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Chairman Debate at Hyland’s Meeting

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Hyland is now traveling in a wheelchair due to injuries suffered in a traffic accident in late November. He is presently undergoing three months of physical therapy for an injured hip. As he stated at this past week’s Southeast Health Planning Task Force meeting, “I intend to do wheelies at the Town Meeting.”

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Amanda Perry in this case continued to drive her car and landed on the pavement, according to the complaint.

The suit is directed solely at Perry's criminal trial for reckless driving. On the night of the ice storm that stalled traffic for hours on the Springfield interchange overpasses, Route 1 northbound at the Boswell Avenue intersection is four lanes with a left turning lane into the shopping center. Route 1 southbound at that point has four lanes — a dedicated left turn lane and three through lanes.

Northbound traffic on Route 1 was backed up in the left turn lane into the shopping center. As the defendant approached and entered the intersection with Boswell Avenue at a high and unlawful speed, she knew her view to the left, including her view of eastbound traffic in the intersection, was blocked and/or impaired by vehicles, including those vehicles stopped in the left turn lane.

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Perry was eventually charged with reckless driving and tried in September 2008 at Fairfax County General District Court. She was found not guilty of reckless driving by visiting Judge Sarah L. Deneke in the non-jury trial. Local judges had recused themselves.

The primary question raised during that trial was whether Perry was using her siren and lights when approaching the intersection. It was determined, after several viewings of a video, that the emergency lights were on but that the siren was not. It was also shown that she had not applied the brakes of her cruiser.

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Human Services’ Needs Rising

But county budget faces $650 million shortfall.

D eputy County Executive Verdia Haywood described the county budget problems and their impact on human services to the Southeast Health Planning Task Force at its meeting last week.

“The demand for help from the county for basic needs, like food and rent, is increasing dramatically,” Haywood said.

“There has been a 42 percent increase in requests for help since January 2006, but the county’s population has grown by less than one percent since then. What many people may not know is that Fairfax County provides human services through nonprofits and faith communities. Therefore, it is vital that we — as a community — address this crisis together,” he said.

Haywood circulated a draft of the Fiscal Year 2010 Lines of Business Analysis which addressed the impending $650 million shortfall envisioned in the next fiscal year. Health care, combined with the needs of the Community Services Board, is a major component of the General Fund Disbursements for Human Services.

Two of the pluses noted by Haywood were that since 1996 “more than $40 million in recurring savings” have been realized by redesigning 13 departments into eight and the total administrative costs for the Human Services element of the county budget is only two percent.

“Proposed cuts to the budget’s human services element total $49.3 million. County direct services account for approximately 57 percent of that total reduction, or $28.2 million, according to the draft report.

“Our human services system is highly leveraged. County General Fund budget reductions affect the capacity of local systems to serve those in need,” Haywood said.

A reduction of $49.3 million in general fund support results in a true loss of $54 million as a result of state, federal and client fee financing. County General Fund reductions affect other revenue sources supporting the human services system,” he pointed out.

“The majority of proposed reductions are universal in nature, affecting all county residents eligible for the programs and services offered,” he said. Some of the community facilities closures under consideration in the draft report included the Groveton Senior Center and one Head Start classroom at Gum Springs.

THIS CUT IMPACTS not only programs and services but also the infrastructure used to deliver many of those services to the needy. An example of that is FASTRAN. This para-transit is “a basic infrastructure service,” according to the draft report.

However, as Haywood pointed out several times during his presentation, “This budget is still a work in progress. It requires everyone’s input.”

Economy Delays Lorton Healthplex

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that were merely in the planning stage are now on hold. Capital expenditures are frozen,” Doyle said.

“Proposed investments in IT and the hiring of more nurses. ‘We are continuing to fill all our nursing vacancies,’ Doyle said.

“If Inova had moved ahead with the healthplex two years ago, as they promised and when it should have been done, it would be well under way by now and not on hold. That healthplex was a major element of our report to Inova years ago,” said Anne Andrews, member and former chair of the task force.

“Where are Lorton residents who were counting on that healthplex going to go now? We need to consider how to re-route future patients to the Springfield-Franconia healthplex,” said Lee District Supervisor and SEHPTF Chair Jeffrey McKay.

However, task force member and IMVH physician Khosrow Matini, M.D., told task force members, “This has a good side in that it stops the loss of 50 acute care beds.”

At the April 2008 SEHPTF meeting IHS announced its plan to transform 50 IMVH beds, used for community patients, to Long Term Acute Care (LTAC) beds. Presently, IMVH has 237 beds broken down in the following categories: 140 medical/surgical beds; 67 rehabilitation beds; and 30 psychiatric beds. Under the LTAC plan, IMVH medical/surgical beds would be reduced to 90.

Matini and others have maintained that the loss of those 50 beds to LTAC would put an unacceptable strain on IMVH’s ability to serve its primary Mount Vernon community patients.

PRIOR to the meeting’s start, Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland praised the IMVH staff and administration for the treatment he has received during his rehabilitation from injuries suffered in an automobile accident near the end of last year.

