this board's priorities and more importantly, I believe it advances the priorities we heard from our constituents," said Foust. "I think it represents the board's commitment to our county employees who have made tremendous sacrifices over the past eight years. It reflects our commitment to preserving essential services and the things that make Fairfax county great, from parks and libraries to mental health and transit and housing."

He said the budget shows the board's commitment to good fiscal responsibility that will preserve its Triple-A Bond rating.

Tax Dollar Breakdown

Here's how the newly approved budget allocates each dollar:

- ❖ 53 cents for Fairfax County Public Schools
- ❖ 17 cents for Public Safety and Courts
- ❖ 13 cents for Health and Welfare
- ❖ 7 cents for Debt Service, Capital and Transfers
- ❖ 4 cents for General Government, which includes operations, elections, IT
- ❖ 2 cents for Public Works
- ❖ 2 cents for Community Development
- ❖ 2 cents for Libraries, Parks and Recreation

But Foust also called the residential tax increase unsustainable in the long-term.

"We must find ways to fund the programs and services that residents both need and expect without being so dependent on residential property taxes. It's especially important to find ways to mitigate the impact of property taxes on seniors, many of whom were on fixed incomes," he said.

"We're also too dependent on property taxes to fund county and school operations. I'm pleased the board will be looking at ways to allow county residents to vote on whether they want to diversify our revenue stream and provide some relief to homeowners," said Foust.

"Truly, there are people that are finding taxes that are becoming less and less affordable in our county and they are not just people who are seniors, they are younger folks, they are people with kids in the

schools," said Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth. "It's getting to be more of a widespread problem than we have seen in past years."

PRE-K EDUCATION and funding was stressed by Supervisor Cathy Hudgins and McKay. "We have to make that investment and get serious about providing that. If we want to talk about equity in our school system it starts with making sure that every kid has an opportunity," said McKay.

Hudgins said, "I bet we can't find anything else" that provides as good a return on the investment as pre-K.

Hudgins remembers the board looking at the meals tax in 1992, and it is time again. "We need to look at other revenue sources," she said.

"We are at a crossroads where we have to make tough decisions," said Mount Vernon Supervisor Dan Storck. "Are going to remain on the best school systems in the county, and yes, we are, but we are fraying around the edges," he said.

"As a business person, sometimes you have to make critical investments and although those investments have some short-term pain, if you will, for what I believe will be long-term gain," he said. "This budget is an essential investment in our future, schools are our future."



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OPINION

For Better Future, Understand the Past

BY PAUL KRIZEK
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

O Iga Rozenberg. Aron Rozenberg. Pinkhas Rozenberg. Llova Rozenberg, Klara Grinberg, Shulom Litvak. Sadly, these are a few of the names of those killed in the Holocaust and read of as part of the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Washington's Holocaust Observance Day Memorial event on Sunday, May 1, also known as Yom HaShoah, the "Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust and the Heroism."

The actual date of Yom HaShoah is a week after Passover and marks the anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprisings, and this year will occur from Wednesday night into Thursday, May 4-5.

These specific individuals were from the USSR and killed in Odessa, Ukraine in 1941.

As an elected official representing our Mount Vernon-Lee community I was invited to par-



ticipate this past Sunday. The invitation to join this important commemoration at the Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia (JCCNV) to remember, and to never forget, the victims of the Holocaust was an honor, and

reading the names moved me very much. It also brought back memories of my visit to the Buchenwald concentration camp three years ago. A horrid place and important reminder of the unique heinousness of the Holocaust.

The names of 11 million Holocaust victims, six million Jews, with one and a half million of them being children, are recited at ceremonies around the world. As we recite their names, we remember them. Each individual human being is identified by name. For many on the list, it is the only time their name will be commemorated aloud. Their entire family

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may have been killed with them, or the surviving family members have since passed away. The depth of loss experienced in the Holocaust is hard to fathom, and listening to the names being read really brings it home.

In Israel, a siren will sound periodically, and wherever people are, they will pause and stand for a moment of silence. Even if they are driving in their cars, they will stop, get out and stand in observance of the 11 million Holocaust victims.

Take a moment on this day, during this week, to not only remember the millions of people murdered, that terrible genocide, but also to acknowledge the need for acceptance and tolerance of people of all religions and races in our country to prevent anything like the Holocaust from ever happening again.

We can shape a better future with understanding of our past.

You can reach my office at delpkrizek@house.virginia.gov.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More Study Needed Before Funding FCPS

To the Editor:

I'm responding to a letter from a leader for more taxing and spending, Supervisor Dan Storck, published in April 28, 2016 Mount Vernon Gazette regarding the county budget that includes more taxes.

Before I sent the following email to all supervisors, I sent an email prior to budget con-

sideration stating ways to cut wasteful spending and costs before raising taxes. That was ignored except one supervisor sent me a generalized political proforma response.

I sent another email to all supervisors before budget consideration regarding major flaws in the FCPS educational system that needs attention before considering the FCPS budget request. That email was totally ignored. I then sent another email to all supervisors after they had approved the FY 2017 County budget I received five automatic replies from

the supervisors.

After reading the following email, I urge all overburdened taxpayers and parents to call their supervisor and demand that the FCPS system be improved to help ensure that all students receive a quality education at all times and that accountability for educational outcomes be a top priority at all times.

Here is the last email I sent to all supervisors on the FCPS system:

BOS members:

The BOS decision to throw more taxpayers' money at FCPS without in-depth evaluation of the FCPS flaws enhances your political agenda but doesn't help the students get a quality education at all times. What's missing is teacher accountability for educational outcomes. That should be the top most priority when it comes to spending taxpayer money.

Only 54 percent of high school graduates are prepared for college. What about the other 46 percent who are not? What kind of unfair burden is placed on those students for lacking knowledge to help them achieve to the best of their abilities? Apparently, this problem has been around a long time because when I served in the Virginia General Assembly during the 1980s, college faculty would tell me that they could always tell a student from Fairfax County because they had high grades but needed to take remedial courses before they could take regular college courses.

Despite the low state benchmarks for accreditation, 85 percent for English and 70 percent for other subjects, there are a number of schools not fully accredited with 12 located in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts.

Teachers get raises based on certain educational courses they complete. While it is good to gain current knowledge, student education performance should be the first criteria.

There's more like drop-out rates and non-education rates that I won't go into.

You need to set aside your political agendas and put the students first for a quality educa-

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tion and accountability for educational outcomes when deciding money issues for FCPS.

Please respond to my specific concerns.

Frank Medico
Mount Vernon

Condolences

To the Editor:

I write to the editor of the Gazette occasionally and among those letters I sometimes express a different opinion to one expressed by H. Jay Spiegel. This week, as a fellow companion of a dog, there is no difference. I offer heartfelt condolences on the death of his longtime companion, Mia. Some would say she had a long life at 19 1/3 years, but in the midst of grief, any true human companion to a dog would have hoped for an additional 19 1/3 years. The memories will help, but I know she will be missed.

My deepest sympathies, Mr. Spiegel.

William Zaccagnino
Alexandria

Focus on North Hill

To the Editor:

Last week, I attended a meeting scheduled to discuss the current status of efforts to develop the North Hill property. An accurate summary of the history of the property to that date appeared in the Oct. 11, 2012 edition of the Gazette.

In essence, as we sit today, the county could develop 11 acres of the property by right for 66 or 67 affordable housing units which were proposed to be sold to those who would live there.

Several years ago when such a project was about to move forward, developers suggested other plans of development that would result in significantly larger numbers of dwelling units. Such proposals would require rezoning the property which creates the specter of public hearings where all the opponents of affordable housing will be able to testify against the project.

As we were told last week, the current proposal is to construct 195 townhomes which would be sold at fair market prices. Additionally, 278 rental units would be established in six separate multi-level buildings. The rental units would be available for rent by citizens qualifying for affordable housing. Currently, 22 acres of the

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Fire Chief Moves to Address Department Cyberbullying

Announcement on heels of funeral for Nicole Mittendorff.

BY TIM PETERSON
THE GAZETTE

After the suicide of Fairfax County firefighter-paramedic Nicole Mittendorff and suspected cyberbullying of the 31-year-old that came to light after her death, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue is cracking down on workplace harassment, bullying and discrimination.

