

## Above and Beyond

Firefighters honored for Huntington rescue efforts.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
AND ALEX MCVEIGH  
THE GAZETTE

The water was swiftly rising as two women were frantically trying to evacuate the Arlington Terrace neighborhood during the flash flooding that devastated the Huntington area on Sept. 8, 2011. As first responders from Penn Daw Fire Station 11 arrived on the scene, they realized that one of the women was eight months pregnant and the other was clinging to her 2-week-old newborn baby.

Lt. Thomas Flint and Technician Robert Pickle made their way to the women and were able to secure the infant in a car seat. As the water quickly became neck-deep, Pickle was able to carry the infant over his head to safety in the second floor of a nearby house.

At the same time as Flint was attempting to lead the two women to dry ground, a sudden swell of water overtook them and swept them off their feet. Flint was able to take hold of a street sign and grab one of



First responders from Penn Daw Fire Station 11 gather for a photo following the Fairfax County Valor Awards ceremony March 21 in McLean. The men were honored for their rescue efforts during the flash flooding of the Huntington area last September.

the women as she was being swept away by the surge. As the second woman washed by, Flint used his legs to catch her, with all three holding on until other Station 11 crew members were able to reach them.

For their acts of heroism in that day, Pickle and Flint were honored March 21 with Silver Medals of Valor at the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce Valor Awards, the highest award presented at the ceremony. Also honored for their rescue efforts in Hun-

tington were Technicians James Furman, John Guy and Shannon Reed, Medic Eli Bredbener, Capt. Glenn Mason and Firefighter Rodney Washington, who all received Certificates of Valor Awards.

Held at the Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, the Chamber recognized 108 of the county's first responders at the 34th Annual Valor Awards. Members of the Fairfax County Police Department, Sheriff's Office, Fire and Rescue Department, as well as from

the Towns of Herndon and Vienna, were given awards.

Thirty-five responders were given Bronze or Silver Medals of Valor, whose children will receive post-secondary education scholarships from the Valor Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)3 foundation. To date, more than \$250,000 in scholarships has been awarded.

The flash flooding of Sept. 8, a result of 6 to 10 inches of rain that deluged the area,

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## Schoolyard Prostitution Ring

U.S. Attorney: Underground Gangster Crips led prostitution ring that spanned Northern Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

The high school girls were threatened with violence if they attempted to leave. They were sexually exploited by customers of the sex trafficking operation as well as the men who ran the prostitution ring. One 16-year-old girl was raped at the Springfield Mall. Another had sex with two members as part of a "gang initiation." According to federal prosecutors, the whole operation was led by a team of former Fairfax County public school students who were part of a violent gang known as the Underground Gangster Crips. School records show that the suspects attended Lee High School in Springfield and Bryant Alternative High School in Alexandria. Federal officials have been investigating the prostitution ring since November.

"These gang members are alleged to have lured many area high school girls into the vile world of

prostitution, and used violence and threats to keep them working as indentured sex slaves," said U.S. Attorney Neil MacBride in a written statement announcing the arrests. "The sex trafficking of young girls is an unconscionable crime involving unspeakable trauma."

Court records reveal a violent underworld in Northern Virginia, one in which young women are raped and sold into a life of slavery as gang members greet each other with a "Crip handshake." The court file is a paper trail of rape, armed robbery, drug running, arms trading and racketeering. It's a story that unfolds across Northern Virginia, from the halls of Fairfax County high schools to a Travel Lodge in Old Town where the gang leaders arranged illicit meetings with paying customers. Favorite spots for the enterprise include Arlandria and a Springfield strip mall on Commerce Street. Underage girls were picked up at a bus stop in Alexandria to solicit door-to-door

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## Join in County Transit Study

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation has launched its 2050 Countywide Transit Network Study. This study includes a survey of the public to develop recommendations for where Metrorail should be extended, where streetcars, light-rail or other transit modes are appropriate, and where dedicated lanes that allow buses to move faster could be built. The study will recommend transit improvements in various corridors

that work together to improve/facilitate movement throughout the county, as well as how these transit modes can be phased-in and funded over time.

In Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation's recent survey of opinions about Richmond Highway, the overwhelming majority of respondents wished to see improved traffic conditions. Here is a

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Horton the Elephant and Mazie La Bird: Ryan Walker and Rachelle Husband.

## West Potomac Prepares 'Seussical the Musical'

**T**he West Potomac Theatre Department, headed by Philip Lee Clark, will present "Seussical the Musical" in the school's Springbank Auditorium with performances for the public beginning April 25.

The show follows the adventures of such well-known characters as Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, Yertle the Turtle and The Whos down in Whoville as the show integrates storylines from more than 20 Seuss books into the script. The cast is comprised of more than 40 West Potomac students as well as 30 younger actors from eight neighboring elementary and middle schools. This group of actors is led by seasoned performers and West Potomac seniors Ryan Walker (Horton the Elephant), Maddie White (Gertrude McFuzz), Rachelle Husband (Mazie

La Bird) and Julia Warren (Cat in the Hat). Joining these actors is Waynewood sixth grader Aubrey Blount in the role of JoJo, the boy with a big imagination.

Tickets are \$12 at the door. Performances will be held on April 25 (ScoutShow) at 5 p.m., April 26, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and April 29 at 2:30 p.m. West Potomac High School is located at 6500 Quander Road.

Jojo:  
Aubrey  
Blount

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



Wickersham Brothers (clockwise from top): Joe Quinn, Matt Stover, Amin Yachnes, Angela Longo, Jared Walters and Alex Wong.



## Area Health Students Win State Awards at Conference

**T**welve Health and Medical Sciences students from Fairfax County Public Schools won awards at the 32nd annual HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) State Leadership Conference held recently in Williamsburg.

Students winning first place awards include:

- ❖ Marissa Cucinotta in Medical Photography, West Potomac High School and West Potomac Academy.

- ❖ Michelle Feghali in Job Seeking Skills, Robinson Secondary School and Falls Church Academy.

- ❖ Yona Lindenbaum in Physical Therapy and the Barbara James Service Award, West Potomac High School and West Potomac Academy.

- ❖ James Merideth in Medical Math, Fairfax County School of Practical Nursing (postsecondary).

- ❖ Lourdes Sandoval in Medical Spelling, Fairfax County School of Practical Nursing (postsecondary).

Also winning awards were:

- ❖ Sarah Musa, second place in Prepared Speaking and fourth place in Clinical Specialty, West Springfield High School and Falls Church Academy.

- ❖ Sofia McMullen, third place in Sports Medicine, West Potomac High School and West Potomac Academy.

- ❖ Trisha Racho, third place in Extemporaneous Poster, West Potomac High School and West Potomac Academy.

- ❖ Allison Crowers and Lorrayne Rivera,

fifth place in Career Health Display, McLean High School and Falls Church Academy.

The HOSA Bowl team, represented by West Potomac Academy, advanced to the third round of competition. Sarah Loughridge of West Potomac High School, Grace Oforiwa of Mount Vernon High School, and Victoria Hammond of West Potomac High School made up the HOSA Bowl Team.

Winners earning first, second, or third place awards are eligible to participate in the HOSA National Leadership Conference which will be held June 20-23 in Orlando.

In addition, Patricia Goldberg of West Springfield High School and West Potomac Academy was awarded Outstanding State Leader and was elected HOSA State Parlia-

mentarian.

HOSA is a national student organization endorsed by the U.S. Department of Education that provides leadership development opportunities and recognition to Health and Medical Sciences students.

Students enrolled in Health and Medical Sciences courses at Falls Church Academy and West Potomac Academy participated in competitive events and leadership activities during the three-day conference. The courses represented include Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy and Practical Nursing.

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Warming up after lunch, the campers respond to a little improv session.

## Spring Break Camp at Children's Theatre

The Heroes were on stage competing against the Villains in a rehearsal of "Family" Feud while across the hall a sequel to the "Gingerbread Boy," the "Gingerbread Girl" was in early

stages at Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre's Spring Break Camp. MVCCT also offers summer camp programs for youth and teens. For more information visit [www.mvcct.org](http://www.mvcct.org)



The bakers, Mimi and Clare, tweak the cheeks of the newly made gingerbread girl, Claire, as she awakes.



Rapunzel waits with the other Heroes to be called onstage for the "Family Feud."



Rumplestiltskin introduces herself as the last member of the Villain's team.



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# U.S. Attorney: Prostitution Ring Spanned Northern Virginia

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in Arlington for men to pay them for sex. “This situation is every parent’s worst nightmare,” said Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. “It also demonstrates that human trafficking can happen anywhere, and that it is a very real danger here in Virginia.”

**THE CRIPS ORIGINATED** in Los Angeles in the late 1960s and early 1970s, eventually making its way to the East Coast and setting up a splinter group known as the Underground Gangster Crips. The Northern Virginia syndicate has a documented history of attempted murder, assaults, rape, robberies, thefts, narcotics distribution and obstruction of justice by threatening a witness. It’s a system that’s based on a carefully calculated system of responsibilities, punishments and rewards. One of the drivers who transported the girls to jobs, for example, was allowed to have free sex with the prostitutes.

“Trafficking in humans, especially for the purpose of underage prostitution, is among the most insidious of crimes,” said Special Agent in Charge Charles Hosko. “Together with our partner agencies, and with the assistance of the community, the FBI will leave no stone unturned in our effort to track down those who exploit our children and engage in human trafficking.”

Previous court cases show a pattern in which gang members are required to commit acts of violence in order to get into the gang and advance their status within the

organization. Rival gang members are attacked to assert territorial dominance. One court document included a passage detailing a “Crip walk,” which federal prosecutors describe as a dance used by gang members to show pride in their gang membership. Another court record detailed how one gang member hid cash from others by stuffing it behind a picture frame.