“The care I have received at this hospital has been extraordinary. The staff has handled me magnificently,” Hyland said.
It’s Not Grade Inflation

Fairfax and Loudoun should change to 10-point grading, add weight for advanced classes; more than 90 percent is an A.

Fairfax County Public Schools, along with Loudoun County schools, have been grading students in a way that puts them at a disadvantage for scholarships, college admissions and college credit compared to other similar school systems.

Right now there is a proposal on the table in Fairfax that would remedy many of these concerns, and the School Board should take this opportunity to do so.

Fairfax has been grading students on a six-point scale, meaning that a student scoring more than 90 points out of 100 could get a B instead of an A; it takes a 94 for an A, and a 64 to pass.

While most comparable school systems offer extra points for Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate and some honors classes, Fairfax has not been doing so.

Will changing the grading scale mean that more students from Fairfax County will head to Harvard? Not at all; many top colleges make their own adjustments to applicants’ grade point averages, but not all. While it’s easy for some to dismiss this push on helicopter parents who would do anything to further the success of their gifted children, there are some important issues at stake.

There is no question that a lower grade point average as reported by an applicant’s school can result in fewer opportunities for merit scholarships. Given the cost of college tuition and the economic challenges facing all families right now, putting Fairfax students at a disadvantage for scholarship money is unfair and unwise.

And at the margins, how the schools calculate and report a grade point average could affect which colleges accept a given applicant, and these small differences can have a dramatic affect on a student's college experience.

Giving extra weight for the extra rigor and work of AP and IB classes is also critical for our students.

Fairfax County also should ensure that its graduates arrive at college with the most college credit possible for their college level studies in high school. Students taking IB exams should also take the most similar AP exam. In many cases, no additional preparation is required. While IB courses are just as rigorous as AP classes and should result in college credit for the students who have successfully completed them based on test scores, many colleges do not yet recognize IB test scores for credit.

But a student who scores well on the IB test will likely score just as well on the most similar AP test, and almost every college will give credit for high AP scores.

Again this is not a nicey for parents to brag about or students to put on their résumé. Arriving as a freshman in college with college credit gives students a leg up on more advanced coursework, and can in some cases reduce the cost of college by a semester or more.

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Student Perspectives

A number of Carl Sandburg Middle School students are participating in an letter-writing effort to address issues that they feel are important. Clockwise, from top: Students in teacher Tory Karg’s fifth period, seventh period, second period and third period classes. Letters start on page 7.
Support Artificial Turf
To the Editor:
I compete in the National Capital Soccer League and I am on the State Olympic Development Program soccer team. I have seen my fair share of soccer fields. I would like to strongly encourage the local park and recreation authorities to install artificial turf on the area soccer fields. This is good for the environment.

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Kurt Anderson
8th Grader, Carl Sandburg Middle School

Conserve Water
To the Editor:
Hello, my name is Daniel Wasserman. I am in the 8th grade at Carl Sandburg Middle School. I believe that the USA is not conserving water wisely. An average bath uses 30-50 gallons of water. The average 4-minute shower uses 20 gallons. Every person that showers instead of washing in a bath every day would save at least 3,640 gallons a year. When people do not conserve water, it wastes fresh water that could be drunk by poor people who have trouble affording it. If Americans do not start conserving water, we will waste energy cleaning wasted water from bathing. Also, Americans will waste their money on water that is not used. This is a very serious matter that will be very disastrous if no attention is paid to it.

Daniel Wasserman

Change Light Bulbs
To the Editor:
I am a student from Carl Sandburg Middle School in the eighth grade and the issue I would like to bring up is conserving energy. Many people on our Earth had forgotten about recycling and conserving energy but, slowly, being green is coming back into style. More specifically, people are trying to find ways to conserve energy to help our environment. One simple way to get started is to change your main lighting fixtures to fluorescent bulbs. This way you would stop about 90 billion pounds of greenhouse gas discharge, which is equal to taking 7.5 million cars away and at the same time, Americans would accumulate enough energy to light about 2.5 million homes for a year. I believe the best way to start saving energy is to simply change the light bulbs.

Sohni Shaikh

Invest In Solar
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   For music lovers there is of course the Alexandria Symphony now in its own space at Northern Virginia Community College. Summer’s Children’s Program and Concert held annually in June.

Hear the Local Chorus
   Alexandria Choral Society
   703-548-4734
   www.alexchoralsociety.org
   Don’t miss their summer garden party as well as their concerts throughout the year.

Twilight Tunes
   Music at Twilight
   Sundays, June-August
   Alive with Sound

Metro Stage
   1201 North Royal St.
   703-548-9044
   www.metrostage.org
   Metro Stage, now in its own place, always offers an interesting and different season and does cabaret to boot.

Bask in Ballet
   Alliance Dance Institute
   5801 Duke St.
   703-354-6000
   www.addance.com
   The Athenaeum
   201 Prince St.
   www.nvfaa.org
   The Alliance Dance Institute is known for its dance school for ages 3 to 7 and special performances of “The Nutcracker” for young audiences. The Athenaeum holds classes for all ages.

