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More than 35 volunteers turned out to collect over 2,000 pounds of trash out of Little Hunting Creek.

Annual Creek Cleanup Nets 123 Bags of Trash

Surovell and Friends of Little Hunting Creek also remove shopping carts.

Earlier this month, state Sen. Scott Surovell (D-36) hosted his annual Little Hunting Creek Cleanup near U.S. 1 in Lee District.

Dubbed "Fairfax County's Trashiest Stream" in 2007 by Fairfax County Government, the stream is a major collector of trash, litter, and foreign objects due to an out-

dated storm water system coupled with uncontrolled litter.

Little Hunting Creek's trashiest section runs through the Lee District area of Fairfax County in the U.S. 1 Corridor before it crosses U.S. 1 and passes George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate on its way to the Potomac River.

In coordination with the Friends of Little Hunting Creek, Surovell hosted two cleanup sites in the Hybla Valley area at Janna Lee Avenue Bridge and at the Mount Vernon Shopping Plaza behind the Shoppers Food Warehouse.

More than 35 volunteers turned out to collect over 2,000 pounds of trash in 123 bags. This adds up to over 12,000 pounds of trash collected since Surovell, the Friends of Little Hunting Creek and, the Alice Ferguson Foundation, began organizing the annual event seven years ago.

Volunteers collected primarily plastic beverages containers, discarded food containers, and plastic bags. This year's trove also included odd items including:

- ❖ Four shopping carts (2 Walmart, 1 Costco, 1 Shoppers Food Warehouse)
- ❖ Three bicycles and one tri-

cycle

- ❖ Five tires
- ❖ Over 30 balls
- ❖ Two children's vehicles
- ❖ Two lawn chairs
- ❖ One snow shovel
- ❖ One baby stroller
- ❖ One car battery
- ❖ One radiator
- ❖ Three computer monitors
- ❖ Three yard signs
- ❖ One \$20 bill.

Volunteers also came upon animals including mallards, Canada geese, snakes, turtles, minnows, and a beaver swimming in the trash.

Volunteers included students from West Potomac and Mount Vernon High Schools and Carl Sandburg Middle School. Volunteers also came from Arlington and Prince William counties.

With the annual assistance of Robert O'Hanlon's Tree Service,

cleanup volunteers were also able to extract four grocery carts, bringing the overall total to 216 shopping carts pulled from the creek bed in the past seven years.

"The shopping carts are especially disappointing given that I have repeatedly brought this issue to Wal-Mart's attention and they installed a cart control system. Unfortunately, the recovered carts were not equipped to function with their control system," Surovell said. "I also warned Costco about this problem before they built their store and asked them to install an electronic cart control system after Fairfax County refused to mandate it through a proffer and they refused, insisting that they had 'different customers' than Wal-Mart. This makes nearly 10 Costco carts we have removed since they opened."

Sullivan Leaves 'Home'

Mount Vernon at Home gains new executive director.

By Gerald A. Fil
The Gazette

Mount Vernon at Home's annual fundraising gala, held at George Washington's River Farm, headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, honored its executive director who will be moving out of the area.

The celebration included a thank you and goodbye to current Executive Director Barbara Sullivan and a welcome aboard to her replacement, Erica H. Frazier. Sullivan has been with Mount



Mount Vernon at Home's former Executive Director Barbara Sullivan (left) and new Executive Director Erica Frazier.

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Rising Hope Refills Food Pantry Shelves

Stamp Out Hunger yields supplies.

Hungry Fairfax County residents will enjoy nourishing food over the next few weeks thanks to Rising Hope's partnership with Stamp Out Hunger.

On the second Saturday in May, the National Association of Letter Carriers sponsors this drive, turning it into the largest one-day food drive in the U.S. This year, Rising Hope's new food pantry coordinator, Kathleen Simons, oversaw the replenishing of Rising Hope's pantry with nearly 15,000 pounds of

canned goods and nonperishable food items.

"We cannot thank the generosity of area residents and postal workers enough for feeding the hungry in our region," Simons said. "We received enough food to fill our pantry and lessen area hunger as we go into early summer. Many thanks to all the volunteers who coordinated getting the food to us so that we can continue this essential service to our neighbors."

Rising Hope's food pantry provided groceries to 715 families in April. In 2017, the pantry supplied more than \$1,200,000 in food to those in need along the Route 1 Corridor in southern Fairfax County.

Stamp Out Hunger celebrated its 26th drive this year. The campaign has collected almost 2 billion

pounds of food over the years from across the U.S.

The Rev. Dr. Keary Kincannon of Rising Hope said, "Our partnership with the Post Office is the largest single one-day donation from anywhere in the community. For 20 years, it's been an important resource for feeding our neighbors and friends in need."

Rising Hope will distribute this food to those who visit the pantry over the next few weeks. Recipients register with Rising Hope to ensure that they go home with the food they need for their families. At this time of year, a special concern is that children who rely on school lunches for a significant portion of their nutrition will not go hungry during the summer when school is not in session.

For more information about



Rising Hope Food Pantry Coordinator Kathleen Simons with Stamp Out Hunger bins.

Stamp Out Hunger, visit www.nalc.org/community-service/food-drive.

For more information about Rising Hope, visit www.risinghopeumc.org.

Free Outdoor Community Concert This Saturday

Eighty of Fort Hunt's youngest residents will be performing in an outdoor community concert at Nativity Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 2 from 12-4 p.m.

The performers are students of Piano Lab, a music school located in Sherwood Crossing that provides ensemble piano classes to ages 5 and up. The students will be performing songs arranged for up to eight pianos at a time with the added support of a full backup band, Chaise Lounge, winners of Washington Area Music Awards for best jazz, swing band. The pieces range from

classical themes to blues melodies composed by each class, all orchestrated by professional film composer, Charlie Barnett.

"We have one objective with this event," said Piano Lab owner Marilyn O'Leary, "and that is to provide every student with a peak performance moment. When the students find themselves making great music with their peers in an atmosphere of community support and celebration, they will grasp what all of their hard work has been for. And it is moments like these that can transform enthusiastic beginners into lifelong

musicians."

With multiple food trucks hired (Dogs on the Curb and Roro's Modern Lebanese Cuisine, as well as WestRays Gourmet ice cream cart) the stage is set for festive afternoon and all are welcome. Interested families can learn more about Piano Lab and will have the chance to win free summer sessions in the hourly raffles.

The event will be located in the parking lot of Nativity Lutheran church at 1300 Collingwood Road with additional parking offered across the street at Aldersgate Meth-

odist. O'Leary, a longtime professional musician, performs regularly with her band, Chaise Lounge, at venues such as The Barns at Wolf Trap, Blues Alley, and the Kennedy Center. She has taught piano for over 20 years in private and group settings.

Piano Lab is located at 7900 Andrus Rd. Ste. 11 in Alexandria. They have been running classes since June 2017 and are currently enrolling for summer sessions and fall classes.

For more information, visit: <https://StudentsLovePianoLab.com/>.

WPHS Dance Team and Coach Earn Multiple Honors

The West Potomac High School Varsity Dance Team and their coach, Gennifer Williams, won multiple titles during their competition season.

