

## Construction on New Fire Station has Begun

**New facility will be modern and energy efficient.**

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

In late February, county officials broke ground on the new and improved Woodlawn Fire Station 24 in Mount Vernon that will take the place of the current fire station at 8701 Lukens Lane in Alexandria, east of Richmond Highway.

When the 15,000 square-foot new station opens in spring 2022, it will have it will be a two-level freestanding building that will be in operation 24 hours a day, seven days a week, housing up to 16 Fire and Rescue Department staff. The station will be outfitted with four single drive-through bays for emergency vehicles, and is designed to meet LEED Silver Certification. LEED elements will include:

- ❖ Energy efficient systems
- ❖ Materials that promote indoor air quality
- ❖ High recycled content materials promoting environment stewardship
- ❖ Onsite renewable energy infrastructure



With golden shovels in hand, local officials break ground on the new station.



PHOTOS CONTRIBUTED

The estimated project cost for the new Fire Station is \$11,750,000, the Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department said. The current station will remain operational during construction.

"This new, improved fire and rescue station is designed to improve emergency response services in the Woodlawn community as it grows, and we embark on the 21st century redevelopment of Richmond Highway. The County continues to improve services to our residents and businesses through new facilities like this, in this instance, bringing state-of-the-art emergency readiness and enhanced emergency medical rescue services. I am also pleased that this building is being designed with energy efficient systems to meet LEED Silver Certification," said Supervisor Dan Storck, (D-Mount Vernon).

The original Woodlawn Station #24 was built in 1970, and was the first station owned and operated by Fairfax County. Previous fire stations had been constructed and operated as volunteer fire stations.

The new building was designed by BKV Group, and the work is being done by Scheibel Construction.

An artist rendering on what the new station will look like.

## Police Coordination Key to Solving Recent Homicides

BY SUPERVISOR DAN STORCK

### COMMENTARY

Recently, the Mount Vernon District Police Station hosted a community information session to inform the public about the four recent homicides in the area. Police Captain Brian Ruck welcomed community members and reviewed the major crimes statistics from 2017 – 2019, noting that overall crime in our neighborhoods continues to decrease. With regard to the recent homicides, Captain Ruck noted that it was the coordination between the Mount Vernon District Officers, Major Crimes Bureau, Media Relations Bureau and the Gang Unit that enabled officers and detectives to close three of these cases so quickly. While the investigations were ongoing, the District Station also maintained communications with community

leaders and increased foot patrols in the area. Captain Ruck attributes much of the team's success to these efforts, Officer's knowledge of and relationships in the community, and good "old fashion" detective work.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend all

the officers, detectives and departments for their tireless and diligent efforts to bring these cases to a prompt resolution and make arrests. They truly work every day to make our neighborhoods safer and to connect with our community. Fairfax County continues to be the safest jurisdiction of our size, and it is largely due to the vigilance of our public safety department. For those who may have missed the information session, detectives believe that none of these acts were random acts of violence and that there is no ongoing threat to public safety. Below are the updates on the cases.

### North Hill Park Homicide

Three men from the Mount Vernon area and a juvenile are facing charges related to the gang related death and improper burial of a juvenile whose body was discovered in North Hill Park on May 23, 2019. Armando Dagoberto Reyes Reyes, 27, was charged with murder and abduction on July 2. Two other men, Cesar Antonio Ochoa Carillo, 20, and Doroteo E. Diaz Martinez, 20, have also been arrested and charged with unlawful disposal of a dead body in this same case. The juvenile was charged with murder, abduction and gang participation. Read more... [fcpdnews.wordpress.com](http://fcpdnews.wordpress.com)

### Meadow Woods Apartments Homicide

Detectives continue to investigate the Oct. 26 homicide of Xyqwavius Brown, 19, of the Alexandria section of Fairfax County.

Detectives do not believe this was a random act of violence and do not believe there is an ongoing threat to public safety. Read more... [fcpdnews.wordpress.com](http://fcpdnews.wordpress.com)

### Old Mill Road and Gateshead Road Homicide

A Mount Vernon man has been charged in connection with the murder of Mical Kebede, 31, of the City of Alexandria. Kebede's body was found on Dec. 18 near a bridge at Old Mill Road and Gateshead Road. Malik Salam, 41, was charged on Dec. 22 with unlawful disposal of a body. Detectives

from the Major Crimes Bureau obtained an additional warrant for murder. Read more... [fcpdnews.wordpress.com](http://fcpdnews.wordpress.com)

### Sequoyah Condos Homicide

A man has been arrested in connection with the homicide that occurred on Dec. 30. Jeremiah Mouzon, 20, of Centreville, faces charges of 2nd degree murder, malicious shooting and use of a firearm in the commission of a felony. Police do not believe this was a random act of violence. Read more... [fcpdnews.wordpress.com](http://fcpdnews.wordpress.com)

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The Morgan family wants to save their trees.



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The dreadful colored ribbon is the kiss of death for the trees.

## County Plans at Little Hunting Creek Upset New Homeowner

Plans weren't disclosed at the time of purchase, he said.

BY MIKE SALMON  
THE CONNECTION

When Christopher Morgan moved into new his house on Little Hunting Creek, he says he knew nothing about the sewer replacement project that Fairfax County was planning that would require the removal of up to 20 trees right out front, and the use of a parcel of his land to store the construction equipment for about eight months.

The previous homeowner had made a deal with the county, as did his neighbor, but "I found out about this in October through the community newsletter," Morgan said.

Now Morgan and his wife Sumrall are part of a campaign to get the county to change their plans, and have a petition signed by over 300 people that want to save the trees as well. Morgan is looking for the county engineers to be a little flexible, and alter their plans so the trees can be saved. Three "giant, old trees" in particular, that have been there for years. "Bald eagles literally perch in these," he said. They moved to Mount Vernon from California so their son would have a good place to grow up and go to school.

They've gone to the project officials, and the office of Supervisor Dan Storck (D-Mount Vernon), trying to come up with another plan for the project, which has been on the books for some time, but was not mentioned when the Morgan's bought the property last summer.

"We feel like we're being a little bullied," said Sumrall.

According to county documents, the sewer replacement project dates back to 2015 when the county ran a camera into the sewer that runs under Little Hunting Creek and found "large amounts of debris and three major sags were discovered," county project information stated. "The footage also revealed a buildup of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) throughout the pipe, which required the sewer line to be placed on a 90-day pressure cleaning schedule." Storck noted the importance of a new sewer has too.

According to Fairfax County, replacing the Little Hunting Creek sanitary sewer pipe will reduce the maintenance frequency and eliminate the need for the high level of maintenance currently required to keep the pipe operating; prevent costly emergency repairs; and reduce risks to public health and the environment. The new pipe is expected to serve the community for the next 50 years.

The sewer dates back to 1961 and needs to be replaced. Supervisor Storck is aware of both sides of the tree issue, and spent much time trying to see if there is an alternative for the construction plan, but none could be found. "There's been a huge amount of effort to save these trees," Storck said. He also noted that if the sewer pipes break, there would be a whole different set of problems for homeowners around the creek. Storck's office arranged a meeting on Jan. 24 with county engineers and the Morgans.

The previous homeowner had worked with the county on this plan, and Morgan's neighbor Glenn Ferri discussed it with the county engineers too, and saw the surveyors at work in the area over a year ago, he said. The question is, why weren't the Mor-



They're enlisting passersby to help.

gans notified of this when they bought the house?