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra has concerts throughout the year, including one on Sunday, Jan. 25 at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. On right is the conductor for the symphony, Kim Kluge.

Fort Ward Park
   4301 W. Braddock Road
   703-883-4686
   From June 18 to Aug. 10 this year, the Music at Twilight series enlivens the evenings at Fort Ward Amphitheater. Relax in the park and listen to good music.

The program Pipe, Pedals, Praise and Prayer continues this summer at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Half-hour concerts begin at 5 p.m. and are followed by a reception and a church service at 6:30. Upcoming performances will feature Edward Moore of Catholic University (July 9) and Jason Abel of Christ Church (July 16).

Get Jazzed
   St. Elmo’s Coffee Shop
   2300 Mount Vernon Avenue
   Thursdays, 8 to 10 p.m.
   The Not So Modern Jazz Band plays straight-up Dixieland at the coffee shop every Thursday night, purely for the joy. It’s not your espresso that’s making your feet tap.

Joyful Noise
   Pipe, Pedals, Praise and Prayer
   Sundays
   Old Presbyterian Meeting House
   321 S. Fairfax St.
   The program Pipe, Pedals, Praise and Prayer continues this summer at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House. Half-hour concerts begin at 5 p.m. and are followed by a reception and a church service at 6:30. Upcoming performances will feature Edward Moore of Catholic University (July 9) and Jason Abel of Christ Church (July 16).

A Legacy of Music
   Alexandria Citizens Band

Ballet classes are available at the Athenaeum and at Alliance Dance Institute.

Little Theatre of Alexandria
   600 Wolfe St.
   703-683-0496
   www.thelittletheatre.com
   Little Theater of Alexandria is the traditional tried and true. The troupe has a deft touch with comedy, their timing is impeccable and the theater itself is charming.

Port City Playhouse
   Lee Center
   1108 Jefferson St.
   703-838-2880
   www.portcityplayhouse.com
   Port City Playhouse operates in a small theater and does the more avant garde, edgy stuff. Prices are a bit more than a movie and the plays are very good.
CALENDAR

E-mail calendar announcements to the Mount Vernon Gazette, gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week’s paper. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

ONGOING

Historic Mount Vernon welcomes Inauguration visitors in January with 20 percent off adult admission. Visitors must print the coupon from Mount Vernon’s Web site: http://visit.mountvernon.org. January is also the 250th wedding anniversary of George and Martha Washington, and on display Jan. 12 – Feb. 23 are Mrs. Washington’s wedding slippers, which have not been exhibited at Mount Vernon in over 30 years. $15 for adults, $7 for youth ages 6-11; and free for children five and younger. Visit http://visit.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

The public can participate in the second annual “Alexandria Recreation Games for Healthy Living,” Jan. 10 through March 6. An awards ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at the Lee Center Kauffman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St. To register, pick up an information packet at the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, or online at www.alexandriava.gov/rec/recreation.

Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services present free dance workshops at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, from 3:30-5 p.m. on Feb. 13, 27, March 13, 27, April 10, 24 and May 8. To register, 703-324-4386.

FRIDAY/JAN. 16

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m., see “Nocturne from Dusk to Dawn” at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., through Feb. 15. See the effects of light between dusk and dawn. Free. 703-838-4827.

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children ages 2 and under enjoy songs and stories. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

SATURDAY/JAN. 17

Medieval Madness. 7 p.m. at the Durant Center, 1500 Cameron St. Enjoy comedy, food, drinks, music, sword competition and more. $49/person. Visit www.medievalmadness.org or 703-329-3075.

Rockin’ for the Red Benefit Concert. 6:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3300 W. Broad St. My Favorite Highway and Crash Boom Bang will perform. Proceeds benefit Alexandria Red Cross. $15/advance; $20/door. Visit www.alexandraredcross.org or 703-339-2385.

Bay View Sunset Walk. 4 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe animals as they get ready for bed. Free. 703-339-2385.

Wild For Winter Waterfowl. 10 a.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe

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Just Gotta See It!
Disney’s Aladdin

Aldersgate Church Children’s Theater
1301 Collingwood Road
Alexandria, 22308
Jan 17, 23, 24 @ 7:30 pm • Jan 18, 19, 25, 26 @ 3:00 pm
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Open Sunday 1-4

5501 Seminary Rd. #13025 | $247,000

LUXURY HIGH RISE LIVING! Conveniently located, this spacious one bedroom and den, one and a half bath condo in Skyline Square has fresh paint throughout, plus brand new carpet and kitchen flooring. Den could be used as second bedroom. Building includes exercise room, party room, outdoor pool, etc. Ownership includes two garage spaces.

Carol Hooka | 703-596-4199 Falls Church

Open Sunday 1-4

114 Hume Avenue | $349,000

Historic plaque, charming 1925 colonial with front porch that has been thoughtfully expanded with a near two story addition. Center hall foyer, four fireplaces, four bedrooms, three and a half baths, pine floors and large rooms. Finished lower level with game room & storage. Screened porch with hot tub, deck, fenced yard and garage.