**COURT RECORDS** paint a disturbing picture of gang members using Internet sites such as Facebook, Craigslist.com, Backpage.com and DateHookUp.com. One of the advertisements entered into evidence shows a scantily clad woman “down to have a good time.” The Internet activity helped undo the prostitution ring, however, providing federal investigators with Internet protocols, profile information and text messages that are now part of the evidence in the case. But the prostitution ring did not rely on the Internet. Many of the girls were recruited in person at bus stops and Metro stations. One girl, identified in court papers as Victim One, had sex with gang leader Justin Strom in the woods behind a Metro station. According to court documents, she explained he “needed to see if it was good first.” As she was groomed into the organization in the spring of 2009, she was told she would get \$25 for vaginal sex and \$20 for oral sex. Court records show she was given marijuana, cocaine and ecstasy before being prostituted. When she tried to leave the prostitution ring, she says, Strom choked her and threatened her with addi-

## Suspects

❖ **Justin “Jae” Strom, 26, of Lorton:** Charged with leading the Underground Gangster Crips in Fairfax County. Last attended Lee High School in Springfield in 2004.  
❖ **Michael “Loc” Tavon Jefferies, 21, of Woodbridge:** Charged with handling the money, serving as an armed bodyguard and driving the girls to appointments. Withdrew from Lee High School in Springfield in 2007.  
❖ **Donyel “J-Dirt” Dove, 27, of Alexandria:** Charged with serving as a bodyguard and

tional violence.

“We cannot and shall not tolerate these acts,” said Fairfax County Police Chief David Rohrer. “And we will continue to investigate and pursue those who harm others, especially our children.”

Another girl involved in the ring was picked up by Alexandria police officers as she was soliciting on a corner with two other prostitutes in the city. Court records show the Alexandria cops charged her with an outstanding warrant for a probation violation in the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Most of the girls involved in the ring were under 18, and court records detail how the Strom had an affinity for young women.

“Witness One stated that he and other (Underground Gangster Crips) members and associates often commented on how Strom recruited young girls and employed them as prostitutes,” one court document noted. “Witness One recalled on one occasion that he and other UGC members asked Strom why he ‘messes’ with young girls.”

driver for the enterprise. Last attended Interagency Alternative School in 2003.

❖ **Henock “Knocks” Ghile, 23, of Springfield:** Charged with using his Toyota Four-Runner SUV to transport the girls to appointments with clients. Last attended classes at Lee High School in 2005. Last attended Lee High School in 2005.

❖ **Christopher Sylvia, 22, of Springfield:** Charged with serving as a driver for the operation. Withdrew from Bryant High School in Alexandria in 2008.

Another girl, identified as Victim Five, told prosecutors that her head was slammed against the window of a vehicle when she refused to ingest cocaine. After she was forced to ingest the drug against her will, Strom used a knife to slash her forearm when she refused to perform oral sex. Then he took her to an apartment where he forced her to have sex with 14 different men. She later told prosecutors Strom collected about \$1,000 from the men. The next morning, according to court records, one of the gang members told her she was a “whore” and a “slut,” and that she “got what she had coming.” “Like many, particularly those of us who are parents of young women, I am angered and saddened by the facts of this case,” said Rohrer. “Prostitution and trafficking are not victimless crimes.”

A spokesman for the United States Marshals Service said that mug shots would only be available in cases of what he called “extreme public interest.” Although a request was submitted to the federal agency, no images were shared.

## CRIME REPORT

*Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through March 30.*

### DESTRUCTION

**8700 block of Richmond Highway,** March 22, 10 a.m. The victim reported someone broke the lock to a storage area and made entry. It did not appear anything was stolen.

### CARJACKING

**8800 block of Teresa Ann Court,** March 26, 12:10 p.m. As the victim parked his car, the suspect approached and demanded the car keys. The victim refused and was pushed to the ground. The suspect took the keys and drove away.

### ROBBERY

**8000 block of Richmond Highway,** March 16, 9:50 p.m. The victim was approached and asked for money. The victim refused and allegedly a 49-year-old male of Baltimore followed and assaulted the victim and fled with a wallet and cell phone. Suspect was charged with robbery.  
**7900 block of Richmond Highway,** March 19, 11 p.m. The victim was walking home from work when several young men attacked. They pushed, punched and kicked the victim and ultimately took his cell phone and wallet. He received minor injuries.

### SHOPLIFTING/ ASSAULT

**6200 block of North Kings Highway,** March 16, 9:50 p.m. The business employee witnessed a man take items, conceal them and walk out without paying for them. When approached the suspect dropped the items, pushed the employee and fled.

### BURGLARY

**7400 block of Richmond Highway,** March 27,

overnight hours.

The victim reported someone entered the business while closed and stole cash. Forced entry was made through a window.

**6100 block of North Kings Highway,** March 21, 4:10 a.m. Officers responded for an alarm and found an open door. Suspects forced entry through the front door and stole cigarettes.

**6700 block of Queens Road,** between March 13-21. The homeowner reported someone entered and stole several cases of Girl Scout cookies. An entry point was not determined.

### LARCENIES

**2600 block of Arlington Drive.** Bicycle from residence.  
**3400 block of Austin Court.** Purse from vehicle.  
**1600 block of Belle View Blvd.** Razors from business.

**7400 block of Mount Vernon Square.** Beer from business.  
**5800 block of North Kings Highway.** Beer from business.  
**5800 block of North Kings Highway.** Beer from business.  
**6500 block of Qunader Road.** Cell phone from school.  
**6700 block of Richmond Highway.** Cell phone from business.  
**7900 block of Richmond Highway.** Televisions from business.  
**7300 block of Richmond Highway.** Drinks from business.  
**7600 block of Richmond Highway.** Personal documents from business.  
**6300 block of Richmond Highway.** Scissors from business.  
**8200 block of Richmond Highway.** Hair dryer and an electronic device from business.  
**8200 block of Russell Road.** Water from business.  
**6700 block of Woodstone Place.** Glasses from vehicle.

**1600 block of Belle View Blvd.** Beer from business.  
**3100 block of Brosar Court.** License plates from vehicle.  
**6700 block of Cavalier Drive.** Toys from residence.  
**3100 block of Clayborne Ave.** License plates from business.  
**8600 block of Conover Place.** Girl Scout Cookies from residence.  
**Cyrene Blvd./ Snowpea Court.** Tools from vehicle.  
**7800 block of Liberty Springs Circle.** Tire from vehicle.  
**3600 block of Mount Vernon Memorial Highway.** Tools from construction site.  
**8400 block of Richmond Highway.** Plants

from business.  
**8300 Richmond Highway.** Wallet from business.  
**7600 block of Richmond Highway.** Debit card from business.  
**6300 block of Richmond Highway.** Cell phone from business.  
**7900 block of Richmond Highway.** Cell phone from business.  
**7100 block of Richmond Highway.** License plates from vehicle.  
**7700 block of Richmond Highway.** Tools from business.  
**7300 block of Richmond Highway.** Backpack from business.  
**7700 block of Richmond Highway.** Cell phone from business.

## UCM Receives Grant from Foundation

United Community Ministries was recently awarded a grant of \$15,000 from the Devotion to Children Foundation. These funds will support approximately 30 low income children in the Early Intervention and Prevention program that is part of UCM’s Bryant Early Learning Center.

The Bryant Early Learning Center provides safe, affordable, and developmental childcare for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. It is located in the Bryant Alternative High School in Alexandria and has been providing childcare and family services since 1986.

The Early Intervention and Prevention Program provides health and developmental screenings for infants and toddlers, with

referrals and activities tailored to each child’s specific needs.

Devotion To Children is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to fulfilling the needs of children ages birth to six, so that they may become mentally, physically and emotionally healthy members of society. Founded in 1994 in Falls Church, DTC has collaborated with many like-minded organizations in the provisions of childcare, health and educational services for needy families and their children.

UCM helps community members fight poverty, hunger and homelessness by providing emergency food and financial assistance, quality early childhood education, employment services, community centers and other human services.



# Firefighters Honored for Rescues

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brought numerous calls for water-related rescues and 18 Fairfax County Fire and Rescue personnel were honored for their efforts that day. The firefighters saved dozens of lives by rescuing people who were trapped by rising water, in danger of washing downstream or were otherwise trapped by the severe weather conditions.

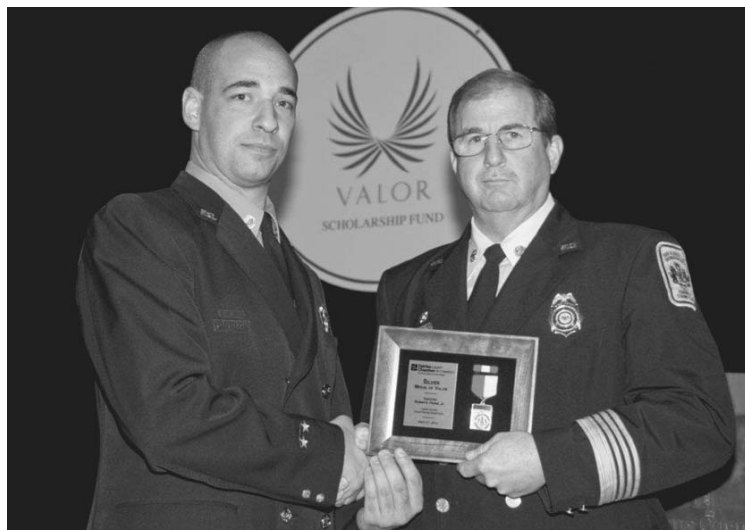
The Chamber also awarded 48 lifesaving awards and 25 certificates of valor during the ceremony.

"We have heard some remarkable accounts of heroism today," said Doug Brammer, chair of the Valor Scholarship Fund. "Having done this for a number of years, it just reinforces that when things are at their worst, our first responders are at their best."