The team was awarded first place in Pom and Jazz and second place in Hip Hop and Contemporary at the Maryland Cup Nationals in January. The Pom routine earned the highest score of the competition among school and recreational teams. The team won the Grand Champion title and a full paid gold bid to compete Pom in the U.S. Finals this month.

The dancers continued to win at Reach the Beach Dance Team Nationals in Ocean City in February, placing first in Hip Hop, Jazz, and Contemporary and second in Pom. They earned the right to compete in the Final Showdown, where they scored among the top five routines in the school and recreational dance team division with Jazz (5th), Contemporary (4th), and Pom (2nd).

Williams praised her dancer's strong work ethic and competitive spirit, saying, "These girls worked hard all season and never backed down from anything that was thrown at them as far as difficult choreography. They are so well rounded. They do not just concentrate on their competition dances, but they perform at football and basketball games, volunteer in the community, run dance workshops for youth, and most of all are great representatives of West Potomac High School."

Williams also was honored at Reach the Beach, receiving the title "Coach of the Year" based on nominating letters submitted by members of her team and their parents.

One of the letters read, "Coach Gen is selfless and has a huge heart. She is not just a coach but a teacher, mentor and shining example to the girls." Another letter stated, "She not only teaches us to be better dancers but also bet-



West Potomac High School Dance Team with West Potomac Athletic Director Aaron Helmick after presenting him with their Maryland Cup Grand Champion banner.

ter students, teammates and people, giving us life lessons to carry with us." A third said, "Her countless hours she gives to the

team inspire the girls."

The dance team continued their season by providing spirit-filled dances and sideline cheering for

West Potomac's basketball games where they also presented Athletic Director Aaron Helmick with their award banners.

Photo by Gennifer Williams

Crime

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

BURGLARY: 8351 Richmond Highway at Campbell & Ferrara Outdoor Living, May 21, 8:30 a.m. An employee reported someone entered the sheds at the business and took property.

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At SRAA Nationals

The West Potomac Crew team's women's varsity four competed against the top crews from all over the country at SRAA Nationals on the Cooper River in N.J., May 25-26 finishing 15th overall. From left are Celia Lane, Grace Calogero, Shelby Pierson, Maeve Gilmartin and Brianna Hawley.



From left: Coxswain Brianna Hawley (junior), Maeve Gilmartin (sophomore), Shelby Pierson (senior), Coach Kelly Kim, Grace Calogero (junior), Celia Lane (senior). This is the third time competing at Nationals for seniors Celia Lane and Shelby Pierson, the second time for junior Grace Calogero and the first for sophomore Maeve Gilmartin and junior Brianna Hawley.

Schools Gain New Principals

Margo Dias-Pareja has been appointed as principal of Fort Belvoir Primary School, effective July 1. Dias-Pareja has over 20 years of experience as an educator and is currently serving as the principal of Centre Ridge Elementary School, where she has been a leader since 2009.

Dias-Pareja also served as an assistant principal at Centre Ridge and Parklawn Elementary Schools. She has also served as an English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) manager for the dual-language assessment team. Dias-Pareja grew up in a military family; her father served in the United States Air Force.

She earned a bachelor of arts in Latin American Studies from the University of Virginia (U.Va.), a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from George Mason University, and an education specialist degree in school administration and supervision from U.Va. She also earned an administration and supervision certification for PreK-12.

Jamey Chianetta has been appointed as principal of Fort Belvoir Upper Elementary School, effective July 1. Chianetta, who is currently serving as principal of Halley Elementary School, has over 20 years of experience as an educator. Before being appointed principal at Halley in 2010, Chianetta served as assistant principal. She was a LEAD Fairfax administrative intern and a classroom teacher at Holmes Middle School.

Chianetta formerly served in the U.S. Army, and has experienced life as a military child and parent; her father was a career Army officer and her son was a combat medic in the Army for four years.

Chianetta earned her bachelor of arts in English from George Mason University (GMU), a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from GMU, and the education specialist degree in Education Leadership and Policy Studies from Virginia Tech. She also earned an administration and supervision certification for PreK-12.

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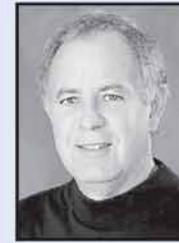
Assistance League of Northern Virginia, a volunteer nonprofit, invites community members to join the organization to participate in its Reading Express program. Volunteers provide one-on-one tutoring to first grade students during the school year. To learn more contact VP Membership Mary Gronlund at gronbiz@aol.com or Program Coordinator Lynn Barron at lynnib517@verizon.net.

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Opinion

Preventing Gang Violence

By Gerald E. Connolly
U.S. Representative (D-11)



Families throughout our community have been shaken by the recent rise in gang activity across the Washington region. This is a serious issue that must be addressed with collaboration and cooperation from all levels of government. We know the problem, and now we must find the right solution.

Fairfax County offers a model for what our country can do to fight gang violence. When I was chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, we worked with local law enforcement, the business community, and the faith and civic communities to reduce gang crime and gang association. We hired the county's first gang prevention coordinator and started tattoo and graffiti removal initiatives. We collaborated with the Boys and Girls Clubs to launch the "Join a Club, Not a Gang" campaign, and expanded after school programs to all 26 of our middle schools. And we reached out to parents to help them understand the signs of gang involvement. Thanks to this collaboration, the number of teenagers involved in gang activity declined by 50 percent and the crime rate fell to a 32-year low. Fairfax County remains the safest jurisdiction of its size in the United

Commentary

States.

I brought that local government experience with me to Congress and on a bipartisan basis, I worked with former U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf to secure federal funding for the Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force (NVRGTF). In fact, I offered the last earmark for the NVRGTF before the House Majority abolished earmarks, stripping the task force of its federal funding.

The best thing we can do is resume funding for regional task forces that focus on gang prevention, intervention, and suppression in our communities. It is not enough to fund programs and organizations that focus solely on prosecuting gang members after their crimes have been committed. We must take a well-rounded, holistic approach to community safety by restoring the federal government's commitment to preventing these crimes from ever being committed in the first place.

We know that collaborative programs like the Task Force work. Regional task forces provide local governments and law enforcement bodies with unified organizations that span jurisdictional boundaries and allow for streamlined input from various stakeholders across a community. That is why, recently, I introduced the Preventing Gang Violence Act, legislation that will increase funding for competitive and evidence-based programs to reduce gang violence by \$18 million.

This bipartisan legislation builds upon our success in Fairfax County by providing community-based violence prevention grants to effective regional task forces across the country. Grant applications would be evaluated

based on a number of factors, including an applicant's record of implementing best practices in gang violence prevention, evidence of collaboration between relevant stakeholders, an effective grant implementation plan, and plans for evaluating results.

In addition to its bipartisan support in Congress, this proposal has the support of a diverse set of expert organizations, including the National Alliance of Gang Investigators Associations (NAGIA) and the Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ). As NAGIA notes, this legislation "recognizes that communities must be equipped with prevention programs to keep their children from joining gangs." And CJJ makes clear that the bill brings a "community-based approach to bear on our nation's gang violence problem."

Some, most notably the President, would have you think America must shut its borders. That you cannot allow immigrants into our country and maintain security. We know this is a false choice, and runs contrary to the American and Fairfax experience. I've rejected the ant-immigrant proposals pushed by the Administration, including its unconstitutional travel ban. Our immigrant communities contribute so much to the fabric of life in Northern Virginia. We shouldn't drive them into the shadows.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. Fairfax County has made progress, but we need the Federal Government to remain a partner. The Gang Violence Prevention Act is a down payment on making our communities safer.