Sherry York | 703-625-3377 Del Ray

Open Sunday 1-4

402 1/2 Royal Street | $519,000

This historic 1870 home has been totally updated with cherry cabinets, granite, SS appliances, Italian marble, skylights & maple vanity in bath. Atrium stairwell with skylight, newer roof, refinished wood floors, brick patio, fenced backyard. W/D & many built-in bookcases & shelves on the upper level. Home is Bank Owned.

Sherry York | 703-625-3377 Old Town

New Price in River Towers

6631 Wakefield Drive #708 | $274,000

Everything has been done for you. Don’t miss the opportunity to own a two bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo at River Towers. Improvements to include the kitchen, baths, blinds, paint, window treatments. It shows like a model. Ample free parking, pool, tennis, garden plots, picnic grove with grills plus more. Convenient location to local shops and restaurants, Parkway. Old Town and bus to Metro. Located on 26 landscaped acres backing to wetlands.

Denise Davis | 703-332-8531 Alexandria

Open Sunday 1-4

New Listing—Open Sunday 1-4

406 North Columbus Street | $399,000

Fantastic historic Victorian townhouse that comes complete with elegant crown molding and character, including new zoned central AC, new roof, 2 fireplaces, original wood floors, updated kitchen with corian countertops, slate floor, finished patio and more. This 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath has great architectural details, tons of sunlight, 12’ ceilings and large rooms. Directions: From Washington and King Sts., north on Washington, left onto Prince, right on Columbus to 406. For more pictures or information, visit www.VirginiaRealestate.com.

Bonnie Rivkin | 703-986-7788 Old Town

New on Market — Open Sunday 1-4

1209 Duke Street | $375,000

Circa 1848 brick TIH gem, heart of Old Town with garage and driveway parking! Two levels, 3 BRs, 1.5 BA’s. Warm hardwood floors, tasteful moldings, two fireplaces, updated kitchen with granite counters and SS appliances, neutral decor. Walk out to Georgetown patio and carriage house garage with bonus upstairs storage. Just blocks to King St Metro, Whole Foods, restaurants, etc. Photos on www.peddockhomes.com

Vaughn & Diane Paddock | 703-620-2028 Old Town

New Price For Land

4000 Old Mill Road | $935,000

New Price on Rare Find in Mt. Vernon! Spacious lot, already cleared with sewer and water taps in place. If desired, plans for new home available (model shown in photo). A fantastic opportunity to buy land and build the home of your dreams! Sitter is local custom builder and will finance purchase - make it an easy transaction! Take a look today!

Rachel Carter | 703-851-4207 Mount Vernon

Canterbury Square

5205 Duke Street #303 | $139,000

Terrific top floor one bedroom in convenient Canterbury Square! Just minutes from Metro and I-395, this home features hardwood parquet floors, great closets, separate dining area and a lovely courtyard view from the balcony. Summertime brings a refreshing swim in the neighborhood pool, and mature trees give a park-like setting year-round! Condominium fee includes everything except cable and phone.

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6406 Wood Haven Drive
$825,000

Phyllis Patterson 703-518-6158 New Alexandria

649 First Street
$1,050,000

A Great New Price!
Spectacular, large brick home on the edge of Old Town. Brick serpentining garden walls, garage parking, three to four bedrooms, four and half baths. Wood floors and high ceilings and quality throughout. Floor plan available. Freshly painted and ready to go! For more information, please contact Marie Louise Meyer at 703-836-2080. MLM1906@gmail.com

New Price
PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL

1500 Grassymeade Lane
$394,500

A lovely, all brick spacious colonial featuring five/ six bedrooms and 3.5 baths with a 2-car garage. Off a "country lane" just down the George Washington Parkway on a wooded lot. Open and spacious with cozy two fireplaces, hardwoods, lovely eat in kitchen with large island and granite countertops inviting family room perfect for gatherings. Directions: South on George Washington Parkway, right on Collingwood, left on Fort Hunt Road, right on Grassymeade Lane.

Karen Leonardi 703-328-7041 Alexandria S

Wellington Beauty
PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL

912 Clifton Drive
$2,795,425

Located just off East Boulevard Drive along the George Washington Parkway, this home has the feel of yesterday with today’s amenities. Wide plank floors, coffered ceilings, stone fireplaces, back staircase, archways, multi-piece moldings and hand made paneling on 3/4 acre. Both main and upper level masters plus four bedroom suites, library, catering center, kids mud room, fitness and theater, hobby and reading rooms. Wired for home media/technology, three car garage.

