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Bulova Declares Victory

Herrity concedes, down by 1,217 votes.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE GAZETTE

Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) won the special election for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Feb. 3 by a narrow margin of less than two percent.

In a countywide race where 107,713 votes were cast, Bulova beat Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield) by 1,217 votes, according to unofficial results reported by Fairfax County.

Bulova will be sworn in as the county chairman Feb. 6. She follows U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11), who resigned from the position in early January to join the U.S. Congress.

As chairman, Bulova, a 21-year board veteran, has her work cut out for her in 2009.

Fairfax County must close a projected \$650 million budget hole in next year's budget and the supervisors would have to raise the property tax rate 14 to 15 cents just to keep most residents' property taxes approximately the same.

"This is going to be a tough time and I am going to need you to be understanding," said Bulova to the crowd during her victory speech.

THE BULOVA-HERRITY race is the closest high-profile county-wide contest between a Democrat and Republican in several years. With the exception of U.S. Sen. John Warner's last race, Democrats have typically dominated top-of-the-ballot elections in Fairfax for the past eight years.

Mark Warner and Tim Kaine won their respective races for Virginia governor in 2001 and 2005 with 54 percent and 58 percent of the vote in Fairfax County. Democrat U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) beat incumbent U.S. Sen. George Allen (R) with 58 percent of Fairfax's vote in 2006. Both Democratic presidential candidates — John Kerry and Barack Obama — also won Fairfax County, with 52 percent of the vote in 2004

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Weighing Impact of Fiscal Crisis

Hyland's Annual Town Meeting emphasizes money crunch.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

The nation's economic picture was put in local perspective last Saturday, Jan. 31, by Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland and Fairfax County Executive Tony Griffin during Hyland's 22nd Annual Town Meeting in Mount Vernon High School's Little Theater. Both warned of a negative change in the lifestyles of county residents.

"I have not experienced anything like the present fiscal crisis we are now facing during my 22 years on the Board of Supervisors.

This is the first time we have ever opened the budget to citizen review and input," Hyland told attendees.

"Life as we know it in Fairfax County is going to have to change because of the \$650 million shortfall in the projected budget. We can either cut services or raise taxes — or maybe both. I want to know what you want us to do," he said in opening the revamped format of his annual constituent gathering.

THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM was modified to allow for a debate between Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D) and Springfield District Supervisor Pat S. Herrity (R) in their quest for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairmanship. That position was vacated when Gerald Connolly won the 11th Congressional District race to replace retiring Thomas M. Davis III.

Instead of the usual line up of county officials giving individual presentations on various aspects of local government, only Griffin spoke. He presented an overall assessment of the county's fiscal reality.

"We've got to continue to make Mount Vernon District the best we can. And, that will depend on citizen input," Hyland said seated at a podium due to a hip injury he suffered in an automobile accident near the end of last year.



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PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE

Fairfax County Executive Tony Griffin gives his appraisal of the county's upcoming budget.

Griffin began his report by assuring the audience that the fundamentals of Fairfax County are strong. "Three rating agencies from New York City came here recently to analyze us. They continued our AAA rating with a stable outlook. That's the best you can get," he said.

The Mount Vernon town meeting gets under way in the auditorium at Mt. Vernon High School.

"We have one of the best public safety operations in the world. Our Fire and Rescue Department has one of only a couple of teams authorized by the U.S. State Department to travel worldwide to help in disaster situations," Griffin said.

The demand for social services is up over 40 percent as a result of this economy. And, we have taken a hit as far as our six year plan is concerned," he said.

"We have made adjustments in staff. And, for the first time in my tenure we have had to make adjustments in the existing budget to correct for a budget shortfall," Griffin said.

"The projected \$650 million shortfall assumes doing business as usual. This won't happen. We are required by law to adopt a balanced budget. We can't just print money. And, I will deliver a balanced budget to the Board of Supervisors on Feb. 23," he said.

"We are challenged primarily because of the decline in the real estate market. Revenues are down eight percent," Griffin said.