**Lt. Thomas Flint, left, is presented with the Silver Medal of Valor by Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief Ronald Mastin for his rescue efforts in the flash flooding of the Huntington area last September.**

**Technician Robert Pickle, left, receives the Silver Medal of Valor from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Chief Ronald Mastin for his rescue efforts in the flash flooding of the Huntington area last September.**



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## Fairfax County Launches Transit Network Study

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chance for local residents to voice that opinion directly to county leaders.

For more information on the 2050 Countywide Transit Network Study, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/2050transitstudy). On that website there are links on the right side

that allow residents to take the survey and share their opinions. There will be additional opportunities for public involvement throughout the duration of the study.

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# OPINION

## Please Share Call for Mother's Day Photos, and Father's Day.

Every year at this time, the Gazette puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive some photos include four generations — great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13, and once again the Gazette will publish a selection of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, businesses, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Email photos, including the full names of the people in the picture, the approximate date and location the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about the people and/or event.

Father's Day is June 17; soon it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren.

You can upload your photos on our website at [www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/mothersday) or email them to [smauren@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:smauren@connectionnewspapers.com).

### Share Your Poetry: April Is Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month. We invite local poets of all ages to send in submissions for inclusion in our papers and/or online. Are you a poet? The Gazette will print poetry submitted by readers this spring, and occasionally throughout the year. Email your poem to [smauren@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:smauren@connectionnewspapers.com). Be sure to include the poet's name and address (we'll print your town name, not your full address). Photos of the poet are also welcomed.

#### COMMENTARY

## State: Local Streams and Rivers Are Polluted

BY SCOTT SUROVELL  
STATE DELEGATE (D-44)

Last week, I received a report from the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) regarding Mount Vernon and Lee's rivers and streams. The annual assessment reports are disturbing and continue to show our rivers and streams are in poor health.

According to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation's analysis of the data, 71 percent of Virginia's streams violate state water quality standards along with 94 percent of all estuaries (tidal parts of Hunting Creek/Cameron Run, Little Hunting Creek, Dogue Creek and the Potomac River). Every embayment and stream monitored in my delegate seat violated state water quality standards.

Here are the specifics for our local streams. Paul Spring Branch has elevated levels of e-coli on five of 12 samples taken where it crosses under Sherwood Hall Lane and an impaired macro-invertebrate community (e.g., crawfish, water bugs and other indicators of a health stream). The sources of impairment are "unknown." The stream is impaired for recreational uses.

Little Hunting Creek has elevated levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) and is impaired for fish consumption and aquatic life from toxic pollutants, combined sewer overflows, contaminated sediments, and unidentified upstream sources.

The data for Dogue Creek is incomplete, but DEQ's findings show impairment for fish consumption.

Hunting Creek/Cameron Run, which is fed in part by Quander Brook, has elevated e-coli



levels and is impaired for recreation. The sources are combined sewer overflows (collection system failures), sewage discharges in unsewered areas, urban runoff/storm sewers and wastes from pets, waterfowl and wildlife other than waterfowl.

Each estuary (embayment) in the 44th District is impaired for fish consumption due to PCB's and the state recommends limiting fish consumption to no more than two meals per month. The sources of PCBs listed are toxics, clean sediments, combined sewer overflows, contaminated sediments and unidentified upstream sources.

The larger question is how do we remedy this? The stormwater infrastructure in our part of the county is entirely outdated due to the age of most development. Most county stormwater control requirements in effect today post-date the development of our area. The county channelized many streams and converted them into concrete troughs designed to whisk water away, instead of letting it naturally infiltrate into the ground. Many wetlands which normally act as natural filters and absorptive "sponges" were filled or drained. The inexorable expansion of impervious surfaces like parking lots, roofs and roads has created too much polluted runoff.

This approach has effectively turned our streams into sewers and even a small amount of rain can effectively turn a stream like Paul Spring, Little Hunting Creek, Quander Brook or Dogue Creek into a toilet bowl — pushing

anything and everything out into the Potomac River. Route 1's massive parking lots act as large stormwater funnels.

The Center for Watershed Protection says that stream quality is threatened when watershed development exceeds 10-15 percent of impervious cover or one house every one to two acres. The Little Hunting Creek watershed has 25 percent impervious cover; the Belle Haven watershed, 32 percent.

Redevelopment can actually help and the County is upgrading infrastructure. The state also needs to participate by reconfiguring storm water outflows when roads are rebuilt. Homeowners can help by reducing impervious surfaces and doing things as simple as cleaning up after pets.

DEQ's monitoring does not even cover litter which is also a massive problem in our community. Last year, the Friends of Little Hunting Creek removed 127 bags of trash from one site in three separate cleanups in 2011 alone. Last week, a group hauled 100 bags of trash out of Dyke Marsh.

On Saturday, April 14, from 12 to 4 p.m. as part of the Alice Ferguson Foundation Potomac River Cleanup, I am sponsoring a cleanup of Upper Little Hunting Creek before it flows east under Route 1. I walked the creek last week in the creek I and saw hundreds of bottles and plastic bags, over 20 discarded shopping carts, two mattresses, chairs, tables, a scooter and other trash. To sign up, RSVP online at my newsletter, The Dixie Pig, at [scottsurovell.blogspot.com](http://scottsurovell.blogspot.com) or send me an email at [scottsurovell@gmail.com](mailto:scottsurovell@gmail.com).

It is an honor to serve as your delegate.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Is Current Spending Valid?

To the Editor:

The March 22-28, 2012 Mount Vernon Gazette front page article "Hyland Calls For a Meals Tax" that would impose a 4 percent tax on meals that is for education and

roads. Whenever a tax increase is proposed by politicians, the reasoning almost always is for services that people will respond favorably. Recently, I have been receiving discount coupons from nearby restaurants and a gift card as inducements to visit those restaurants. Such inducements indicate that business is slow and a

meals tax may make matters worse.

Regardless of the merits of the meals tax, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors should defer any consideration of a meals tax until all board members who are inclined to support such a tax certify to the taxpayers that all county programs and services are essen-

tial and that those essential programs and services are achieving their desired objectives and are administered efficiently and at minimum costs to taxpayers.

Based on past actions the Board of Supervisors has not acted in the best financial interests of taxpayers. For example: In 2007 the

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## OPINION



**Underwood**



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### Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus Scholars

The Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus have selected its Outstanding Young Man and Outstanding Young Women for 2012. They each will receive a \$1,250 scholarship grant.

❖ **Sarah Jane Underwood**, daughter of David and Mary Underwood. Sarah will be graduating from West Potomac High School with an outstanding academic record. Also, she is an outstanding track star.

❖ **Helen Custodio**, daughter of David and Jeanette Custodio. Helen will be graduating from West Potomac High School with an outstanding record.

❖ **Dylan Connor**, son of Eamon and Isabel Walls (both from Ireland). Dylan will be graduating from Bishop Ireton High School in June with an outstanding record.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Board purchased 672 unit Wedgewood Apartments in Annandale for \$107.5 million but the assessed value was only \$49.5 million or only 46.05 percent of the purchase price. Renovation costs would add to the taxpayer burden. Lamond property of 17.9082 acres in Mount Vernon was purchased for \$4.6 million with an assessed value of only \$1.5 million and another smaller parcel in Mount Vernon was purchased for \$980,000 with an assessed value of \$65,635. Before the parcel could be used, another \$1.4 million had to be spent to clean up the fuel contamination in the land. In these cases, if the assessment were correct the county paid way too much. If the purchase price was correct, the assessments resulted in less tax revenue. In either case, the taxpayers are the losers.

In June 2011, the Thomas Jefferson Institute for Public Policy issued a report disclosing the subsidizing of "affordable housing" that is actually for "luxury units." Pictures in the report shows the housing units involved are very plush costing county taxpayers unnecessarily. The report states "... in Fairfax County the idea of 'affordable housing' has created a counterproductive housing situation which are not what the vast majority of taxpayers expect from their government. To the Fairfax County Government 'affordable housing' can include upper income communities

and amenities far nicer than expected by most taxpayers who pay for this subsidized housing."

The amenities include "... resort-style swimming pools with fountains and heated spas; men's and women's cabanas with showers; executive business centers with computers, printers and internet access; clubrooms with kitchen, fireplaces, televisions with DVDs; 24-hour athletic centers with stereo systems and televisions; billiard room, barbeque grills, outdoor gazeboes and indoor basketball courts."

Is that what "affordable housing" is supposed to include that is subsidized by hardworking county taxpayers' dollars?

The Lamond property mentioned earlier sits vacant. According to the County tax assessment records, the current assessment value is \$11 million. Since this property and other vacant land owned by the Board of Supervisors, tax revenue is being lost because the land is off the tax rolls. The Board could probably sell some of the vacant land it owns to increase real estate tax revenue because the land would be on the tax rolls once again. The one time revenue derived from the sales and continuing real estate taxes thereafter could be sufficient to avoid any tax increase that adds to the heavy financial burden of many struggling to make ends meet.

I urge the supervisors to carefully consider any proposal to in-

crease any taxes particularly during the current weak U.S. economy. Also, in addition to the Board of Supervisors certification I mentioned earlier, I strongly urge the Board to appoint an independent study team that includes experienced business men and women to make a top to bottom review of all county organizations, programs and services to provide information to the Board and public that the county is doing everything possible to keep financial demands to a minimum while providing essential programs, services as efficiently as possible and at minimum cost.

I urge everyone to call your supervisor and let him/her know your views. This is an appropriate time since the Board is considering the County Executive's proposed budget. You can obtain your supervisor's phone number by call the Clerk to the Board at 703-324-3151. You can get a copy of the housing report "Subsidized Luxury in Fairfax County" mentioned above by calling 703-440-9447 or email info@thomasjeffersoninst.org.

**Frank Medico**  
Mount Vernon

### Choose Right Path

To the Editor:

On March 24, the Fairfax County

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# Surviving Spring Allergies

Local allergists offer suggestions for coping.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he Washington region's unseasonably mild winter led to the early arrival of spring. While many delighted in the balmy temperatures and blossoming flowers, some who suffer from allergies began sneezing earlier than usual.