Patterson 703-518-6158 Alexandria S

Open Sunday 1-4
PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL

2003 Glen Drive
$1,675,000

You Don’t Have To Be Inaugurated
To Live In This White House!
Perched on the top of an ivy covered hill in a grand setting, this classic beauty exudes the grace and charm of old with a sophisticated blend of today’s comforts. With six bedrooms, including a private au-pair suite with separate above - garage staircase and kitchennette, plus five and a half baths, two fireplaces, welcoming sunroom, dramatic central staircase and large finished basement, this grand home offers plenty of space for comfortable living or gracious entertaining.

Karen Leonardi 703-328-7041 Belle Haven

Coming Soon To Belle Haven
PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL

Edgehill Drive
$1,495,000

This Dutch Colonial has been expanded to satisfy gracious entertaining with spacious formal rooms as well as a generous country kitchen with adjoining family room, six bedrooms upstairs, and six full baths. Two staircases and multiple wood burning fireplaces add charm to the classic floor plan. The fully finished basement is complete with an additional kitchen, recreation room, library, full bath, and plentiful storage.

Mark Souder 703-518-2800 Belle Haven

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Chris White
Great Home Values – Record Low Mortgage Rates!

4203 Adrienne Dr
$459,000
Updated Home!
Owner’s job transfer creates a ‘too good to be true’ opportunity for this updated, well-maintained 3 bed/2 bath, 1 ½ acre, open floor plan house. 3200 sq. ft. of living space includes an updated kitchen with granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and a breakfast area. The finished basement offers a large recreation room, additional bedroom, and plenty of storage space. The large yard is perfect for entertaining or relaxation.

8008 Holland Rd
$799,900
Bank Owned!
Exceptional price on spacious home in highly desired location. 4 BR, 3.5 BA, open floor plan, and dramatic two-story family room. This charming, updated home offers a master suite, three car garage, and large walk-out lower level. Prime location on approx. ¾ acre lot just 5 minutes from Old Town. Bank provides opportunity to acquire a home typically priced at over $1,000,000 for a rock bottom price.

4300 Neptune Dr
$559,000
Yacht Haven Opportunity!
Rare 3-½ acre corner lot in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates, one of the Mount Vernon area’s premier waterfront communities. Spacious home combined with exceptionally large building area provides limitless potential on this gorgeous lot with access to Mount Vernon Yacht Club.

3601 Riverwood Rd
$749,500
Riverwood Gem!
Updated airstat in premier location near the Potomac River. Featuring 3 BR, 2.5 BA, and hardwood floors, this home has been updated and reconfigured to suit modern living. The large screened porch, oversized garage, and fenced yard add to the charm.

9003 Patton Blvd
$479,000
Stunning Value!
Previously listed for $513,500. Rare, large riverside home overlooking scenic Potomac River. Main level MBR suite, upgraded roof, gas heat & hot water, full walk-out lower level and two car carport. Sold in-as-is condition. Awaits your finishing touches!

1600 Noral Place
$998,500
New Home!
The best of both worlds: the open, spacious feel of a modern home combined with a premier location in the heart of the highly desirable Fort Hunt area. Popular Fairfax model by Wakefield homes offers exceptionally bright open floor plan, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, high ceilings, dramatic two-story foyer, and gourmet kitchen and large garage. A gorgeous corner lot on quiet cul-de-sac!

Beaumont Lane
$959,900
FREE FINISHED BASEMENT FOR 1ST CONTRACT IN JANUARY!
Pre-construction special makes this new luxury home available at a price that is simply incomprehensible! Same model sold a few months ago for over $1,400,000! High ceilings, open floor plan, 4 BR, 3 BA, energy conserving features, oversized garage & more! (Picture of same model for illustration purposes only.)

STRATFORD LANDING
8529 Camden Street
$899,500
Gorgeous Setting!
There’s nothing like it on the market today. This fabulous new construction Wakefield Home custom designed for this half acre lot overlooking acres of natural conservation land. Bright and open floor plan, high ceilings, granite countertops and two car garage. Pre-construction sale allows for maximum customization.

5304 Cedar Ct
$398,500
Creekside Charmer
Cozy JDR, 1.5 BA rancher on huge ½ acre lot bordering scenic Dogue Creek. Home has been completely remodeled and updated by leading local craftsman. Stunning updated kitchen with maple cabinets, granite countertops & stainless steel appliances. 1 BR with fireplace, bamboo floors, updated baths & more! Assessed by Fairfax County for $419,500.

Dandridge Terr
$589,000
Prestigious Southwood!
Price slashed! A $700,000 home for $589,000. Nothing like it on the market today! Owner paid $699,900 in 2003 and added $30K in upgrades. Classic Center Hall Colonial in pristine condition has three finished levels including full wall-out lower level. Oversized two car garage, gorgeous lot on cul-de-sac – stunning value!

4307 Sheridan’s Point
$879,000
Georgian Colonial!
Large Price Reduction! Classic updated Colonial in prime Mt Vernon location. Home has a combination of location, size and features typically only available in $1,000,000+ homes! Three finished levels, open kitchen/great room, stunning master suite, two bonus rooms as lower level and dramatic sun room overlooking private fenced yard. Just off the GW Pkwy – easy commute to D.C.