Referring to the last county belt tight

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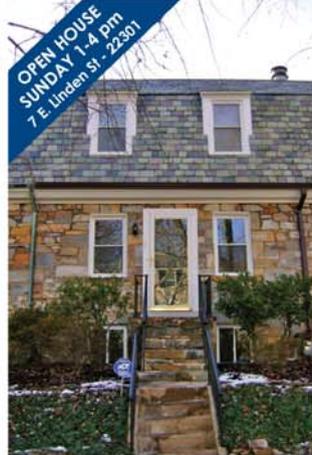
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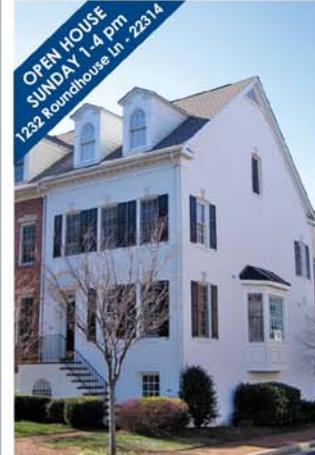


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Chamber Hears Good, Bad And Ugly

Five new Board members elected at annual meeting.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Locally the message was of a bright future. Nationally it was gloom and doom all the way. Those contrasting verbal portraits were delivered by U.S. Rep. James P. Moran (D-8) to members of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce last Thursday night, Jan. 29, during their 55th Annual Meeting at the Mount Vernon Country Club where they also elected five new members to their board of directors.

“We must inject \$800 billion into the economy or it will shut down.”

— U.S. Rep. James P. Moran (D-8)

as here,” Moran said. “This will have an enormous impact on this area — not all positive. Traffic will get even more horrendous,” he said in referring to the increase in personnel coming to the area as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Report (BRAC).

“The ratio of private contractors to military/civilian personnel coming here as a result of BRAC will probably be two to one. There are probably a

total of 30,000 new jobs on the way,” Moran said.

“No place in the nation today has as much of a bright economic future as southeastern Fairfax County. And, no place is about to get so many new, high paying jobs



Newly elected members of the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce, from left to right, Karen Jupiter, Good Shepherd Housing; James Dunn, Knights of Columbus; Ashley McNeff, U.S. Homeland Investigations; Douglas Jones, Rent-All Center; and John Herrity, Alexandria Chevy, pose for a group photo after the results of the Chamber’s Annual Elections were announced during the organization’s 55th Annual Meeting.

“We know that most of those people will be living to the south and most of traffic will be coming from the south. I was able to get money to fix the roads in the area into the Stimulus Bill. But, then I came up against the problem of Military Defense Roads. Only a few roads can be designated Military Defense Roads,” he said.

WHEN IT CAME to the overall economy and the work of the House of Representative in dealing with it through the so-called “Stimulus Bill,” Moran had a very different assessment. “Every economist we have talked with has said we must inject \$800 billion into the economy or it will shut

down,” he said.

“Northern Virginia will lay off 1,250 public employees this year. Real estate values will probably drop another 10 percent to 14 percent. There will be thousands of police officers laid off across the country,” Moran said.

“This new stimulus package is a very difficult bill. I’m not really happy with it but we were told we had to pass it,” he said.

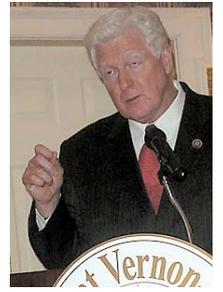
“The first thing we did with the first stimulus bill was throw money at investment banks with little or no controls. On the other hand the commercial banks have done nothing wrong. They have followed prudent guidelines. A prime example is Burke and Herbert,” Moran said.

“The last eight years have seen the high-

est corporate profits in American history. But, 96 percent of the profit went to the top four percent in the country,” he said.

“However, consumer spending from 2002 to 2008 was equal to what people borrowed in home equity loans. That’s the investment bankers. And, when housing valued dropped the tail spin started,” Moran said.

“Next year over one half of home owners in this country will be technically bankrupt. They bought homes they never could afford not realizing that when the first low interest payments were over, the payments would skyrocket. In some cases payments are more than their total income,” Moran said. He cited a case in Northern Virginia where 200 homes in one development were sold on margin with an escalating interest rate. All 200 home owners have now been evicted due to foreclosure. Answering an audience question, Moran said that only 38 percent of the money appropriated in the stimulus bill will be spent in the next two years.



U.S. Rep. James P. Moran (D-8) gives his assessment of the national economic crisis.

FOLLOWING MORAN’S SPEECH, Chamber President Katy Fike announced the winners of the recent board of director elections. They were: Karen Jupiter, Good Shepherd Housing; James Dunn, Knights of Columbus; Ashley McNeff, U.S. Homeland Investigations; Douglas Jones, Rent-All Centers; and John Herrity, Alexandria Chevy.

New officers, as well as new and existing board members, will be officially installed at the chamber’s Installation Extravaganza Feb. 26. The location of that event is yet to be determined.



Student Inaugural Ball

Richard Fox, Patricia Fox, Assistant Principal Jennifer Jacobs, Principal Janet Molan and Gale Malone comprise the receiving line for Clermont Elementary School’s 6th Grade Students’ Inaugural Ball on Jan. 16.