"The pollen started coming out early and a lot of people were blindsided by their allergy symptoms," said allergist Dr. Heidi Isenberg-Feig, a Potomac resident and allergist at Johns Hopkins Community Physicians in North Bethesda. "The tree pollen count has been high already which is unusual."

The American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) estimates that 35 million Americans suffer from allergies due to pollen and mold. Symptoms include sneezing, a stuffy or runny nose and itchy, watery eyes. This allergy season is expected to last longer and be more intense than usual. Local allergists offer strategies for surviving spring allergy season.

"Although there is no cure for allergies, symptoms can be managed," said Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director for the Fairfax County Community Health Care Network and Molina Healthcare. "It is possible to reduce or eliminate exposure to allergens. Minimize walks in wooded areas or gardens and stay indoors as much as possible on hot, dry, windy days when pollen counts are highest. Think about wearing a mask when mowing the lawn or gardening and don't hang linens or clothes out to dry."

## TIPS TO HELP manage symptoms:

- ❖ Decrease your contact with pollen. "The best way to do that is to close the windows of your car and house," said Isenberg-Feig. "Even if it is a nice day, the pollen count can still be a little high." Pollen can drift through open windows and settle onto carpet and upholstery.

- ❖ Take showers at the end of the day. "Shower and change clothes as soon as you get home to wash pollen from your hair and skin," said allergist Saba Samee, M.D. of



PHOTO BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

**Cherry blossoms and tulips made an early appearance this spring. Experts say those who are allergic to pollen can expect an intense and prolonged allergy season.**

Alexandria & Clinton Allergy Associates. "Leave your purse or book bag at the front door. Don't drop them on the sofa or bed because they are all covered in pollen. The same goes for shoes."

- ❖ Use sunglasses to defend against pollen. "If you have problems with itchy, watery eyes, wear sunglasses when you're outside and avoid being outside on windy days if you can," said Samee.

- ❖ Stay ahead of allergies. "If you are someone who suffers from allergies, try to take your medicines before things get too bad," said Samee. "If you wait until you're absolutely miserable the medicines don't work as well."

- ❖ Eat fruits and vegetables judiciously. Many people with seasonal allergies also suffer from pollen food allergy syndrome. "Some people experience itching hands or mouth or a scratchy throat if they eat certain raw fruits or vegetables because of the cross-reaction between the pollen and certain fruits and vegetables," said Isenberg-

Feig.

- ❖ Use air filters to help create a pollen-free home. "Ensure that the filters fit properly and are changed regularly," said Samee.

- ❖ Know the pollen count. "This information is readily available on the web or the weather section of the news," said Isenberg-Feig. The National Allergy Bureau (NAB) tracks and reports current pollen and mold spore levels. A local pollen count can be found at <http://www.aaaai.org/global/nab-pollen-counts.aspx>

**"IF YOU NEED** long lasting relief, nasal sprays and allergy shots may be recommended," said Glossa. "However, if symptoms persist for more than a week or two and tend to reoccur, make an appointment to see your doctor. The good news is that most allergies are not lifelong conditions. By following your doctor's advice and taking control of your environment, allergies shouldn't keep you from enjoying springtime."

**Allergist Dr. Saba Samee, of Alexandria & Clinton Allergy Associates, advises allergy sufferers to take a shower after entering their home to wash away pollen from skin and hair.**



**Dr. Jean Glossa, medical director for the Fairfax County Community Health Care Network, Molina Healthcare advises**

**allergy sufferers to consider wearing a mask when mowing the lawn or gardening.**



**Dr. Heidi Isenberg-Feig, an allergist with Johns Hopkins Community Physicians, says that this year's spring allergy season could be more severe than usual.**



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# THEATER

## The Power of One

### 'On the Waterfront' at The American Century Theatre.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE

It has been hailed as one of the greatest movies of all time, winning eight Academy Awards for an all-star cast that included Marlon Brando, Eva Marie Saint, Lee J. Cobb and Karl Malden. But for playwright Budd Schulberg, himself an Oscar winner for Best Story and Screenplay, the 1954 film version of "On the Waterfront" was never quite the story he wanted told.

Having had subtle changes made to the script by director Elia Kazan, Schulberg took the unusual step of adapting his work to a stage play more than 40 years after the iconic film debuted. It is this often overlooked version of the union violence and corruption on the docks of New York that is presented by The American Century Theatre, now playing at Gunston Theatre II in Arlington.

Director Kathleen Akerley has assembled a brilliant ensemble cast to tell Schulberg's story of the kid who "coulda been a contender," fighter Terry Malloy who reluctantly becomes a hero for facing down mob boss Johnny Friendly.

In the central role of Terry, immortalized by Marlon Brando in the film, is Jack Powers, a newcomer to American Century.

"I know I have this specter hovering above me," Powers said following the opening night performance March 30. "I wasn't allowed to see the movie so that I can bring my own nuances to the role."

In the menacing role of Johnny Friendly is the award-winning Bruce Alan Rauscher, one of the most talented and versatile actors in the region. Rauscher is riveting as the brute fury boss and provides a fierce performance while not letting his character turn into a caricature of evil.

Matt Dewberry joins Rauscher as a leading presence in the play

as the gritty and brave Father Barry, who defies the system rather than be a pawn in the ruthless killings. Dewberry brings a heroic strength to a performance that builds to a brilliant crescendo as he risks his life in the fight for justice.

Caitlin Shea is excellent as the naïve but feisty Edie Doyle, whose brother was murdered with the unwitting help of Terry. Shea and Powers share a palpable connection as Edie brings out a tenderness and consciousness in Terry's heart where none existed before.

In a production filled with notable performances, other standouts include Graham Pilato as the reporter who chronicles and eventually breaks open the corruption of the docks, Christopher Herring as Charlie "The Gent" Malloy, and Tyler Herman, who admirably and seamlessly tackles four roles, beginning with the murdered Joey Doyle.

"I love my cast," said Akerley on opening night. "There are challenges in this space but the production has turned out extremely well."

Rounding out the cast are Daniel Corey, Joe Cronin, Cyle Durkee, Christopher Holbert and William Haynes. With the exception of Powers, Dewberry and Shea, the entire cast flawlessly tackles multiple roles within the show, a testament to the immense talent of the ensemble.

— Jack Powers

Elizabeth Jenkins McFadden (scenic design) and Marianne Meadows (lighting design) combine to powerful effect to transform the intimate theater from grim waterfront dock to church sanctuary to tenement rooftop.

They say evil only triumphs when good men do nothing. When those same men stand up for what they believe in, they show evil for what it really is — cheap and malicious, and The American Century Theatre production of "On the Waterfront" finally provides the gritty and powerful drama Schulberg always hoped it would be.

"On the Waterfront" is playing now through April 28 at Gunston Theatre II, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. For tickets or more information, call 703-998-4555 or visit [www.americancentury.org](http://www.americancentury.org).



PHOTO BY DENNIS DELORIA

From left: William Hayes, Christopher Herring, Bruce Rauscher, Daniel Corey, Joe Cronin, Cyle Durkee and Jack Powers in a scene from "On the Waterfront."



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Caitlin Shea and Jack Powers in "On the Waterfront."



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN

Christopher Herring, Tyler Herman, Graham Pilato and Bruce Alan Rauscher celebrate March 30 at the opening night cast party of The American Century Theatre production of "On the Waterfront."



## THEATER

# Notes from the Artistic Director

## "Be Careful! The Sharks Will Eat You!"

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN  
METROSTAGE

Patrons ask how do I come up with a season of plays and musicals, and I always respond that every single show has a different story of how it got to my desk. Favorite actors bring their favorite plays to my attention and if I fall in love with the play, it feels like a match made in heaven. Our reputation for launching new musicals (chamber size musicals—four to six characters, no more than five musicians, unit set) means I get a lot of demo tapes sent in my direction.

As we open our newest production of "Be Careful! The Sharks Will Eat You!," it has a great story behind it and feels like it was meant to be. To begin, I get an email blast from [broadwayworld.com](http://broadwayworld.com) daily with all the up-to-date theater information one could desire. But it just doesn't get opened and read every day. That is why it is so incredible that the day "Sharks" was featured, I opened the email and was immediately intrigued. One-man shows work brilliantly on our small intimate stage with its raked theatre audience. In addition, Cuba is a really hot topic right now and its acclaim as Best Solo Performance at the 2011 NY International Fringe Festival and Best of Fringe at the Hollywood Fringe Festival made me very curious. The internet with all



1964: COURTESY OF JAY ALVAREZ

### "Be Careful! The Sharks Will Eat You!" at MetroStage.

the comments from audience members who had experienced the incredible artistry and heart of the writer and actor Jay Alvarez convinced me that I might have just stumbled upon a gem.

Requesting the script came next. The story is Alvarez's own story of his family escaping Castro by boat in the moonless night when he was 4 years old. Of course, the title comes from what his mother says to him on the boat. The accompanying photo captures the moment in 1964 with Jay resting in his mother's arms surrounded by family, probably unaware at that age that they were risking their lives trying to escape to the free-

doms awaiting them across the Caribbean Sea.

We all know that the family makes it across which makes it all the more remarkable that the audience is on the edge of its collective seats as the story unfolds. That is a tribute to the performer and a testimony to the fact that this is a universal story that will touch everyone regardless of his or her country of origin.

It is always exciting to open a new show and for me the opportunity to present new material that covers a broad range of subjects and stories in a range of genres continues to drive me, motivate me and reward me even after 28 years at MetroStage.

## Bittersweet Wins 8th Annual Rum Punch Challenge

Bittersweet was the big winner with its "Pomander Punch" on March 24 at the Eighth Annual Great Rum Punch Challenge at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, beating out runner-up Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, the defending champ Dogfish Head, and worthy competitors Bacardi, FireFlies, and RedRocks. This is the third win for Bittersweet, which took top honors in 2007 and 2009.