"No such easements were disclosed and we were also forced to look into that through other channels," Morgan said in a document he wrote about the situation. "Easements didn't come up in a title search," Morgan said.

According to the National Association of Realtors, they have the following under hazards and disclosures on their website: "Home sellers face a variety of state and local environmental-disclosure requirements for radon, asbestos, lead-based paint, mold, and other potential dangers. When it comes to these matters, real estate professionals must disclose all known material physical defects on the property. In Califor-

nia, practitioners also have a duty to visually inspect the property."

According to Virginia code | § 55-519 entitled "Required Disclosures For Buyer To Beware; Buyer To Exercise Necessary Due Diligence," the owner of the residential real property shall furnish to a purchaser a residential property disclosure statement for the buyer to beware of certain matters that may affect the buyer's decision to purchase such real property. Such statement shall be on a form provided by the Real Estate Board on its website.

Morgan has consulted an attorney. "We're trying to be good neighbors," he said. There are hand written signs taped to the trees, and area children made drawings but the plans are in place for now.



# House Versus Senate

## Conservative upper chamber undermines progressive House of Delegates.

By Michael Lee Pope  
The Gazette

Democrats and Republicans in the General Assembly like to see themselves as adversaries. The real enemy, they like to say, is down the hall.

The House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate are famously at odds with each other under the best of circumstances. This year, though, tensions between opposite sides of the Capitol have boiled over into a new kind of rivalry. And it's not just that they face each other in an annual basketball game or even that they make a point of pronouncing "sine die" differently. This year, as Democrats seized control of both chambers, tensions between the House and Senate reached epic proportions that could end up having consequences for everything from the minimum wage and gun control to redistricting and who is allowed to officiate weddings.

"We've got to go back to the people and say here's what I promised, and here's what I did," explained Del. Ken Plum (D-36). "By contract the Senate, candidly, can relax a few years before they go back to voters. And I think that means they are a little less responsive on issues that we might say are very popular."

One of the most important distinctions between the two chambers is that the House of Delegates traces its history back to 1619. The Senate, by contrast, is an afterthought in Virginia government. It was created in 1776 as a kind of modern update to the Council of State, where lifetime members offered advice to the governor and served as the highest judicial body in the colony. These days, the House has two-year terms, and the Senate has four-year terms.

"When you're in the Senate, you



A statue of George Washington stands at the center of the hallway between the House of Delegates and the Virginia Senate, two chambers that have been at odds with each other this year.

have more measured opportunity because you have a four-year term," says Senate Minority Leader Tommy Norment. "And you could give an aggressive vote in year one, but you would have three years to rehabilitate yourself. I think the Senate, as it's currently constituted even with the Democratic majority, is a little more deliberate."

**THAT DELIBERATION** has been a source of tension this year, starting in a dramatic fashion during the first day of session in January. House Democrats in leadership prepared what they thought would be a routine function of appointing a committee of House and Senate members to inform the governor of their organization. Normally, the committee has four members of the House and three members of the Senate. But when the House sent that document over to the Senate it came back with an amendment changing the composition of the committee to three

House members and three Senate members.

"What they really wanted was equality on the conference committee for the budget," says Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49), the House majority whip. "And they were trying to establish a precedent for having all the reasons in the world to insist on having six and six or five and five or seven and seven so that they have an equal say on the final budget."

When the House Democratic leadership first saw the Senate amendment, some thought it was a joke. Perhaps the new Senate Democratic leadership were playing some kind of practical joke on the first day of session, which is dominated by pomp and circum-

stance. The committee in question was just a ceremonial gathering to walk upstairs and inform the governor that the chambers are organized and ready for business.

"So we walk down the hall and ask what's going on, and the Senate lays into us about this has been a long time coming and just because it's always been this way it doesn't need to be this way," recalls Del. Marcus Simon (D-53), the House majority parliamentarian. "We just came off the campaign trail, and we just worked like heck for each other because we're all on the ballot at the same time. We're doing joint town halls and joint campaign events. We're friends, and all of a sudden they're screaming at us."

Simon recalls that tense meeting ended in an ultimatum.

"You just tell the governor that he won't be able to do the State of the Commonwealth this year," senators told House leaders, according to Simon.

The new House leadership huddled with Speaker Eileen Filler-Corn to figure out how to respond to demands from the new

sending six members to inform the governor that the Senate was organized. The plan worked, and lawmakers avoided what could have been a disaster on their first day in office.

"This was like real serious anger that I was seeing," recalls Simon. "And that was a big surprise to have that kind of enmity with the other body."

**TENSIONS BETWEEN** the House and Senate have become a defining theme of the General Assembly session this year, especially after bills crossed over from one chamber to the other. Senators have been modifying the more progressive elements of the House agenda. Perhaps the most striking example of this is the effort to increase the minimum wage. House members approved increasing it to \$15 an hour across Virginia by 2025. Senators took a regional approach that wouldn't increase the minimum wage in Hampton Roads until 2034.

"I just want to slow this down a bit and give the business community an opportunity to adjust," explained Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37). "I'm very concerned this will have a huge impact on the state budget, and it'll have a huge impact on Virginia's economy."

Del. Mark Levine (D-45) got several bills through the House that floundered in the more conservative Senate. Perhaps the most significant was the assault-weapons ban, which passed the House but was killed in a Senate subcommittee. Gov. Ralph Northam asked

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— Del. Ken Plum (D-36)

# Biden Wins Virginia

## Virginia Presidential Primary 2020 Results

### Statewide Results

Joe Biden	704,541	53.33%
Bernie Sanders	305,493	23.12%
Elizabeth Warren	142,280	10.77%
Michael Bloomberg	127,655	9.66%
Tulsi Gabbard	11,231	0.85%

### 8th Congressional District

Joe Biden	95,000	49.12%
Bernie Sanders	40,095	20.73%
Elizabeth Warren	32,064	16.58%
Michael Bloomberg	19,860	10.27%
Tulsi Gabbard	1,189	0.61%

### 10th Congressional District

Joe Biden	76,776	51.07%
Bernie Sanders	35,550	23.65%
Elizabeth Warren	14,714	9.79%
Michael Bloomberg	18,245	12.14%
Tulsi Gabbard	1,359	0.90%

### 11th Congressional District

Joe Biden	78,703	49.74%
Bernie Sanders	39,685	25.08%
Elizabeth Warren	18,631	11.77%
Michael Bloomberg	16,370	10.35%
Tulsi Gabbard	1,119	0.71%

### Fairfax County

Joe Biden	121,865
Bernie Sanders	57,085
Elizabeth Warren	29,633
Michael Bloomberg	28,131
Tulsi Gabbard	1,794

### Arlington County

Joe Biden	33,975
Bernie Sanders	13,263
Elizabeth Warren	14,062
Michael Bloomberg	6,682
Tulsi Gabbard	383

### City of Alexandria

Joe Biden	20,782
Bernie Sanders	7,586
Elizabeth Warren	7,628
Michael Bloomberg	4,243
Tulsi Gabbard	246

Unofficial Results as of midnight on Election Day.



# House Versus Senate

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Levine to carry the bill for him, and he considers it one of the biggest missed opportunities of the session. Levine also had a bill that would have removed many of the onerous requirements for who gets to officiate weddings in Virginia, eliminating requirements he viewed as unconstitutional comingling of church and state. Then end result is that almost anyone would have been allowed to officiate weddings, an idea that passed the House unanimously but died in the Senate.