Project	No.	Request	TransAction/ HB599	CRRCRR
U.S. 1 Bus Rapid Transit	2018-007-0	\$250,000,000	2	23
U.S. 1 Widening – Ft. Belvoir to Hybla Valley	2018-006-1	\$127,000,000	8	24
U.S. 1 (Fraley Blvd.) Dumfries Widening	2018-053-1	\$116,554,000	10	17
CSX Bridge Widening (U.S. 1 & I-95)	2018-16-2	\$12,000,000	17	34

Residents Support Improvements to Route 1

Surovell submits 236 comments from residents and demands funding for U.S. 1.

supportive of funding the projects highlighted in the letter (see chart above).

The first two projects highlighted in Surovell's letter are also the top two priorities for Fairfax County. In 2011, Surovell worked with state Sen. Toddy Puller to fund a \$2 million Department of Rail and Public Transit study to determine the correct course of action to improve conditions for the U.S. 1 corridor from Alexandria to the Occoquan River. That study recommended U.S. 1 be widened to six lanes and served with dual multiuse trails and sidewalks, plus a median dedicated bus rapid transit to ultimately lay the groundwork for a two-stop extension of the Yellow Line. The project was to be broken into four phases.

The first funding request provides widening from Hybla Valley to Fort Belvoir and bus rapid transit from Huntington Metro Station to Fort Belvoir. Surovell highlighted that the U.S. 1 Corridor:

- ❖ Is only 7 miles from D.C.
- ❖ Includes four nominated Opportunity Zones primed for economic development
- ❖ Suffers the highest concentration of pedestrian deaths in Fairfax County
- ❖ Includes Fort Belvoir
- ❖ Benefits three jurisdictions – Fairfax County, Prince William County, and Alexandria.

Residents in this part of the 36th District submitted 140 comments. Robin Kelly of 22308: "South Route 1 corridor has been ignored for decades. We need the improve-

ments now. Even though the area is not far from D.C., it is not a desirable area ... I have been in the area for over 40 years, and it's time we get some attention to this matter."

Brian Pate of 22309: "As a resident whose property and daily life would be directly impacted, I would love to see Route 1 widened so that more attractive businesses could come to our neighborhood. My wife, toddler son, and I struggle to find reputable establishments to shop and eat every weekend. We are constantly driving to Kingstown and Springfield when I feel we should have those options right here in our neighborhood."

Curtis Marshall of 22306: See Route 1, Page 14

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Sports



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West Potomac junior Lauren McDonald, right, defends Woodson senior Logan Dougherty during Tuesday's Region 6C championship game.

Next: State Quarterfinals

West Potomac girls' lax to face Langley at States.

By Jon Roetman
The Gazette

The West Potomac girls' lacrosse team will travel to face Langley at 6 p.m. on Friday in the quarterfinal round of the 6A state tournament.

The Wolverines secured a state berth and advanced to the Region 6C championship game by defeating three-time defending state champion Robinson 11-10 on May 25 in the region semifinals.

West Potomac head coach Cindy Lopez-Yusuf said the win over Robinson confirmed that the Wolverines, winners of the Gunston District title, can compete with top teams.

"I think that it kind of justified what we have already been feeling," Lopez-Yusuf said on Tuesday, "that we are ... at the level of these other high-caliber teams and that we can play with them and we can actually compete. That's something I think is really important to the program in terms of continuing to grow ..."

West Potomac finished runner-up in the region, losing to Woodson 26-9 in the Region 6C championship game on Tuesday at

Woodson High School.

The Wolverines held early leads of 1-0 and 2-1 and trailed by just one late in the first half when Clare Madden's goal cut Woodson's lead to 8-7 with 3:10 remaining. The Cavaliers would pull away, however, scoring 18 of the game's final 20 goals.

Woodson closed the first half on a 5-0 run and led 13-7 at halftime.

What did the Wolverines take away from Tuesday's lopsided loss?

"I think every game is a learning opportunity," Lopez-Yusuf said. "I think that continuing to put (up) 100 percent effort despite adversity, that's what we can take away from this game. ... The fact that we kept playing and [the starters] kept their heads up until I started subbing them out, I think that's a testament to their character."

Bella DeMaso led West Potomac with three goals and Madison Smith added two.

Logan Dougherty led Woodson with nine goals.

How do the Cavaliers rank against West Potomac's other opponents this season?

"They're definitely," Lopez-Yusuf said, "the strongest team that we've faced."

Next up for West Potomac is a state quarterfinal matchup with Langley, which lost to Madison 11-10 in the Region 6D championship game on Tuesday.

The Wolverines and Saxons met during the regular season on April 7 and played to 13-all tie.

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Entertainment

'The Nance' Takes Center Stage at LTA

Set in 1930s, show presents backstage story of performers in world of burlesque.

By Steve Hibbard

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting "The Nance" from June 2-23. The play is set in 1930s New York, a time when it was easy to "play gay," but dangerous to be gay. A headliner called "The Nance" was usually played by a straight man who would portray a campy homosexual in musical vaudeville parodies. However, in this comedy, Chauncey Miles not only plays a gay man but is a homosexual himself. The Nance will take the audience into the world of burlesque and tell the backstage story of Chauncey and his fellow performers.

Written by Douglas Carter Beane, the play is about the waning days of vaudeville and burlesque and how the decline of the two bring about social change in 1937, said Director Frank Shutts. At the time, Fiorello LaGuardia was running for re-election for mayor of New York, and as his campaign promise he was going to clean up the city and that meant closing them down. "They were getting ready for the World's Fair so they were trying to get rid of burlesque, the lewd vaudeville sketches, anything that wasn't family-friendly," he said.

He said there's plenty of humor in the show and it will touch your heart if you allow your heart to be open. "There's music; it's a play with music but it is not a musical," he said, including a live five-piece orchestra.

He said the cast watched the DVD of the story, "Behind the Burley Q," which interviewed the burlesque performers at the

time. "They've done their research for this show and realized these girls weren't pushed around. They were protected. If they were found prostituting themselves, they were fired. It's set during the era of Prohibition. No one could afford \$20 to see a Broadway show but they could afford 10 cents to see the burlesque show. These girls were making \$1,500 a month, which was a killing during the depression," he said.

Chuck Dluhy plays the main character, the Nance, but his name is Chauncey. "Off stage he's a semi-closeted gay man in the 1930s. He's never been good at relationships. He goes from man to man for his sexual conquests. But he has this persona on stage called the Nance," he said. "In that time, a straight man played gay on stage. But he's a gay man playing gay man on stage. He meets Ned; he picks him up in an automat one night and it ends up not being a one-night thing. They develop this more formal relationship; he's used to having one-night stands. The play juxtaposes his life on stage and off stage and the relationship he has with Ned."

Jack Stein plays the role of Ephraim, the classic New York burlesque theater stage manager who to keep costs low, he also does a lot of comedy sketch work opposite his cast members. "That's the glue behind the burlesque show because the audiences are primarily there to see the strippers," he said.