Rum Punch Challenge guests enjoyed the many different styles of punches but also a wide range of food from local establishments including Gadsby's Tavern Restaurant, Bittersweet, R&R Catering, RedRocks and FireFlies. Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society provided the "Designated Drivers" punch, and many local businesses donated to the silent auction. Guests toured the historic ice well and learned about the importance of ice in the 18th and 19th centuries.

The origins of the Great Rum Punch Challenge came from the Museum's participation in the

[www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com)



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City of Washington. The tavern served as the premier gathering place for residents — including George Washington — and visitors to eat, drink, learn, and influence history. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal Street in the heart of Old Town Alexandria. visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

## Easter Brunch

### Sunday, April 8th

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## FINE ARTS

### THURSDAY/APRIL 12

**Spring Awakening.** 6 to 9 p.m.  
Free. Browse Open Studios, Interact with Artists, and Enjoy Refreshments. Free. Part of the 2nd Thursday Art Night. At The Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); or call 703-838-4565.

### NOW THROUGH APRIL 27

**Word Incarnate.** The Gallery at Convergence presents "Word Incarnate" featuring Visionary Artist Anita Breitenberg Naylor. Come explore as biblical passages are brought to life and rearranged visual images to provide a focal point for contemplative thought. Artist Reception, Saturday, April 21st from 5-7 p.m. At the Gallery at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260. Visit [www.convergenceccf.net](http://www.convergenceccf.net).

### NOW THROUGH MAY 6

**"In Medusa's Company."** Ceramic artist Judith Kornett's works at the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Opening Reception Saturday, March 31, from 3 - 5 p.m. with Artist's Talk at 4 p.m.

### NOW THROUGH JUNE 25

**Mark Dorman** is the featured artist at River Farm, the headquarters of the American Horticultural Society, for the months of April, May, and June 2012. His exhibit, "Color in Nature" will be on view beginning April 2 through June 25. Dorman is a professional artist, journalist, and art critic. He studied drawing and painting with Manlio Guberti in Rome, studied at Atelier, Le Grande Chaumiere in Paris, the Corcoran Museum School, and at the Maryland Institute of the Arts. He has won numerous awards for his oil paintings,



**Textured porcelain platter by Martin Karcher of the District.**

### APRIL 30 TO MAY 28

**Moody Mud: Gentle to Geometric.** A Ceramic Guild show that runs at the Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

watercolors, and pastels, both abstract and representational. His colorful post-impressionist landscapes are reflective of a wealth of experience abroad. More details are at [www.MarkDorman.net](http://www.MarkDorman.net).

### NOW THROUGH APRIL 29

**Japan's Gift to Nature.** Solo exhibit of Oriental Brush Paintings celebrating 100th anniversary of planting of the cherry trees in D.C. Art exhibition at Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Meet the artist's reception is Sunday, March 25 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Visit [www.Greenspring.org](http://www.Greenspring.org).

### NOW THROUGH APRIL 29

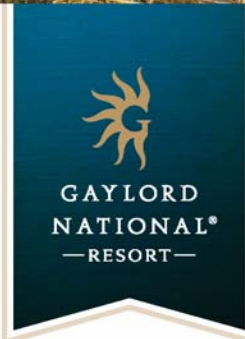
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Special Programs include:  
♥ A gallery talk with Karen Coleman: The Path of Botanic Art on Sunday, April 1 at 4 p.m.  
♥ Children's Workshop: Flowers, Textures, and Leaves Saturday, April 14 at 3 p.m.  
♥ Janet Egan Design Trunk Show (during Alexandria's Historic Garden Tour) on Friday, April 20 at 4 to 7 p.m. / Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
At the Athenaeum. Free, but space is limited so call 703-548-0035.

### APRIL 2 TO 29

**The Kiln Club Annual Show.** Featuring works by clay artists. Novie Trump, a Northern Virginia sculptor, will judge the show. Reception and awards presentation on April 12 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. At the Scope Gallery, 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call 703-548-6288, visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm) and [www.kilnclubwdc.com](http://www.kilnclubwdc.com)

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# ENTERTAINMENT

**APRIL 5, 6, 8**

**Messiah Lutheran Church** invites you to Holy Week services.

❖ April 5 — Maundy Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

❖ April 6 — Good Friday at 7:30 p.m.

❖ April 8 — Easter Celebration at 10:30 a.m.

Messiah Lutheran Church is at 6510 Fort Hunt Road Alexandria. Call 703-765-5003

**APRIL 6 TO 29**

**Childhood Memories.**

Works by artists inspired by their childhoods. Memories are endless: an experience, a trip, a gathering, an animal, a poem, a person or a place that brings one back to a childhood memory. Show exhibits April 6-29; opening reception April 6, 7-10 p.m. Open Thursday-Sunday. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. 703-838-4827. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

**SATURDAY/APRIL 7**

**Eggstravaganza.** 1 to 4 p.m.

. Activities include Arts & Crafts and basket making with an egg hunt as the final activity. At the Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-6088.

**Free Lecture.** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Civil War: Northern Virginia 1861. Sponsored by the Friends of Local History. At Alexandria Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1706.

**“Arms of the Pilgrims — John Alden.”** 1 p.m. View the actual rifle carried by John Alden as he stepped off the Mayflower in 1620 and hear about other arms carried by the Pilgrims. Free. Advanced reservations required. At the Collingwood Library and Museum, 8301 East Blvd. Dr., Alexandria.

**Great Vigil of Easter.** 7:30 p.m. Fire, drama, mystery, baptism, music and more: this service, on the holiest night of the church year, has it all. Music is provided by both our Children's Choir and our Adult Choir, as well as congregational hymns. Bring bells to ring at the triumphal moment when we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and uncover the alleluias that the children hid away for Lent. At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-683-0798 or [administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org](mailto:administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org)

**Firearms Discussion.** 1 to 2:30 p.m. Free admission. Doug Wicklund, senior curator for the National Firearms Museum, will display John Alden's actual rifle and talk about it and other arms carried by the Pilgrims on the Mayflower. At the Collingwood Library and Museum, 8301 East Blvd. Drive, Alexandria. RSVP by April 5 to [KRGroff@CollingwoodLibrary.Org](mailto:KRGroff@CollingwoodLibrary.Org). Be sure to provide your full name and the name(s) of any guests. Presented in partnership with National Firearms Museum in cooperation with The Mayflower Society.

**Cleve Francis and Friends.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$32.50. At the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500. Visit [www.clevefrancis.com](http://www.clevefrancis.com).

**SUNDAY, APRIL 8**

**Easter Flowering of the Cross and Egg Hunt.** 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; egg hunt at 11:50 a.m. Celebrate Christ's resurrection at Emmanuel Episcopal — enjoy special music at both services from the Adult and Children's choirs (children sing at 10:30 a.m. only). Children of all ages are invited to help flower the cross as a sign of Christ's resurrection. Stay on for an Easter Egg Hunt in the church grounds. At Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 1608 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-683-0798 or [administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org](mailto:administrator@emmanuelonhigh.org)

**TUESDAY/APRIL 10**

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Soul Tones of Swing. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

**WEDNESDAY/APRIL 11**

**DJ Dance Party.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

**THURSDAY/APRIL 12**

**Explore Activities for Seniors.** 10:30 a.m. At Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, 3210 King St., Alexandria. Visit [www.seniorservicesalex.org](http://www.seniorservicesalex.org) or call 703-836-4414, ext. 13.

**FRIDAY/APRIL 13**

**Music for Brass Quintet.** 8 p.m. Free. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**Mt. Vernon's Helping Hands.** 4:30 to 10 p.m. Third-annual tennis charity event for youth and adults will be held at the Mount Vernon Athletic Club. It will benefit Inova Fairfax



**Aiden White as Huck Finn and James Woods as Tom Sawyer.**

**APRIL 14 TO 22**

**“Tom Sawyer.”** MVCCT presents the play “Tom Sawyer,” featuring 54 actors ages 8-18. Directed by Frank Pasqualino; Musical Direction by Cathy Manley. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Show times are April 14, 20, 21 at 7:30 p.m.; April 15 and 22 at 3 p.m. At Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.MVCCT.org](http://www.MVCCT.org).

Society. At River Farm headquarters. Call 703-768-5700.

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**SATURDAY/APRIL 14**

**Potomac River Watershed Cleanup.** 9 a.m.-noon. At Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, the Belle Haven Picnic area, off George Washington Memorial Parkway in the Mt. Vernon area of Fairfax County. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh (FODM), the National Park Service, and the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Meet at the entrance to Dyke Marsh's Haul Road, near the Belle Haven south picnic area. Wear sturdy shoes, long pants, sun protection and gloves. Cleanup supplies provided. Visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org), or call the National Park Service Information Line at 202-619 7222.

**Singer Lera Lynn with Joan Osborne.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. At The Birchmere Music Hall, The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

**Magi-Whirl 2012.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with strolling magicians; showtime at 7:30 p.m. Las Vegas Style Family GALA Magic Show staged by Ring 50 of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and Bishop Ireton High School. Five world-famous magicians — one from Argentina. Tickets are \$12/adults, \$10/seniors and students; \$15/door — family packs available. At Bishop Ireton High School. Visit [www.magi-whirl.org/gala/](http://www.magi-whirl.org/gala/)

**BPAC Ride.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free. Take part in a 13-mile ride from Old Town to National Harbor. Meet at Founders Park, Oronco and N. Union Streets, Alexandria. RSVP: [jonathan@jonathankrall.net](mailto:jonathan@jonathankrall.net).