"I come, perhaps, from a more traditional era that it should be someone in the community that has some gravity," explained Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34). "Maybe it's a state delegate. Maybe it's a judge. Maybe it's a pastor. But it's not anybody off the street."

Senators like to think of themselves as having a bit more decorum than the House, where members have a tendency to be a bit raucous. This became an issue when lawmakers were considering a bill introduced by Del. Dawn Adams (D-68) that would have

legalized spitting in public. The idea was that police might use the prohibition to target people for harassment, so eliminating the prohibition was viewed by many as a criminal justice reform — until it got to the Senate, where freshman Sen. Joe Morrissey (D-16) gave a speech outlining the perils of spitting. The bill legalizing spitting had actually already passed the House and Senate, but Morrissey brought it back for reconsideration and delivered a stemwinder of a speech against it.

"You don't like something, just spit on the floor," Morrissey said in an impassioned speech on the Senate floor. "Spit on Thomas Jefferson's marble walkway. Spit in the balcony. Spit over the balcony. Spit in any municipal building. Pay your taxes, and if you don't like it spit in that municipal building. Walk out of the courthouse and spit on the floor, not on the sidewalk outside, which is illegal, but inside the building." Other senators joined in, and the Senate actually debated the merits of spitting in public for 15 minutes before killing the bill.

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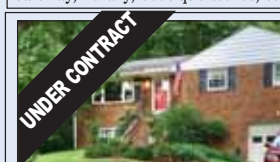
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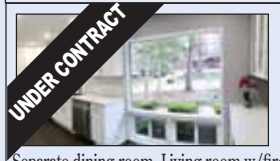
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# OPINION

## Last Week of Session

BY DELEGATE  
PAUL KRIZEK



Last week was the penultimate week of the 2020 General Assembly Session, and there's no sign of things slowing down. We worked long into the wee morning hours last Wednesday night in order to complete our committee work and hear all revenue bills before the deadline. We have now passed so many impactful pieces of legislation that there are simply too many to list. Many are on their way to the Governor's desk to be signed. Here are just a few significant highlights:

❖ My seatmate on the House floor, Delegate Bourne, patroned HB 7 which adds discrimination on the basis of income to the list of unlawful discriminatory housing practices. Virginia will become the first southern state to participate in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. This is a carbon-cutting program which will also direct 50% of its revenue to energy efficient programs for low-income families.

❖ Delegate Herring's bill, HB 1, will allow any voter to vote by absentee ballot without an excuse.

❖ SB 1, introduced by Senator Stanley, is a bill that repeals the requirement in which a driver's license can be suspended based on the

nonpayment of fines or costs.

❖ HB 789, from Delegate Bagby, eliminates predatory lending practices by capping interest and fees.

❖ Virginia is now set to become the first southern state with comprehensive anti-discrimination protections for LGBTQ+ residents.

❖ HB 1547, introduced by Delegate Lopez and known as the DREAM Act, expands in-state tuition eligibility to undocumented student residents at Virginia's public colleges and universities.

❖ HB 108, a bill patroned by Delegate Lindsey, will designate Election Day as a state holiday. I introduced this bill last year.

❖ Delegate Delaney's bill, HB 414, removes the red tape regarding rooftop solar projects and distributed energy.

❖ Simple marijuana possession is decriminalized, with a civil penalty of no more than \$25. Spurred on by the concerns raised by my constituents, I diligently worked with stakeholders, my colleagues, and bill patrons to ensure that an exemption for au pairs was included in a minimum wage bill. During these discussions, it was determined that the best solution for offering this amendment would be in the omnibus bill, Senator Saslaw's SB 7, rather than in SB 804. The amendment agreed to was: "Any person participating as an au pair in the U.S. Department of State's Exchange Visitor Program governed by 22 C.F.R. § 62.31." Moreover, I have been named a conferee on both the minimum wage bills, SB 7 and HB

395, so I am confident that we will be able to come to an agreement that includes this amendment that will protect the important au pair program. Last Wednesday, I spoke on the floor regarding the importance of the passage of the Domestic Worker Protection Act as we put into motion plans to overhaul Virginia's minimum wage. Personal care aides and home health aides are the top two fastest growing occupations by demand in Virginia, yet they have some of the lowest wages in the country. My own aged parents live with me and this may be the last session I can leave them on their own without the assistance of a home health aide. So, I am particularly sensitive to the importance of this bill. I am also a conferee on SB 481 concerning the issue of mandated 40 hours of sick leave a year, and HB 533, my bill that rolled up into Delegate Carr's polystyrene ban. The bill has a generous two year ramp up with necessary hardship exemptions included. I am hopeful that our Senate conferees will agree that this is a necessary first step to ridding our environment of the scourge of styrofoam.

Finally, I am a conferee on the two casino bills, HB 4 and SB 36. We are busy, but in a good way, getting great things done for our community and the Commonwealth. It is always an honor to serve you in Richmond. Please do not hesitate to reach out to my office at DelPKrizek@House.Virginia.Gov throughout this legislative session with questions, concerns, or legislative opinions.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Coronavirus Update - Message from the Superintendent - March 2

Dear Parents and Staff,

FCPS is working closely with the Fairfax County Health Department to monitor the latest updates about the coronavirus (COVID-19). We are reinforcing the importance of ensuring students are following proper handwashing procedures before eating and after sneezing, coughing, or using the bathroom. We realize that time is a valuable commodity during the school day, and in today's environment, hand washing should be a priority, so we are encouraging staff to provide ample time for

students to wash their hands. We are reinforcing with our custodial teams the importance of following our standard cleaning protocols by using hospital-grade disinfectants on frequently-touched surfaces such as doorknobs, faucet handles, and handrails. Hand sanitizer is available in all schools and if a student is showing signs of a cold or the flu, they should stay home.

As indicated in my message to you last week, FCPS is in the process of reviewing and updating its existing pandemic influenza response plan. The plan addresses the specific activities necessary to

keep schools open and operating while providing a clean and safe environment during an outbreak and the essential functions that must be performed by FCPS if schools are closed. FCPS will continue to work closely with health officials to prepare for various scenarios that could develop.

Our overall goal would be to do all we can to maintain continuity of operations while minimizing student and staff exposure.

As of today, there are no confirmed COVID-19 cases in Fairfax County or the D.C. region. Updated information is being posted

to this webpage: FCPS coronavirus-update and additional information is available from the Fairfax County Health Department.

To date, FCPS has cancelled international field trips and short-term visitations to and from some countries, based on CDC guidelines.

We will continue to provide you regular updates as this situation continues to rapidly evolve.

Sincerely,

**Scott Brabrand**  
Superintendent, Fairfax  
County Public Schools

## One Job: Pass the Assault Weapons Ban

Senator Scott Surovell can write all the lengthy explanations he wants about his no vote on the assault weapons ban.

However, he and Senators Petersen and Edwards were sent to Richmond with a clear message from their constituents. Pass the Assault Weapons Ban. That's

what your constituents said they expected you to do but apparently you thought you knew better. As a result of your irresponsible action, we might both pay a price.

**Kevin Bergen**  
Mount Vernon

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# WELLBEING

## Inflicting Pain to Gain Relief

Self Injury Awareness Month to learn about the condition and erase the stigma.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

March is self-injury prevention month, a time when mental health professionals work to raise awareness of the condition, recognize the signs and work to remove the stigma. Known by clinicians as non-suicidal self-injury, the behavior is described as intentionally harming oneself without intending to end one's life. The population most likely to engage in self-harm behaviors range from middle school through college, according to the American Psychological Association.