Mittendorff, a member of Fire Station 32 in Fairfax Station, went missing April 13. An extensive search and investigation led by Virginia State Police resulted in her remains being found a week later on April 21, one mile from the Shenandoah National Park Whiteoak Canyon trail entrance parking lot where her car was found abandoned. Inside was a suicide note.

Virginia State police have released neither the content of the note nor the manner of Mittendorff's suicide.

A visitation and funeral service for Mittendorff was held April 28 at McLean



PHOTO BY TIM PETERSON/THE GAZETTE

Fire engines parked outside the McLean Bible Church pay tribute to firefighter-paramedic Nicole Mittendorff, 31, who Virginia State Police believe died of suicide in Shenandoah National Park.

Bible Church in Vienna and attended by hundreds of friends, family and first responders from Fairfax County, Virginia State Police and neighboring jurisdictions.

Sexist, derogatory posts about Mittendorff on the independent online message board Fairfax Underground surfaced after State Police announced they found female remains they "preliminarily identi-

fied" as the three-year Fairfax County veteran.

"Fairfax County Fire and Rescue maintains a 'zero tolerance' policy in regards to bullying and harassment of any kind," Fire Chief Richard Bowers said in an April 29 statement. "I will hold any county employee or volunteer accountable for these hostile Fairfax Underground postings, which could

include termination."

The chief initially announced an investigation of the posts was underway to determine their sources, and whether they made by other Fairfax firefighters.

Along with Bowers' latest statement, the release said the preliminary investigation found "there was no departmental knowledge of any bullying or harassment regarding Firefighter-Paramedic Mittendorff prior to her disappearance."

Investigators were able to verify that the website had not been accessed or posted to by a Fairfax County computer, but have not yet concluded whether any of the posts were made by Fairfax County Fire & Rescue employees.

With the internal investigation continuing, Fairfax County Fire & Rescue announced the department will establish a task force to implement additional "zero tolerance" harassment training and look for any other discrimination or workplace bullying issues.

The task force will also draw from the IAFF Local 2068 firefighters union, Female Firefighters of Fairfax County and other employee groups.

Additionally, Bowers will bring about a department-wide suicide education and prevention training program.

Meeting Addresses Heroin and Prescription Drug Abuse in County

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cation like Oxycontin leading to increased tolerance and risk for overdose, and or switching to much cheaper heroin, which can also result in overdose.

Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) spoke about the Virginia General Assembly favoring special drug courts for younger, nonviolent offenders that would offer them alternatives to incarceration. "You should not necessarily be a convict," Hugo said, "you're a kid with a problem."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors said she was "astounded" that "we're seeing so much of this every day."

Bulova went on to paint the severity of the problem in Fairfax County with numerous statistics, including from 2012 to 2014, there were 141 deaths from overdose, versus 79 car crashes over the same period.



Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) welcomes the audience to a May 3 Town Hall Meeting to shine a light on heroin and prescription opioid drug abuse in Fairfax County.

Also, Bulova said, the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department responded to 291 suspected heroin overdoses between 2011 and 2014.

"Mostly this is a human problem," she said. "It damages our own lives and own potential."

Lieutenant James Cox with the Fairfax County Police Department shared an anecdote of a couple in Reston that were shooting heroin together in a vehicle in the park. Because of the purity of the drug, the husband experienced an overdose.

The wife took the needle directly from his arm and injected into her own. The two

of them fell out of the vehicle, both overdosed. Someone reported them, thinking it was a double homicide. When first responders were able to reverse the wife's condition, Cox said, "she tried to fight them for robbing her of her high."

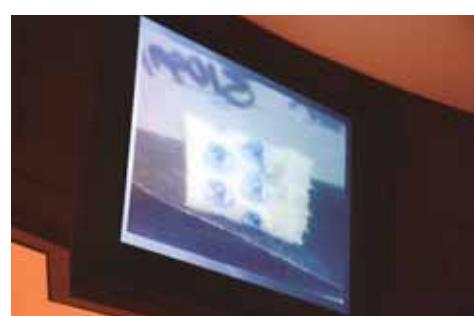
Representatives Lyn Tomlinson and Wanda Orr from the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board explained how treatment and resources are more accessible for people than ever, including 9-to-5 walk-in assessments and treatment commencement at the Merrifield Center at 8221 Willow Oaks Corporate Drive in Fairfax.

Nick Yacoub, a peer support specialist

supervisor and senior recovery coach with Substance Abuse Addiction and Recovery (SAARA), reminded everyone that help is out there, and that no one is alone in their addiction or recovery.

"No one wants to live with this, terrified and in pain," Yacoub said. Yacoub, himself an addict, has been in recovery more than eight years. "Getting arrested saved my life, recovery made it a life worth living."

The Town Hall was streamed live through the Fairfax County Website but will be re-broadcast later this month on Channel 16. For more information, visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/csb/heroin-opiates.



A slide during Lieutenant Cox's presentation shows a bag of heroin typical for what Fairfax County Police find in the region.



Left, Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) said overdose and addiction can affect friends and family, that, "you just don't expect it."

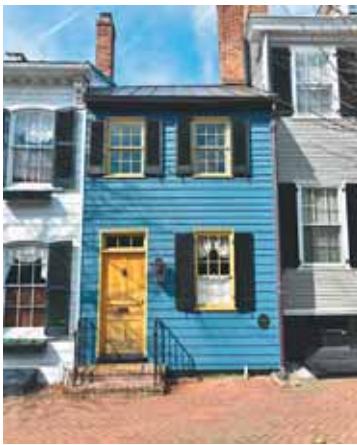
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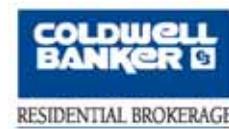
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ENTERTAINMENT

MetroStage Presents 'Black Pearl Sings!'

Play set in 1930s Depression-era features 19 American folk and spiritual songs.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

MetroStage is presenting "Black Pearl Sings!" by playwright Frank Higgins now through May 29.

The story centers around musicologist Susannah Mullally who works in a Texas prison during the 1930's Depression-era who discovers inmate Alberta "Pearl" Johnson who might have information about the origin of a song that can be traced back to its original roots in Africa. Susannah is an ambitious Library of Congress musicologist searching for the African roots of slave songs. Pearl is a strong-willed African American inmate with a soulful voice and steely spirit. The two develop a fascinating relationship that arises from an unlikely partnership that features 19 American folk and spiritual songs.

Some of the musical numbers include: "Little Sally Walker," "Six Feet of Earth," "This Little Light of Mine," "Do Lord, Remember Me," and "No More Auction Block for Me." The music director is William Hubbard and the director is Sandra L. Holloway.

MetroStage Producing Artistic Director Carolyn Griffin said that she is always looking for "little gems" that will showcase some of their favorite actors, so when Roz White mentioned "Black Pearl Sings!" to her last season, it seemed to completely fit the bill, she said.

"Roz is one of our favorite, versatile actors, and the role of Alberta 'Pearl' Johnson is perfect for her: rich dramatic acting and a capella singing," she said. Playing opposite her in this two-person show is Teresa Castracane, an actor making her MetroStage debut.

"But in addition to these great roles for two actors, this play has such an interesting historical base, given the fact that in the '30s there was such an interest by



ethnomusicologists searching for the origins of American slave songs and other indigenous music," said Griffin.

And with the Library of Congress right here, there are tens of thousands of recorded songs from the 1930s that are fortunately preserved for history because of this research, she added.

Griffin said she finds it interesting when a playwright is influenced by some historical fact (remember last fall in MetroStage's "Uprising," which used John Brown's raid on Harper's Ferry as a jumping off point, leading to a fascinating story with a historic base, she added).

"The playwright in the case of 'Black Pearl Sings!' has created two very memorable characters both on important journeys, depicted by two very interesting, accomplished actors," said Griffin. "And that is



Roz White and Teresa Castracane star in MetroStage's production of "Black Pearl Sings!" now through May 29.

what we do at MetroStage."

