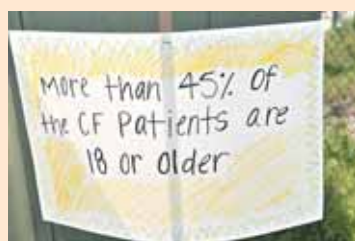




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West Potomac Academy students Yona Lindenbaum, Jessica Printz, Alma Castro, Chris Burnett and Ashley Boger prepare to break down the site at the conclusion of Saturday "Great Strides" fundraising walk.

## Walking for Cystic Fibrosis



West Potomac Academy students posted signs along the course highlighting some of the known facts about the genetic disorder known as Cystic Fibrosis.

More than 35 students walked on Saturday morning, April 13, at West Potomac High School to raise money and awareness as part of the "Great Strides" fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. The walk was organized by West Potomac Academy students enrolled in the Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy Program.

## Local Volunteers on Trail Patrol

National Park Service sponsors Mount Vernon Trail Patrol Volunteer Program to supplement trail safety.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

For those thinking of using the Mount Vernon Parkway trails but are concerned of possible security risks or accidents that may occur, a Trail Patrol volunteer program offers an added sense of security and confidence.

Local volunteers supplement the U.S. National Park Service's park ranger presence by patrolling the area and offering advice, help, and a secure presence throughout the trails of the Mount Vernon parkway.

Trail patrol volunteers work under the general supervision of park rangers, and have the responsibility to report incidents and help to those in need.

Park Ranger Sarah Gamble, coordinator of the Mount Vernon Trail Patrol Volunteer Program for more than a year, describes the volunteer program.

"The NPS' role is to protect and preserve the cultural and natural resources of the park resource

### Details

#### U.S. National Park Service Mount Vernon Trail Patrol Volunteer Program

Sarah Gamble, Park Ranger & MVTP Volunteer Coordinator  
George Washington Memorial Parkway  
Sarah\_Gamble@NPS.gov  
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Call: Park Headquarters: 202-289-2500.

and trail, and provide the highest level of visitor safety to the users of the park," Gamble said. "The Mount Vernon Trail Patrol program, begun in 1999,

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## New Class, Old Divisions

Demographic data for T.J. class of 2017 show lack of diversity at governor's school.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

Even as federal regulators look into a civil-rights complaint about the lack of diversity at Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology, recently released demographics show that the number of black and Latino students is dropping. According to a report released last week by Fairfax County Public Schools, 8 percent of students who apply are Hispanic while only 3 percent of those who are accepted are Hispanic. And even though 6 percent of students who apply are black, only 1 percent of the class of 2017 is black.

"It's almost an act of arrogant defiance in the face of the complaint," said Tina Hone, former Fairfax County School Board member who helped file the complaint with the U.S.

Department of Education. "They haven't done anything meaningful to address any of the concerns in the complaint."

Last summer, Hone worked with a group known as Coalition of The

Silence to file a formal complaint with federal authorities. In September, officials with the Department of Education announced they would be launching a formal investigation into allegations that "In essence, Fairfax County operates a separate and unequal sub school system within its overarching taxpayer-funded public school system," the complaint charges. "The enormous racial and ethnic disparities evident in TJ

**"For some reason, the School Board can find money for T.J. but they can't find money for the planetarium at Carl Sandburg Middle School. They want some kids to have science, and other kids not to have access."**

— Del. Scott Surovell (D-44)

admissions numbers and in eligibility decisions for Level 4 Advanced Academic Programs reflect clear violations of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and must not be allowed to stand."

**IN A WRITTEN** response to questions, Fairfax County Public Schools spokesman John Torre said he could not comment on the specifics of the complaint. But he said the Fairfax County School Board takes the issue "very seriously," and that school officials are looking for ways to address the "persistent gap in admission rates."

"They have actually claimed — SEE NEW CLASS, PAGE 18





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# 'Young Frankenstein' To Open April 25

**B**eyond the Page Theatre Company of West Potomac High School presents "The New Mel Brook's Musical 'Young Frankenstein'" at 7 p.m. on April 25.

Dr. Frankenstein (Ben Roberts) aims to fulfill his grandfather's legacy by bringing a corpse back to life. With the help and hindrance from servant Igor (David Jarzen), assistant Inga (Katie Carbone) and needy

fiancée Elizabeth (Nikki Amico), his experiment yields success and unexpected consequences.

"Young Frankenstein" will play April 25 – 27, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Tickets at \$12. All performances are at West Potomac High School in the Springbank Auditorium at 6500 Quander Road. Tickets are available at the door.



PHOTOS BY AMIN YACHINES



**David Jarzen as Igor the servant.**

**Ben Roberts as Dr. Frankenstein with Nikki Amico as his fiancée Elizabeth.**



**Ben Roberts and Dan Evans**



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## News



### Carwash Fundraiser

West Potomac High School Girls Varsity Soccer team held a carwash fundraiser, Saturday, April 13, at the Aldersgate Church parking lot. The participants included (back row, from left) Lee Harrington (assistant coach); Taylor York; Jayne Orleans; Maddy Bolger; Hannah Graham; Olivia Manous; Annabelle Miller; Maddie Miller; Serina Davenport; Craig Maniglia (head coach), and (front row, from left) Sydney Maniglia; Hayden Maniglia (Mascot); Megan Jackson; Hannah O'Neil; Kate Gregory; Nikki Minnis and Raven Williams; T. Bolger.

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**Gum Springs residents and Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1813 with their haul from the creek in Gum Springs.**

# Picking Up 474 Bags of Trash

**Friends of Little Hunting Creek help clean up local waterway.**

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

For the 11th year, Friends of Little Hunting Creek, led by its president Betsy Martin, and a group of 191 volunteers, picked up 474 bags of trash and recyclables, 43 tires, 19 shopping carts and other items such as sofas, traffic cones, air conditioner, bed springs, bike, kitchen sink, and more.

The Friends were part of the annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup on April 6 sponsored by the Alice Ferguson Foundation. Cleanup site activities took place at 14 local sites, including three managed by Del. Scott Surovell.

Some volunteers worked from boats, others on the shore, and still others worked in the marshes where large amounts of trash get trapped.

"In the tidal downstream portion of the creek you can really see the difference," said Martin. "Right now the creek is really looking beautiful. Unfortunately, it won't stay that way. The litter and trash just keep coming because people continue keep littering and dumping. It is truly a shame that people feel they can trash their community and their environment — and they expect that volunteers will just keep picking up after them. A better solution would be to educate people, enforce the litter laws, and create incentives to change behavior and prevent littering in the first place."

What incentives would help prevent the littering? Martin responded: "I personally believe that a beverage container deposit law would be very helpful. People would be less likely to toss a can if they could instead get cash for it. And if they did toss it there would be an incentive for someone else to retrieve it and turn it in for a cash deposit. Studies show that beverage container deposit laws reduce the amount of bottle and can litter. A plastic bag fee would also be very helpful. We pick up hundreds and thousands of plastic bags." Volunteers who participated in the cleanup effort included: Girl Scout Brownie Troop 922; Brownie Troop 3551; Cadette Girl Scout Troop 1813; Cub Scout Den 888; Junior Girl Scout Troop



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**The cleanup crew includes Nina Shute and Creekside Village youths (front row) and members of the Air Force National Capital Region Wade Davis, John Balkey, David Wilson and Haahsean Barnes.**



PHOTO BY ZELDA SHUTE

**Nina Shute and Betsy Martin at Creekside Village.**

128. In addition, volunteers included Junior ROTC members from West Potomac High School and several Air Force National Capital Region fliers, Amundson Fellows, Judge Ian O'Flaherty, Mort Isler, Vi Garbar, Joe Bavaria, and a Girl Scout Nina Shute, who is working toward her Gold Medal Award. In addition to volunteering in the cleanup effort Shute is conducting environmental workshops for the children of Creekside Village Apartments.