"When teens begin engaging in cutting behavior it is typically be-

**"Self-injury may be a sign of depression, anxiety, substance use, or post-traumatic stress disorders."**

— Jerome Short, Ph.D.,  
Associate Professor of Psychology at George Mason University


cause they are feeling overwhelmed by intense feelings or emotions and don't have the coping skills to manage or respond to how they feel, said therapist Carol Barnaby, MSW, LCSW.

"Adolescents might self-injure to distract themselves from intense negative emotions of sadness or anger, or emotional numbness, added Jerome Short, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Psychology at George Mason University. "They may also want to punish themselves or express a need for help."

Cuts and burns on the wrists or thighs are among the most com-


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Family, friends and loved ones pack the community center at the 2020 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County.



# Student Peace Awards Presented

## Senior and junior high school students honored.

BY MERCIA HOBSON  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he 2020 Student Peace Awards of Fairfax County, held Sunday, March 1, recognized high school junior and senior students at 24 public and two private high schools in the county who made a positive contribution to their school or wider community by promoting mutual understanding and respect for all people. Held at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center in Fairfax, sponsors, family and friends celebrated the accomplishments of the recipients at a public reception.

Last fall, organizers asked the schools' principals to nominate one outstanding student or student group for the award, proactively seeking a likely nominee. This year's recipients worked as peacemakers in a variety of settings according to emcee, Margaret Fisher, who during her remarks at Sunday's reception gave a brief overview of each student's accomplishment.

According to Fisher, in **Vienna at Cedar Lane High School**, Senior Sage Quick and Junior Will LaWalt volunteered to serve as peers in a Personal

Development class that taught social skills, decision-making, and coping strategies for difficult or confusing situations. "Peers model communication skills as they listen to students talk about their interests and concerns. They then help the students in the class remain calm and focused," Fisher said.

**Sarah Gu is a Senior at McLean High School.** When she visited her family in China there the last five summers, she offered the children free lessons in English and current affairs. According to Fisher, Gu eventually grew her program into an organization called "The Windows," which served over 600 children.

**At Oakton High School**, Fisher said that **Roudah Chaker** put in hundreds of volunteer hours packing meals, participating in back-to-school drives for orphanages, distributing needed items to the homeless, and raising \$3000 for Syrian refugees. "She is also active politically, working to correct policies that directly harm those who want to come to the U.S. for its promise of peace," said Fisher.

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From left: Vice-Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Penny Gross (D-Mason District), Chair of the Fairfax County School Board Karen Corbett Sanders (Mount Vernon), U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), Fairfax County School Board Members Karen Keys-Gamarra (At-Large) and Melanie Meren (Hunter Mill District).



### VIEWPOINTS

## What Do Award Recipients Say?

PHOTOS BY MERCIA HOBSON/THE GAZETTE

**Hannah Gyekye, Senior, Mount Vernon High School**



**Andrew Kieffer, Senior, Quander Road School, Alexandria: I focused on improving computer access for those who are less fortunate.**



**Amaani Mohamed, Junior, West Potomac High School: People who create greatness behind closed doors are the ones that we should acknowledge. I believe we have all changed the world in some way one by one, and my motive is what keeps me going.**



**Manoucher (Manny) Precht, Senior, Annandale High School**



**Kheira Bekkadja, Junior, Thomas Edison High School: Working to de-stigmatize mental health in schools by making them more welcome and accepting of mental illness, is my thing! Constantly throughout my work in peacemaking, I'm always reminding myself not to get distracted, by comparison. Rather I should captivate myself with a strong purpose to continue to empower my community.**





# Peace Awards Presented

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**South Lakes High School in Reston** is where **Lindsey Hirshfeld** is a senior. “Hirshfeld feels empathy for classmates who are struggling to overcome a variety of issues that make them feel isolated. She helped raise money for children with brain tumors, organized cultural festivals to showcase diversity, and helped stage a school-wide silent protest against gun violence,” said Fisher.

**At South County High School in Lorton, Siedeen Ahmed, Senior** founded South County’s Interfaith Club to provide a safe space for student-led discussions. “She is also the President of Stallions with Refugees. Her goal is to spread the message that all students, including immigrants and refugees, are welcome and valued,” said Fisher.

One after another, Fisher read profiles of youth who made a difference, some locally like **Catherine Soto, Senior at Lee High School in Springfield**. “Soto helped create the Best Buddies chapter at Lee High School. Soto and her fellow Best Buddies leaders were responsible for recruiting general education students who wished to build a relationship with the special needs students who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to engage with the student community,” said Fisher.

Others made differences to world neigh-

bors, like **Betsabe Pardo, Senior at Mountain View High School in Centreville**. Pardo raised money to bring safe drinking water to communities around the world.

U.S. Rep. Gerry Connelly (D-11) said, “I congratulate this year’s recipients of the Student Peace Awards. Their leadership and commitment to being peacemakers and fostering mutual respect for our differences are bringing positive change and inclusivity to our community.”

Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason District) shared a letter from Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Jeffery McKay. She read: “It is this inspiring energy and action, combined with Fairfax County residents’ diverse experiences that allow us to consistently strive toward creating a better community for all.”

In her remarks, Guest Speaker Kendyl Crawford, Director of Virginia Interfaith Power & Light said she was amazed at the students’ efforts to care not only for their neighbors but to repair relationships with Mother Earth.

The awardees received \$250, plus another \$100 to be given to any nonprofit organization of their choice that operated in the spirit of the Peace Awards. The students also received the book, *Sweet Fruit* from a Bitter Tree by Mark Andreas.



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# ENTERTAINMENT

## 4 Dates to Circle in March

BY HOPE NELSON

From toasting St. Patrick to celebrating – or agonizing – over your basketball team’s tournament performance, there’s a lot to do around Alexandria in March. Here are some of the month’s top picks.

### Star Sailor White IPA Release at Port City Brewing, March 6

Alexandria’s own Port City Brewing is coming out with a brand-new beer this weekend, its Star Sailor White IPA. The hazy beer is brewed with 100% Virginia-grown wheat and has a fruity subtext that is sure to yield a very drinkable beer for springtime. The Star Sailor joins Port City’s limited-release lineup and will be available on draft or in six-packs. 3950 Wheeler Ave. 3-10 p.m.

### March Madness Festivities at Joe Theismann’s, beginning March 15

For college basketball fans, the best part of the season is approaching in short order – the NCAA Tournament. And Joe Theismann’s has you covered for both a place to view the games as well as some special menu items that span the country – and the bracket. Nosh on fried green tomatoes, North Carolina pulled-pork sliders, Impossible chorizo tacos and mini Chicago hot dogs – and fill out a bracket for yourself in the hopes of winning a prize. 1800 Diagonal Road.

### Irish Whiskey Tasting at Live Oak Restaurant, March 17

Naturally, with the celebration of St. Patrick’s Day comes a certain amount of whiskey-drinking, and Live Oak is getting into the spirit with a tasting. Sample some of the hard stuff straight from Ireland and munch on some snacks from the kitchen to get you into the Irish spirit. Slainte! 1603 Commonwealth Ave. 7-10 p.m. \$35.