Actress Teresa Castracane plays the role of Susannah, a Depression-era musicologist who travels the country looking for folk songs to record for the Library of Congress. "She's driven, ambitious, and has sacrificed some personal relationships for the sake of her ambition," she said. "But she has also suffered setbacks due to being a woman in her field, at a time when it was expected she would marry and have babies. Through the play, she learns some lessons that begin to open her up a bit."

She said the two actors spent a good deal of time calibrating the initial tension between the two characters. "It was important to see some friction between these two strong-willed women, so that there would be room for their relationship to grow," she said. "At the same time, we didn't want to go so far that audiences would feel alienated or put off. There was a lot of wiggle room in the script on this point, and it was fun to fine-tune our work on that first scene

to start the story off on the right foot."

She thinks the play is for anyone interested in seeing strong female characters and relationships on stage. "It also provides a lot of food for thought on the topic of race relations and the troubled history of this country," she said.

She added: "Most of all, though, I'm hoping that audiences will be moved — by the story, but especially by the music. There are songs of every emotional color in this play, and so far, I'm really enjoying watching our audiences enjoy those musical moments."

Performances for "Black Pearl Sings!" are Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$55 to \$60 with student and active military discounts available. For ticket reservations, call the theatre at 703-548-9044 or go online to www.metrostage.org. The venue is located at 1201 North Royal St., in North Old Town. There is free parking and fine dining nearby. The theatre is handicap accessible.

CALENDAR

Email announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Include date, time, location, description and contact for event; phone, email and/or website. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before event.

ONGOING

Visitor Appreciation Week. Through May 6, 11 a.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Free gardening and history events each day, and afterwards enjoy afternoon refreshments. Visit with the gardeners at the edible garden on Thursday, and on Friday learn about Green Spring past and present on a tour led by a Master Gardener docent. Visit

www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

Music: "Starlight Express."

Through May 7, 5 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. Saturdays at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac's Beyond The Page Theatre presents an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical based on the imagination of a young boy and his toy trains. Tickets are \$12 plus a service fee. Visit www.westpotomactheatre.org.

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Tree Sale. Through May 7, 10 a.m.-2 pm. at Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. Trees and shrubs available for purchase include White Oak, Scarlet Oak, American Holly, Flameleaf Sumac, Eastern Red-Cedar, Maple Leaf Viburnum, Blackhawk Viburnum,

and American Sweetgum. All trees are \$20. Visit www.alexandriava.gov for more.

DASH for the STASH. Through May 15. Learn about investing with DASH for the STASH, an investor education contest hosted by the Alexandria Library. Read four game posters at any Alexandria Library location, get a quiz question related to each, and submit your answers to have a chance at winning a \$1,000 retirement investment. Game posters are on display at all Alexandria Library locations. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us or call 703-746-1751.

Art Exhibit: "Partnerships."

Through May 15, business hours at VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital, 2660 Duke St. All artwork is available for purchase through Del

Ray Artisans. Artists are donating 20 percent of the purchase price of sold pieces in an equal split between Del Ray Artisans and the VCA Alexandria Animal Hospital's charity of choice, Veterans Moving Forward. Free. Call 703-751-2022 for more.

Art Exhibit: "The Hand Speaks."

Through May 22, gallery hours at The Associates Gallery, 105 N. Union St. The Associates Gallery at the Torpedo Factory Art Center presents work of Kara Hammond and Drew Parrish in an exhibit entitled: "The Hand Speaks." Recently juried into the Torpedo Factory, TAG newcomer Parrish is primarily self-taught in the medium of graphite drawing. His subjects, often family and friends, offer the viewer an emotional connection to his work. Hammond will feature new ink wash drawings each a story unto themselves. Free.

Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Mount Vernon Historic Plant Sale.

Through May 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway, Mount Vernon. At the Mount Vernon Historic Plant and Garden Sale, historic trees, shrubs and plants as well as a wide variety of annuals, perennials, heirloom tomatoes and herbs — each carefully nurtured in the Mount Vernon greenhouses — will be available for purchase. Admission is free. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

May Artists Showcase.

Through May 28, gallery hours at Broadway Gallery Fine Art & Framing, 5641-B General Washington Drive. Find paintings of several local artists, celebrating the colors of Spring. Free. Visit www.broadwaygallery.net.

Exhibit: Ethiopian Crosses.

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ENTERTAINMENT



Above: John McFarlane, Emily Carbone, Delaney Claussen, Frankie Mananzan, David Jarzen. Right: Emily Carbone and David Jarzen

West Potomac High Presents 'Starlight Express'

West Potomac's Beyond The Page Theatre presents an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical based on the imagination of a young boy and his toy trains. Shows are April 28-May 7, 5 p.m. Thursdays, 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 1 p.m. Saturdays at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. Tickets are \$12 plus a service fee. Visit www.westpotomactheatre.org.



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Through May 29, gallery hours at St. George Gallery, 105 N. Alfred St. With their elaborate lattice work and geometric patterns, Ethiopian Crosses have a variety of form, and are a decorative artistic emblem. Free. Call 703-299-9495 for more.

Black Pearl Sings! Through May 29, 8 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Black Pearl Sings! is about two women in Depression-era Texas: an ambitious Library of Congress musicologist, searching for the African roots of slave songs, and the discovery of the musical gifts of an African American woman. Tickets are \$55-60. Visit www.metrostage.org.

THURSDAY/MAY 5
Winterthur and Mount Cuba. 6:30

a.m.-7:30 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Travel to Wilmington, Delaware, to see woodland gardens at Mt. Cuba Center and Winterthur Gardens, both former DuPont family estates. Tickets are \$120 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring using code 290 292 1901 or call 703-642-5173.

Mentor Recruitment Boat Ride. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Alexandria City Marina, 0 Cameron St. The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership (AMP) is seeking community members to help make a difference in the lives of the City's youth. Wine and hors d'oeuvres reception. Free, but donations accepted. To RSVP, contact Lily Rowny at lily.rowny@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4455 by Saturday, April 30.

An Extraordinary Young Man: The Early Years of George Washington. 7 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Dr. Peter Henriques, Professor Emeritus of History from George Mason University, will explore various facets of our early national history through the lens of George Washington and his childhood. \$12 per person, \$10 for members of the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society and Gadsby's Tavern Museum volunteers. Visit shop.alexandriava.gov.

Choral Evensong for Ascension Day. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. The church's adult choir performs music by Josef Rheinberger and Ralph Vaughn Williams. Free. Call 703-549-3312 for more.

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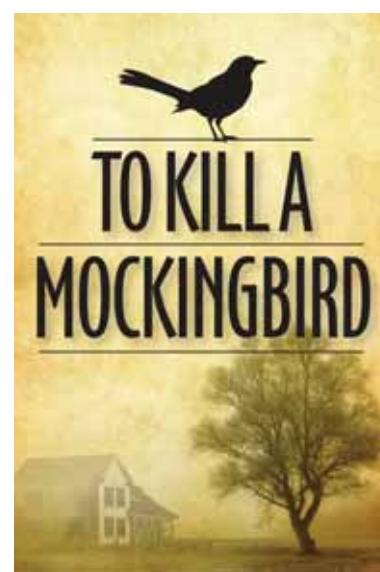
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ENTERTAINMENT

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo at These 3 Spots

Whether Mexican or Tex-Mex, these restaurants will hit the spot.

BY HOPE NELSON
THE GAZETTE

To be sure, Cinco de Mayo's origins are often misunderstood in the United States. Often incorrectly referred to as Mexico's independence day, the fifth of May is actually the anniversary of the Mexican army's victory against France in 1862. (Mexico's independence day is actually in September — a date not nearly as well-known in America.)

Regardless, diners are all too eager to commemorate the occasion, and Mexican restaurants of the region stand at the ready to assist. Here are three spots to lift a glass — and some guacamole — this week.

El Paso Mexican Restaurant 6151 Richmond Highway

Just past the Beltway, El Paso (one of four in the locally owned chain) sits unassumingly on Route 1, but it's a mistake to drive by without stopping in.

APPETITE Step in the front door and leave the highway behind; the restaurant is welcoming and homey from the start.