For information on Friends of Little Hunting Creek, see [www.friendsoflittlehuntingcreek.org](http://www.friendsoflittlehuntingcreek.org).



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# Value-added Evaluation?

## TJ admissions illustrate growing gap between “haves” and “have-nots.”

More than 181,000 students attend Fairfax County Public Schools. So why do the 480 students who were accepted for next year’s freshman class at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology seem so important?

Fairfax County Public Schools have a single elite magnet school, Thomas Jefferson, and TJ is frequently referred to as the top high school in the country. Dramatic disparity in the makeup of admissions at TJ is an indicator of disparity in early identification of students as gifted and talented, of access to advanced classes and enrichment, and in the basic education that the Fairfax County Public school system offers to all of its students.

❖ Fully 25 percent of students in Fairfax County Public Schools are poor enough to qualify for subsidized meals. Less than one percent of the incoming class at TJ is similarly economically disadvantaged.

❖ White students will make up just 25 percent of the incoming freshman class at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology; 43 percent of FCPS students overall are white.

❖ Asian students will make up 66 percent of the incoming freshman class at TJ; 19 percent of FCPS students overall are Asian.

❖ Hispanic students will make up just 3.1 percent of the incoming freshman class at TJ; 22 percent of FCPS students overall are Hispanic.

❖ Black students will make up just one percent of the incoming freshman class at TJ; 10 percent of FCPS students overall are African American.

The local chapter of the NAACP and a group called Coalition of the Silence, led by former school board member Tina Hone, last year filed a civil rights complaint with the Justice Department alleging that FCPS is essentially running “separate-but-unequal” schools systems.

In a statement this month, Hone recently said there is “stark underrepresentation of Black and Latino students at the elementary and middle school level who are identified as eligible to receive instruction at a Gifted and Talented and/or Advanced Academic Program center. ... Because so few Black or Latino students (or poor students) receive instruction through these centers and because the instruction in these centers is so robust, the pipeline of talented Black, Latino and poor students who are able to compete successfully for admission to TJ is choked.”

The underrepresentation of poor students is in many ways more disturbing than the racial disparities. While the concept of “value added” has been controversial in teacher evaluations

## Demographics:

FCPS		Incoming TJ
African American:	10.4%	1%
Asian American:	19.3%	66%
Hispanic:	22.1%	3%
White:	43.1%	25%
Subsidized Meals	25%	1%

(the sample size is too small for that) FCPS could rightly be evaluated on the value added.

Are its top performing schools really based on the value that relatively wealthy families are able to devote to their children’s education? Books, computers, tablets and more at home, enrichment programs and camps, tutors, and attention from well educated parents are the main ingredients to FCPS success.

Perhaps it is best to measure the value added by FCPS based on the performance of its poorest students, the 25 percent who qualify for subsidized meals, and who bring the smallest resources from home to the table.

The School Board has named a new superintendent, pending some final details. She is Dr. Karen Garza, currently superintendent of the Lubbock Independent School District, which serves approximately 30,000 students in Lubbock, Texas.

Before that she served as the chief academic officer of the Houston Independent School District, the seventh largest school district in the country with more than 200,000 students. She faces tremendous opportunity here in Northern Virginia.

## EDITORIAL

## POETRY

## Smiles Through Sorrow

*A dedication to Lady Washington  
So aptly portrayed by Mary Wiseman*

My daughter died today.  
Dear Patsy who was but seventeen,  
Another piece of my heart broken and dissolved in tears  
I clasped her precious hand and thought I would not survive this time  
My babies, Daniel, and too many others . . .  
Then I felt your hand on my shoulder,  
A reminder you shared my grief, and I was not alone.  
Your quiet, wordless strength gave me comfort,  
And I smiled up at you through my sorrow.

The war began today.  
A Revolution like no other,  
Standing tall, you were their chosen Commander of course.  
You clasped me close and bade farewell, saying the country needed you.  
I could not bear the long separation,  
Gathering medicines and blankets, I went to you in the terrible winters.  
Our poor soldiers, ravaged by hunger and shivering in the snow,  
Thanked me as my tears welled,  
But I smiled at them through my sorrow.

My son died today.  
Not in battle, but of fever, a worse enemy to me.  
His young wife and I hastened from our home,  
And you from battle, to where he lay.  
We watched the waning of his bright, young life.  
At home, I gathered his little ones to my breast,  
Knowing they will scarce remember their dear father.  
I gazed upon them and saw my Jacky in their sweet faces.  
And I smiled at them through my sorrow.

My husband died today.  
Not a general, not a president, but my Beloved.  
The nation mourns, but cannot match the depth of my despair.  
Your dear letters both comfort me and renew my grief  
As I read them one last time and watch each slowly burn,  
The wisps of smoke remind me of the days that are no more



**Mary Wiseman as Martha Washington and Tricia O'Neill-Politte, an interpreter at Mount Vernon Estate.**

But my memories last, forty-one years of a shared life.  
Knowing I shall soon follow, I lift my face to the heavens  
And I smile up at you through my sorrow.

— TRICIA O'NEILL-POLITTE

*The writer is an interpreter at Mount Vernon Estate.*

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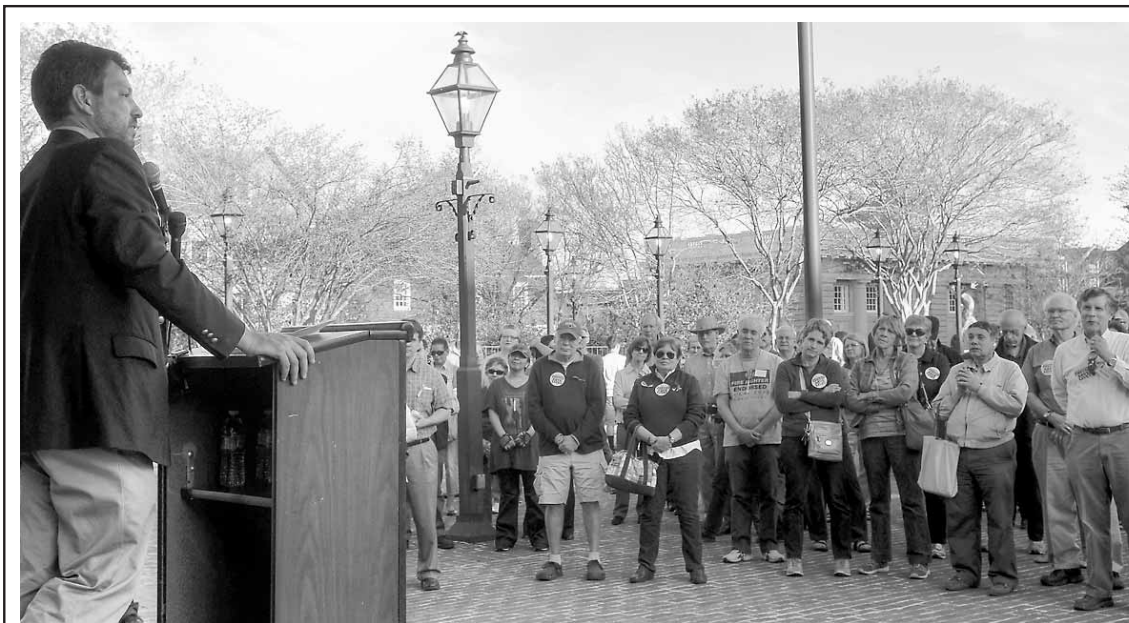