Clermont Elementary School 6th Grade students gather around for photographs with a cut-out of President Barack Obama. The event included lessons on how to tie a tie, making corsages and learning to Waltz.

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SPECIAL ELECTION

Herrity Concedes Chairman Race

Republican chairman candidate came close to a win.

BY MIKE DICICCO
THE GAZETTE

Two hours after the polls closed last night, the shoulder-to-shoulder crowd at J.R.'s Stockyards Inn in McLean was tense but upbeat. Supporters of Supervisor Pat Herrity's (R-Springfield) run for the county chairmanship ate, drank, chatted excitedly and crowded around a screen where poll results were projected from a computer.

A campaign staffer continually refreshed the Web page, but the numbers hadn't changed for half an hour. Still, the gathering around the screen watched and waited. Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) was leading Herrity by about 2,400 out of 65,000 votes counted, but many of the Springfield polling places had not yet reported their results, and the feel-



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE

Julia and Spike Williams show that they're Republicans below the surface.

ing was that the numbers could easily turn around.

In the end, Springfield came through for Herrity, with the second-highest voter turnout in the county — 18.9 percent — favoring the Republican by more than 3 to 2. The only district with higher turnout was Bulova's Braddock District, where her lead was smaller than Herrity's margin in Springfield.

However, by the time Herrity

made his second appearance before the crowd around 10 p.m., faces had become stonier. With almost all of the results in, he was down by about 1,200 votes.

"We ran a very, very great campaign. We ran it against all odds," Herrity told his supporters. "We were underdogs from the start." Former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis stood at his side during the speech, and

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Ann Jones, Mt. Vernon District resident, voting at Whitman Middle School.



Linda Rivero, Mt. Vernon District resident, voting at Whitman Middle School.



William C. Kincannon, Mt. Vernon District resident, voting at Stratford Landing Elementary School.

Local Polls Witness Light Turnout

Voter turnout in Mount Vernon and the southeastern portion of Lee districts was extremely light by early Tuesday afternoon. In three precincts with a total of nearly 12,000 eligible registered voters only 799 had exercised their franchise by 2 p.m.

The highest turnout, as usual, was at the Stratford Landing Elementary School precinct with 421 voted. That was followed by Whitman Middle School voters at 228. The lowest number was recorded at Lee District's Hybla Valley Elementary School polling place with only 150 voters by that hour.

However, in each of those voting locations at that time, voters seemed to prefer Democrat candidate Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova over

Republican candidate Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity. "I think Sharon Bulova will serve us well as Gerry Connolly did," said Ann Jones of Mount Vernon District leaving Walt Whitman Middle School.

Even with the low turnout, William Kincannon said, "There is actually more activity than I thought there would be," as he left the Stratford Landing school.

Linda Rivero, another Walt Whitman voter, said, "I feel it's very important to vote in any election. And, my preference in this election is Sharon Bulova."

At Lee District's Hybla Valley Elementary School Walter and Tammy Washington each cast a vote for Bulova. "I feel very good about voting for Bulova. I believe she'll do a good job," said Walter Washington.

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SPECIAL ELECTION

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/CAZETTE



Supporters of Supervisor Sharon Bulova (D-Braddock) watch election results as they are released during a watch party for chairman of the Fairfax County of Supervisors seat that Bulova won last night. Bulova replaces U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-11) who won a seat in Congress in November.

Close Election in Chairman Race

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and 59 percent of the vote in 2008.

The last two Fairfax County chairmen, Connolly and Democrat Kate Hanley, also won Fairfax County chairman's race by a larger margin than Bulova.

Hanley beat former Supervisor Elaine McConnell (R-Springfield) in a 1995 special election with 52 percent of the vote and approximately 3,500 ballots. During her 1999 re-election campaign, she faced minimal competition from other candidates.

In 2004, Connolly won his first chairman's race by nine points and approximately 17,000 ballots. Connolly then beat Republican candidate Gary Baise by over 20 points and 45,000 votes in 2007.

IN THIS WEEK'S election, Bulova also lost two magisterial districts, Mount Vernon and Dranesville, which Hanley and Connolly had won in the four most recent county chairman elections.

"Herrity was competitive in more magisterial districts than I thought he would be. ... I think the Republicans are very motivated and the Democrats are feeling content," said Scott Surovell, head of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

According to Bulova, Democratic voters may also have been distracted by the winter holidays and historic presidential inauguration during short chairman's campaign.

Connolly added that Bulova also had to overcome Herrity's name recognition. Though Bulova has served on the county board two decades longer than her Republican opponent, Herrity's father, Jack, was a well-known Fairfax County board chairman for 12

years during the 1970s and 1980s.