He said it's a challenging play because it's combining a poignant back-stage story that takes place in the 1930s in a critical time of censorship. "So, balancing the poignancy with the story line and the joy of burlesque



Photo by Steve Hibbard/The Gazette

The cast of LTA's "The Nance" rehearses a scene from the show.

theater. The show is constructed in a way that we do a back-stage storyline but to emphasize the themes, we're performing burlesque and comedic numbers. So, it's a fun and interesting."

He hopes the audience takes away a respect for the level for creativity and challenge that this era of theatre had and, perhaps even more importantly, the stigma still faced today with segments of our population, via one's sexual identity or cultural background, and the challenge of being accepted in a very diverse society.

John Paul Odle plays the role of Ned, a less-sophisticated cross between a city boy and country bumpkin who comes to New York City after having left his wife in Buffalo. "Mainly because he has come to the realization that he's gay and knows a marriage to his wife will not work out, so he has the goal in mind to go with the flow and roll with the punches," he said.

"I meet Chauncey at the automat and in

Chauncey I see a chance at something nice, something more domesticated, something more my speed. And at the same time Chauncey introduces me to the world of theater, which for me is a safe haven for the outcasts of society, at least at the time," he said.

He said the biggest challenge was a straight man playing a gay man. "I had gone into this thinking it would be a straight man playing a gay man and that is the be-all-end-all. But it's a lot more layered because I have this back story. For a long time, I was closeted. I played the part to fit in. When I blend in to NYC, I let the freak flag fly," he said.

Charlene Sloan plays the role of Sylvie, a passionate and streetwise burlesque-talking woman as opposed to a chorus girl. "As a talking woman, she sets up the jokes. She's obviously a stripper. In the show itself, in

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Calendar

Submit entertainment announcements at www.connectionnewspapers.com/Calendar/. The deadline is noon on Friday.

ONGOING

Art Exhibit. Through June 3 at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Two Solos: Brian Williams and Sophie Blondeau. Williams' paintings on metal want viewers to consider if humans can adapt without catastrophe. Visit www.nvfaa.org/events/.

Art Exhibit: "A Sense of Herself." Through June 3, gallery hours at the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union St., Studio 21 (located in the Torpedo Factory Art Center). Watercolorist Deborah Conn celebrates inner resilience and strength through luminous, large-scale portraits of women in "A Sense of Herself."

MAY 31-JUNE 16

"To the Clouds." At The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Presented by Arts on the Horizon, a non-verbal interactive theatre for children ages 0-6 written by Natasha Mirny. Tickets are \$6 for children and adults and can be purchased online at

www.artsonthehorizon.org/ www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org or at the door on the day of the performance.

FRIDAY/JUNE 1

Garden Talk. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Learn how to make a garden both beautiful and tasty with the addition of edible plants. Discover the many ways to incorporate edibles such as veggies, berries and roots into an ornamental landscape. \$10 Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/green-spring.

Family Art Night. 6-9 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Meet and Greet at 6 p.m. Sponsored by the Office of the Arts. Reservations include one art experience, art supplies, pizza and soda. Choose from two art experiences: Paint with Patrick Kirwin (ages 5 and up with adult) or Create a Clay Sculpture with Teresa Brunson (ages 5 and up with adult.) Reservations are \$9/person. Children under 5 are free. To pay online, visit www.alexandriava.gov/webtrac and select the activity number.

Artist Reception: "Haven." 6:30-9 p.m. at Principle Gallery, 208 King St. G.C. Myers is returning for a solo

exhibition with a new grouping of artwork. Myers is a self-taught artist, who found his passion for painting during his recovery from a serious accident. Food and drink will be provided. Free. Visit www.principlegallery.com.

Sunset Movie Night. 7 p.m. at Mt. Vernon RECenter, 2017 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria. This week's show is "Guardians of the Galaxy." Bring a blanket, beach chairs, picnic dinner. Movies will start at sunset. Free. Visit www.ZelsmanPowersGroup.com.

Folk Music by David Wilcox. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria. Considered a "songwriter's songwriter," David Wilcox songs have been covered by artists such as k.d. lang and many others. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance or call 703-324-7469.

JUNE 1-24

Art Exhibit: "Wanderlust." Gallery hours at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mt Vernon Ave. "Wanderlust" is an art exhibit about adventure, travel and new experiences that celebrates the diversity and beauty found in every corner of this world, both near and far. The exhibit runs June 1-24, 2018

at Del Ray Artisans. Opening Reception: Friday, June 1, 7-9 p.m. Also join for the Resin Workshop (June 10) and "How to Make Art While Traveling" Workshop (June 16). Exhibit details and workshop registration can be found at www.DelRayArtisans.org/event/wanderlust.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

30th Annual Clean the Bay Day. 9-11 a.m. at Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St. Thousands of volunteers will join together across Virginia this June to clean up litter along waterways from the Eastern Shore to the Blue Ridge Mountains in celebration of the 30th annual Clean the Bay Day. Early registration is advised. Visit www.cbf.org/clean to register.

Writer's Workshop. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Led by author Sheila Moses. Learn to tell a good story, what publishers look for in a new author and how to make story ideas a reality. Continental breakfast and snacks provided; bring lunch. Cost is \$75 which must be paid online by May 31 at shop.alexandriava.gov. Call 703-746-4356.

Archaeology Open House. 11 a.m. at Shuter's Hill site at the Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Get the first look at this year's excavations at Shuter's Hill, an 18th-century urban plantation located on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial. Free. Call 703-746-4399 or email archaeology@alexandriava.gov.

Outdoor Concert. 12-4 p.m. at Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. About 80 of Fort Hunt's youngest residents will be performing in an Outdoor Community Concert. The performers are students of Piano Lab, a music school located in Sherwood Crossing that provides ensemble piano classes to ages 5 and up. Contact Marilyn O'Leary, 703-887-4133 or Marilyn@StudentsLovePianoLab.com.

Taste of Del Ray Food Festival. 1-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Avenue in Alexandria. Sample menu favorites from award-winning restaurants at the 10th Annual Taste of Del Ray. t Vernon Avenue and Oxford Avenue. \$15/adults; \$5/children. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

Sounds of Pohick Music Concert. 4 p.m. at Historic Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Highway, Lorton. The St. Cecelia and St. Alban Children's

Entertainment

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Country-Western Dance. At Lincoln Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance. Lessons, 6-7 p.m. Open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for NVCWDA members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit www.nvcwda.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 3

"Bagels and Bach." 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. Enjoy classical music, while children become aware and learn how to appreciate classical music. Light brunch will be served. \$9 per person. Children under 5 years old are free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Arts and click the Durant Arts Center to reserve.

Film Screening. 12:30-3 p.m. at Chinquapin Park Rec Center, 3210 King St., Alexandria. Hometown Habitat: Stories of Bringing Nature Home. Learn about the benefits of native plants through the stories of several hometown habitat heroes. Email mj.jarrar@alexandriava.gov or visit www.alexandriava.gov/NatureCenter.