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### At Vigil

Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) addresses those gathered in Alexandria's Market Square for "We Have Not Forgotten and We Demand Action Candlelight Vigil" on Saturday evening, April 13. The candlelight vigil was sponsored by Organizing for Action and Alexandria's Concerned Citizens against Gun Violence. Other local organizations supporting the event included the Million Mom March of Northern Virginia, and Moms Demand Action and MOURN — Mothers United for Reform Now. Other speakers included: U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), state Sen. Rob Krupicka (D-45), Del. Alfonso Lopez (D-49), Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, Alexandria Vice Mayor Allison Silberberg, former Alexandria Mayor Kerry Donley, human rights advocate William Killibrew, director of the 13-City Gang Prevention Network John Calhoun, Laura Fisher and Laurie Chidlow of Mothers United for Reform Now (MOURN), President of the Virginia Chapter of the Million Mom March Martina Leinz, Peter Read, father of Mary Read who was one of the victims of the Virginia Tech Massacre and the Rev. Jonathan Butler and the Rev. Gregory Johnson of Alfred St. Baptist Church.

## POETRY

### Nature

By Asher Ager  
5th Grade  
Hollin Meadows ES

Birds, animals, weeds, and all other beings,  
Spring approaches, though that might not seem now,  
All the beasts, plants, towers, flowers, and things,  
Can feel the warmth seeping through cold winter's gown,  
Inofficially marking the new spring,  
The very official holiday will still cling,  
The answer to global warming is clear,  
We must step up and take charge of the day,  
Grab a tool may it be shovel; or spade  
If you want to help this is the way,  
With any effort changes will be made,  
One of the enjoyable holidays,  
Earth Day is fun let it stay as it may.

### Life at the Beach

By Abby Maher, Emma Eby and Abby Smith  
6th Grade  
Stratford Landing ES

The waves crash along the sprawling shore  
The salt in my hair, the sand on my spine  
Catamarans will sail the ocean more  
Sand castles appear along the shoreline  
Seagulls screech above the turquoise water  
The dolphins splash and play throughout the day  
The sun beats on me as it gets hotter  
Sunglasses shield my eyes from the harsh rays  
The freezing cold ice cream drips down my hand  
The colorful reef is slowly dying  
Late at night crabs scuttle across the sand  
The mermaid's luscious long hair is flying  
After paddle boarding, we leave so wet  
We look for the green flash as the sun sets.

### Spring Blooms

By Bridget Kennedy  
6th Grade  
Hollin Meadows ES

Star-shaped blossoms, hearts, or circles and squares  
Tinted in each color of the rainbow  
Marigolds, lilies, middles with blond hairs  
Train stops for birds, bees, butterflies to know  
Birthplaces for new life and new supplies  
Grow in trees, earth, and vine near sun and rain  
Signs of new seasons, these people rely  
On the time of spring blooms, to heat their pain  
In cherry blossoms and fruit trees nearby,  
Spring is arriving, in crocuses, now,  
In daffodils, roses and daisies lie,  
The thought of warmth, green and soft, fluffy clouds  
The looks and smells of them help remind me  
The hard things always have simplicity.

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Past president of the Alexandria Potomac Little League Pat Malone gets a handshake from 7-year-old Angelique Long. In background is current league president Martin Long.



The Potomac National mascot Uncle Slam greets the young players on the field at opening day.



Little League Virginia District 9 Administrator John Donaldson throws another pitch home.



Carl Sandburg Middle School student Cameron Long sings the National Anthem at the Alexandria Potomac Little League opening day ceremonies.

**C**elebrating 10 years, players, coaches and volunteers held opening day ceremonies at Bucknell Elementary School on Saturday morning, April 13. This year's sponsors include: AES, Beyer Subaru, Blackberry, BSN Sports, Sick's Sporting Goods, Dick's Trophies, Don Beyer Volvo, Dutzman Family, First Command Financial Services, Fort Hunt Body & Sol, Giant Foods, Holden & Sons, Hughes Orthodontics, Irish Plumber, Larson Orthodontics, Memory Makers, Mercedes-Benz of Alexandria, Ourisman of Virginia, RAM Technologies and TAS-Corp.



Duncan Hoag leads the players in the Little League Pledge.



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### ONGOING

**Spring Classes.** Art at the Center, 2804 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-10 can participate. Register at [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or 703-201-1250.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Tuesday, April 23. Open Friday-Wednesday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Thursday 1-9 p.m. Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery announces the opening of the juried show "Sculptural Elements." Located located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street. Free Admission. Visit [www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com](http://www.Potomacfiberartsgallery.com) or call 703-548-0935.

**Art Exhibit.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. "Spotlight," an exhibition of acrylic paintings on canvas by Lukman Ahmad, will be on display in the Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery, 3001 N. Beauregard St. through Sunday, April 28. Visit [www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter/gallery.html](http://www.nvcc.edu/alexandria/schlesingercenter/gallery.html).

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, April 28 see "Turn on Your Masters" at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. The artists pay homage to, praise, critique or dish the artists who have influenced them. Free. Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) for more.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, April 28 see "Trash Talk" at Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The exhibit focuses on everyday common objects that are reclaimed, recycled and transformed into art. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target) for more.

**Tavern Toddlers.** Mondays, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Mondays through the end of April. Designed for walkers through 36 months and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime in Gadsby's historic ballroom. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Art Exhibit.** See Multiple Exposures Gallery "Dual Show" by Eric Johnson and Susan Meyers through Sunday, May 5. Located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Free. Visit [www.multipleexposuresgallery.com](http://www.multipleexposuresgallery.com)

or 703-683-2205.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Monday, May 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at the the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Studio 21. Linda Lawler presents "Everyday Gods and Goddesses." Free. Call 703-683-1780 or visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

**Art Exhibit.** Through May 11. Local artist Nicholaus Aman attempts to express the compelling nature of the Pacific coast through his solo exhibition, "Pacific Pulse," at Alexandria's Artspace 109 Gallery, 109 N. Fairfax St. The gallery hours are: Tuesday through Friday noon-5 p.m., Saturdays 11 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays noon-5 p.m.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Sunday, May 26, Thursday, Friday and Sunday noon-4 p.m.; Saturday 1-4 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See works by Mary Margaret Pipkin. Free. Visit [www.mmpipkin.com](http://www.mmpipkin.com).

**Walking Tour.** Saturdays in May, 9 a.m., take a three-hour walking tour of Lee-Fendall House, Gadsby's Tavern museum, Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum and Carlyle House. Meets at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St., and ends at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. \$25/person; \$20/volunteers and friends group members of the four sites. Tickets at [www.historicalalexandria.org](http://www.historicalalexandria.org) or 703-746-4242.