**The Grandest Congress: The French and Indian War in Alexandria.** Noon to 4 p.m. Donation of \$5. Spring, 1755: Major General Edward Braddock, Commander-in-Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America convened a meeting of five colonial governors at John Carlyle's Alexandria home. Among Braddock's objectives was to secure funding for his upcoming campaign against the French. Carlyle called this gathering “the Grandest Congress ... ever known on the Continent.” Peek in on the meeting inside and enjoy the sights and smells of 18th-century style food being prepared for a grand dinner for Braddock and the Governors. Costumed interpreters will be on site to answer your questions.

**Growing Flowers and Vegetables in Containers.** 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Learn how to grow flowers and vegetables in pots, planters or other containers for maximum beauty and bountiful crops on your deck, balcony, porch or patio. Sponsored by Virginia Cooperative Extension, with the support of Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. At the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. To register, call 703-228-6414 or email [mgaralalex@gmail.com](mailto:mgaralalex@gmail.com) or visit [www.mgnv.org](http://www.mgnv.org)

**Explore Alexandria's Firefighting History.** 1 p.m. Tickets are \$6/adults; \$4/youth. The walking tour, “Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting Past.” As they walk through Old Town, participants will learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria and stop at historic buildings that once served as fire stations. At Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.friendshipfirehouse.net](http://www.friendshipfirehouse.net) or by calling 703-746-4994.

**George Washington's Whiskey for Sale.** 10 a.m. George Washington's home, Mount Vernon, will have the limited edition George Washington Rye Whiskey available for sale on SEE ENTERTAINMENT, PAGE 18

Hospital for Children Pediatric Oncology Programs with emphasis on children's access to education, promoting physical exercise and activities, and maintaining connections with family and friends while the children are hospitalized. Youth activities \$10, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Adult activities \$25 (\$30 at door), from 6:30-10 p.m. Walk-ins without tennis \$10. Silent Auction, Raffle, Food & Beverages and more. At 7950 Audubon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703 360-7300. Visit [www.mtvac.net](http://www.mtvac.net).

**APRIL 13 AND 14**

**Spring Garden Market.**

Vendors from throughout the mid-Atlantic region will be selling a wide variety of plants as well as garden supplies and garden art. Friday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, April 14 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. AHS members-only preview night is Thursday, April 12 from 4 to 8 p.m. Hosted by the American Horticultural

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April 14 at 10 a.m. This is a limited edition rye whiskey made at George Washington's reconstructed distillery – 600 bottles are available for sale. Each 375 ml bottle retails for \$95; purchases are restricted to two bottles per person. The whiskey will be available for sale in person only at the Distillery & Gristmill site gift shop and The Shops at Mount Vernon. The whiskey sale hours are: Mondays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

## SUNDAY/APRIL 15

**Family and Friends Day.** 11 a.m. With Guest Speaker: Reverend Sonja Flye-Oliver. At Roberts Memorial United Methodist Church, 606-A South Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-836-7332.

**Claudia Schmidt and Dulcie Taylor.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). call 703-501-6061.

## MONDAY/APRIL 16

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Free. Featuring the U.S. Air Force Band-Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. At Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**Masters of Tradition.** Celebrating the art of Irish music with seven of Ireland's most compelling musicians, including Fiddler Martin Hayes and singer Iarla O Lionaird. Will appear at The Birchmere Music Hall, The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

## TUESDAY/APRIL 17

**Nina Tisara Discussion.** 5:30 to 7 p.m. Artist-photographer Nina Tisara will speak on the

beginnings of the Living Legends of Alexandria project and tell the stories behind some of the portraits at an Artist's Talk at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center for the performing and visual arts. Thirty-seven black and white portraits — the Legends of 2008, 2009 and 2010 — are on view at the Center through July. The Durant Center, 1605 Cameron Street, is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com).

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. Featuring the band, All Wheel Jive. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. Speaker Robert D. McLaren presents a lecture on DNA Testing for Genealogy: The Basics. Meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact Phyllis Kelley at 703-660-6969 or [publicity@mvgenealogy.org](mailto:publicity@mvgenealogy.org).

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 18

**Usonian Architecture.** 9:30 a.m. Free. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon Antiques Club will feature Mr. Peter Christiansen, a long-time docent, speaking about the "Usonian" Pope-Leighey House, situated on the grounds of the Woodlawn Historical Home. Mr. Christiansen is an authority on Frank Lloyd Wright and will speak about the man and this type of architecture. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria.

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, King Teddy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

**Mount Vernon At Home.** 2 p.m. Virginia's premier "Village" is holding it's spring information sessions every other Wednesday in April and May. Mount

Vernon At Home is a nonprofit organization that helps residents in the Mount Vernon community "age in place" Wednesday, April 18 and May 2 at 2 p.m. at Sherwood Regional Library. Volunteer opportunities are available. Call 703-303-4060 or [mountvernonathome.org](http://mountvernonathome.org)

## THURSDAY/APRIL 19

**Author Katie Truitt.** 4 to 6 p.m. Will sign copies of her book, The Hillbilly Debutante Cafe. At Hollin Hall Pastry Co. & Shop, 7920 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

**Pollen as a Window Into the Past.** 7:30 p.m. How Ecologists Use Pollen to Reconstruct Past Vegetation. Dr. Emily Southgate will illustrate how paleoecologists use the unique characteristics of pollen preserved in sediments as a window on the past. At Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.vnps.org](http://www.vnps.org).

## APRIL 19, 20, 21, 22

**Spring Book Sale.** The Friends of the Beatley Central Library in Alexandria host "It's Raining Books, Hallelujah." Preview is Thursday, April 19 from 4 to 8:30 p.m. Continues Friday, April 20 from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, April 22 from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Prices: paperbacks \$1; hardbacks \$3. At the Charles E. Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

## APRIL 20 TO MAY 5

**"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me."** Tickets are \$18/adults; \$16/military, seniors and students; \$14/groups of 10. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays, April 20 to May 5, plus Tuesday, May 1. In addition, there will be matinees on Saturday,

April 24 and May 5, starting at 2 p.m. At the LAT at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria.

## APRIL 20 AND 21

**Colin Hay in Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call the Birchmere at 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com); for tickets, please call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or order online at [www.Ticketmaster.com](http://www.Ticketmaster.com).

## SATURDAY/APRIL 21

**See Raptors Up Close.** 10 a.m.-noon. For Earth Day, at Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, at the Belle Haven Picnic area, off George Washington Memorial Parkway in the Mt. Vernon area of Fairfax County. Sponsored by the Friends of Dyke Marsh, the National Park Service, and the Raptor Conservancy of Virginia. The Raptor Conservancy will bring live raptors for close-up encounters. Meet at the Belle Haven picnic area near the bike path. Visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org), or call the National Park Service Information Line at 202-619-7222.

**Nourish & Flourish Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show.** Sponsored by the United Methodist Women. Tickets are \$20/person. At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Proceeds benefit Rising Hops United Methodist Church and UMW Missions in Cambodia. For tickets, visit [www.aldersgate.net](http://www.aldersgate.net).

**Global Youth Service Day.** Children and youth will address critical issues in their communities. More than a dozen nonprofits are offering projects throughout Fairfax County. Locally, more than 700 youth and families are expected to give back to the local community. To view a project near you, visit [www.volunteerfairfax.org](http://www.volunteerfairfax.org).

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7:30 pm: Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar

#### April 6, Good Friday

11:00 am: Stations of the Cross

12:00 pm, 1:00 pm, 2:00 pm and 2:45 pm:

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# OBITUARIES

## Irene Marie Pippin



**I**rene Marie Pippin, nee Sangiolo, died in Boston, Mass. on March 25, 2012 after a long illness. She was born on July 7, 1964 in Framingham, Mass. Irene is formerly of Carlisle, Mass. and also lived for 10 years in Alexandria. She most recently resided in Groton, Mass. Irene spent 8 years living in Kwajalein, Marshall Islands from 1968-1973 and 1981-1984, where she entered high school as a senior and graduated in 1982. While working on Kwajalein she met her future husband David who was working for GTE at that time.

Irene obtained a bachelor of science degree from University of Massachusetts and worked for M.I.T Lincoln laboratory in Lexington, Mass. for several years. From 1998 to 2008 Irene lived in Alexandria with her family and contributed greatly to the community. She enriched the science learning of students at St. Mary's School by founding the Hands-On-Science program there. She was a Girl Scout leader and developed several science programs at the Presbyterian Pre-School in Alexandria. During the summer Irene ran the Summer Arts-In-The-Park program and started a basketball camp at the Waynewood Recreational Center. Irene also catered and hosted the Mass of Remembrance at Good Shepherd's Catholic Church for six years.

She is survived by her husband of 25 years, David Pippin, and their children, son David L. Pippin and daughter, Victoria E. Pippin. She was the loving daughter of Thomas L. Sangiolo and the late Sylvia Sangiolo, of Groton, Mass. and sister of Valerie C. Noey of Barrington, R.I. She was preceded in death by her brother, Thomas M. Sangiolo. Irene was the beloved daughter-in-law of David and Judy Pippin of Lexington, Mass. and sister-in-law to Matthew and Stephanie Pippin and Karen and Todd Kadis, Eric Pippin and Robert Noey. Irene is also survived by her nieces and nephews, Clark and Ethan Kadis and Grace Noey.

Services were held at the Dolan Funeral Home 106 Middlesex St. Chelmsford, Mass. 01863 on Friday, March 30. A Funeral Mass was on Saturday, March 31 at St. Catherine's of Alexandria Church, 107 North Main Street Westford, Mass. A reception followed at the Church Parish Center.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for donations to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

## Jerome Nathan Sonosky

**J**erome ("Jerry") Sonosky, a lawyer whose 40-year legal career started in the House of Representatives serving his hometown congressman and concluded as a partner with the law firm of Hogan Lovell (formerly Hogan and Hartson), died March 22, 2012, at Mount Vernon Nursing and Rehabilitation Center at the age of 82. He died from complications related to Parkinson's Disease.