3603 Riverwood Rd
$559,000
Georgian Colonial!
Large Price Reduction! Classic updated Colonial in prime Mt Vernon location. Home has a combination of location, size and features typically only available in $1,000,000+ homes! Three finished levels, open kitchen/great room, stunning master suite, two bonus rooms as lower level and dramatic sun room overlooking private fenced yard. Just off the GW Pkwy – easy commute to D.C.

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$715,000
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Alex/Belle Haven
$599,900
BELLE HAVEN ON THE GREEN
Fabulous 3 level townhouse with garage on prime lot backing to woods. 3+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, open floor plan, new granite and stainless kitchen opens to DR & LR with fireplace, rec. room & spacious tiered patio. Updated throughout. $40K in extras NOT INCLUDED in price.
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$775,000
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318 Prince Street #7
SUZANNE BACKUS
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Historic Old Town
$795,000
PITTS MEWS GEM
Fabulous 3 bedrooms and 3.5 baths, all-brick townhouse with garage in Heart Of Old Town. Master bedroom with loft, custom built-ins/wainscoting. Bright kitchen, L/R fireplace, hardwood floors including loft. 1 block to King Street, 4 blocks to River.
421 Cameron Street
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Alexandria
$410,000
PORTO VECCHIO
Great opportunity to enjoy a landmark complex well sited on the Potomac & well know for its social, resort feel & outstanding amenities. For sale/rent, a spacious 1BR/1BA w/separate DR/Den, eat-in kitchen, great closet space. 1 underground prk space and extra storage. NW facing balcony affords great sunset & city/bridge lights.
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Pristine 5BR/3.5BA all brick home just minutes from the GW Pkwy, Old Town/Reagan Airport/DC. Beautifully proportioned rms, hdwd flrs, crown molding/chair rail, slate roof, updated kitchen w/FP & butler's pantry. Beautiful sun rm overlooking Williamsburg boxwood garden. Also for rent. Available immediately. For private showing call Betty. www.bettyquirk.com or liveinbellehaven.com
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Inauguration in Alexandria

Discover Alexandria’s rich presidential and African-American heritage during this historic weekend. In tribute to the historic Presidential Inauguration and Martin Luther King Day, several Historic Alexandria museums and sites will be open for special holiday hours on Monday, Jan. 19.

- Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St., Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax St., and Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., will be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Historic Alexandria History Center & Museum Store, 101 North Union St., will be open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will be offering a 10 percent discount on all purchases from Friday, Jan. 15 through Monday, Jan. 19.

- The Alexandria Black History Museum will also be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 18. All other City museums, including Gadsby’s Tavern Museum, the Apothecary, Alexandria Archaeology, Friendship Firehouse, Fort Ward and The Lyceum, will be operating a regular weekend schedule, and The Lyceum, Alexandria’s History Museum, located at 201 South Washington St., will be open on Monday with regular weekday hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Historic Alexandria celebrates the Presidential Inauguration with a variety of special events featuring Alexandria’s Inaugural Restaurant Week and a simulcast of the swearing-in ceremony and parade on Market Square. Alexandria’s Inaugural Restaurant Week kicks off Monday with regular weekday hours of 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alexandria’s Inaugural Restaurant Week event will highlight the many events happening in Alexandria surrounding the Inauguration, check out www.AlexandriaVA.com/Inauguration.

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Monday - Kids Night
Burger Night (kids eat 1/2 price) Each child must be accompanied by adult having entrée.

Tuesday - Greek Night
Lamb Marinated and Roasted for 3 hours, Athenian Roast Chicken, Moussaka!

Wednesday - All American Night
Meatloaf, Chicken Fried Chicken, Va. Ham

Thursday - Italian Night
Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, Calamari

Friday - Fish Night
Crab Cakes, Shrimp & Scallops over penne pasta with white sauce

Saturday -Steak and Chop Night
Prime Rib, Lamb, Surf & Turf, Pork Chops, and Moussaka

Sunday
Brunch served 7am - 2pm
Alexandria $495,000
What could you do with 2,486 square feet of one-level living? Generous room sizes w/neutral décor. Energy-saving wood stove & new windows/doors will save you $$$$. Move-in condition. Walk 1 block to neighborhood pool & tennis. 8727 Camden Street
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Alexandria $688,600
Gorgeous 3-fl single family home inside the Beltway. Open flr plan w/grand 2-story foyer, 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, huge kitchen & 2-car garage. Lovingly cared for by original owners. Perfect for entertaining. Incredible location! 5375 Chieftain Circle
Erika Carroll 703-568-7376

Alexandria $515,000
Great new price for this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial. Very Spacious w/finished LL, front porch & garage. 6715 Woodstone Place
Anna Biefendorf 703-725-5116