**Art Exhibit.** Through Tuesday, June 25, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at River Farm Gardens, East Blvd. Come see "Elegance of Spring."

**Distillery Open.** George Washington's Distillery and Gristmill open through Oct. 1. \$17/adult, \$8/child, 5 and under are free.

**Occupied City: Life in Civil War Alexandria Exhibition.** At The Lyceum, Alexandria's History

Museum, 201 South Washington Street. Open daily through September, this exhibit traces life in Alexandria following Virginia's decision to secede from the Union in May 1861. The Lyceum is open Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, from 1-5 p.m. Suggested admission is \$2. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or call 703-746-4994.

**Life Drawing.** Del Ray Artisans offers a range of open life drawing sessions to hone your figure drawing skills. Just drop-in with your supplies to draw our live models. Fee: \$8-12. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

### THURSDAY/APRIL 18

**Music.** Joe Pug will play at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Hall. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

**Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Guy Gugliotta, an award winning reporter and writer will speak on his recent book "Freedom's Cap." This is the story of the 1850's expansion of the U.S. Capitol, the coming of the Civil War and the amazing and ironic role Jefferson Davis played in pursuing this project. Free.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library,

2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Little One-Ders.** 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Friends of Beatley Library Preview Book Sale.** 4 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Membership available at the door. 703-746-1702.

**Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Paws to Read.** 5:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades 1-6 can read to friendly dogs. Registration required, 703-746-1702 x5.

**Book Club.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Free. Call 703-746-1743 for title.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Guy Gugliotta will speak on his recent book "Freedom's Cap." Free. Visit <http://www.alexandriahistorical.org/>.

**Lecture.** 10 a.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Model Railroad Club presents a program on the history of the railroad depot in the United States. Free. Call 703-765-4573.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 19

**Spring Garden Market.** 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at River Farm. Browse through a variety of plants including natives, annuals, shrubs, vegetables and

more, garden supplies and garden art. \$5 parking fee. 703-768-5700 or e-mail [plantsale@ahs.org](mailto:plantsale@ahs.org).

**Music Performance.** Fusebox performs at Old Town Theater, 815 W King St. Visit [www.oldtowntheater1914.com/](http://www.oldtowntheater1914.com/) for more.

**Spring into Books.** 4-8:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Browse through books in a variety of genres, including children's, fiction, non-fiction and more. 703-746-1702.

**Theater Performance.** 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The T.C. Williams Drama Department presents "The Wiz," a musical retelling of The Wizard of Oz set against an urban background to music with a mixture of rock, gospel and soul. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for ACPs staff, students and senior citizens.

**Choral Concert.** 7:30 p.m. St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Watch the choral voices of Calmus before their Lincoln Center debut, featuring a free wine and beer reception following the concert. Tickets are \$22-25; can also be purchased at the door. To purchase, call 703-683-6040.

**Jelly Bean Math.** 4 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children in grades K-3 can read a story and explore math concepts using jelly beans. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Theater Performance.** 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Ln. Port City Playhouse, Alexandria's award-winning theatre company, is pleased to conclude its 2012-13 season with "Six Degrees of Separation" by John Guare. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of 10 or more.

**Dance.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Rd. Community Dance with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

**Theater Performance.** 7 p.m. at George Washington auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch as George Washington students bring to life a Caribbean version of "The Little Mermaid." \$5/person and available 45 minutes before each performance.

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## Get Crafty

Del Ray Artisans' Craft Night Social provides uninterrupted time to work on a project in progress or start a new one. It is also an opportunity to get to know other creative individuals. The first Craft Night Social is Tuesday, April 23 from 5-9 p.m. The evening is open to all who knit, crochet, sew, scrapbook, make cards or jewelry, or any other fiber, paper or general craft that does not involve wet media other than glue. Each crafter will receive 2-3 feet of table space. Each four-hour session is \$8 for Del Ray Artisans members and \$10 for non-members. Space is limited; register at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft). For questions about Craft Night Social, contact Lisa at [artenuestra@yahoo.com](mailto:artenuestra@yahoo.com).

Additional Craft Night Socials are planned for June 25, Aug. 27 and Oct. 22. All Craft Night Socials will be held at Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft).



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**Student Design Competition.** Come see Woodlawn transformed from a historic house museum into a comfortable and stylish home for 21st century living. \$20. Call 703-780-4000.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 20

**Garden Markets.** 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Local growers have shrubs, native plants and wildflowers, ornamental grasses and unusual perennials and annuals for purchase. Call 703-642-5173.

### Native Plants for the Spring

**Garden.** 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Stroll through the gardens at Green Spring with curatorial horticulturalist Brenda Skarphol and discover beautiful native plants with spring interest for both shady and sunny sites. \$18. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173.

**Math for Gardeners.** 10-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Green Spring Gardens' manager Mary Olien takes the pain out of garden calculations by sharing her garden math secrets. Bring calculator, tape measure and ruler. \$18. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173.

**Gettysburg Tour.** Tour starts at 8 a.m. Learn about the battle of Gettysburg and visit the historical sites. Start the day with coffee and donuts at the Franconia Museum, 6121 Franconia Road. \$100 per person. Includes Bus Ride, Buffet Lunch (including gratuity) and a Snack Card to spend on the way home, as well as all entrance fees. Contact Don Hakenson at 703-971-4984 or [dhakenson@cox.net](mailto:dhakenson@cox.net), Carl Sell at 703-971-4716 or [sellcarl@aol.com](mailto:sellcarl@aol.com), or Ben Trittipoe at 703-530-0829 or [bttrippoe@verizon.net](mailto:bttrippoe@verizon.net).

**Spring Garden Market.** 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at River Farm. Browse through a variety of plants including natives, annuals, shrubs, vegetables and more, garden supplies and garden art. \$5 parking fee. 703-768-5700 or e-mail [plantsale@ahs.org](mailto:plantsale@ahs.org).

**Annual City-wide Cheerleading Competition.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School. Admission fees apply.

**80th Annual Historic Garden Tour of Alexandria.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. This Alexandria tradition offers the rare opportunity to be invited into some of Old Town's finest private homes and gardens. Many of the area's historic sites offer special activities, including Carlyle House's annual herb sale. Visit [www.vagardenweek.org](http://www.vagardenweek.org) or [www.visitalexandriava.com](http://www.visitalexandriava.com).

**Spring into Books.** 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.



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## Anne Hills

Focus Music presents folk singer/songwriter Anne Hills, with special guest Jesse Palidofsky, Sunday, April 21, 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at [FocusMusic.org](http://FocusMusic.org). Info: 703-380-3151 or [herb@focusmusic.org](mailto:herb@focusmusic.org). Focus Alexandria, a volunteer-run local nonprofit, presents monthly folk and acoustic music shows, usually on the third Sunday night of the month. Next, on May 19, is singer/ humorist Don White.

at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Browse through books in a variety of genres, including children's, fiction, non-fiction and more. 703-746-1702.

**Theater Performance.** 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. The T.C. Williams Drama Department presents "The Wiz", a musical retelling of The Wizard of Oz set against an urban background to music with a mixture of rock, gospel and soul. Tickets are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for ACPs staff, students and senior citizens.

**Raptor Rapture.** 10 a.m.-noon Belle Haven picnic area. Celebrate Earth Day and learn about birds of prey. Free. Visit [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org) or call 703-289-2500.