A helpful hint when visiting El Paso: Come hungry. To say the portions are "generous" is a vast understatement. But in this case, quantity does not negate quality; the food is authentic and fresh, a perfect slice of Mexican comfort food.

Case in point: The burrito selection at El

Paso is second to none. Both Jose's Super Burrito — featuring meat, beans, rice, and veggies — and the Super Vegetarian version (featuring all of the above sans meat) pack a flavor punch, and the size of the meal is as "super" as advertised. Looking for something a little lighter? Give the baja chicken salad a try — or, if you're after the illusion of a lighter meal without following through, the fajita taco salad is a top pick.

Los Toltecos 4111 Duke St.

Los Toltecos sits at the gateway to the West End of Alexandria, well up Duke Street past Old Town and close to Cameron Station. By dinnertime, the tiny parking lot is often filled to capacity — always a sign of a popular spot.

So many Mexican restaurants in the area split their menu into Something-Mex — Tex-Mex, say, or Salvadorean and Mexican. But Los Toltecos sticks to its purest knitting and the food sings as a result.

To try several samplings of what Los Toltecos has to offer, consider ordering a combination dinner. Choose from tamales, tacos, enchiladas, burritos, and more, and mix and match the fillings to suit your tastes. Be sure to get a taste of the velvety



Feeling indecisive? Try a combination dinner at Los Toltecos.

refried beans, which provide a wonderful texture contrast to the rice and tortillas. Wash everything down with a margarita — and take advantage of the evening happy hour prices.

Austin Grill 801 King St.

Hang out around Old Town for any length of time and you're sure to know about Austin Grill. The venerable Tex-Mex restaurant has undergone a facelift — and a menu tweak — in recent years, turning it into more of a "tequila bar" than it had been before. The revamp added a little extra pizzazz to the upstairs dining room, making it

a bit more modern while still maintaining a welcoming vibe.

Munch on some hot, crispy chips and ponder your options. The fajitas always hit the spot — whether carnitas, vegetable, or something in between, the final product is a sizzling success. The enchiladas are another gem: Each variety served with an accompanying sauce to match the flavors, the options are plentiful.

Kick back with a Tecate or Corona — or a margarita or mojito — and ring in Cinco de Mayo in style.

Hope Nelson owns and operates Kitchen Recessionista, www.kitchenrecessionista.com. Email her any time at hope@kitchenrecessionista.com.

CALENDAR

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FRIDAY/MAY 6

Family Fun Night. 6-9 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Recreation Center & Aquatics Facility, 3210 King St. Pool games include beach ball relays, water basketball, diving for prizes on the "Aqua Challenge" floating obstacle course. Participate in swimming skill assessments for youth, learn pool safety tips and more. Tickets are \$4. Visit www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

Reception "Surrealism: A Photography Exhibition." 7-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio present a surrealist photographic exhibition pushing the conventions of reality. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

MAY 6-29

"Surrealism: A Photography Exhibition." Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans and Union 206 Studio present a surrealist photographic exhibition pushing the conventions of reality. Free. Visit www.delrayartisans.org for more.

SATURDAY/MAY 7

Mount Vernon Garden Party and Bazaar. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Mount Vernon Community School, 2601 Commonwealth Ave. Families can shop for plants and flowers for Mother's Day. Organic heirloom seedlings, plants and bouquets of flowers will be available for purchase. You can also enjoy lemonade, baked goods, raffled prizes, children's crafts, music and more. Proceeds from the event will benefit the MVCS Playground Revitalization Fund. Free. Visit www.mvcspca.org/playground.

Stabler-Leadbeater Museum Volunteer Tour Guide Training. 9-10:30 a.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Ideal volunteers should enjoy meeting and talking with people of all ages, love American history, and want to learn more and share this knowledge with others. Free. To apply to become a docent, complete an application online through www.apothecarymuseum.org.

Chintz Room at Mount Vernon Reopens. 9 a.m. at George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. The Chintz Room, formerly known as the Nelly Custis Bedchamber — a space that more than one-million visitors experience every year during their visit to George Washington's

Mount Vernon — will re-open to the public after being closed for almost two years. Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$16 for seniors, \$9 for youth ages 6-11, free for children 0-5. Members of the military and their dependents are eligible for a \$3 discount off adult general admission tickets. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Great Plants for Wildlife Gardens. 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol reveals choice annuals and perennials and gives design tips for planting so a garden looks great into fall. Tickets are \$15 per person. Register online at www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/greenspring or call 703-642-5173.

Spring Art Market. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Del Ray Artisans' Spring Art Market showcases original artwork from local artists in a wide range of mediums. Rain or shine. Admission is free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket.

Del Ray House & Garden Tour. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. throughout the Del Ray neighborhood. A biennial project of the Del Ray Citizens Association, the tour serves as a fundraiser for neighborhood projects and the Alexandria Scholarship Fund. The 11

homes on this year's tour range from a house featured on the cover of "Country Living" magazine to one with a modern addition and a rooftop garden. Tickets are \$20 each until May 1, then \$25. Visit www.delraycitizens.org or the Del Ray Farmers Market for tickets.

Mother's Afternoon Tea. 1-4 p.m. at Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 332 N. Alfred St. An afternoon tea service, games and live music. \$20 suggested donation. Call 703-549-1334 for more.

Fungi in our Forest. 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Jerome "Buddie" Ford Nature Center, 5750 Sanger Ave. Biologist Amy Milo will give a short introduction of the basics of fungi types and their life cycles before taking to the woods to find and identify spring fungi. Free. Call 703-746-5525 for more, use code Activity #66980.

Monopainting Family Art Workshop. 2-3:30 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Create a work of art using one color and its different shades. In the workshop you and your child will learn a simple art technique called monopainting. Workshop fee is \$30 parent/child (all art supplies included). Visit www.metamorphosisaec.com/mama/classes.

Secretive Salamanders. 4 p.m. at

Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Participants will be guided on a 1.5-mile walk through salamander habitat to try to spot salamanders and learn about the role they play in promoting healthy forests. The cost is \$6. Participants should remove all dirt and mud from their shoes before arriving to help prevent the spread of pathogens. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows-park/.

Bowties & Belles. 4:30-8 p.m. at Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. The Junior Friends of The Campagna Center present an annual fundraiser featuring food, mint juleps, wagering, silent auctions, hat and bowtie contest, and more. Tickets are \$100. Visit www.campagnacenter.org/events/bowties-belles for more.

Country-Western Dance. 6:30-7:30 p.m. lesson, 7:30-10 p.m. dancing at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

The Transformative. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 4915 E. Campus Drive. Listen to Gershwin, Zimmer, and more. Tickets are \$20-80, \$10 for students, \$5 for youth. Visit www.alexsym.org.

ENTERTAINMENT

SUNDAY/MAY 8

Mother's Day Tea. 12 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Relax in the Magnolia Terrace and attend educational program "First Lady Firsts." Find personalized tableside service and food catered by Calling Card Events. The event is \$40 for adults; \$20 for children ages 5-17; free for children 4 and younger. Call 703-549-2997.

Mother's Day Tea. 1:30-3 p.m. and 4-5:30 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Find a Mother's Day-themed tea menu. Take the Mother's Day quiz to learn all about this traditional rite of spring and earn the opportunity to take home a door prize. Tickets are \$47. To make reservations, call 703-941-7987.

MONDAY/MAY 9

Workshop: "Developing Willpower for Artists." 6-9 p.m. at Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The workshop is sponsored by Yoga in Daily Life Alexandria. Instructor Vedrana Josipovic (Madhu) will provide tools needed to assess and make a plan to achieve goals. The fee is \$40 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$50 for non-members. Register at www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ Willpower.

TUESDAY/MAY 10

Train Like an Astronaut. 3:30 p.m. at Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Get moving with NASA-inspired activities used to exercise the same body parts as

astronauts do in training and on missions in space. Grades K-5. Free. Call 703-746-1721.

Excellence in Aging Awards. 5:30 p.m. at Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall, 301 King St. Five awardees will receive awards in four categories. Free. Call 703-746-5694.

All About Composting. 7-8:30 p.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Learn how to turn yard and garden clippings and kitchen waste into "black gold" that will enrich the soil in your garden. Free. Register at mgnv.org.