### East Coast vs. West Coast IPA Tasting at Evening Star, March 22



### Star Sailor White IPA Release at Port City Brewing, March 6.

New England-style and West Coast-style IPAs may come from the same family of beers, but their end results are incredibly different. Which style will garner the most fans? An IPA tasting event at Evening Star pits the two coasts against each other for tasters to try. Your ticket nets you unlimited beer samples from the likes of Bissell

Brothers and The Veil, plus some snacks to keep you energized. 2000 Mount Vernon Ave. 3-5 p.m. \$35.

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## CALENDAR

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### ONGOING

“**The King’s Shadow.**” Now thru April 19. 8 p.m. At The Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. In this season, Shakespeare’s Histories: “The King’s Shadow” runs January 2nd - April 19th, 2020; “Richard the Second” runs January 2 - April 18, 2020; “Henry the Fourth, Part 1” runs January 30 - April 18, 2020; “Henry the Fourth, Part 2” runs February 13 - April 19, 2020; and “Henry the Fifth” runs March 12 - April 19, 2020. These plays follow the troubled passing of the English crown from the philosopher King Richard II, to the conqueror King Henry IV, to his rogue son, Prince Hal. With his father’s deeds looming over him, Hal indulges in a reckless adolescence that tarnishes his reputation. But when the time comes to rule, Hal must take control of how history will remember him, unite his country, and become the legendary King Henry V. Tickets are \$35. Contact [boxoffice@bravespiritstheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@bravespiritstheatre.com) or [www.bravespiritstheatre.com](http://www.bravespiritstheatre.com).

**Life Drawing Sessions.** Now thru Dec. 9. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Looking for a chance to hone your figure drawing skills? Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions for just this purpose. Just drop in for the session and bring your supplies to draw or paint the live models. Fee ranges from \$8-\$12. All skill levels are welcome. Visit [DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing](http://DelRayArtisans.org/life-drawing)

**Student Art Exhibit.** Now thru March 28. At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. The Alexandria All City High School Art Exhibition hosted by the Convergence Arts Initiative returns Feb. 7 – March 28 for its fifth year. 2020’s experience will feature 90 Alexandria high school students representing six high schools including public, private, and independent spanning over 10



### The St. Patrick’s Day Parade will take place Saturday, March 7 in Old Town Alexandria.

## St. Patrick’s Day Parade

Saturday/March 7, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Parade starts at King and Alfred Streets and ends at Lee and Cameron Streets in Old Town Alexandria. Presented by the Ballyshaners, a nonprofit group that aims to promote and preserve Irish heritage. More than 2,000 participants will march in this year’s parade, including the Notre Dame Alumni Band, dog rescue groups, pipe and drum bands, historical re-enactors, Shriners and Kena cars, and Irish dancers. Visit [www.ballyshaners.org](http://www.ballyshaners.org)

different mediums of art. Returning for 2020’s collaborative event are students from Bishop Ireton, Episcopal High School, T.C. Williams, St. Stephen’s and St. Agnes School, Commonwealth Academy, and The Howard Gardner School. Artists Reception: Friday, Feb. 21 from 7 – 9 p.m.

**Architecture in Fiber.** Now thru March 15. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Torpedo Factory, Studio 29, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Here, in Alexandria, we are surrounded by beautiful and exciting buildings, bridges, parks, and monuments. Both our local and worldwide architecture serve as inspiration for the pieces in this show. Themed work will be eligible for recognition by the jurors. Non-themed work will also be exhibited. Hours: 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. daily

and weekends, and 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

**Award-Winning Photos Displayed.** Now thru March 25. At Huntley Meadows, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia will display award-winning photographs from the National Audubon Society’s 2019 photo contest in an exhibition at Huntley Meadows Park this winter. It’s a perfect fit, as this year’s grand prize-winning photograph was shot at Huntley Meadows. Local amateur photographer Kathrin Swoboda took top honors for her photograph of a red-winged blackbird that appeared to be blowing smoke rings as the rising sun backlit the vapor that formed while the bird sang out on a cold day. There will be an opening reception on Sunday, March 8, from



### A Fun Dog Show will be held Saturday, March 7 at Old Town’s Market Square.

## Fun Dog Show

Saturday/March 7, 11 a.m. At Old Town’s Market Square, Alexandria. The AWLA invites the area’s spirited pups to don their favorite costumes on-stage for the titles of “Most St. Paddy’s Spirit,” “Best Human/Canine Look-Alike” and “Most Creative Costume.” The Fun Dog Show precedes the Ballyshaners’ St. Patrick’s Day parade, an annual event that brings thousands of spectators to Old Town Alexandria. March participants will meet at the intersection of King and St. Asaph streets at 12 p.m. to start the parade. This year’s Dog Show will be hosted by McEneaney Realtor Bobby Mahoney. Registration is open at [AlexandriaAnimals.org/DogShow2020](http://AlexandriaAnimals.org/DogShow2020) and will also be available on-site on March 7 for \$30. For information about the St. Patrick’s Day Parade, visit [ballyshaners.org](http://ballyshaners.org).

1 to 3 p.m. Call 703-768-2525 or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/huntley-meadows)

### NOW THRU MARCH 30

**Woodlawn Needlework Show.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Woodlawn & Pope-Leighey House, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. The Woodlawn Needlework Show and Sale runs for the entire month of March, and is open every day except Tuesdays. Come see hundreds of amazing needlework pieces, daily demonstrations, special exhibits, and more. Cost is \$15. Visit the website: <http://www.woodlawnpopeleighey.org/annualneedleworkshow>.

### THURSDAY/MARCH 5

**Yacht Haven Garden Club Meets.** 9:30 a.m. At the Mount Vernon Yacht

Club at 4818 Tarpon Lane, Alexandria. The program will be on native plants, Amping up the Garden, by Louis Ratchford, Plant Specialist. Contact [pmuchello@aol.com](mailto:pmuchello@aol.com) Visitors are welcome.

### MARCH 5-23

“**Head Over Heels.**” 8 p.m. At Ainslie Arts Center | 3900 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. “Head Over Heels” is a celebration of love set to the music of the Go-Go’s. Based on Sir Philip Sidney’s Arcadia, the royal family risks losing their “beat” and must journey to discover the key to their realm’s survival. Like in most musicals, it may have been in them the whole time. With hits like, “We Got The Beat,” “Mad About You,”

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# LTA Stages “Moonlight and Magnolias”

A comic behind-the-scenes look at the making of ‘Gone With the Wind’.

BY STEVE HIBBARD  
THE GAZETTE

It’s Hollywood, 1939. Legendary film producer David O. Selznick is five weeks into shooting “Gone with the Wind” when he realizes the script is awful and the director doesn’t have a clue. He has a few short days to replace them and restart shooting or the production will shut down. Over the course of five days, three writers frantically craft (and act out all of the parts) one of the most beloved screenplays of all times. Join the Little Theatre of Alexandria for this comic romp called “Moonlight and Magnolias” from Feb. 29 to March 21, 2020.

Director Juli Tarabek Blacker said she was first attracted to the script by the period and topic. “I have been a fan of classic Hollywood since I was a teenager. As I looked more into the script, I fell in love with the screwball nature of it, much like the screwball comedies of the ‘30s and ‘40s (‘His Girl Friday,’ etc). It also has a surprising amount of depth for a comedy. I typically work on dramas, so it was nice to have those familiar bits sprinkled in the text,” she said.

She added: “I want the audience to get a ‘behind-the-curtain’ look at a movie that everyone knows, and has an opinion about, even if they haven’t seen it. Three of the four characters are based on historical figures that the audience may or may not know. I want the audience to get an idea of what went on behind the scenes. It was a lot, and this is only a part of it,” she said.