VOTER TURNOUT countywide was low, 16.1 percent, but higher than several polling place officials said they expected for a special election, particularly given the light snowfall in the morning.

Some residents who do not normally participate in "off year" elections said they felt compelled to show up because of the county's fiscal crisis.

"I do not usually vote in special elections but it seems like we have some financial issues in the county that we need to deal with," said Clifton resident Duane Freer, who supported Herrity.

Others said they had come out because one of the political parties had contacted them and reminded them the election was taking place that day.

"This is my first time voting in a special election. I am a member of the Democratic Women of Clifton and I got an email from them this morning that said we needed to come out and vote," said Dana Jones, a 22 year-old who brought her mother and sister to the polling station with her.

Residents who lived in either Bulova or Herrity's home magisterial districts were also motivated to turn out for the special election. Of the county's nine magisterial districts, Braddock — which Bulova has represented for over 20 years — had the highest voter turnout of 22 percent. Springfield — which Herrity and his father have both represented — had the second highest, with 18.9 percent.

With 11.9 percent, Sully was the magisterial district with the lowest turnout in the special election. It is also the only district besides Herrity's Springfield that is represented by a Republican, Michael Frey, on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

SUPPORTERS expect Bulova will bring a new style to the county chairman's position.

Nearly all of Fairfax County's recent chairman — Connolly, Hanley, Tom Davis, Audrey Moore and Jack Herrity — had "larger than life" personalities. But Bulova has a quiet, more measured leadership style, said Florence Naeve, who worked as Bulova's chief of staff for 20 years.

"Each chairman was right for their time and Sharon is right for the time we face now. ... People feel comfortable with her and both sides of the aisle trust her. She is a calm leader. This is going to be a difficult budget cycle and Sharon is the right person to lead the county now," said Naeve.



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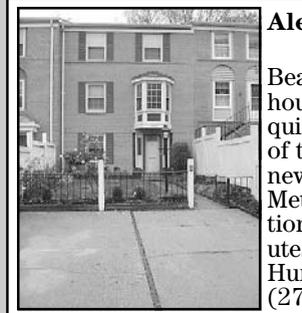
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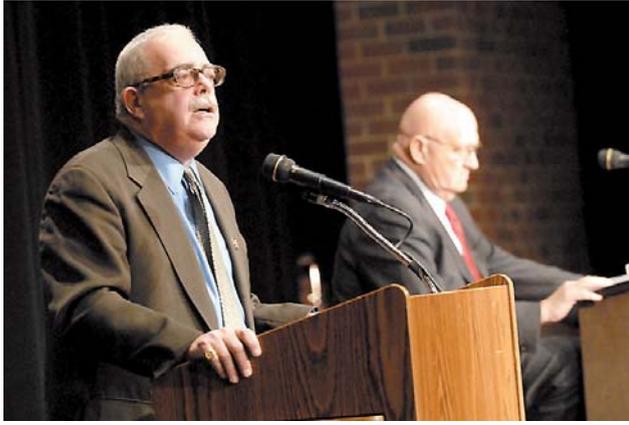
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Fairfax County Chairman Special Election Results

Fairfax County provided these unofficial returns for the Fairfax County chairman special election Feb. 3.

District	Voter Turnout (%)	Bulova	Herrity
Braddock	22.7	8,750	5,849
Hunter Mill	15.5	6,655	5,129
Dranesville	17.1	5,810	6,252
Lee	13.3	4,665	3,489
Mason	15.7	4,510	3,519
Mount Vernon	14.7	5,066	5,256
Providence	14.7	5,148	4,356
Springfield	18.9	5,758	9,155
Sully	11.9	3,437	5,023





U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly speaks at the opening of the town meeting.



John Byers, retired planning commissioner for Mt Vernon, and Ginger Krup.



School Board chairman Dan Storck talks with Gale Curcio.

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Hyland Town Meeting Emphasizes Money Crunch

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ening, he said, “We learned a lot from the drop in income in the early 1990s. The total budget will be reduced by 10 percent. No agency will be exempt.”

The only entity of county government not scheduled for reduction is the office of BOS audit, according to Griffin. It is composed of only two people.

“I have not experienced anything like the present fiscal crisis during my 22 year on the Board of Supervisors.”

— Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland

“Every District has high expectations. We have to use a scalpel on the budget to preserve Fairfax County’s quality of life,” Griffin said.

FOLLOWING HIS PRESENTATION Hyland introduced Kathryn Falk, vice president, Public and Government Affairs, Cox Communications, who served as the moderator for the 90-minute debate between Bulova and Herry. Following the formal answer and rebuttal portion, the candidates fielded questions from the audience.