MAY 10-JUNE 19

Multiple Exposures Gallery: New Photos by E. E. McCollum.

Gallery hours at The Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. McCollum's work explores familiarity, simplicity, and the commitment to place in a series of photographs made over the course of a year at a small, suburban pond. Working in black and white, McCollum brings a sense of intimacy to a small, and easily dismissed, landscape. Free. Visit www.multipleexposuresgallery.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 11

Parent Child Art Class. 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane. Metamorphosis will present a free parent child art class at the MOMS Club of Alexandria South monthly meeting. Children of all ages are welcome at the meeting. MOMS Club of Alexandria South serves at-home parents as well as parents who work part-time or have home-based businesses and who reside in zip codes 22303, 22306 and 22307. Free. Email

Southalexmoms@yahoo.com.

Storytelling and Sacred Space. 7 p.m. at Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Road. Students present stories connected to the theme of sacred space in Scripture. Free. www.vts.edu.

The Wonders of Wildflowers. 7:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. A presentation on Virginia's native wildflowers by Laura Beatty and Alan Ford of the Virginia Native Plant Society. The speakers will highlight many native plants. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or call 703-768-2525.

Swing Dance. 9-11 p.m. at Nick's Nightclub, 642 S. Pickett St. Attend a DJ swing dance featuring the great recorded music of the 1930s, '40s, '50s, and even some contemporary songs. Tickets are \$6. Visit www.gottaswing.com.

THURSDAY/MAY 12

Garden Tour & Tea. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Garden's Horticultural Center and Historic House, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who will share stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in the 1784 historic house. Tickets are \$32. To make reservations, call Historic Green Spring at 703-941-7987.

Digging In: Understanding Archaeological Protection in Alexandria. 7 p.m. at Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St. The City Archaeology team will explain how archaeological resources are protected and update attendees on current findings. Free. Visit alexandriava.gov/Historic.

Artist Meet & Greet. 7 p.m. at The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The Torpedo Factory Art Center has a brand new mural on the loading dock door, facing Union Street. DC-based artist Erin Curtis finished her newest work, "Beaded Curtain," last week. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

How Bugs Make the World Go Around. 7:30-9 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Michael J. Raupp's presentation will explain how insects and their relatives help make the world go around by providing important ecosystem services, linking members of food webs, pollinating plants, and providing biological control. Free. Visit www.vnps.org/potomack.

THURSDAY-FRIDAY/MAY 12-13

Unplugged: A Night of Dance, Film and Theater. 7 p.m. at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road. West Potomac Academy Dance and Professional Television Production students are teaming up with West Potomac High School's Beyond the Page Theater Company to produce a dance, theater, and film festival—Unplugged. Free. Contact cjbetzel@fcps.edu.

FRIDAY/MAY 13

The Howard Gardner School Not-So-Silent Auction. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Howard Gardner School, 4913 Franconia Road. Join The Howard Gardner School community for our annual auction to benefit the Fund-A-Student program. Free. Call 703-822-9300 or visit hgsauction.weebly.com.

Hunger Free Alexandria Benefit Concert. 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. The

benefit concert will feature Stetson University's Concert Choir. Free, donations accepted. Visit www.hungerfreealexandria.com.

FRIDAY-SUNDAY/MAY 13-15

Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour. 6-9 p.m. at Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Highway. Mount Vernon's Spring Wine Festival & Sunset Tour celebrates the history of wine in Virginia with evening tours of the Mansion and cellar, appearances by "George and Martha Washington," and live jazz on the east lawn. Historic interpreters will conduct tours of the Mansion throughout the evening. The interpreters will discuss Washington's attempts at creating a vineyard and highlight various wine-related items inside the Mansion, including the basement's brick vaults where Washington stored his wine. Tickets are \$40 for Friday, \$48 for Saturday, and \$36 for Sunday. Visit www.mountvernon.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

In Their Shoes 5K Run/Walk. a.m. at United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. The Iraqi Children Foundation (ICF), a 501 (c) (3) charity, is hosting its Fourth Annual In Their Shoes 5K Run/Walk to benefit Iraq's most vulnerable children, orphans, street children and those fleeing ISIS. Registration is \$30 in advance, \$35 starting April 1. There is a discount for groups. Visit www.iraqichildren.org/in-their-shoes-5k-2016 to register.

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LETTERS

FROM PAGE 1
property have been "master-planned" by the Park Authority for a park. The new proposal would reduce the park acreage to 18 acres.

What is not well-evident but a fact of life is that the remnants of the 500 trailers that existed on the property until the early 1980s remain there below the underbrush. These remnants include deteriorated asphalt roads and various pipes and other items that remain

after the trailers themselves were removed. It will take a significant investment to remove this infrastructure. Without doing so, the 18 acres proposed for a park would not be safe for people to enter.

I have spoken with Park Authority officials who have explained that they have no money in their budget to render this proposed parkland habitable. It is currently owned by the County Department of Housing and Community Development. The Park Authority ap-

pears to be unwilling to receive ownership of the proposed park until the land is rendered habitable. Thus, there is an important question as to where the funding will come from to create a habitable park. There are only two choices: the Board of Supervisors or the developer.

A new state law limits the imposition of proffers to those reasonably related to the development in question. Thus, it is no longer possible to negotiate a prof-

fer with someone far afield from the development in question. In this case, the proposed developer is the only one from whom such a proffer could be extracted. At last week's meeting, no mention was made of the need to invest serious money in the proposed parkland nor did the proposed developer make any offer in this regard.

One troubling aspect of the proposed development is that the developer made it clear the development would not go forward unless

they succeed in obtaining tax credit financing from the government in a competitive process. They explained that they must apply for the tax credit by March 1, 2017 and if not approved, they would apply the following year. In other words, the project is going nowhere unless the developer can obtain the tax credit financing.

Supervisor Storck stated at the meeting that he would require the developer to seek the blessing of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations (MVCCA) before the proposal is given consideration by the Planning Commission. The MVCCA currently represents 44 community associations (out of about 230 in the Mount Vernon District). As such, the weight to be accorded any decision by the MVCCA should be limited.

More importantly, as mandated by the United States Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in the 2012 decision New Cingular Wireless PCS v. The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, the views of the most closely adjacent community to a proposed project are to be given the greatest weight in government decisions on development.

That community is the adjacent Woodley Hills Estates Trailer Park. They have a community association that used to be a member of the MVCCA. The views of that association must be solicited and must be given the strongest weight in county decisions on this proposed project.

Summarizing, there are serious problems with the proposal: (1) The affordable housing dwellings will be rented rather than owned; (2) The proposal does not appear to finance necessary improvements for the proposed park; (3) The proposal relies too heavily upon possible approval of tax credit financing; and (4) The views of the most closely adjacent community have not apparently been solicited.

Other issues such as impacts on transportation infrastructure and educational facilities also need to be addressed.

I strongly favor allowing the less fortunate in our community the opportunity to own a residence as a first step on the ladder to success.

The proposed development does not permit such ownership and for that reason I am concerned about it. Responsible members of the community should pay close attention to the proposed project and not be shy about weighing in on its various aspects.

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Teams work to raise money for the Alzheimer's Association during the annual Longest Day event.

Working to End the Longest Day

Event to raise awareness and funds for research programs of Alzheimer's Association.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE GAZETTE

Emily Rusch says her mother died a slow and heartbreaking death from Alzheimer's Disease. The experience felt continuous and excruciating.

"Caring for someone with Alzheimer's is really like one never-ending day," said Rusch, office manager for Strength & Performance Training, Inc. (SAPT) in Fairfax.

This June, she and her team of SAPT colleagues will join with teams of people around the world to participate in The Longest Day, a sunrise-to-sunset challenge to raise awareness and funds for research programs of the Alzheimer's Association. The name of the event honors the strength, passion and endurance of those facing Alzheimer's.

Held annually on the summer solstice, The Longest Day symbolizes the challenging journey of those living with the disease and their caregivers. Teams are encouraged to create their own experience as they fundraise and participate in an activity they love to honor someone facing the disease.