She said that ultimately, she wants the audience to have a fun time that sneakily makes them think. “If they leave with a smile on their face but thoughts in their head the next day, we’ve done our job,” she said.

Assistant Director Alexander Bulova said as an undergraduate, he majored in film and media studies, so when he saw that the Little Theatre of Alexandria was doing



**Victor Fleming (Michael J. Fisher), David O. Selznick (Griffin Voltmann), and Ben Hecht (J.T. Spivy) star in LTA’s production of “Moonlight and Magnolias,” now through March 21, 2020.**

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‘Moonlight and Magnolias,’ he knew he wanted to be involved. “It’s such a funny script. It strikes just the right balance between critiquing the dated elements of ‘Gone with the Wind’ and celebrating what made it a classic in the first place,” he said.

He added: “To me, ‘Moonlight and Magnolias’ is all about the relationships we have with older media. Some movies from the Golden Age of Hollywood are just as relevant and entertaining today as they were 80 years ago. Others, like ‘Gone with the Wind,’ show their age. What are we supposed to do with these beloved films? Ignore their flaws, or pretend they never existed? With ‘Moonlight and Magnolias,’ we hope to guide audiences towards their own answer (and make them laugh along the way).”

He said the biggest challenge in directing was the blocking. “This is a dialogue-heavy show, meaning that lots of attention had to be given to line delivery and pacing. While these elements are impor-

tant, they can often come at the expense of a visually interesting show. Fortunately, we avoided that issue. Juli did a great job making sure that the blocking got the same level of attention as the dialogue during rehearsals. As a result, ‘Moonlight and Magnolias’ feels like an onstage screwball comedy,” he said.

Producer Rachel Alberts said she loved the script. “I loved the energy; I loved the silliness. We all deserve a couple of hours to let go and laugh,” she said. The other coproducer is Russell Wyland.

She added: “I love the behind-the-scenes aspect to such an iconic piece of art. We all think we know everything there is to know about ‘Gone with the Wind’ but this place shows us how it was made. It upends the perspective of the movie, and in such a fun way!”

She said the challenges were working with some of the clichés that seemed dated. “But creating a ‘moment in time’ play like this makes it appear almost historical. Classic Hollywood is a very spe-

cific, very iconic time in American history. A snapshot of a certain time and place in our country’s history,” she said.

Hillary Leersnyder plays the role of Miss Poppenghul, Mr. Selznick’s personal assistant. “She takes whatever crazy task he assigns with a nod and an eyeroll, but is most often two steps ahead of what he needs. She is efficient and professional, but also full of sass and not afraid to poke back at his nonsense every once in a while. Selznick may not always show it, but he doesn’t know what he would do without Ms. Poppenghul,” she said.

She added: “Juli wanted Ms. Poppenghul to have a permanent presence on stage, so a desk for Poppenghul was designed into the set. This choice was fun but challenging for me because I needed to find the balance between reacting to whatever wildness is going on while not distracting from it. It also adds a new layer to adapting the business with phones and doors that has a different context



**Miss Poppenghul (Hillary Leersnyder) stars in LTA’s production of “Moonlight and Magnolias,” now through March 21, 2020.**

in the script, but we are always up for a challenge!”

J.T. Spivy plays the role of Ben Hecht, a man who is constantly frustrated. “The source of his frustration comes from being stuck in an industry that he does not respect but pays the bills (and beyond) and living in a country that refuses to realize that evil that is happening in Europe in 1939,” he said.

He added: “When working on a comedy, the major component of laughter is not usually part of the rehearsal process. It will be nice to, hopefully, have that from our audience.”

The Little Theatre of Alexandria is staging “Moonlight and Magnolias” from Feb. 29 to March 21, 2020. Show times are Wednesdays thru Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$21 and \$24. The venue is located at 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria, VA. Visit the website: [www.thelittletheatre.com](http://www.thelittletheatre.com) or call the box office at 703-683-0496.

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At The Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum, Alexandria. Cost is \$60 for conference. Building on the success of past programs focused on advocating for African American historic resources, including schools, cemeteries and churches, this one-day conference will provide updates on African American historic sites in the state, provide networking opportunities, and offer information on advocacy, documentation and

funding to help build capacity and strengthen organizations preserving African American historic sites in the state.

**The Thirteen performs Mystic.** 7:30 p.m. At Virginia Theological Seminary, Immanuel Chapel, 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria. The Thirteen, under the direction of Artistic Director Matthew Robertson, explores humanity’s search for the divine across time and space in their

upcoming concert *Mystic*. *Mystic* is organized in a series of vignettes. It begins with the medieval melodies of Hildegard von Bingen then enters the mystical cathedrals of the post-war Europe with the works of Estonian composer Arvo. Tickets may be purchased at [www.TheThirteenChoir.org](http://www.TheThirteenChoir.org). Tickets will be available at the door of the concert, if the concert is not sold out. Tickets are \$35, \$30 if purchased in

advance. Discounts are available at [www.TheThirteenChoir.org](http://www.TheThirteenChoir.org).  
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### MARCH 6-7

**Rose Hill Players Present "Oz."** At Edison High School, Franconia Road, Alexandria. Show times are March 6 at 7 p.m.; March 7 at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. All shows \$7/adults; \$4/kids; \$1 kids 2-12 matinee. The timeless "Wizard of Oz" tale has been adapted into a dazzling musical.

### SATURDAY/MARCH 7

**Used Book Sale.** 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Selection of over 20,000 gently used children's books, fiction, history, biography, home and garden, cooking, crafts, sports, religion, travel, CDs, DVDs, and more. Unless specially priced, \$1 for hard backs, 50 cents for large paperbacks, and 25 cents for mass market paperbacks. Visit <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches/friends-of-sherwood-regional>.

**Country-Western Dance.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. The Northern Virginia Country-Western Dance Association will hold a dance with lessons, 6-7 p.m. and open dancing, 7-9:30 p.m. A DJ provides music. Couples and singles of all ages welcome. Admission for members \$10; non-members \$12; children under 18 accompanied by a paying adult \$5. Smoke-free, alcohol-free. BYO refreshments. Visit [www.nvcwda.org](http://www.nvcwda.org) for more.

**Performance Art.** 7:30 p.m. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. The Alexandria Choral Society (ACS) continues to celebrate its 50th season this year with its signature gala and will present Performance Art, an interactive program that aspires to "interpret visual art through choral performance." Tickets are \$25 at the door, or \$20 when purchased online in advance. Senior, student, and military discounts are available. Children under 13 are free. To purchase tickets visit [www.alexandriachoralsociety.org](http://www.alexandriachoralsociety.org).

### SUNDAY/MARCH 8

**Sewing and Tea.** 1 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Take a step back in time with a program on 19th century



**ASO Presents: Brandenburgs & Brew on Friday, March 20 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria.**

## Brandenburgs & Brew

Friday/March 20, **ASO Presents: Brandenburgs & Brew.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria. Under the direction of Music Director James Ross, members of the Alexandria Symphony present Brandenburg Concertos No. 3 and 6, Handel's Entrance of the Queen of Sheba and Alexander's Feast. Cost is \$40/adults; \$5/youth. Visit the website: [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org)

sewing and enjoy an afternoon tea at Historic Green Spring. Artist and collector Caroline Hottenstein will discuss the legacy of the 19th century seamstress with an exhibit of needlework tools, linens, lace, and clothing. Hear about sewing techniques and styles and the important role of needle arts in women's lives. After the "Art of the Needle" program, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea, or stay for a brief embroidery class (supplies included). The cost is \$45 for the program and tea; \$30 for the program and class; and \$22 for the program only. Call 703-941-7987.