Jerry was born in Chisholm, Minn. on July 18, 1929. He graduated from his beloved Chisholm High School in 1947. He was a member of the Minnesota State debating and oratory championship teams in both high school and college. He attended Carleton College from 1947 to 1950 and received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of Minnesota in 1952. That same year, he moved to Washington, D.C. and worked as a fiscal control clerk in the U.S. Department of Justice's Tax Division, while attending law school at night. He received his juris doctorate from Georgetown University Law School in 1956 and was a member of the D.C. and Minnesota bars.

Jerry's career on Capitol Hill and with the Kennedy Administration during the 1950s and 1960s allowed him to participate in the nation's emerging consumer and environmental protection movements. Halfway through law school, he joined the staff of his hometown Congressman John A. Blatnik (DFL-MN) as a legislative assistant in 1954. He worked on national issues leading to enactment of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and creation of the national highway system. In 1961, he joined the Kennedy Administration as a special assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Legislation in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. While continuing his work on water pollution, he expanded his scope to emerging issues associated with air pollution, radiation control, auto accident prevention, dangerous prescription drugs, and enhancing the regulatory powers of the Food and Drug Administration.

The majority of his time at HEW was spent on passage of the Drug Industry Act of 1962, the first major overhaul of the 1938 Food and Drug Law. The Act greatly expanded FDA's powers to ensure the safety and efficacy of the nation's drug supplies. Prior to the law's adoption, he was part of the team that stopped the further distribution of thalidomide in the United States. In a 1974 interview with the National Library of Medicine, he recalls advising Kennedy to tell the American public to look in their medicine cabinets — advice Kennedy apparently followed, warning the public to return the drug if found.

In 1963 he moved to the U.S. Senate with newly-elected Sen. Abraham Ribicoff (D-CT) and worked first on the Senate Subcommittee on Reorganization and International Organizations of the Senate Committee on Government Operations and then became staff director and general counsel to the Subcommittee on Executive Organization of the Committee on Government Operations. The subcommittees worked to implement many of the programs envi-



**Jerome Sonosky with Robert Kennedy.**

sioned by President Kennedy in his March 1962 Special Message to the Congress on Protecting the Consumer Interest. He coordinated the 1963 hearings on pesticide safety which included testimony from "Silent Spring" author Rachel Carson; the 1966 Ribicoff-Kennedy hearings on the Federal Role in Urban Affairs which was the only occasion in which the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. testified before the U.S. Congress; and the 1965-1966 auto safety hearings which included the investigation of General Motors' surveillance of Ralph Nader who served as a consultant to the subcommittee. Legislation reviewed by the subcommittee and examined in many of the subcommittee hearings included passage of the laws to establish the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the National Motor Vehicle and Highway Safety Act of 1966, and establishment of the Department of Transportation.

In 1967, Jerry left public service and went into private practice representing Mercedes Benz of North America in the area of transportation law and as its regulatory and legislative counsel. In 1968, he joined Hogan and Hartson, then Washington's oldest law firm, as a partner and was a member of the firm's Regulatory and Environmental Law Section, specializing in regulatory and legislative developments affecting the automotive industry. From 1967 to 1970, Jerry was an adjunct professor at Georgetown University School of Law. He introduced a seminar on "Law and Social Change," which dealt with the law and consumerism, environmentalism, race relations and urban affairs.

He retired in 1995 at the age of 66. In lieu of a retirement celebration, he requested that the funds go instead to a scholarship he helped establish in honor of Chisholm, Minn., elementary school doctor Archibald ("Moonlight") Graham, who was a principal character in the book "Shoeless Joe," that was made into the movie "Field of Dreams." The scholarship is awarded to Chisholm High School graduates who have "demonstrated outstanding service to their community and school and who possess remarkable potential for the future," according to the fund's web site.

Throughout Jerry's life, he was passionate about politics, whether local, state or national. It combined his dedication to the law and his belief that government has a moral obligation to protect and take care

of the marginalized. In college he worked on Harry S. Truman's 1948 presidential campaign and as a congressional staffer for Congressman Blatnik, he used his time back in the district to work on the national election campaigns for Eugene McCarthy to the Senate in 1958 and John F. Kennedy's campaign for the presidency in 1960. He was also involved and a member of the Virginia Democratic Party. The last active role he took in a campaign was Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's presidential

campaign in 1968. Jerry was at the Ambassador Hotel on the night of June 5, 1968 and was in the room Senator Kennedy was heading to when he was assassinated.

His love of politics was not confined to his career, it also shaped his personal life. As a Georgetown law student in 1954 he joined some fellow law students for a blind date with a group of women at nearby Trinity College. During a group discussion regarding Sen. Joe McCarthy, Jerry met his future wife — they were the only two people at the table that thought McCarthy was dangerous. In 1958 he married Catherine Elaine Kelley of Worcester, Mass. They had five children. One of his greatest pleasures came when his four children were of voting age and they all went to the polls together to vote in a national election. At that time, Virginia was still very much a red state and Jerry beamed with pride when he entered the voting room, announcing that the Democrat votes had arrived.

His marriage to Elaine and his involvement in their children's lives led him to community service as a member and president of St. Mary's Grade School PTA in Alexandria and finance chairman of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Mount Vernon during the late '60s and early '70s. Jerry and Elaine made their home in Stratford Landing, near Mount Vernon and in the 1980s and 1990s enjoyed spending time at "Quinson," their home away from home in the Outer Banks, N.C. that they shared with their friend and partner Father Thomas Quinlan. After retirement, he joined Elaine in their shared passion for antiques; opening an antique shop in Waldorf, Md., where he was able to dabble in his many hobbies and interests: political memorabilia, classic toys, stamps, historical books and artifacts, sport memorabilia, and trains.

Jerry is survived by his four children, Paul of Alexandria, Mary (David) McCullough of Vienna, Ellen Carey of Stamford, Conn., and Colleen of Alexandria, two grandchildren, John and Matthew McCullough, his sister Mary Marge Friedman of Plymouth, Minn., and many loving nieces and nephews, grand- and great-grand nieces and nephews, and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by wife of 50 years Elaine Sonosky, son John, son-in-law Kevin Carey, and brothers Leon and George Peck, and sisters Grace (Sam) Rocklin, June (Archie) Weinberg, and Tess (Harry) Goldenberg and his parents, Olga Sachs and Henry Sonosky.



# West Potomac Senior Belanger Throws No-Hitter

**Wolverines win spring break tournament on home field.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

**W**est Potomac senior Josh Belanger focused on the basics prior to his first start on the mound this season, but that didn't stop his teammates from playfully encouraging the right-hander to put forth a memorable performance.

"We kind of joked about throwing a no-hitter before the game," Belanger said. "I didn't really have any expectations. [I just wanted] to come out and do well, throw strikes [and] get the win."

As it turned out, Belanger didn't need expectations, first-pitch strikes or a consistent breaking ball to give his fellow Wolverines the career-best effort they were looking for.

Belanger threw a five-inning no-hitter against Falls Church on March 31 as the Wolverines cruised to a 17-0 victory during the opening round of the Alexandria spring break tournament at West Potomac High School. The Wolverines went on to beat George Mason 14-4 in the semifinals on April 2 and defeated Woodson 11-3 for the tournament championship on April 3.

Belanger's first no-hitter wasn't pretty at times. No. 21 often fell behind, throwing a first-pitch strike to just five of 18 batters, but he found ways to get outs. He struck out five Jaguars and had a hand in four put outs, including catching a screaming line drive hit directly at him.

"I had trouble throwing first-pitch strikes, but I was able to battle back and get ahead," Belanger said. "I didn't really have any offspeed pitches. I was just really working the fastball. I had good location — I kept it down."

Belanger, whose primary position is short-



**West Potomac senior Josh Belanger threw a five-inning no-hitter against Falls Church on March 31.**



**West Potomac senior Sean Trenchard is one of the Wolverines' top hitters.**

stop, threw 38 of 62 pitches for strikes. He walked one, hit a batter and allowed two Jaguars to reach third base. Falls Church had a runner on third with one out in the fifth, but Belanger struck out the last two batters of the game.

"I was surprised he was as sharp as he was, honestly," West Potomac head coach Jim Sullivan said. "He's always been one of our go-to guys. When we need somebody

that can throw strikes — even if he falls behind a little bit ... and make the other team put the ball in play, Josh is the guy who can do it. He is a battler."

The West Potomac lineup provided plenty of run support, scoring six in the first inning. After a run-scoring sacrifice fly by senior Sean Trenchard, the Wolverines plated five two-out runs, including a solo home run by junior Jayme Murray. Senior Todd

Ferri drove in a run with a double and senior Dan Jarrell plated a pair with a triple.

West Potomac added seven runs in the third and four runs in the fourth.

The victory evened the Wolverines' record at 4-4.

"The season hasn't gone the way we expected it to go so far," Murray said, "but this just raises the bar, gets our confidence up."

With a talented and experienced roster, West Potomac entered the season with its sights set on finishing near the top of the super-competitive Patriot District. The Wolverines stumbled out of the gate, however, starting 2-4 with district losses to West Springfield and Woodson, along with losses against McLean and Oakton.

Sullivan is in his seventh season as West Potomac head coach. He said the Wolverines have finished fifth five teams under his watch and eighth once, and the sudden jump in expectations might have contributed to the team's slow start.

"Maybe part of our problem was we overhyped ourselves and put too much pressure on ourselves," he said. "We honestly expected to compete for the Patriot District championship this year. When you say that with the likes of Lake Braddock, South County, Woodson and West Springfield, that's saying something."

West Potomac has responded to its slow start with a four-game winning streak, including a district win over Annandale, to improve its record to 6-4. The Wolverines have a deep pitching staff, led by Murray, Jarrell, Belanger and William & Mary-bound Andrew White, and a potent lineup led by Murray and Trenchard.

"To now say we're going to compete for [first or second in the district], that's a lot of pressure on the guys," Sullivan said. "They want it — they want it desperately — but we've just got to see if we can put everything together. I think we've got the talent. Can we do it? I don't know."