Dog Adoption Event. 1-4 p.m. at



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QuinTango shares the stage with four world-class artists from South America, the G.W. StringTango Orchestra and the Tucker Tiger Tango Dance Team. This event teams artists at the top of their game with young musicians and dancers in an evening of tango favorites such as Carlos Gardel's "Por una Cabeza" (theme from "Scent of a Woman") and Piazzolla's "Oblivion" and "Libertango." Argentine tango dancers Analia Centurion and Jeremias Fors, Grammy-nominated musician Emmanuel Trifilio, and the Guatemalan conductor Igor Sarmientos, and QuinTango are all international touring artists who take time to teach in QuinTango's ACPS programs. Tuesday, June 5, 7 p.m. at G.W. Middle School in Alexandria. Visit www.quintango.com.

PetSmart, Potomac Yards, 3351 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Alexandria. Lost Dog & Cat Rescue Foundation will have dogs for adoption at Potomac Yards PetsMart in Alexandria every other Sunday. Adopt, foster, donate or volunteer. Visit www.ldcf.org.

Crazy Hair Day - Art Workshop.

1:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum. Free. Join artist Sophie Blondeau, amid her

exhibition of paintings featuring fanciful interpretations of classic French culture, for a hands-on workshop. Students will be given a poster board with a face already positioned near the bottom-then Blondeau will encourage them to let their imagination run wild. RSVP to admin@nvfaa.org.

Pride Beer Garden. At Jackson 20, located at 480 King St., Alexandria.

Jackson 20 will have its Beer Garden in its courtyard, with Port City Brewing Company in-house offering a sampling of their local brews. Call 703-549-6080 or visit www.jackson20restaurant.com.

JUNE 4-JULY 1

Art Exhibit: "Selfie: Not for Sharing." Daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.;



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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 6

Birth of a Wetland. 10 a.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Learn how geology, human land use and wildlife created this special place. Learn about the park's history and enjoy a naturalist-led walk to the wetland following the talk. Bring binoculars to enhance your experience. \$9 per person. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows.

JUNE 6-30

Bethesda Painting Award Finalists. Gallery hours at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. Eight painters, including Kim Abraham of Alexandria, have been selected as finalists for the Bethesda Painting Awards, a juried competition and exhibition produced by the Bethesda Arts & Entertainment District. Nearly 300 artists from Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. submitted work to the 14th annual competition created to honor regional painters. Visit bethesda.org.

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Entertainment

4 Dates to Circle in June

By Hope Nelson

Specialty beer releases, multicourse wine pairings with dinner, a veritable buffet of Del Ray specialties: June is shaping up to be a busy one for festive-food-and-drink fans. Here are some of the month's top picks.

Taste of Del Ray, June 3

The 10th annual rendition of one of Del Ray's signature events kicks June off in style. More than a dozen restaurants are joining in the proceedings, allowing attendees to sample the wares of such varied kitchens as Southern-themed Live Oak Restaurant and the Mexican roots of Los Tios. When you're done perusing the menus and enjoying unlimited samples, do your civic duty and vote for the People's Choice award. Pat Miller Neighborhood Square at the corner of East Oxford Avenue and Mount Vernon Avenue. 1-3 p.m. Advance tickets \$15 for adults, \$5 for children; day-of tickets available only if the event isn't sold out.

Paradise Springs Wine Dinner at Columbia Firehouse, June 14

One of the closest wineries to Alexandria, Paradise Springs is bringing its wares even closer still to the heart of Old Town for one night. The winery is pairing with Columbia Firehouse to offer diners a multicourse meal with a selection of wines for each course. Start the evening with battle creek oysters paired with a cabernet franc/merlot rose, proceed through your entrée and dessert, and taste the likes of beef tenderloin and meritage wine along the way.

Calendar

Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Artist Nancy Belmont, the woman behind The Courage Wall, Unity, Be the Light, and Soar, launches a new experiential public art project called The Sanctuary. The public will be invited to think about their self-talk and how well their inner voice is serving them. Then, they'll give them a "seed" (treated paint can lid) upon which they can write a positive affirmation that they want to believe about themselves. They will hang these expansive mantras along a labyrinth that will eventually hold 5,000 people's affirmations.

First Thursday Del Ray. 6-9 p.m. Along Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Free. Every first Thursday of the month the Del Ray Business Association features businesses along Mount Vernon Avenue, special events, food and music. Each month has a different theme with activities for children, live music and a festive atmosphere. Visit www.visitdelray.com.

D-Day Commemoration. 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Dr. Aaron George of the Historical Office of the Secretary of Defense will give a lecture titled, "D-Day: The Decision to Go." The lecture will describe the enormous effort of planning for the D-Day invasion of Normandy and the days and moments leading up to one of the greatest decisions in military history. Dessert and wine reception to follow. \$10 per person. Purchase tickets at www.shop.alexandriava.gov. Call 703-746-4994.

FRIDAY/JUNE 8

Pope-Leighey Picnic and Party. 6 p.m. at 9000 Richmond Highway,

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109 S. St. Asaph St. 7-10 p.m. \$98 per person; reservations recommended.

Easy Cooking Creations Class at Spice and Tea Exchange, June 19

Throughout the spring and summer, the Spice and Exchange in Old Town is hosting monthly courses to help would-be chefs harness their power. This month, Chef Jill Siena will walk participants through "easy entertaining" recipes with an aim of creating a menu perfect for a summertime party (and using ingredients from the host spice purveyor). 6:30-8:30 p.m. \$35. Register by calling the store at 571-312-8505 or emailing alexandria@spiceandtea.com.

"It's Raining Cats and Dogs" Derecho Party at Port City Brewing, June 23

If it's summer, it's time for Port City Brewing to release its annual Derecho Common beer, a California common style first brewed — by virtue of circumstance — in 2012 once the brewery lost power following the storied summertime derecho. This year, Port City is putting a spin on its typical release party and turning it into a fundraiser of sorts. From 2 to 4 p.m., volunteers from Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation will be on site for a pet adoption event, and all day 10 percent the proceeds from both the Rocklands and DC Slices food trucks will benefit the Friends of Puerto Rico. There will also be a "Dunk the Brewer" booth, the proceeds of which will also go to Friends of Puerto Rico. 3950 Wheeler Ave. Noon-10 p.m.

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

8th Annual D-Day Commemoration

Almost 74 years ago the largest air, land, and sea invasion in history took place on the beaches of Normandy. Launched by General Dwight D. Eisenhower and including American, British, Canadian, and Free French forces, it was D-Day, June 6, 1944, the beginning of the liberation of western Europe. To honor the veterans and commemorate their heroic acts, the City of Alexandria has proclaimed the month of June as "D-Day Commemoration Month." The City will hold its 8th Annual D-Day Commemoration events:

◆ Thursday, June 7, 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, Dr. Aaron George of the Historical Office of the Secretary of Defense will give a lecture titled, "D-Day: The Decision to Go." Dessert and wine reception to follow. \$10 per person. Purchase tickets at www.shop.alexandriava.gov.

◆ Saturday, June 9, 2:30-5 p.m., an official D-Day commemoration ceremony and community event will take place on Market Square (301 King St.). This event includes WWII reenactors, period vehicles, '40s swing music from the band "Blue Jazz" along with exhibition swing dancing and an expected performance by the U.S. Fife and Drums Corps. There will be community booths and a "French Market" with refreshments and crafts for sale. An official remembrance ceremony with Alexandria elected officials will take place at 3:30. Children are encouraged to attend. All activities are free. Visit www.alexandriacaen.wordpress.com.