Alexandria $1,199,000
Lovely 3 bed, 3 bath Colonial on beautiful lot backing to woods! 5,600 sq. ft. w/guest rm opens to family rm w/fireplace. Master suite w/soaking tub & fireplace. Blocks to bike trail & convenient to Old Town. 6815 Surrey Court
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Alexandria $319,913
Great views of Old Town & tons of sun in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath condo. Freshly painted, new SS appliances & tub/shower. Loads of closet space + extra storage unit. Less than 1 mile to Metro, VRE, Amtrak and METRO. 51 Skyhill Road #203
Phil Cefaratti 703-371-7601

Alexandria $449,000
Lovely 3 bed, 2.5 bath Colonial w/family rm & rec rm. Updated kitchen & baths! Landscaped yard w/patio & vine-covered pergola. Off-street parking & blocks to 2 Metros! 16 W. Myrtle Street
Christine Garner 703-587-4855

Alexandria $595,000
Total renovation. Two-story, 3 or 4 bedroom, 2 bath rancher w/garage and large yard! Gourmet kitchen, living rm w/fireplace, new roof, windows & much more! Minutes to Old Town, Pentagon & D.C. 2316 N. Early Street
Christine Garner 703-587-4855

Alexandria $599,900
Spectacular location backing to woods, overlooking community pond. Open flr plan w/2 family rm off kitchen w/fireplace & French doors, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, LL rec rm & walk-out to deck. Blocks to Metro. 5639 Governors Pond Circle
Bob Bazzle 703-599-8964

Alexandria $565,000
Beautiful 3 BR, 2.5 BA TH on quiet cul-de-sac. Htd flrs, spacious deck backing to woods & 5-acre community pond. UL Master suite w/sauna, walk-in closet & luxury BA. LL rec rm w/2 walk-out to patio. Blocks to Metro. 3382 Governors Pond Court
Bob Bazzle 703-599-8964

Alexandria $665,000
Luxurious brick front home backing to woods. Formal living & dining rms, 4 bedrooms & 3.5 baths. Deluxe kitchen w/breakfast area. Brick patio & huge deck overlooking trees. 2-car garage. Built 2003. 6851 Rolling Creek Way
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Civil Suit Filed Against Officer

totality of the evidence I find that it does not rise to the level of a guilty verdict,” Deneke said in announc-
ing her decision.
I have to look at the evidence to determine Of-
ficer Perry’s driving not that of Ms. McIntosh. And, to determine whether the Commonwealth has
proven beyond a reasonable doubt that Officer Perry
was driving in a reckless manner. This case does not
determine right or wrong or who was at fault,”
Deneke said.
Following the verdict, the McIntosh family held a
press conference outside the courthouse to express
their displeasure with the verdict and to vow to press
the civil suit against Perry. Once Perry is formally
served with the civil suit she has 21 days to respond,
according to Curcio.
Perry’s attorney, David Fudela, did not return mes-
sages left at his office for comment.

THURSDAY/JAN. 22
Pain Management. Dr. Talal Ghazal
is holding a lecture to discuss pain
management at Inova Mount Vernon
Hospital, at 7 p.m., 2501 Parker’s
Lane. To attend this free lecture,
contact Inova HealthSource at 703-
750-8800.
Holistic Moms Network. 7:15 p.m.
at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary
Road. Learn about the group, meet
other moms and more. Visit
www.holisticmoms.org or 877-HOL-
MOMS.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28
HealthTalk. 7 p.m. at Sunrise
Assisted Living at Mount Vernon,
8033 Holland Road. Hear “Do You or
a Loved One Suffer From a Heart
Condition?” by Jason Morda, M.D.

To have a notice listed in the Bulle-
tin Board, e-mail gazette@connection
newspapers.com.

TUESDAY/JAN. 20
Support Group. 6:30 p.m. at The
Heritage in Northern Virginia.
Meet with other members and get
information on Alzheimer’s or
other memory loss ailments. Free.
703-797-3815.
Meeting. Mount Vernon Evening
Lions’ dinner at Pema’s
restaurant. Sharon Schrack will
talk on NOVA Lions Youth Camp.
703-960-4973.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 21
Joint Replacements. Dr. Kevin
Fricka, will be discussing the latest
advancements in joint replacements
and osteoarthritis at Inova Mount
Vernon Hospital at 7 p.m., 2501
Parker’s Lane. Call Inova
HealthSource at 703-750-8800 to
register for this free lecture.

THURSDAY/JAN. 22
Pain Management. Dr. Talal Ghazal
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Hospital, at 7 p.m., 2501 Parker’s
Lane. To attend this free lecture,
contact Inova HealthSource at 703-
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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 11
Shoulder Pain. Dr. Sameer
Nagda, will be discussing new
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at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital,
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WEDNESDAY/FEB. 18
Joint Replacement
Advancement. Dr. Kevin Fricka,
will be discussing the latest
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**SPORTS**

**Guarding Against Selfishness**

Long on talent, four Mount Vernon guards try to weigh playing time with team goals.

By Mark Giannotto
The Gazette

It too familiar with the tenuous egos of high school basketball players, Mount Vernon boy’s coach Alfonso Smith is hesitant to call his plethora of quality guards a good problem. He knows it should be, but that would mean his emerging squad has reached a maturity level unbecoming of a group of 17- and 18-year-olds.