**Saturday Stories.** 11 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories and songs. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Antique Books Roadshow.** Noon at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Rare book expert Allan Stypek from

Second Story Books will help determine the value of prized volumes. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Pet Portrait Day.** 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Reserve a portrait session for your pet. Make reservations at the Information Desk. \$10 sitting fee required at sign-up and will benefit the library. Visit [www.lilpalsva.com](http://www.lilpalsva.com) for more.

**Alexandria Earth Day 2013.** 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Browse exhibits, watch demonstrations, children can take part in activities and more. Free. Visit <http://alexearthday.org> for more.

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Rd. Come see the Virginia Bronze handbell ensemble in concert. \$20/\$15 seniors/\$10 students and teachers. Call 703-765-4342.

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**Benefit.** 3-6 p.m. at Bugsy's Pizza Restaurant and Sport Bar, 111 King St. Enjoy a silent auction and more. Proceeds benefit the St. Baldrick's Foundation, a volunteer-driven charity dedication to raising money for childhood cancer research. Free.

**Theater Performance.** 7 p.m. at George Washington auditorium, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch as George Washington students bring to life a Caribbean version of "The Little Mermaid." \$5/person and available 45 minutes before each performance.

**Performance.** 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs with Elizabeth Pitcairn. \$40/adult; \$35/senior; \$15/student; \$5/youth. Purchase online at [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or 703-548-0885.

**Snapshot Day.** Tweet comments and photos about appreciation for Alexandria libraries to @alexlibraryva or visit Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., and speak to staff about what the library means to you.

### SUNDAY/APRIL 21

**5k Walk.** 4:30 p.m. at Fairfax Corner. Enjoy a resource fair, live music and more. Hosted by the Victims Services Section of the Fairfax County Police Department and the Fairfax County Law Enforcement Foundation. Register at [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/crimevictimsrights.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/survey/crimevictimsrights.htm).

**Spring into Books.** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Browse through books in a variety of genres, including children's, fiction, non-fiction and more. 703-746-1702.

**Concert.** 3 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. David Teie conducts the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra in a performance of Mozart's Posthorn Serenade. In addition, Joel Fuller and Mahoko Eguchi perform Mozart's Sinfonia Concertante. \$25/general admission, \$20/seniors, students are free. Call 703-635-2770 or visit [eclipseco.org](http://eclipseco.org).

**Open House.** Noon-6 p.m. Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St. Brides- and grooms-to-be can learn how to make their wedding everything they dreamed, in a local, eco-friendly and fair trade way, at the Fair Trade Wedding Open House. Free. Call 703-684-1435.

**Concert.** 7 p.m. Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Singer Anne Hills performs with special guest Jesse Palidofsky. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at [FocusMusic.org](http://FocusMusic.org). For more information, call 703-380-3151 or go to [herb@focusmusic.org](http://herb@focusmusic.org).

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### SUNDAY-MONDAY/APRIL 21-22

**Gardening Sale.** Spring blooms are in the air at The Attic, 125 S. Union St. Stop by for truckloads of plants and spring bulbs to get you in the green thumb mood. There will also be an Earth Day book signing, pick-a-flower prize discounts at checkout and

flower craft making for kids. Visit [www.christmasattic.com](http://www.christmasattic.com).

### MONDAY/APRIL 22

**Music.** Leo Kottke performs at 7:30 in the Music Hall at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. \$35. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500.

**German Story Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to age 5 can enjoy stories in Spanish. Free. 703-46-1705.

**Little One-Ders.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Baby Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to 11 months can hear stories and more. Sign up half-hour before it begins. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Animal Shelter Visit.** 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in ages K-5 can learn about animals, their habits, care and training. Animals usually come along for a visit. 703-746-1705.

**Read, Sing & Play Baby.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

### TUESDAY/APRIL 23

**Craft Night Social.** 5-9 p.m. at Del Ray Artisans. Bring unfinished projects that are in progress and be social with other creative individuals. \$8 DRA members / \$10 non-members. Register: [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/craft).

**Music Performance.** The Milk Carton Kids will perform at Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Hall. Visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com) or 703-549-7500 for tickets.

**Stories and Songs.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-4 can enjoy stories and more. Sign up half-hour before. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Stories to Grow On.** 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Tuesday Tots.** 11 a.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1704.

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**Game Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 8-12 can play with their friends. Free. 703-746-1702.

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## APRIL 23 THROUGH MAY 19

**Art Exhibit.** See “Ode to Hundertwasser” at Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery in Studio 18 at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. See works from local artists inspired by paintings by Austrian painter Hundertwasser. Free. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org) for more.

## WEDNESDAY/APRIL 24

**Mother Goose Time.** 10:15 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy games, rhymes and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Time For 2s.** 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children age 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Stories to Grow On.** 11 a.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children age 2 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children up to 11 months can enjoy rhymes and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Spanish Story Time.** 1 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All abilities and all levels can join in for stories. Free. 703-746-1702.

**Author Series.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Local author and historian George Gwalt will discuss his book “George Mason and George Washington: The Power Principle.” 703-746-1743.

**Lego Family Night.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. The whole family can enjoy an evening of creative play. Free. 703-746-1702.

## APRIL 24 THROUGH MAY 10

**Chance to Win.** Visit [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org) for information on how you can enter a drawing to win a four-hour Friday or Sunday rental of the Athenaeum, a \$1,000 to \$1,400 value.

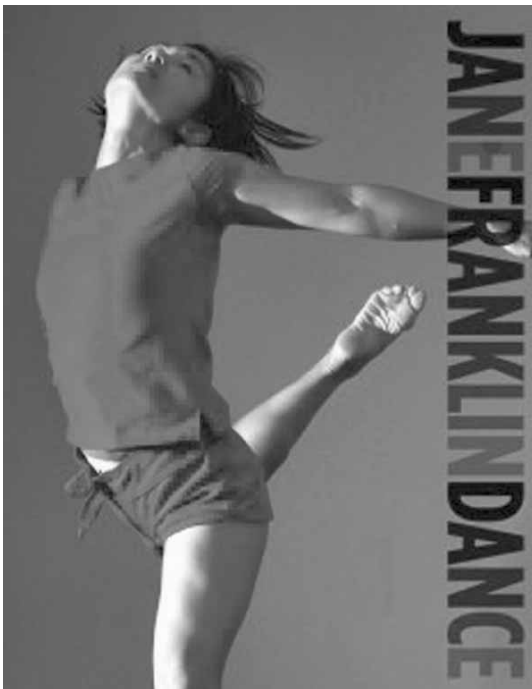
## THURSDAY/APR. 25

**Art Focus Group.** 7:30-9 p.m. Making Mosaics - The Math and Art of Mosaic Making. Classes are \$25 each or \$200 for the 10 class series. A school or group of teachers can share the registration for the full series. At 2804 Sherwood Hall Ln. Call 703-201-1250.

**Garden Stroll and Tea.** 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Tour some of the glorious demonstration gardens with a master gardener docent who tell stories of Green Spring past and present. Afterwards, enjoy a traditional English afternoon tea served in our 1784 historic house. \$28. Call 703-914-7987 to register.