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Alexandria After Work Concert Series. 6-8 p.m. at the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House, 517 Prince St. The Folklore Society of Greater Washington and The Office of Historic Alexandria sponsor a concert on the second Friday of the month with locations rotating between the



Dr. Aaron George

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Celebrating Pride and Diversity. 6:30-8 p.m. at the Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. Poetry reading celebrating the LGBT community and its diversity. Visit the Office of the Arts' website at www.alexandriava.gov/Arts, email the Poet Laureate at poet@alexandriava.gov, or contact Cheryl Anne Colton at cheryllanne.colton@alexandriava.gov.

Fostering the Future Gala. 7-10 p.m. at Sheraton Suites in Old Town Alexandria. The theme, 'Up, Up and Away', highlights the possibilities for youth in Alexandria. This event features entertainment, a silent and live auction, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, dancing, and more. All proceeds benefit children in foster care or at-risk of abuse and neglect. Call 703-746-5663 or visit alexandriava.gov/DCHS.

Sunset Movie Night. 7 p.m. at Mt. Vernon RECenter, 2017 Belle View Blvd., Alexandria. This week's show is "Captain America: Civil War." Bring a blanket, beach chairs, picnic dinner. Movies will start at sunset. Free. Visit www.ZelsmanPowersGroup.com.

Mount Vernon Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Highway. This series of free, public concerts features a variety of musical performances reflecting Fairfax County's diversity, culture and community spirit. Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket and enjoy one of Fairfax County's special summer traditions. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances/mt-vernon-nights.

SATURDAY/JUNE 9

ALIVE! Yard Sale. 8 a.m. at the Ice House, 120 South Payne St., Alexandria. Yard sale for ALIVE!

House, a women's shelter. Donations of gently used items and volunteers are needed. Donation drop-off directions on the website www.alive-inc.org. To volunteer, email margaret.dhillon@gmail.com.

Civil War Camp Day. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Camp life activities include infantry, artillery drills and firing demonstrations and more. Suggested donation: \$2 adults; \$5 families. Call 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

The General's Tour. 10 a.m.-noon at Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. This guided walking tour of Robert E. Lee sites in Alexandria's Historic Old Town will address the complicated legacy of the Confederate general's life in Alexandria. \$10 in advance; \$15 at door. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

Fort Hunt Fun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fort Hunt Park, 8999 Fort Hunt Road. History fun day at Fort Hunt Park. Come see blacksmiths, living history, antique cars, and farm animals. Play traditional games or climb a climbing wall. Sandwiches and drinks will be sold. Keep pets on a leash at all times. Free; open to all. Call 703-235-1530 or visit nps.gov/gwmp.

Arts Fair. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at Waterfront Park, 1 Prince St., Alexandria. Free. More than 80 arts and crafts vendors, food, beer and children entertainment. Thousands of residents and visitors of all ages stroll King Street and the Waterfront Park. They offer beer, cider and food and everyone will have a chance to leave their mark on a boat with paint. Visit www.VolunteerAlexandria.org.

D-Day Commemoration. 2:30-5 p.m.; official remembrance ceremony at 3:30 on Market Square, 301 King St. Official D-Day commemoration ceremony and community event includes WWII reenactors, period vehicles, '40s swing music from the band "Blue Jazz" along with exhibition swing dancing and an expected performance by the U.S. Fife and Drums Corps. There will be community booths and a "French

Market" with refreshments and crafts for sale. An official remembrance ceremony at 3:30. Children are encouraged to attend. Free. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Historic.

Wine on the Water. 6-8 p.m. between Founder's Park and Blackwall Hitch in Old Town Alexandria, 211 N. Union St. (behind building). Wines provided by Unwined, charcuterie by Society Fair, a silent auction and the sound of steel drums along Old Town's waterfront. \$85 at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3399930; \$100 at the door. Call 703-778-0977 or visit www.alexandriaseaport.org.

"Justice on Trial: The Play." 7-9 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School Auditorium, 3330 King St. This production is about two civil rights attorneys suing the U.S. Justice Dept. for reparations for African Americans and damages due for racial injustice in America, while bringing back expert time traveler witness such as Harriett Tubman, Medger Evers and Emmet Till to tell their stories. A blend of comedy, history and information with singing. Visit ticketbud.com, and search "Justice."

SUNDAY/JUNE 10

Visit with James Madison. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. President James Madison will be at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. Included in the regular museum admission of \$5 per adult, \$3 per child under 12. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Author Appearance. 2 p.m. at Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Former CIA officer turned author Duane Evans will be presenting and signing copies of his book, "Fox Trot in Kandahar." Visit alexlibraryva.org.

Philharmonic Orchestra Concert. 3 p.m. at G.W. Masonic Memorial in Alexandria. The Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic presents an afternoon of music by Debussy, Bolcom, and Dvorak, featuring the Washington Saxophone Quartet. \$20, general admission; children are free. Visit www.wmpmusic.org.

VIRGINIA:
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Case No.: CA1 700036M-03

IN RE: The Adoption of Eva Nicole Gilbertson
A minor, by Mary Ann Orzechowski

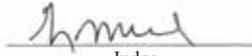
ORDER OF PUBLICATION

After review of the Affidavit and Petition for Order of Publication filed by counsel for Petitioner, Mary Ann Orzechowski, which object of such Affidavit and Petition is to effectuate an adoption and terminate the birth mother's parental rights, and pursuant to Virginia Code § 8.01-316, the Court finds that there exists sufficient grounds for causing service of process by publication.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that the birth mother, Brittany Nichole Davis also known as Brittany Nichole Davis, also known as Brittany Nichole Fields, also known as Brittany Nichole Hamel, appear at the above-named Court to protect her interests at 9:00am on July 12, 2018. Should the birth mother not appear or otherwise make known her position, then she is hereby notified that any and all of her parental rights will be terminated.

It is further ORDERED that this Order of Publication be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Alexandria Gazette in Alexandria, Virginia, and in the Mt. Vernon Gazette in Fairfax, Virginia, and a copy be posted at the front door of the Courthouse.

Enter: 5/31/2018


Judge

We ask for this:



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'The Nance' Takes the Stage

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the backstage scenes and regular life scenes, she's very passionate and keeps up on politics and has a viewpoint. She's not the ditzy character that people stereotype a stripper as," she said.

"Being a very realistic character, my personal challenge is trying to find a way to exude the physical confidence you need to have to be a burlesque stripper. You have to be confident to strut your stuff. You have to exude confidence and display a comfortable way with your body. This is a stripper — you have to show that confidence and ballsy attitude because that's what our audience was looking for," she said.

Danielle Comer plays the role of Joan, who is also one of the strippers. "She's the youngest of the strippers so she's there to draw the young men in. She's not the brightest tool in the shed; I don't know if I'd call her ditzy but she's not as street savvy as the other characters but she doesn't let that stop her," she said.

She adds: "She knows how to have a good time. So being confident in your body, especially women nowadays are told that a certain body is beautiful, so it's very hard to be confident in showing your body on stage when you don't look like the ones you see in the magazines. So that is a challenge for me," she said. "I think I'm smarter than Joan in real life so I think it's giving her the just performance she de-

serves. She's not all dumb but it's finding that balance of being confident and not being the smartest of the group but finding her place in the group."