SAPT will hold a fundraising event on June 18 by offering free workouts and classes for 16 continuous hours. "We're open for all of the daylight hours on the 18th, and in return, we're asking for donations that will go to support the Alzheimer's Association's mission," said Rusch.

The SAPT team is also taking donations in advance and has raised nearly \$1,000 of their \$5,000 goal.

"Caring for someone with Alzheimer's is really like one never-ending day."

— Emily Rusch

2015, they finished in the Top 10.

"The [seniors] need exposure to different people to stay engaged and alert. The kids light up the room when they are there," said DeAnda. "Some kids have brought their grandparents to play."

The bridge club helps seniors in two ways. Club members raise money for Alzheimer's research by playing the game, and the game itself is an activity that keeps seniors engaged.

"You're forced to interact with other people and that helps you keep your sanity," said DeAnda. "Social connection is huge."

While June 20 is the official date for The Longest Day event, the Alzheimer's Association encourages activities and fundraising around this date.

Cindy Schelhorn of the Alzheimer's Association says that teams across the nation develop creative ways to raise money. "We've seen ... Rocking Chair Marathon ... writing letters to loved ones, yard sales [and] yoga."

For information, visit alz.org/thelongestday or call 800-272-3900.

The Longest Day: June 20

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West Potomac's Floyd Excels on Mound, at Plate

Wolverines beat Mount Vernon 10-0 in five innings.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

After transferring from Edison High School, Brandon Floyd never really felt comfortable during his junior season with the West Potomac baseball team.

Joining a program that reached the Conference 7 championship game and nearly knocked off Madison in the second round of regionals the year before, Floyd wanted to prove that he belonged with the Wolverines. He ended up trying to do too much and struggled during the 2015 campaign.

One year later, after an offseason of hard work, Floyd is having a stellar senior season at the plate and on the mound. No. 14 continued his high level of play Tuesday night, throwing four shutout innings and hitting a home run during a 10-0, five-inning victory over Mount Vernon at West Potomac High School.

Floyd earned the win, allowing four hits while striking out five before giving way to Gus Leyden, who pitched a perfect fifth inning.

At the plate, Floyd went 1-for-1 with a home run, a sacrifice fly and two RBIs. He also reached via base on balls.

"I was just trying to show that I can play with these guys," Floyd said about his junior season. "I think I did try to prove myself a lot and that's why I probably didn't have the best season."

This year, I'm just confident because I know I can do it with all the hard work in



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE GAZETTE

West Potomac pitcher Brandon Floyd, seen earlier this season, earned the win against Mount Vernon on Tuesday. He also hit a home run and finished with two RBIs.

the offseason."

Floyd's home run, an opposite-field solo shot in the bottom of the second inning, was his fourth of the season.

"I'm not sure he ever [got comfortable] last year," West Potomac head coach Jim Sullivan said. "... I think he kind of views himself as one of the leaders now and has proven it on the field. ... He wanted to really come in and prove himself last year and he struggled a bit with the bat. ... This year, he's hitting .400 or over .400."

Floyd wasn't the only Wolverine to play well Tuesday.

With West Potomac leading 1-0, Mount Vernon had runners at the corners with two outs in the top of the third when Dawson Summa hit a sharp grounder to the right side of the infield. West Potomac second baseman Andrew Maloney dove to his left, fielded the ball and threw to first for the out, saving a run.

"It just makes me feel like I can throw anything and if they hit it, I know that they're going to be there to back it up," Floyd said. "Andrew made a great play. I was pumped when he made that play. That saved a run. Who knows? If he misses it,

they score and the next guy [might hit] one in the gap."

West Potomac scored five runs in the third and four in the fourth.

West Potomac sophomore Sam Meyer went 2-for-2 at the plate with three RBIs. His two-run single in the third gave the Wolverines a 5-0 lead.

Meyer, along with sophomore Liam McClanahan and freshman Jimmy Curley were called up from the junior varsity during the season and have been productive additions.

"Definitely trying to prove myself every time I come out here," Meyer said. "It's just a great experience. It's a big jump from JV to varsity."

Patrick Aitken went 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI for West Potomac. Daniel Jimenez finished 1-for-2 with a double and two RBIs.

The win improved West Potomac's record to 10-8 overall and 7-5 in the conference. The Wolverines have won three of their last four. The loss was a 4-3 defeat at Lake Braddock on April 29.

"I don't think they were disappointed with the way they played at Braddock," Sullivan said. "Even though we lost, we had a lot of opportunities. We could have won that game. What we told them was they've now played four very good games in a row. I think we're peaking at the right time for a change. Losing to Lake Braddock at their place by one run [is] nothing to be ashamed of."

West Potomac is scheduled to host Annandale at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6. The Wolverines will travel to face South County at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10.

"We're playing the best baseball we've been playing all season, that's for sure," Maloney said. "This is the time to get hot."

SCHOOL NOTES

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Students named to fall 2015 dean's list at Mary Baldwin College (Staunton, Va.) include **Shantelle Jennings** and **Phoenix Wilson**, both of Alexandria.

Wesley Calvin Warder, class of 2017, has been named to the dean's list at Christchurch School for the first marking period of the school year. During the fall season, he was a leader of the Christchurch Crew team after multiple years on the team. He is taking honors Chinese this year and will be participating in drama over the winter season. He is the son of Barbara and Oran Warder of Alexandria.

Emma Caroline Keesee, class of 2016 at Christchurch School, has made headmaster's list for the first marking period. Keesee, daughter of Neal and Julie Keesee and granddaughter of Richard Duvall of Alexandria, is on the Student Community Council as well as a member of the Honor Council. As a setter and captain of the team for the past two seasons, she received the Coach's Award for the fall Varsity Vol-

leyball season.

The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts will award 54 Washington, D.C. metropolitan area teachers Certificates of Study for their participation in the Kennedy Center's Changing Education Through the Arts (CETA) program at a ceremony and reception on Friday, April 29 at the Kennedy Center.

Each year, more than 700 teachers participate in approximately 90 courses and workshops, which impact around 21,000 students and are available to any teacher in the D.C. metropolitan area. **Jennifer Hine**, from Mount Vernon Woods Elementary School, was one of the recipients of the 2016 Certificate of Study Award.

Student teams from Fairfax County Public Schools won eight of the top nine awards in the Northern Virginia Regional MATHCOUNTS competition, held at George Mason University. The regional competition combines the Fairfax, George Washington, and Northern Virginia Chapters of the Virginia Society of Professional Engineers. The Sandburg Middle School team took

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Mount Vernon Crew

Mount Vernon crew women's novice 8, men's novice 4 and women's second 4 all placed second in their respective events at the Charlie Butt Regatta in Georgetown on Saturday, April 30. The Novice boats will compete in the Ted Phoenix Lower Boat Championship at Sandy Run Regional Park on May 7. From left is the women's novice 8: (back) Gopika Patel, Lexi Huffman, Cailin Christoforo, Tylar Walker, (front) Elkha Kruger, Ines Fones, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Faby Velasquez, and Emmi Stapleton (coxswain).

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OBITUARY



Virginia "Gina" Irene Flanagan passed away peacefully from kidney failure April 21, 2016 in her Mount Vernon, Virginia home of 40 years. With her were her husband Earl Layton Flanagan and eldest son John Layton Flanagan.

Gina was born on August 7, 1927 in Hammond, Indiana to Harold Bruggeman and Gunhild (Holden) Bruggeman. She is survived by an older sister Dorothy Lloyd Weis and younger brothers Harold and Kenneth. She was preceded in death by younger brothers Richard and Jan.

Gina is also survived by her husband of 57 years, Earl Flanagan, sons John, Brett and wife Karen Flanagan, daughter Julia Flanagan, and 2 grandchildren Irene and David Flanagan.

Prior to moving to Virginia Gina grew up in Cudahy, Green Bay, and Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Harvey Illinois, where she married Earl on Valentines Day in 1959. Originally employed by Trane, Gina was then the Prudential Insurance Company Construction Office Manager during the erection of the Prudential skyscraper on the Chicago lakefront, and Head of the Prudential Reception Staff. Upon moving to Virginia in 1973 Gina was Executive Secretary for Commonwealth Scientific in Alexandria, Va, and retired in 1988 as Executive Secretary to the Red Cross Eastern Headquarters in Alexandria, VA.