**Mother Goose Time.** 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months can enjoy stories, activities and more. Limited to 25 children. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library,



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## Green Fits Menthol

The Friends of Torpedo Factory Art Center present Jane Franklin Dance on May 2, 7:30 p.m. at Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N Union St. The event begins in the brick area behind the Factory leading from King Street to the boardwalk, then continues inside on the ground floor level. Outdoors, the company performs “Take A Deep Breath” with music by local composer William Wytold Lebing. Inside, “Vivid Sense of Place,” music by Steven Rogers, features six dancers in a work inspired by the distant landscapes of painter Freya Grand. In “Green Fits Menthol” solo dances confined to colored strips the length of the ground floor level, test associations and attractions within a specific color. Admission is free, donation is suggested. Call 703-933-1111

5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories, activities and more. Free. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Story Time.** 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1705.

**Little One-Ders.** 11:15 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Registration required, 703-746-1702 ext. 5.

**Story Time.** 4 p.m. at Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3 and up can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-746-1703.

**Blockbuster Thursday.** 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Watch a movie. Free. Call 703-746-1702 or visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

**World Short Story Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 1015 N. Quincy St. Free. Call for title. 703-746-1779.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children age 3-6 can come dressed in their favorite outfit/pajamas and listen to stories. Free. 703-746-1704.

**Poetry Reading.** 6:30 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. The culminating event in Alexandria's National Poetry Month activities, Mapping Alexandria in Poems and Pictures features readings of poems about Alexandria with Poet Laureate Amy Young. Free.

## APRIL 25 THROUGH JUNE 2

**Theater Performance.** MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St., presents “Ghost-Writer.” Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m.; Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45-\$55; \$25/student. Visit [www.metrostage.org](http://www.metrostage.org) or 703-548-9044 for tickets.

## FRIDAY/APR. 26

**Junior Brown.** \$25. The Birchmere Music Hall is located at 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Call 703-549-7500 or visit [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com).

**Basic Gardening: Easy Makeover Tips.** 1:30-2:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. This ‘Do-over’ class will help determine your needs to create a garden that matches personal style. \$10. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org) or call 703-642-5173 to register.

**Ballet Performance.** 6:30 p.m. Come see the Virginia Ballet Company's working stage rehearsal of the Don Quixote ballet at the Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Tickets are \$10 plus a \$2 fee per each ticket. Visit [www.virginiaballetcompany.org](http://www.virginiaballetcompany.org) or call 703-249-8227.

**Theater Performance.** 8 p.m. at Port City Playhouse, 1819 N. Quaker Lane. Port City Playhouse, Alexandria's award-winning theatre company, is pleased to conclude its 2012-13 season with “Six Degrees of Separation” by John Guare. General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors, military and students, and \$14 for groups of 10 or more.

**Poetry Performance.** 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Shelly Bell performs slam poetry. Free.

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# Volunteers on Trail Patrol

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supports those responsibilities in an effective and personal way. MVTP volunteers assist in medical and mechanical emergencies, educate trail users of proper trail safety rules and etiquette, and inform park rangers of trail conditions and incidents, provide services at outdoor races and events. I have greatly enjoyed my time with the volunteers and never cease to be amazed how dedicated and diligent this diverse group of Trail Patrollers are."

Describing the Mount Vernon Trail Patrol's geographic area, Gamble said, "The MVTP trail runs 18.5 miles beginning at the Mount Vernon parking lot adjacent to the George Washington estate circle drive in the southern end of the Mount Vernon parkway, extends north along the Potomac river, includes a 1.5 mile loop at Fort Hunt Park, and continues north to Theodore Roosevelt Island on the Potomac river across from the District of Columbia. This multi use trail is visited by over 1 million users annually, and is one of the most used trails in the U.S. It was originally built in 1973 and paved in 1975."

There are currently 20 volunteers in the program.

## More

### Geographic Destinations Frequented by the Trail Patrol Volunteers:

Destinations /Places of Interest Mile Marker  
Mount Vernon Estate Parking Lot 0  
Riverside Park 1  
Fort Hunt Park 3  
Collingwood Picnic Area 4  
Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve 6  
Belle Haven Park 7  
Jones Point Park 8  
City of Alexandria 8-11  
Daingerfield Island 12  
Gravelly Point 15  
Lady Bird Johnson Park 15-17  
Navy-Marine Corps Memorial 16  
LBJ Memorial 16  
Theodore Roosevelt Island 18

"We provide training on the job through a mentoring program," Gamble said. "Trail volunteers must take a walk or bike ride with the Ranger Trail Patrol Coordinator two times before they are authorized to serve. Guidelines in a handbook and training manual are also issued. Vests or jackets and first aid kits are provided by the NPS and paid for through our volunteer account. Individual volunteers use their own bikes. We have supplied bike repair kits and other items on request."

## Trail Patrol Volunteer Reports

Trail Patrol volunteers are required to call Ranger's or Park Police when they encounter incidents that need immediate attention. They are also required to send two written reports a month on their observations and concerns to the Park Ranger Coordinator. Excerpts of past patroller reports include:

❖ "One of the runners I just spoke with had just tripped and fallen on bridge #23" ... "she was not seriously hurt" .... "she said she tripped on a loose rotten board or one of the nails protruding" ... "getting bridge #23 repaired needs to become a priority before someone gets seriously hurt."

❖ "Lots of bikers with no helmet" ..... "one lady suffering mild heat exhaustion and looking for a store" ... "I gave her a bottle of water."

❖ "I came across an unsavory character who kept shouting obscenities at me and everyone else" .... "I called Park police" ... "obviously mentally ill" ... "police warned him that he was being watched."

❖ "Rider voiced concern that more bikers on the trail were going dangerously fast and endanger other riders when speeding around tight corners" ... "told him trail patrollers aware of this and encouraging bikers to obey rules of the trail."

❖ "I came across a 49-year-old male laying on the side of the trail just north of Morningside drive exhausted and sweating profusely" ..... "applied ice pack to his neck" .... "when he did not improve I called NPS police to dispatch emergency service."

❖ "Reminded kids/parents about wearing helmets" .... "helped with one flat."

❖ "One pet off leash; 2 requests for directions; 4 cyclists speeding; 1 cyclist stopped from preparing to run a red light with vehicle approaching" ... "trail very crowded" .... "great day out."



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## Supporting Good Shepherd

**Three for a Song's Karin Paludan, Doug Bowles and pianist Alex Hassan peppered a crowd of more than 300 with 1920s and '30s song, dance and music at the Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services BEL13VE Gala at the Crowne Plaza in Old Town. The event netted over \$218,000 — \$20,000 more than last year in donations from ticket sales and auction items. The Save the Day Super Heroes reverse auction earned more than \$40,000 in donations for GSH emergency services while the Send A Kid to Camp reverse auction raised more than \$30,000.**



**Nick Andrus receives the 2013 Joseph T. Adinaro Humanitarian Award for his volunteer contributions from Cheryl Ellsworth, board chair of Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services which has worked since 1974 to help families in Mount Vernon to avoid homelessness. The award is presented annually to the organization's outstanding volunteer. GHS reported that it served more than 700 clients during 2012.**

**Gala guests Mary Koch and Scott Pitts.**



# New Class, Old Divisions

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untruthfully — that their hands are tied because of the complaint," said Hone. "Their hands are not tied by the complaint. If they make a bona fide effort to fix this problem, no one is going to excoriate them for this."

Torre responded that the admissions policy at the school, known as simply as T.J., has been debated and modified several times to address the diversity issue. And yet even though the division wants to promote diversity, Torre said, the district also wants to maintain the rigor and standards that foster a challenging learning environment focused on math, science and technology.