Janice Rivera play the role of Carmen, one of the burlesque women. "They play up her Hispanic background. It's stereotypically portrayed in the show. Her numbers are 'La Cucaracha' and 'Mexican Hat Dance.' It's an interesting contrast to see where we've come. Her character plays up on that. She embraces that as part of her performances. She's a little different, a little spice on stage, and that's her gimmick and she doesn't have any problem using that as her performance."

She adds: "As a character I'm finding that she does have a lot of street smarts and she's happy to be one persona on stage but very true to herself and her friends and colleagues off stage. There is a relationship and a bond between the performers off stage, which is one of the things I hope people take away from this show."

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is presenting "The Nance" from June 2-23. Show times are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$22. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Visit the website at www.thelittletheatre.com or call the box office at 703-683-0496.

Sullivan

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Vernon at Home for eight years, and has been the architect of many changes and improvements as the aging in place concept and Village movement has grown. She has accepted a position at the national village movement level. She will serve as executive director for approximately 350 senior village organizations similar to Mount Vernon at Home. Although she is moving to New Jersey, she will be visiting the U.S. Congress and Executive Branch agencies frequently.

When asked what will be the big challenge for the incoming director, Sullivan said it will be "coping with the baby boom growth and the need for affordable senior housing." She said the new director has a wealth of knowledge of the senior village movement having worked for 17 years as clinical case manager at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

Frazier is married to Erik Frazier, the COO of the Anderson Orthopedic Clinic. They have two sons, Ben and Shep. The gala also included live and silent auction, music, food, and entertainment. For more information, visit MountVernonathome.org.

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THURSDAY/MAY 31

Meet with Virginia WMATA Representatives. 7-8:30 p.m. at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax. Virginia's representatives to the board of directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will meet the public in a forum sponsored by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. The event will include a presentation focused on funding, governance and safety, followed by a question-and-answer session. The facility is within walking distance of the Vienna Metro station. Visit www.novatransit.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 1

Help Children Navigate Adolescence in the Digital Age. 10 a.m.-noon at Dunn Loring Center for Parent Services, 2334 Gallows Road, Entrance 1 - Room 100, Dunn Loring. What else can parents do to keep their teenager safe on the internet? Join Richard Stegman, FCPS Educational Specialist, to learn the top internet dangers for teens and seven steps for good digital parenting. Free. Call 703-204-3941 or visit www.fcps.edu/resources/family-engagement/parent-resource-center.

SATURDAY/JUNE 2

2018 Northern Virginia Wear Orange Rally. 7 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Join Moms Demand Action, Lt. Gov. Justin Fairfax, faith leaders, survivors, community organizations, and business partners for our 2018

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By **KENNETH B. LOURIE**

I watch a little bit of television. Okay, maybe I watch a lot of television (probably too much if truth be told). And in the curse of watching that television, like it or not, fast-forwarding or not, commercials will be seen and unfortunately heard. Sometimes, what I see and hear causes me to interact with my television, verbally. And even though this verbalization is rarely responded to (other than by my wife, Dina), these outbursts (again if truth be accurately characterized) make me feel so much better.

What irritated me today – which led to this column being written, was a television commercial for a cellular phone company, an (“Approved AARP provider since 2008”) providing “exclusive benefits for AARP members” which, as I consider my age, and associations which have value, I would have to say, to quote my late father: “The idea has merit.” The commercial featured – among other facts and figures – endorsements from a half a dozen or so satisfied customers. The praise was typical of what you might expect/hear; all good about everything: price, service, reliability, value, etc. One woman’s comments however caught my attention. I believe I heard her correctly when she said: “Wild horses couldn’t drag me away from” And then off I went.

Really? Are you kidding me? Rather than change your cellular service, you’d consent to being dragged behind a team of wild horses? Do you actually mean to say that if you had your hands and feet bound and you risked being ripped to shreds, you still wouldn’t change carriers? You can’t be serious? As Minnie Driver asked Matt Damon in a scene from the 1997 movie “Good Will Hunting” discussing his having studied organic chemistry “a bit”: “Are you mad? Have you completely lost your mind?” This customer appeared to be of sound mind but, her comments were so ridiculous that it diminished her value as a “spokes-customer.”

I suppose however, if one were to analyze this amazingly, incredibly loyal comment (and take it at face value), one would have to be impressed. Who wouldn’t want the kind of service whose reliability, service, value, cost, etc. was worth dying for? For me, if the choice was between being dragged behind a team of wild horses – and being torn to pieces/possibly even dying in the process, or changing cellular service companies, I’d change in a minute or as quickly as I could (given the phone calls required) to avoid this Western-era torture. This woman can’t be telling the truth, can she? I mean, it is television where hyperbole and coercion go hand and hand with the remote, and I imagine there was a script involved. Nevertheless, her comments started at the top and went up from there. Apparently, being reasonable isn’t part of this commercial’s equation. Their “spokes-customers” haven’t just drunk the Kool-Aid, they’ve invited the Kool-Aid Man, pitcher and all, into their homes and offered us viewers a drink.

The problem for me, other than I spend too much time watching television, is that when what I’m watching tests the bounds of believability, be it content or especially commercials/advertisements, it inevitably turns a positive message into a negative one. Subsequently, my take-away: don’t bother me with nonsense; I’m not interested. The exact opposite of the intended effect. If truth be told (yet again), I’m likely over-reacting (really?) but, when a line is crossed, sometimes I can’t go back, like Burt Lancaster/“Moonlight Graham” couldn’t in the 1989 movie, “Field of Dreams.”

To invoke/extrapolate Capt. Woodrow F. Call from the epic, 1989 mini-series, “Lonesome Dove”: “I hate rude behavior in a man. Won’t tolerate it.” Well, neither can I tolerate commercials which take me for a dope. Can’t handle it.

I may not be the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I do have a little intellect and substance to draw upon even when I’m sitting on the couch watching television. I haven’t completely lost my mind, yet.

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Opinion

Route 1

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“While widening Rt 1 and implementing the BRT plan will certainly benefit those living on the Rt 1 corridor, it will also significantly improve tax revenue for the state. The increase in property values and influx of higher end commercial interests and tourists will have a positive economic impact on the state as a whole. Furthermore, the funding of these two projects will enhance the standing of Northern Virginia in the DC/Maryland/Virginia metro area and continue to attract the highest quality residents and businesses to our state.”

Inova Mt. Vernon CEO, Dr. Donald Brideau said, “As a major business and health care organization, the changing economics are driving more patients to outpatient care. Despite aging population, inpatient service growth is stagnant and with increasing pressure and improved clinical care fewer cases will be inpatient. Thus, for a vibrant hospital to serve its community, population growth will be necessary especially in a younger commercial population if we want to have a hospital that is financially sound. The projects discussed above will grow the region in family and business numbers thus necessitating additional hospital services.”

Surovell’s third funding request was for the Town of Dumfries U.S. 1 widening project. This project will widen the former U.S. 1 north branch to six lanes, add bicycle lanes and shared use paths, and reconstruct sidewalks. Concentrating through-traffic on one side will allow the town to focus commercial development on the other former branch of U.S. 1 away from the traffic. It will also provide for the final segment of U.S. 1 widening through Prince William County. This plan was universally supported by comments from the Dumfries region of the 36th District.