West Potomac will host South County at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### West Potomac Softball Starts 9-1

The West Potomac softball team concluded its appearance at the Madison spring break tournament with three consecutive victories, improving its record to 9-1.

The Wolverines defeated Annandale 10-3 on March 31 and beat Mount Vernon (6-0) and Lee (11-10) on April 2 at Madison. West Potomac started the tournament with a 15-1 home victory against Edison on March 24, and suffered its first loss of the season against Centreville, 9-7 on March 31 at Madison.

West Potomac is averaging better than 11 runs per contest and has scored at least 10 in seven of 10 games.

The Wolverines are 4-0 in the Patriot Dis-

trict and will play at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 11 at home against defending champion South County. Two days later, West Potomac will travel to face Lake Braddock.

### West Potomac Girls' Lax Undefeated

The West Potomac girls' lacrosse team is off to a 5-0 start, including a 13-12 victory against Annandale in the Patriot District opener on March 28. Jordyn Elliot scored four goals for the Wolverines, while Liz Quin, Emily Hauptle and Madison Condon each had two. Nicole Farino, Annmarie Wood and Karley Zdebski each had one.

West Potomac returns to action at 7:15 p.m. on April 13 at home against Lee.



**The West Potomac softball team, seen against Edison on March 24, has won nine of its first 10 games.**



# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 9

Republican Committee (FCRC) held an extremely successful convention at West Springfield High School. With over 1000 attendees, this is the largest convention anyone can recall the Fairfax GOP ever having, and it is a sign of great things to come in 2012 and beyond.

I am honored to have been elected FCRC chairman at the convention, and look forward to serving our County and our Party over the next two years.

Please permit me to use the Mount Vernon Gazette to extend a special thank you to Republicans from the Mount Vernon and Lee Districts, who turned out in great numbers to support me at the convention. It was wonderful to have the support of so many neighbors, and I owe you all a debt of gratitude. I will certainly serve the entire County, but I know my understanding of our area will benefit us here as well.

This is a critical year for the United States of America. It is up to us to decide which path we will choose for the future. Will we continue on the path envisioned by our Founders, fought and died for by our Patriots for over 235 years, and both nurtured and cherished by every generation of Americans? Or will we choose another path, one that, in the words of President Obama, will be dedicated to "fundamentally transforming" our nation? I ask each person to consider very carefully which path he or she will support. I further ask to choose the path of our Founders, the path of liberty, freedom, and economic prosperity.

As the chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee I

have another request. I ask all those who support liberty and freedom, and all who desire prosperity and opportunity for all, to do more than ever to support our candidates in the upcoming elections. This is the year to get out and be as active as possible. Volunteer more than ever, donate more than ever, communicate with others more than ever, and of course: Vote! Our nation's future depends on it.

Feel free to contact me at jay@gojay.org if you are interested in volunteering. I look forward to an exciting and consequential year, and to serving you all for the betterment of our community.

**Jay McConville**

Chairman  
Fairfax County Republican  
Committee

## Radle Endorses Shuttleworth

To the Editor:

When I made the careful decision to enter the Democratic Congressional [8<sup>th</sup> district] primary, my goals were to help address the serious needs of the American people, invest in our future, enhance our quality of life, instill confidence in our nation, prevent future government shutdowns, and expand opportunity for every American.

After spending the past several days in discussions with family and friends, after personally sharing with over 1,700 neighbors why I am standing as a Democrat, I have decided to discontinue my 2012 campaign to represent Virginia's 8th Congressional District.

It has not been my goal to join the club atmosphere of Congress. My focus remains working to help move our nation forward. Together we can create effective, sustainable solutions to the challenges confronting our community and our nation.

Whether we discuss health care, jobs, the economy, education, access to higher education, environmental stewardship or traffic, we need solutions.

We need serious leaders who listen and take responsible action. We need public servants who reach out across our community listening to the people.

I will continue working to help strengthen the culture of listening as an ordinary American, a concerned neighbor who cares, listens and takes responsible action. I will continue as a community advocate serving on public committees at the state, regional and local levels.

I encourage everyone to support Bruce Shuttleworth. Mr. Shuttleworth is a true gentleman who will represent the Democratic Party well in fighting for those who can't fight for themselves; battling for those who too often battle for us in faraway lands, and governing as an honest broker. As a former fighter pilot, strategy consultant and businessman, he will help provide solutions to the many challenges confronting our nation.

Thanks to everyone who has supported me and my family throughout this important time. It's now time to move forward with a fresh start, and I look forward to supporting Mr. Shuttleworth with a plan for positive action.

**Will Radle**

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**Megan McKinney, a junior at Mount Vernon High School stands next to her finished project board in the Robinson Secondary School field house just before the start of the 57th Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair on March 16. McKinney compared the rate at**

**which different types of grass absorbed nitrogen. The goal would be to plant grasses that would reduce detrimental runoff into important watersheds.**

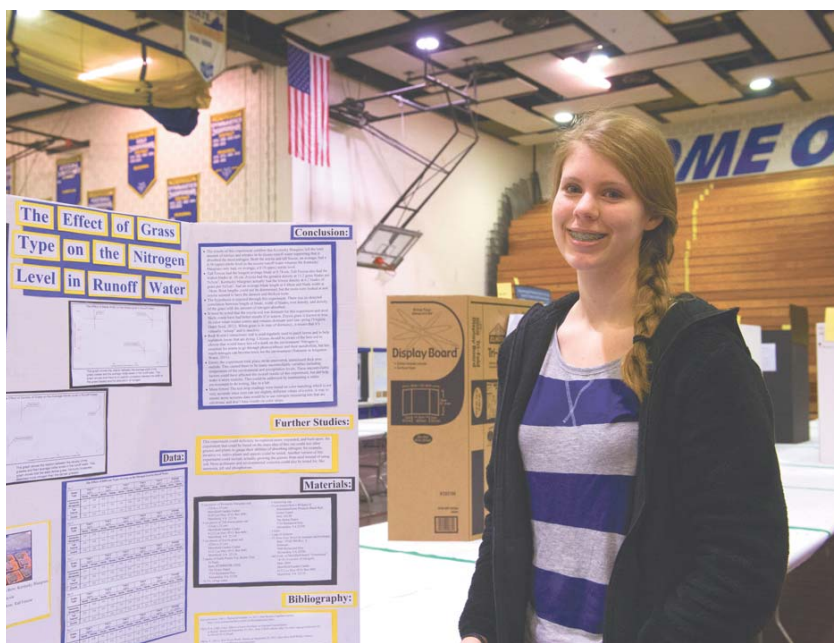


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## OBITUARY

Patricia Ann Elam - 1935 - 2012

Patricia Ann Elam, 76, of Alexandria, Virginia, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012 in San Diego, California. Patricia was born in Covington, Virginia on March 27, 1935. Patricia's parents were Otis and Geraldine Hiler of Covington. Patricia was married for eight years to Robert Dayton Keller of Covington who passed away in 1960. She then remarried Dr. William N. Elam, Jr. of Alexandria, Virginia. They were married for 40 years until he passed away in 2009. She had a brother Otis "Buddy" Hiler who is deceased. She is survived by her son Kevin Neil Keller, daughter-in-law Debbie, and two grandchildren Bobby and Jackson of Rancho Santa Fe, California, first cousins Norma Bush and Richard Gaddy of Alexandria, and sister-in-law Eileen Hiler of Pennsylvania.

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### UPDATES

**The new exhibition Hoecakes & Hospitality: Cooking with Martha Washington** is now open to the public. The exhibit at Mount Vernon Estate features more than 125 kitchen and food-related objects from Mount Vernon. Following food from the Estate's field to kitchen to table, visitors will see recipes and cookbooks that Martha treasured, pots that simmered in her kitchen, and fine tablewares that made Mount Vernon's dining room fit for a president. Learn about little know items from the Washington household, including a heart-shaped waffle iron, three-foot olive jar, and other unique items. On display in this exhibition is a letter in which the first president states that if no one "pops in for dinner tonight", it will be the first time that he and Martha Washington have dined alone in 20 years. Visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org).

**Fort Ward Museum** is now registering for its annual Civil War Kids' Camp, a week of learning and fun for boys and girls ages 8 to 12. Participants explore the lives of Civil War soldiers and civilians with marching, drilling, reenactor guest appearances, games, crafts and other activities. Civil War Kids' Camp runs Monday, June 25, through Friday, June 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road. Registration is limited to 24 participants. Spaces fill quickly, and applications are accepted on a first-come basis. Registration, including souvenirs and healthy snacks, costs \$200 per child, with limited scholarship assistance based on financial need. Contact Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848 or visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).

**Scholarship applications** for the 2012 Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership Scholarships are now available. Scholarships of \$2,000 will be awarded to graduating high school seniors in Mount Vernon and Lee Districts pursuing further education in a business related field. Applications are available at <http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org/Education-Partnership.html>, at high school career centers, or by calling 703-360-6925. Students may apply online or download an application and return it. All applications must be received by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce by Friday, April 27. Those applying for the scholarships must plan to pursue further education in a business-related field, have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0, and have work or community volunteer experience. Applicants must submit an essay with the application and a copy of their high school transcript.

**UCM's food pantry** depends on community donations. Canned meat and fish are needed, as well as canned soups, fruits and vegetables. Help by dropping off food donations at UCM's main office, 7511 Fordson Road, Alexandria. UCM's food pantry accepts food donations Monday – Friday, from 9 am to 5:30 p.m. and the first Sunday of the month from 9:30 am to 1 p.m.

**UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store** is in need of donations of furniture. UCM will pick up furniture, as well as other larger donations, or they can be dropped off at the back of the store Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To arrange for pick-ups, call 703-768-7106, ext. 320. Located at the Mt. Vernon Crossroads Shopping Center at 7838 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

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