Cunningham Turch Funeral Home in Alexandria is in charge of the funeral arrangements. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, May 6 at 11AM in the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, Virginia 22306. The Service will be followed by a luncheon reception in the adjacent Fellowship Hall.

Inurnment will be at a later date in the Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

Contributions in her memory can be made to the Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church where Gina was an Elder, to WETA Public Broadcasting or to the Viola Lawson Animal Shelter, Alexandria, VA.

Please post condolences at <http://www.cunninghamfuneralhome.net>.

OBITUARY



Joseph (Joe) Gary Figliola, (age 52), passed away unexpectedly on March 25, 2016, in Alexandria, VA. He was born on June 21, 1963, in Schenectady, NY, to Joseph and Marie Figliola.

Joe grew up in Scotia, NY, and graduated from Scotia-Glenville High School. He attended The Citadel in Charleston, SC, and graduated in 1985 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics. He was awarded The Citadel's highest mathematics award, The George E.

Reves Award for Superior Mathematical Ability and Outstanding Achievements. Joe continued his education, earning a Master's of Science Degree in Computer Systems Management from the University of Southern California. As a member of the U.S. Air Force, Joe was Chief of the System Design and Analysis Branch at Boerfink Mountain in Kaserne, Germany. There he was awarded the Air Force Achievement Medal for meritorious service. Following his military service, Joe worked in the field of computer science in the Washington, D.C. area. At the time of his passing, he was a Computer Systems Manager for Digital Management, Inc. in Bethesda, MD.

Joe loved supporting his sons' music and sports activities, hiking and camping in the Adirondacks and playing golf. Joe is survived by his sons, Joseph (Joey) C. Figliola and James (Jimmy) M. Figliola of Alexandria, VA; his former wife, Mary C. Figliola of Alexandria, VA; his parents, Joseph and Marie Figliola of Scotia, NY; his brother, Shayne (Guida) Figliola, of Austin, MN; and his nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his infant son, Stuart Michael Figliola. A memorial service will be held at Aldersgate Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria, VA 22308 at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2016. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association, James Madison University School of Music, or a charity of your choosing. Demaine Funeral Home, Alexandria, Virginia is handling the arrangements. www.demainefuneralhomes.com

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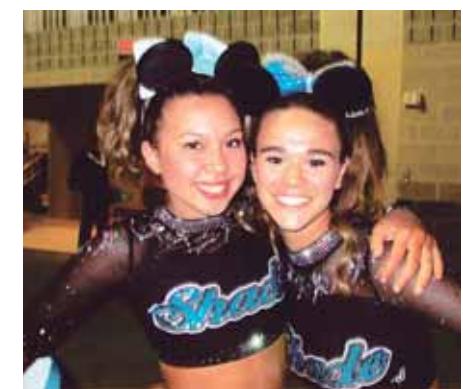


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took 8th place out of 32 in their
division and can be seen on ESPN
in May. Taylor and Sara are also
varsity cheerleaders at West
Potomac High School.

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third place in the George Washington Chapter.
Team members include Thomas Cuddy,
Amanda Hail, Chris Hewitt, and Kenny
Johnson; Nicole Yoder, coach.

FCPS Students, Schools Recognized at FCCLA
State Leadership Conference

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) students
recently competed in the Family Career and Community
Leaders of America (FCCLA) state leadership recognition conference in Virginia Beach, earning individual and school awards and recognitions. Students from eight Fairfax County
public schools competed in 20 categories of Star Events.

Star Event competition winners at the middle
school level included Sandburg Middle School students:
Jules Kiley Barden for Sports Nutrition
(Silver); and **Brendan Green, Meghan Green**,
and **Michiko Magnant**, for Food Innovations
(Gold).

Heather Jones, Sandburg Middle School Family
and Consumer Sciences (FACS) teacher was
recognized as a Master FCCLA Adviser. **Sandburg
Middle School** was recognized for its public
relations efforts as a reddest chapter with a more
than 20 percent membership increase, and middle
level affiliation.

National Program in Action awards were re-
ceived by Sandburg Middle School for its Career
Connections (Have a Ball with Hospitality and
Tourism), Families First (Family Dinner-Date Night
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FCCLA is a national student organization that
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societal issues through Family and Consumer Sciences
education programs. Competitors who
earned first place awards are eligible to advance to
the national competition in San Diego this summer.

Fairfax County Public Schools teachers and stu-
dents were recognized recently by the Virginia
Association of Journalism Teachers and Advisers
(VAJTA). In the VAJTA write-off competitions,
FCPS student winners included:

♦ **Nick Crow**, West Potomac High School, for
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♦ **Amy Zelaya**, West Potomac High School, for
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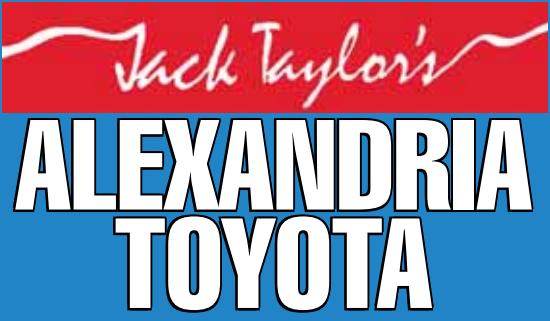
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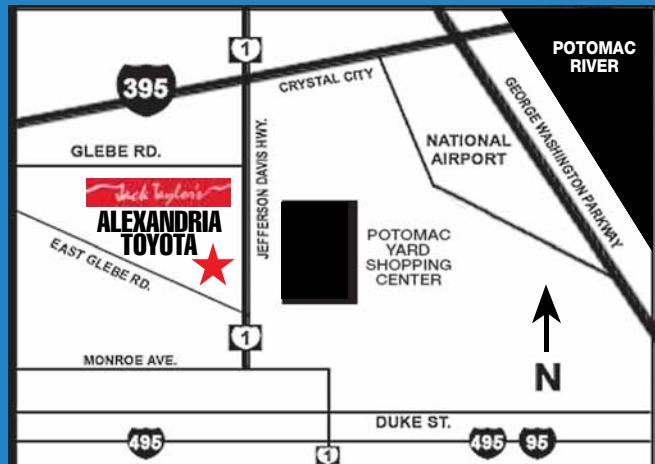
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LIFETIME GUARANTEE

Mufflers • Exhaust Pipes • Shocks • Struts
Toyota mufflers, exhaust pipes, shocks, struts and strut cartridges are guaranteed to the original purchaser for the life of the vehicle when installed by an authorized Toyota dealer. See us for full details.



You Have Saturdays Off
That's Exactly Why We Don't!



TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

BUY 3 TIRES AND GET 4TH FOR \$1

TIRE CENTER

Got Tires? NO CHARGE road hazard protection, tire warranty, and free courtesy MULTI-POINT Inspection. Price match guarantee. See service advisor for details.

BONUS: ADD A WHEEL ALIGNMENT FOR \$39.95

NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES. ADDITIONAL OFFER EXPIRES 5/31/16.

TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

BRAKE SPECIAL \$99.95

INCLUDES: Install Genuine Toyota front brake pads, inspect front & rear rotors & drums, check tire condition and inspect all hardware. TCMC pads only. MACHINE ROTORS AN ADDITIONAL \$199.95.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

TRUE START BATTERY SPECIAL \$139.95

INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION

INCLUDES: 54 month warranty, 24 month FREE replacement, 24 month FREE roadside assistance, 60 month protraction, PLUS we'll check all battery cables & connections. Does not apply to hybrid batteries.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

LATE SPRING MAINTENANCE SPECIAL \$59.95

INCLUDES: Genuine Toyota oil filter, up to 5 qts of conventional oil*, inspect windshield wipers, tire rotation, check tire condition, check battery (with print-out), inspect and adjust all fluid levels, inspect air Alexandria Toyota's 27 pt. inspection & cabin air filters.