Finally, Surovell highlighted the need for improvements to the CSX crossing of U.S. 1. This project is an essential component of bringing high speed rail service from Washington, D.C. to Richmond, Norfolk, Raleigh, Atlanta, and beyond. It will also enhance Virginia Railway Express Service.

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Northern Virginia Wear Orange Rally. RSVP for the rally at bit.ly/NOVAwearsorange.

SATURDAYS/JUNE 2 & 9

Aviation Adventure. 9-10:30 a.m. classroom portion held at Bethlehem Baptist Church Parsonage, 7836 Fordson Road. Troop 1906 offers a Merit Badge opportunity, learn about opportunities in aviation. Optional opportunities to be an actual co-pilot of a flight will be provided. RSVP by May 31, 2018 at 703-360-4170, ext. 0.

MONDAY/JUNE 4

Medicare 101 Seminar. 7-8:30 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Fairfax County Insurance Counseling office offers objective, free information on how to navigate Medicare and save money. Free. Call Bill Vaughan at 703-324-5851 for more.

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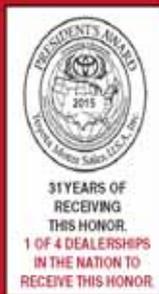
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**SIGHT LINE
WIPER BLADES**
\$10 OFF

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**FREE
BATTERY CHECK-UP**

Check cold cranking amps and visual inspection of battery condition. Includes battery condition print out.

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ALIGNMENT SPECIAL
\$64⁹⁵

Your car's alignment suffers, and can cause uneven tire wear and steering problems.
INCLUDES: Inspect suspension, ball joints, struts & shocks, tire condition and set tire pressure.

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VARIABLE DISCOUNT

\$15.00 OFF when you spend \$100.00 - \$199.99
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TRUESTART™ BATTERIES

\$99⁹⁵

INCLUDES BATTERY INSTALLATION
Includes: 84 month warranty, 24 month free replacement, 24 month free roadside assistance. Does not apply to hybrid batteries.

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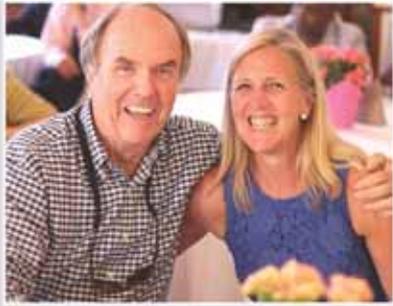
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Check your windshield. Does your sticker say **2/18, 3/18, or 4/18?** If so, your VA Safety Inspection is now due

**VIRGINIA STATE INSPECTION
FREE**

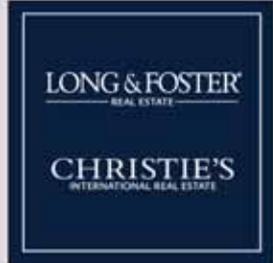
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Planning to sell in 2018?
Now is the time to call Chris & Peggy White!
*Leading the Area in Real Estate. **SOLD!!!***



9500 Ferry Harbour Ct
\$819,500
Updated Colonial!
Extensively updated 4 Bed/2Full/2Half Bath home in prominent Mt. Vernon location. Major updates include: Kitchen, windows, doors, roof, exterior painted, many more! 4 fireplaces including one in master sitting room enhanced by jaw dropping bath and walk in closet. Don't want to miss this opportunity!

COMING SOON



4603 Fenimore Pl
\$549,500
Many Updates!
Just listed 2 level 5 bed/3 Bath home on huge lot over half an acre or privacy at end of cul-de-sac! Major updates include: new roof, new siding, new HVAC and hot water heater, new windows and front entry doors, granite counter in kitchen, 22ft x 20ft deck, 16ft x 12 ft shed in back yard. A lot of house for the money! Won't last long!

JUST LISTED!



4118 Robertson Blvd
\$575,000
Classic Colonial!
Classic three level Colonial with 4 Bedrooms, 3.5 Baths and garage. Special features include: 4 Bedrooms on upper level. Master suite with dressing area and ample closet space, living room with wood burning fireplace, hardwoods on main two levels, basement with wet bar and full bath, 1 car garage. Hard to find three level colonial in prime Mt. Vernon location for under \$600k!

JUST LISTED!



9421 Old Mt. Vernon Rd.
\$689,500
Rare Opportunity!
Rare mid-century design with private pool scene makes for ideal setting. Many updates to this 4BR/ 3.5 BA home include kitchen, roof, water heater, basement finished and in-law suite added with full kitchen, incredible pool, all bathrooms updated including stunning master bath and closet. Don't miss this one!

OPEN SUNDAY!



8307 Crown Court Rd
Incredible New Kitchen!
\$775,000
Just completed, brand new Chef's kitchen and custom lighting plan enhance this truly spectacular property. New kitchen features custom cabs, top line granite counter, brand new appliances, and gas cooking. Other feats: 5 BR's, 5 BA's, high ceilings, two car garage and the most amazing pool and grounds you'll ever find at this price range!

NEW KITCHEN!



9411 Mount Vernon Cir.
\$1,150,000
Mt. Vernon on the Potomac!
Stately brick colonial in area's premier water front community. Over 6,000 sq ft of luxury! Features Include: Estate size rooms, high ceilings, three finished levels, four BR's including 3 room master suite with stunning bath, elegant trim detail, hardwood floors, extensive rear decking, oversize 2 car garage. Located in cul-de-sac with river access.

COMMUNITY WATER ACCESS



9300 Maybrook Pl
\$749,000
Large Colonial!

8708 Sudbury Dr.
\$580,000
Pristine Condition!



4417 Dolphin Ln.
\$625,000
Spacious Rambler!
Exceptionally spacious rambler in Yacht Haven Estates with expanded main level master suite with luxury bath. Gorgeous setting on large level lot steps from Yacht Club. Features include: large room sizes, hardwood floors, 4 BR's, 3 Baths, thermal windows & finished lower level. Oversize deck overlooks expansive fenced rear yard.

SOLD!



4800 Tarpon Ln.
\$555,000
Pristine Condition!
Unique opportunity! Two level brick home with many features on magnificent 1/2 acre lot. Just steps from River and Yacht Club. Special features include: open floor plan, thermal windows, hardwood floors, updated kitchen & baths, sun room, deck, and garage. All this for what you would expect to pay for just the lot!

SOLD!



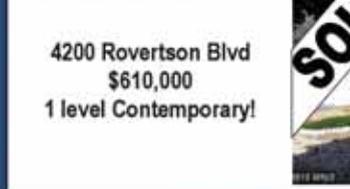
9313 Old Mansion Rd
\$865,000
Riverwood Gem!



4405 Ferry Landing Rd
\$699,500
Recently Renovated



5411 Grist Mill Woods Way
\$1,050,000
Backs to Forest!



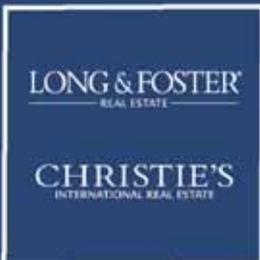
4200 Roverson Blvd
\$610,000
1 level Contemporary!



8634 Gateshead Rd
\$699,000
Incredible Pool Scene!



9104 Chickawane Ct.
\$719,000
Main Level Master!



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