**Grow What You Eat.** 3 – 4:30 p.m. At Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Learn easy to implement practices for selecting a site, evaluating and improving your soil. We will discuss which plants grow best locally, which are best planted as seeds and which are typically transplanted as seedlings. Discover how to attract pollinators and other beneficial insects while identifying and managing pests, weeds and diseases. Get free seeds and a vegetable garden calendar customized for our region. This class is offered by Extension Master Gardeners. Free. Advance registration requested at [mgmv.org](http://mgmv.org). Call 703-228-

6414 or email [mgarlalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgarlalex@gmail.com).

### MARCH 8, 15 AND 29

**Martin Smith Forum.** 10-11 a.m. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria. Three week series (March 8, 15, & 29) with the Rev. Martin Smith, renowned spiritual writer and teacher. In this series, Hope: Heart of the Gospel, Gift of the Spirit, we will explore the core gift of the Spirit that deserves at least as much attention as Faith and Love—even more in these times of anxiety about our future. On March 8, Martin will also preach at the 9 and 11 a.m. services. Free. [www.stpaulsalexandria.com](http://www.stpaulsalexandria.com)

### TUESDAY/MARCH 10

**Local Authors Lecture.** 7-8:30 p.m. At Alexandria History Museum at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington, Alexandria. Cost is \$10 per person. The series continues with Dr. Anna Gibson Holloway, co-author of "Our Little Monitor, The Greatest Invention of the Civil War." Dr. Holloway will highlight how this new machine became the pet of the people a vessel celebrated in prints, tokens, and household bric-a-brac; a marketing tool; and a prominent feature in parades, Sanitary Fairs, and politics.

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**Shepherd's Center of Fairfax-Burke** sponsors a monthly meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, noon-1:30 p.m., for caregivers to learn and to share with others experiencing similar challenges. Before attending, contact the facilitator, Eileen Thompson at 703-451-8626 or [eileen.thompson1@gmail.com](mailto:eileen.thompson1@gmail.com).

**Haven of Northern Virginia** provides support, compassion, information and resources to the bereaved and seriously ill. To become a Haven volunteer, please call 703-941-7000 to request an orientation. Volunteers must complete a 30-hour training and commit to one year of service answering Haven phones (2.5 hours weekly). Next training is scheduled for fall 2017.

## ONGOING

### STEM Professionals Needed.

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**Docents Needed.** Sundays 1-4 p.m. at the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum, 11200 Fairfax Station Road in Fairfax Station. Greet museum visitors and tell them about the exhibits, the museum and its railroad and Civil War history. Ideal for those interested in railroads, the Civil War and Northern Virginia history. Training and orientation provided. Other volunteer opportunities are gardening, publicity and exhibit planning. Call 703-945-7483.

**Haven of Northern Virginia** is committed to offering, support, compassion, information and resources to the bereaved and seriously ill. Volunteers provide individual and group support to those suffering from a loss. Volunteers must participate in a 30 hour training. Training will be offered in October 2018. To volunteer, call Haven at 703-941-7000.

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Based on the analysis contained in the EA, no significant adverse direct, indirect or cumulative effects on the quality of the human or natural environment are expected. Therefore, at the conclusion of the public comment period, it is anticipated that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) would be appropriate and would be signed for the Fort Belvoir Dogue Creek Bridge project. An Environmental Impact Statement therefore, would not be necessary to implement the Proposed Action.

The EA and Draft FNSI are available to view/download electronically at <https://home.army.mil/belvoir/index.php/about/Garrison/directorate-public-works/environmental-division>, or view in printed form at the MWR Library, Fort Belvoir, Virginia and the Lorton, Kingstowne and Sherwood Regional Branches of the Fairfax County Public Library. Interested parties are invited to submit written comments for consideration within 30 days of publication of this notice to Mr. Felix Mariani, 9430 Jackson Loop, Building 1442, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060 or send via e-mail to: [usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.belvoir.imcom-atlantic.mbx.enrd@mail.mil). If you need further information, please contact Mr. Mariani at 703-806-3193.

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## Money For What, Exactly?



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Kenny is currently out of the office. Please enjoy this previously written article from July 2019:

Presumably, most of you readers are aware that many supermarkets have a rack located somewhere near the rear of the store that is stocked with off-price merchandise: discontinued items, items with damaged packaging, out of season products, etc. Over the years, I have been a regular checker of this rack looking for such bargains. I have purchased breakfast cereal, soup, cookies, candy, and miscellaneous other non-perishables. I've even purchased two bags of Kingsford charcoal. In addition, I've seen household products, health and beauty, school supplies; and everything else you can imagine, running the gamut from "A" to "Z," for sale. Recently however, in this rack I saw a product I'm not sure I even thought was available to the general public, and if it was, would not have thought buying it from the discontinued merchandise rack at the supermarket would not have been the way to go. But what do I know? As has been proven many times: not much.

The item? A DNA Paternity Test Kit. I guess I thought, if this test was necessary, it would involve a physician or at least be administered by a health care professional and/or involve witnesses/legal representation (at least a notary). Going to the supermarket or even the drug store? And then testing yourself without necessarily knowing the precautions and proper procedures appropriate for the task at hand? There seems as if there's a bit more at stake here than an at-home pregnancy test, a test with which many of us are familiar. But DNA testing at home? What is this, the Maury Povich Show?

Having not traveled down this particular road myself, perhaps I'm unaware of the realities. All I know is what I've seen on television or read about in the papers. I guess I just assumed (generally a bad thing), that the steps one takes to verify/confirm/resolve paternity-type issues were a bit more involved than a visit to the supermarket. Apparently, this subject is just another where I know very little about, like tools and how to use them, automobile repair, home maintenance, lawn and garden, cooking, and on and on and on. But enough about me.

What about those wanting answers to extraordinarily important questions: Who's the father? And is that my child? Looks can be deceiving so a professional, or so I thought, incorrectly, is brought in to oversee the process. Nope. No professional need apply. Just go to your local "chemist," as they say in England. No need to visit "the surgery," as they also say over there. Just find a box with the right letters on it and go back to your home/work and swab, stick, pin-prick or whatever and the results will be known soon enough if you or someone else is whomever they claim to be or not to be. That is the question which begs an answer. Shakespeare notwithstanding

It seems only fair that one's birthright should be gotten wrong. And not that home-testing can't be trusted. Just the opposite. Nevertheless, some things, like circumcisions, though they can be performed at home (see "Shaky the mohel" from a long ago Seinfeld episode). I would have thought, a DNA Paternity test, given the need/want of a resolution/clarification which could possibly impact multiple individuals/families over generations, be similarly performed in the most careful of conditions. This kind of test has no margin for error - or humor. "Bought the kit in the discount rack at my local supermarket." Is that the answer you want to give when all eyes are on you? And saying how much you saved over regular price is unlikely to endear you to any and all of the interested parties on hand. After all, money really isn't the issue.

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**3159 Woodland Ln**  
**\$1,085,000**

Meticulously maintained 5 year old home provides rare opportunity to have all the new home amenities and floor plan without having to pay new home prices! Exceptionally spacious home offers over 5,500 sq ft of luxurious appointments and builders custom upgrades. Fabulous special features include: open floor plan, high ceilings, dramatic two story family room, Chef's kitchen, 5 bedrooms including breathtaking master suite. Finished lower level and oversize 3 car garage. Premier setting with the most amazing fenced rear yard around. Easy walk to nearby private neighborhood park/water access. Combination of features and location that can't be matched at this price!