"This is not a problem that is confined to Fairfax County," said Torre in an email response to Hone's comments. "The underrepresentation of students from culturally and ethnically diverse socioeconomic status backgrounds in gifted and talented programs across the United States is one of the most critical problems facing public

educators today."

**THE DEMOGRAPHICS** show that 10 percent of the students who apply to the governor's school live in poverty. And yet only 1 percent of the those accepted qualify for free or reduced lunch.

Asians and whites are more likely to be accepted than blacks or Hispanics. Meanwhile, the school is pressing forward with a \$90 million renovation that will increase the size of the building by 50 percent. The renovations include state-of-the-art laboratories for neuroscience, a wave tank for oceanography students and an optics lab equipped with lasers.

"For some reason, the School Board can find money for T.J. but they can't find money for the planetarium at Carl Sandburg Middle School," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44).

"They want some kids to have science, and other kids not to have access."

## BULLETIN BOARD

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### THURSDAY/APRIL 25

**Meeting.** 6:30-9 p.m. at Virginia Hills Administration Center, 6520 Diana Lane. Colonial Republican Women will meet. Refreshments will be served. E-mail colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com or 703-624-3252.

### FRIDAY/APRIL 26

**Application Deadline.** Students can apply for the 2013 Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce Education Partnership scholarship. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors in the Mount Vernon and Lee districts pursuing education in a business related field. Visit [www.mtvernon-leechamber.org](http://www.mtvernon-leechamber.org) or 703-360-6925 or high school career centers for applications.

### FRIDAY-SUNDAY/APRIL 26-28

**Ice Skating Competition.** 9 a.m. Ice skaters from around the region will compete at Mount Vernon RECenter's 35<sup>th</sup> annual Cherry Blossom Ice Skating Competition. The public is invited to

watch Olympic hopefuls skate. The competition is open to all qualified eligible skaters who are members in good standing with the U.S. Figure Skating Association and will be governed by the rules of the USFA. More than 100 skaters will compete in events to include basic skills, singles, pairs, couples dance, solo dance, moves/spins/jumps, and showcase. Admission is free to most events. Mount Vernon RECenter is located at 2017 Belle View Blvd. Call Skating Director Carl Kirtley at 703-768-3224 or email [carl.kirtley@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:carl.kirtley@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### SATURDAY/APRIL 27

**Community-wide Yard Sale.** 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at Mount Zephyr community in Mount Vernon.  
**Donations.** The Mount Vernon Evening Lions will be collecting donations for their White Cane Drive at the Belle View Safeway between 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All money will be used for sight projects. Any used eyeglasses and hearing aides will be recycled. Questions contact Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.  
**Colonial Fun Day.** 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Church. Enjoy a pie baking contest, games, food, pony rides, raffle and more. Proceeds benefit the preschool. Free. 703-360-4370.



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Marjorie H. Swett, 93, of Naples, FL, passed over Tuesday, April 9, 2013. Formerly of Alexandria, VA, she had been a Naples resident since 1987. She was born August 20, 1919 in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Peter Leo and Alice Martin Hein. She was a devoted teacher at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, DC before becoming a loving wife and mother. Mrs. Swett is survived by her loving son, Michael Peter Swett of Tampa, FL and her brother Peter Leo Hein Jr. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Timothy Joseph Swett in 2006 and by her dear daughter, Theresa Margaret Swett in 2005. A graveside committal service will be held Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. at the St John the Evangelist Catholic Church Memorial Garden, 625 111th Ave. N., Naples. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to Hospice in your local area.

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# West Potomac Baseball Ranked No. 6

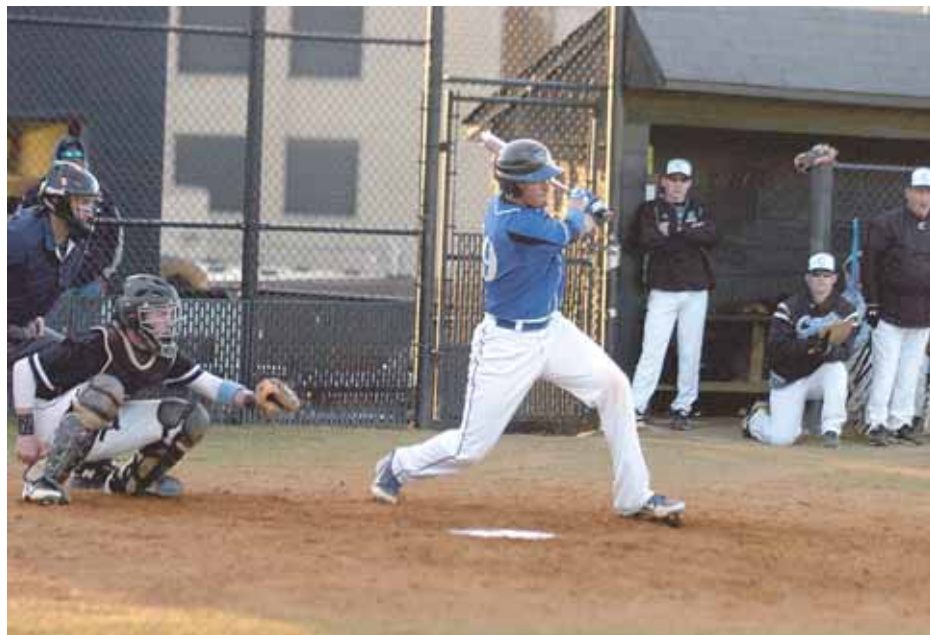
**T**he West Potomac baseball team sits at No. 6 in this week's Northern Region baseball coaches poll.

West Potomac lost to South County 7-2 on April 12, dropping its record to 7-4 overall and 3-2 in the Patriot District. The Wolverines faced Lee on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline. West Potomac will host Woodson at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

Madison is ranked No. 1 in the poll, followed by defending Patriot District and state champion Lake Braddock at No. 2 and Oakton at No. 3. Robinson is No. 4, followed by Centreville (5), West Potomac (6), McLean (7) and Fairfax (8). Stone Bridge and T.C. Williams are tied for the No. 9 ranking.

The Liberty District has four teams in the top10, tops among the four districts in the Northern Region. The Patriot and Concorde districts each have three ranked teams.

Chantilly, Yorktown, Langley, Westfield, Washington-Lee and Herndon each received votes.



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**Alex Hauser and the West Potomac baseball team are ranked No. 6 in this week's Northern Region coaches poll.**

## West Potomac Boys' Soccer Falls to TC

The West Potomac boys' soccer team lost to T.C. Williams 3-1 on April 15, dropping its record to 4-2-1, including 1-2 in the Patriot District. The Wolverines suffered back-to-back losses, including a 2-1 defeat against West Springfield on April 11, after a 4-0-1 start.

West Potomac will host Woodson at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

## Mount Vernon's Garza Gets First Win

The Mount Vernon boys' soccer team earned its first win under first-year head coach Tony Garza, beating Falls Church 4-0 on April 15. The defending National District champion Majors improved to 1-3-1,

including 1-1 in the district.

Mount Vernon faced Yorktown on Wednesday, after The Gazette's deadline. The Majors will travel to face Westfield at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 19.

## Mount Vernon Boys' Track and Field Succeeding

After finishing second in the National District during the winter, the Mount Vernon boys' track and field program is performing at a high level during the spring.