With four players that could start in just about any backcourt in the Northern region, Smith has an asset and an issue not many coaches in this area have to deal with. What makes it even more interesting is that Smith has a junior and a sophomore — Robert Smith and Jesse Konadu, respectively — starting over two seniors — Brian Green and Derek Pruitt.

“It gets difficult because they’re all competitors,” said Smith, whose team upped its record to 5-0 in the National District with wins over Wakefield and Stuart this past week and has won eight straight games after a 2-4 start to the season. The Majors take on Yorktown next Tuesday.

“They are all guys who can play and want to play, so it’s a very difficult balance for us to find and it’s not always easy. We struggle at times with that.”

Perhaps the most talented of the bunch is the youngest, Konadu, who has shown a quick first step to the basket and the ability to knock down outside shots. He’s also the athleticism of his starting center going at each other in sets of one-on-one contests that have an intensity borne out of a brotherly rivalry no ordinary high school game can emulate. Even their coach, David Houston III. “They’re going to take a little trash, but it has helped the team out a lot.”

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tive quickness going to the rim, while Green is just as capable a shooter as the younger Smith.

Green was named captain by his teammates and his willingness to take a step back for the betterment of the team hasn’t gone unnoticed by his coach.

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finally hit his stride after a midseason injury cut short a promising sophomore year. “He can score, he’s been able to do that since I’ve known him as a seventh grader, but he’s now learning to score within our system,” said Houston of his star player’s development.

The true wild card for Houston and his team, though, is Marvel, who is just now beginning to realize the potential he has for the future. Already taller than Martez at 6-foot-3 and the youngest of eight Redfearn children, Marvel, 14 years old, was elevated to the varsity level because Houston thought he wouldn’t progress as much basketball-wise dominating freshmen or JV competition.

“He’s probably more versatile than his brother,” said Houston of Marvel, who has come off the bench this season. “He’ll probably surpass his brother middle of next year or so. Not even kidding. He’s got it, it’s just he’s a freshman so he’s goofy sometimes. Plus, he’s got a lot of pressure being the only freshman on the varsity.”

FOR NOW, THOUGH, Marvel, plays second fiddle to his older brother. But the talent both have makes the games at Gum Springs interesting. Marvel already says his outside shot is better than his brother’s, but that Martez is the quicker of the two. Their playful back-and-forth can mean some highly contentious and competitive games when the two decide to go full bore.

“I let him know I’m the older brother and you can’t beat me,” said a laughing Martez. All kidding aside, the two brothers may be combatants on the practice court, but they’ve also made it a point to help each other out. As Marvel feels his way out on the court, Martez has taken him aside to give pointers, like where to be on the court and how to deal with being a freshman at a level normally dominated by 17- and 18-year olds.

“I’ve definitely noticed they’ve gotten closer because of this season,” said their father, Melvin Redfearn. “Seeing them on the floor, it feels good.”

Except, that is, when they get together for another round at Gum Springs. Neither Martez nor Marvel knows which one will come out on top, but they both understand it’s about more than winning.

“It’s not all about getting on each other,” said Martez. “It’s about bringing intensity because if we keep playing the way we’re playing, we could both go far as part of this team.”

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Sports Briefs

Majors Continue Streak

The Mount Vernon girl’s basketball team continued its streak, winning its 14th consecutive game, this time a 76-45 victory over National District foe Stuart. As usual, point guard Jalinda Venable and junior Tracy King led the way for the Majors. Venable knocked down six 3-pointers to finish with a game-high 26 points, while King wasn’t far behind scoring 20 points.

Mount Vernon is now 14-1 overall and 5-0 in National District play. The team doesn’t play again until next Wednesday when it faces Yorktown at home with game time set for 7:45 p.m.

Softball Registration

Registration for the Fort Hunt Softball spring season is now available. Prior to registering a child for a Fort Hunt Spring sport, review the Spring 2009 Season information for the sport. This information can be found on the individual sport’s part of the fhyaa.org web site. (“See sports links at top of page.”

Register online at fhyaa.org. For more information, contact Ilene Dranoff at fhtsoftball@yahoo.com or 703-660-6338.

Charity Tournament

Fairfax Adult Softball is hosting its 9th Annual Benefit Bowling Tournament. Proceeds from this tournament will assist Virginia Special Olympics, Area 26 and Fairfax Adult Softball field improvements. Applications are being accepted through Friday, Jan. 16. Activities will be held on Sunday, Jan. 25, at the Bowl America Shirley in Alexandria, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Since its first bowling tournament in 1999, FAS and its participants have raised over $100,000.
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Carl Sandburg Middle School.
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Louis Michael

The regular schedule for trash and recycling collection for residents receiving collection service from Fairfax County will be changed for the week of January 19th because of anticipated traffic and road closures due to Inauguration Day. The altered schedule is listed below.

Residents receiving their trash and recycling collection from private service providers should contact their service provider to learn of changes in their service schedule, if any, during this time.

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