**JUST LISTED: OPEN SUN 1-4PM!**



**3251 Woodland Ln**  
**\$895,000**

Classic Williamsburg Colonial built by Wakefield Homes, the area's leading custom home builder. Premier location on gorgeous half acre lot near the Mt. Vernon Estate. Fabulous home combines classic colonial exterior with bright, open floor plan. Numerous special features include: dramatic two story entry foyer, custom kitchen open to family room, 4 bedrooms including luxurious master suite, 3.5 baths, full walk out lower level and side load two car garage. Stunning screen porch & deck overlooks gorgeous private back yard. Unique neighborhood with private waterfront access leading to Potomac. Bring your canoe or kayak!

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**3249 Woodland Ln**  
**\$1,050,000**

Stunning opportunity! Custom home by Wakefield Homes, the area's leading luxury home builder. No expense was spared in this estate caliber property which was built with numerous upgrades and expanded floor plan. Special features include: stunning bright and open floor plan, 2 story entry foyer and family room, Chef's kitchen open to family room, huge master suite, gorgeous hardwood floors, finished lower level w/ full walk out, side load 2 car garage. Gorgeous setting on half acre lot in neighborhood with community access to Little Hunting Creek. Same home build today would cost thousands more!

**JUST LISTED: OPEN SUN 1-4PM!**



**4009 Colonial Ave**  
**\$995,000**

New home opportunity in prime Mt. Vernon location on truly amazing half acre lot! Home to be built by Wakefield Homes, the area's leading custom home builder! This home features: open floor plan, high ceilings, Chef's kitchen, luxury master suite, gorgeous hardwood floors, upgraded trim detail, & two car garage. Neighboring new home recently sold for \$1,130,000! Typically buyer has to choose old home on large lot or new house on tiny lot. This offering provides the best of both worlds! New home amenities with privacy and spacious half acre grounds! Pre-construction sale allows maximum opportunity to customize to your liking!

**NEW BUILD ON GREAT LOT!**



**4296 Neitzey Pl**  
**\$1,650,000**

Truly spectacular estate in premier setting near the river in prestigious Oxford on the Potomac. Custom home capitalizes on its location with soaring high ceilings, glass walls and multi-level decks designed to capture sweeping views of the river & adjoining wooded areas. Special features include: multi-story entry foyer, grand room sizes, elegant interior finishes, elevator, truly breathtaking master suite with dramatic river views, and his & hers private baths. Nothing was spared in creating this unique, one of a kind masterpiece!

**POTOMAC RIVER VIEWS!**



**9346 Mt. Vernon Circle**  
**\$800,000**

Excellent opportunity in Mount Vernon on the Potomac, the area's premier waterfront community! Unique three level colonial with stately columned front portico, reminiscent of the neighboring Mt. Vernon Estate. The interior presents exceptionally large room sizes and excellent floor plan. Additional special features include: gorgeous stained hardwood floors, "Marvin" replacement windows, 2 fireplaces, newer gas heat and hot water heater, true oversize two car garage, large deck off family room overlooks private rear grounds. Walk to nearby marina & community waterfront area which features, tennis courts, large grassy area, fire pit, docks and bathrooms. Mt. Vernon on the Potomac is the only community in the area with these facilities for the exclusive use of its residents!

**RIVERFRONT COMMUNITY**



**7715 Midway Ln**  
**\$799,000**

Stunning opportunity to acquire a home with the stature, floorplan, and location typically found in \$1,000,000+ properties. Stately brick home just minutes from Old Town on elevated lot exuding a prominent presence and overlooking surrounding neighborhood. Former model home features: open floor plan, stately two story entry foyer, sunroom, main level master suite, large basement with workout room/storage space, custom brick work and expansive deck nestled into private rear yard, huge side load 2 car garage. Priced to provide your own personal touches and to make this estate caliber property truly your own!

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY!**



**4112 Ferry Landing Rd**  
**\$833,900**

Absolutely the most house for the money in prime Mt. Vernon location! Exceptionally spacious approx 5,000 sq ft colonial at end of quiet lane in the heart of Mt. Vernon. This home was custom built in 2003 for its only owner and is loaded with upgraded items and amenities. Special features include: dramatic 2 story entry foyer, open floor plan with spacious kitchen/family room combination, spectacular bright main level sun room, 4 BR's and 3 full baths on upper level, huge finished lower level with rec room, guest room, and full bath. Amazing outdoor scene includes: private back yard with oversize custom stone patio & hot tub. Unique combination of size, custom features, & location compare favorably to properties selling for substantially more!

**CLASSIC COLONIAL!**



**3111 McGeorge Terr**  
**\$575,000**

Fabulous home, gorgeous lot, and prime location for under \$600K! The one you've been waiting for is finally here! Spacious home with numerous features including: brick front, large room sizes, 4 bedrooms, 3 full updated baths, gorgeous hardwood floors, expanded kitchen, replacement thermal windows, two finished levels and oversize garage with storage area. Large deck overlooks magnificent fenced yard. Premier location just minutes from the Mt. Vernon Estate, bike path, and scenic GW parkway. Unique opportunity for completely turn key home under \$600K!

**CONTRACT IN 1st WEEKEND!**



**8807 Teresa Ann Ct**  
**\$725,000**

Exciting opportunity! The most house for the money in Fort Hunt area! Exceptionally spacious 5 bedroom / 3 Bath home in premier location on quiet cul-de-sac just off GW Parkway and steps to bike path. Substantially updated and meticulously maintained. Special features include: custom updated kitchen, thermal replacement windows, gorgeous hardwood floors, 3 updated baths including master bath with marble tile, two fireplaces, newer HVAC/water heater, and garage parking. Exterior decks overlooks private fenced rear yard with additional storage shed. This property offers a combination of size, condition, & prime location that add up to an incredible value. Don't miss out!

**METICULOUSLY MAINTAINED!**



**4116 Ferry Landing Rd**  
**\$878,500**

Incredible new price! Truly stunning property! Almost 5,000 luxuriously finished square feet built in 2011 by Brookfield Homes. This "Waverly Model" contains virtually every modern amenity and is loaded with custom upgrades. Special features include: 4 finished levels, spectacular open floor plan, high ceilings, custom Chef's kitchen, upgraded trim details, hardwood floors, 6 Bedrooms with huge master suite, finished lower level with bedroom, full bath, fireplace, bar and walk out stairs. No expense was spared on exterior landscaping with custom deck & stone patio with fireplace as well as children's playground. Combination of size, custom features and prime location impossible to duplicate for under \$1 Million. One of a kind opportunity!

**VIRTUALLY NEW!**



**4416 Dolphin Ln**  
**\$800,000**

Exceptionally open and spacious mid-century modern home on gorgeous fenced, half acre grounds in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates. Home features truly stunning bright open floor plan, enhanced by high ceilings, glass walls, skylights, and gorgeous hardwood floors. Six bedrooms and three updated baths. The custom master bath was extensively designed to enhance the character of the home. Main living space leads to amazing 4,200 square foot deck and gazebo overlooking yard. The ultimate entertaining spot! Garage plus covered driveway parking. If you are tired of the mundane and have been waiting for a truly unique custom property for a remarkably reasonable price, this is it!

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