*SYNTHETIC OIL/BK IN MORE. NOT VALID WITH ANY OTHER OFFER OR COUPON. TOYOTA VEHICLES ONLY. COUPON MUST BE PRESENTED AT TIME OF WRITE-UP. VALID ONLY AT ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA TAX AND SHOP SUPPLIES. ADDITIONAL OFFER EXPIRES 5/31/16.

WEDNESDAY IS LADIES' DAY

15% OFF ANY REPAIR

Not to exceed \$100

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SPRING SAVINGS



Genuine Toyota Sight Line Wiper Blades \$10 OFF ANY PAIR

Sight line only.



15% OFF ANY ACCESSORIES

• Apparel • Window visors
• I-pad adaptors • All weather floor mats
• Toyota bedliners



15% OFF 30000 MILES FACTORY RECOMMENDED SERVICE

\$159.95

Synthetic \$10 More

INCLUDES: Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, measure brake pad thickness & rotor runout, replace cabin air filter (if equipped), replace engine air filter, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.



New RAV4s, Priuses Scion IMs and IAs

ALL ON SALE LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Spring is here and so are the SAVINGS! Ask one of our sales managers, George, Mike, Yared or Rocky 703-684-0700

WE ARE HERE TO MAKE DEALS!

DETAIL SPECIALS

STANDARD HAND-WASH & VACUUM Recommended Monthly

\$39.95

Vacuum carpets, floor mats, upholstery & trunk, wipe down dash board, console & door panels, wash wheels, tires & fender wells, hand wash exterior door jams, and dress tires.

QUALITY HAND-WASH VACUUM & WAX Recommended Every 6 Months

\$139.95

Hand wash exterior door jams, wash wheels, tires & fender wells, hand-wax or glaze, vacuum carpets, upholstery & trunk, clean interior vinyl & leather, clean dash board, vents, console, door panels & windows, and dress tires.

PREMIUM FULL DETAIL Recommended Every 12 Months

\$295.95

Full interior & exterior detailing, including trunk, shampoo carpets, upholstery & trunk, clean interior vinyl & leather plus conditioning, wash wheels, tires, fender wells & door jams, hand wax exterior, buff & polish, wax or glaze application, tire & cap removal, dress tires, rubber molding & trim, clean dashboard, vents, console plus door panels, clean overhead liner, window trims & windows, and engine cleaning.

All details by appointment only.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

LUBE, OIL & FILTER SERVICE SPECIAL \$5 OFF \$10 OFF

NON-SYNTHETIC

INCLUDES: Change oil (up to 5 qts.), install Genuine Toyota oil filter, inspect & adjust all fluid levels and complimentary multi-point inspection with print out.

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VARIABLE DISCOUNT

\$5.00 OFF with purchase of \$35.00 - \$49.99
\$10.00 OFF with purchase of \$50.00 - \$99.99
\$15.00 OFF with purchase of \$100.00 - \$199.99
\$20.00 OFF with purchase of \$200.00 - \$499.99
\$50.00 OFF with purchase of \$500.00 Or more

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

VENTILATION SERVICE \$49.95

INCLUDES: Clean condenser fins, check A/C performance, inspect drive belts for tension/wear and replace cabin air filter.

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COMPLIMENTARY MULTI-POINT INSPECTION

INCLUDES: Inspect tires, brakes, wipers, lights, belts & hoses & fluid levels.

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

BG FLUID EXCHANGE SPECIAL

TRANSMISSION FLUSH \$189.95
POWER STEERING FLUSH \$139.95
Brake FLUSH \$139.95
FUEL INDUCTION FLUSH \$139.95
ENGINE PERFORMANCE SERVICE \$219.95

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

WE WILL MEET OR BEAT ANY LOCAL TOYOTA DEALERSHIP'S CURRENT ADVERTISED SERVICE SPECIALS

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TOYOTA GENUINE SERVICE

30000 MILES FACTORY RECOMMENDED SERVICE \$159.95

Synthetic \$10 More

INCLUDES: Change engine oil & filter (up to 5 qts.), rotate tires, inspect wear and adjust pressure, measure brake pad thickness & rotor runout, replace cabin air filter (if equipped), replace engine air filter, reset maintenance reminder light (if applicable) and multi-point vehicle inspection.

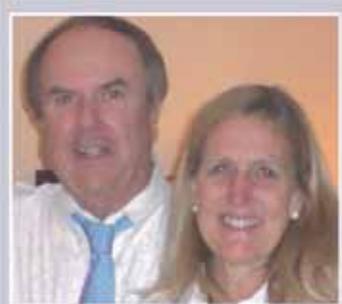
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Let's Go Places



CHRIS WHITE

*Planning to sell in 2016?
Now is the time to call Chris & Peggy White!
Leading the Area in Real Estate. **SOLD!!!***



7508 Ft. Hunt Road

\$1,500,000

Mid Century Gem - Six gorgeous acres!

Award winning mid-century home designed and built as personal residence by areas leading architect. Magnificent residence with exceptional floor plan and top quality materials. Carefully crafted to enhance its stunningly beautiful six acre setting. Natural wonderland with stone lined private lane, meandering creek and gorgeous woods and pond.



9300 Old Mount Vernon Rd.

\$1,289,000

One of Mt. Vernon's most majestic properties!

One of area's most admired homes! Truly exceptional estate on approximately one acre grounds in the heart of Mt. Vernon. Superlatives include: Three luxuriously finished levels, 7 Br's, 5.5 baths, stunning main level master suite, stately room sizes, elegant finishes + oversize garage. Vacation at home- custom salt water pool and hot tub!



8611 Gateshead Road

\$499,500

Classic three level-
Great Price!

Best price for three finished level colonial in area. Exceptionally spacious property meticulously maintained in pristine condition. Features include: Large room sizes, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, including full master suite. Gorgeous hardwood floors, 3 finished levels and garage. Large deck leads to level back yard. Huge house and lot for the money!



4520 Dolphin Lane

\$745,950

Unique Opportunity.

Walk to Mt. Vernon Yacht Club from this custom rambler on a sunny corner lot in a premier waterfront community. Open floor plan, fireplaces, huge solarium with soaring ceiling and sunken hot tub, three spacious family rooms, oversize 2-car garage, and half-acre of beautiful landscaping and decks make this home perfect for entertaining indoors and out.

JUST LISTED!

Wakefield Homes
Pre-Construction Opportunity!
8717 Plymouth Rd.
\$1,399,000*
\$10,000 Toward Closing Costs!
(using approved lender)

- 1/2 Acre Lot in Plymouth Haven
- Open floor plan - High ceilings
- Upgrades throughout
- Finished recreation room & bathroom in basement
- Maximum opportunity to customize

9419 Mt Vernon Cir
\$1,299,000
One of Area's Most Distinctive Properties!
Custom estate caliber home with classic French Provincial flair. Premier location in Mt Vernon on the Potomac-the only community in the area with a private marina for the exclusive use of its' residents. Impressive residence with many custom touches including open foyer with double curved staircase, custom white brick exterior, high ceilings, spacious room sizes and oversize garage. Columned veranda overlooks pool and gorgeous grounds.

8708 Plymouth Rd
\$1,499,000*
Nearing Completion!
Best of both worlds-classic American Four Square exterior combined with stunning modern floor plan and amenities. Numerous features include open floor plan, high ceilings, top line kitchen and baths. Prime location on half acre level lot in popular Plymouth Haven. Pre-construction contract provides maximum opportunity to customize and discounted price!

SOLD!

8931 Fort Hunt Rd
\$719,000
Prime Location—
Updated Throughout!

9019 Stratford Ln
\$567,900
Steps from River —
Just off
GW Parkway!

SOLD!

2606 Woodlawn
Trail
\$829,500
Stunning Floor plan

SOLD!

9329 Mt Vernon Cir
\$1,099,000
One of the Areas Most Admired Properties!

SOLD!

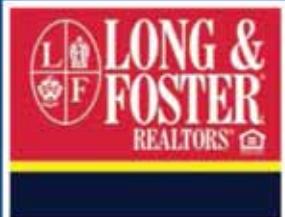
9408 Brambly Lane
\$1,095,000
Builder's Showcase!

CONTRACT!

9300 Old Mansion
\$750,000
Riverwood
Backs to park!

SOLD!

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