The Majors' 4x100-meter relay team posted the second-fastest time in the state at 42.89 seconds. The team is composed of seniors Michael Thomas-Brown, Bashan Williams, Josh Bekoe and freshman Josh McGrigg.

Thomas-Brown recorded the state's best

100-meter dash time of 10.71 seconds and is eighth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.9. He's sixth in the state in the long jump with a mark of 22 feet, 5 1/2 inches.

Thomas-Brown earned first-team All-State and Washington Post first-team All-Met honors last season. Mount Vernon has amassed 31 district qualifiers.

## Mount Vernon Softball Beats Arlington Duo

The Mount Vernon softball team defeated Yorktown 9-6 on Tuesday, one week after beating Washington-Lee 5-4 on April 9. The Majors improved to 7-4 overall and 5-1 in the National District, good for second place behind Hayfield.

Mount Vernon will travel to face Wakefield at 6 p.m. on Friday, April 19.



**Mount Vernon sophomore Kayla Clark, left, and senior Kelly Mejia defend against a Robinson player on April 12. Robinson won, 6-0.**



**Mount Vernon girls' soccer coach Lou Chinchilla is seen during a game against Robinson on April 12. He's in his first season as the head coach of the Majors girls' soccer team.**

## Jensen To Lead Drills at MVAC

Murphy Jensen, 1993 French Open Doubles Tennis Champion, and coach of the WWT Washington Kastles, will be at the Mount Vernon Athletic Club on Friday, April 26 at 6 p.m.

Jensen will participate in the club's Stroke of the Week clinic and will lead drills for those present.

Jensen's tennis experience also includes appearances and hosting various Tennis Channel shows, as well as Hollywood appearances in movies like "Wimbledon" and "Tennis Anyone ...?"

He continues to give tennis workshops, playing exhibition matches and emceeing and speaking at ATP and WTA events. Giving back has always been a priority for Jensen and brother, Luke. The two participate in many charity tennis tournaments and special events — helping to raise money for programs like the Prostate Cancer Foundation.

In 1994, they co-founded the Jensen-Schmidt Tennis Academy with Vince Schmidt — providing tennis instruction for children with Downs Syndrome.

Contact MTVAC for more information at 703-360-7300 or tennis@mtvac.net.

## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon. Photos are welcome.

**Mount Vernon High School** has been awarded a state grant titled the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Community Grant which will enable the school to begin an after-school program benefiting many students. The program will operate Tuesday – Thursday from 2:15-5:15 p.m. A light snack and transportation will be provided to all participants. Students can report to the cafeteria at the beginning of the after-school program and get an application from Ms. Clarke, program manager. Contact Alicia Clarke at [alclarke@fcps.edu](mailto:alclarke@fcps.edu) or 703-619-3100.

**Brendan T. Reilly** was awarded a scholarship by The Catholic University of America's Architecture of Foreign Studies Program and is in the process of completing the graduate program in Barcelona, Spain, Spring of 2013. Brendan graduated Catholic University in 2012, where he was a four-year varsity swimmer and captain. Brendan graduated from Bishop Ireton High School. He is the son of Pete and Crissy Reilly of Alexandria.

Hampden-Sydney College senior **George Forrest Allen** was initiated into the honor society Phi Beta Kappa on Monday, April 8. A Venable Scholar, Forrest serves as a resident advisor. He is a member of the College Republicans, the Fly Fishing Club, and the Beta Theta Pi social fraternity. A foreign affairs major, Forrest is a graduate of West Potomac High School and is the son of George and Susan Allen.

**Queen Martin** has been initiated into the Laurel Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa, the national honor society in leadership at Mary Baldwin College.



# Countdown to College Decision Day

Local college counselors offer advice on making the right choice.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**M**arta Daniels recalls the day when her son Will received his first college acceptance letter.

"He was thrilled," she said. "It was a huge relief to know that he had been accepted somewhere."

But elation soon turned to stress when Will learned that he'd been accepted into all five schools to which he'd applied. "We went from being relieved that he would be going off to college next fall to panicking over whether or not we would choose the best school for Will," said Daniels.

As the May 1 national college decision day looms, the day students must shell out hefty deposits to secure their spots at colleges and universities, students like Daniels are feeling pressure. Most college counselors agree that it's important to make sure the school is a good fit for the student academically, financially and socially, and local counselors share ideas for making the decision less daunting.

They urge students to do a thoughtful assessment of who they are and what they need to thrive in an academic environment. "From community college to the ivy leagues, every school has success stories," said Mike Canfield, director for undergraduate admissions at Marymount University in Arlington. "You can be successful at any school if it is the right one."

Brie Jeweler-Bentz, Psy.D., a psychologist at The School Counseling Group encourages students to ask, "Where to I want to be geographically? Do I need a large campus or a school with an urban campus? Will I go crazy in a small town? Do I want to paint my face and cheer on my Division I sports team?" The school's political and religious climates matter, she said, as does the local weather.

She also stressed that a school must be a



As the May 1 national college decision day looms, high school seniors like Jack Phillips and Elizabeth Cornick of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School must decide which colleges they will attend in the fall.

**"From community college to the ivy leagues ... you can be successful at any school if it is the right one."**

— Mike Canfield,  
director for undergraduate admissions at  
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good fit both socially academically. "A big rah-rah school is great, but academically will the student get lost in a big lecture hall with 400 other students?"

Michael Carter, Ph.D., director of college counseling at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria, said that fit and balance also matter. "Does the student mesh with the school's programs academically

and extracurricularly? Is there a good blend academically, socially and extracurricularly so that the student can have balance?"

One way to answer these questions is to spend time on campus. "Sit in the cafeteria, have lunch and look around at the students," said Jeweler-Bentz. "How do the students dress and talk? Do they have piercings, tattoos and nose rings? Does the school click for you? Does it feel like home?"

Randy Tajan, director of college counseling at St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac, Md., said students should look at colleges through a new lens, that of admitted student. "What is student life like? What about access to professors? Can you be a student and an active citizen? They should think about again why they applied to those schools originally."

A school's atmosphere should not be underestimated, said some counselors.

"Given that our environment often affects us, for better or worse, is this school a good fit for my goals and values?" asked Michael Hude, college counselor at The Heights School in Potomac, Md. He said that students should also ask, "Does it foster an environment that will facilitate the type of growth I'd like both to experience [in college] and take with me for the rest of my life?"

Hude said that the cost of the school is an important consideration: "Will I be going into debt? Does the quality of the education and the school's reputation justify the expense and debt?"

Meg Mayo, director of college counseling at Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Md., agrees. "I think any type of scholarship money if awarded should play into a decision," she said. "I really worry about kids coming out of college loaded down with debt and not finding work right away."

Jeweler-Bentz adds the prospective students should take a look at those who have graduated from the institution. "Some schools have amazing [alumni] networks that can hook graduates up with job opportunities," she said. "It's also important to look at statistics on job and graduate school placement to see how good of a job particular colleges do with their students post-graduation."

Canfield said that once a student has selected a school, the next step is to connect. "Plan for orientation," he said. "Learn the process for registration. Check out the school's fan page on Facebook. Some schools host invitation-only closed social media sites."

Students should also start planning for life on campus. "What [activities are] they going to join when they get to campus? Students who are involved in campus activities or have a job on campus that is limited to 10 hours a week are significantly happier and do better in their classes than their counterparts who have neither," said Canfield.

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