The Town Meeting concluded with Hyland taking the crowd on his usual virtual bus tour of the Route 1 corridor highlighting various elements of the revitalization program. Prior to opening the Town Meeting, attendees had an hour and 15 minutes to visit with a variety of exhibitors staffing information displays in the school cafeteria.



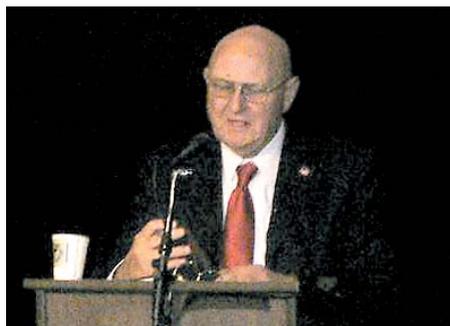
Mount Vernon Red Cross volunteer Jeanne Howlett talks with firefighter Mike Boub and Bryant Wiggins. With Howlett are Hyun Soo Choi and Anna Caldwell.



Gloria Hafer of the League of Women Voters hands out literature to residents.



Former Commander of the Mount Vernon Police Station J. L. Moser.



Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland.



Mount Vernon Democratic Committee Chair Janet Nyhre.



Ft. Belvoir Installation Commander Col. Jerry L. Blixt (center) talks with Col. Mark Moffatt (left), deputy installation commander for BRAC, Ft. Belvoir, and Donald Carr, Ft. Belvoir’s director of public information, in the exhibit area of Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland’s 22nd Annual Town Meeting.

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OPPORTUNITY

The Fairfax County Police Department is now seeking residents to attend the upcoming **Spring Citizens Police Academy**, held Thursday evenings March 12 through May 16. Free. For more information or an application form, e-mail CPA@fairfaxcounty.gov or call 703-280-0713.

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

Tax Assistance. 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bryant Alternative High School, 2709 Popkins Lane. Households that have a total income of \$40,000 or less can get free assistance with federal and state tax returns. Childcare available. 703-660-2000.

Blood Drive. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Washington Street UMC, 115 S. Washington St. Donate blood. E-mail Rachel at Rachel@wsunc.com or 703-836-4324 to schedule an appointment.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 11

Shoulder Pain. Dr. Sameer Nagda, will be discussing new ways to treat shoulder problems at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, at 7 p.m., 2501 Parker's Lane. Call Inova HealthSource at 703-750-8800 to register for this free lecture.

THURSDAY/FEB. 12

Invasive Plant Management. 7:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603

Green Spring Road. Learn about the next steps and more. Free. 703-642-5173.

MONDAY/FEB. 16

Trial Class. Yoga in Daily Life, 2402 Mt. Vernon Ave., can drop in for free trial classes. Meditation and lunchtime yoga also offered. Visit www.yogaindailylife.us or 703-299-8946 for schedule.

TUESDAY/FEB. 17

Meeting. 1 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. The Mount Vernon Genealogical Society will discuss "Understanding and Using the Personal Papers Collections at the Library of Virginia." Free. Visit www.mvgenealogy.org or 703-360-0920.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 18

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

THURSDAY/FEB. 19

Neck Pain. Dr. Corey Wallach is holding a lecture to discuss neck pain at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital, at 7 p.m., 2501 Parker's Lane. To attend this free lecture, contact Inova HealthSource at 703-750-8800.

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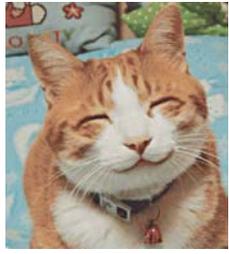
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PEOPLE



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Mount Vernon resident John Langan, left, and Chuck Smith of Ashburn won the grand prize in the 2008 Middle Atlantic Song Contest. Their original song, "A Thing or Two" also won the country song-writing category.



Kate Klim, who recently moved to Old Town Alexandria, won the Pop division in the song-writing contest sponsored by the Songwriters Association of Washington.

Local Songwriters Win Awards

Recognition reinforces their dreams.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
FOR THE GAZETTE

It's not the Grammys," said Alexandria songwriter John Langan. "But it's a great step up the ladder." Langan, an Alexandria accounting executive, and his collaborator, Ashburn resident Chuck Smith, won the grand prize in the 25th annual Middle Atlantic Song Contest.

More than 900 songwriters submitted original works for judging in nine categories from Acoustic & Folk to Vocal Jazz & Blues. The Jammin' Java music club in Vienna hosted the awards ceremony on Jan. 11. The Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) sponsored the competition, one of the longest running in the country.

Langan and Davis also won the top prize in the country music category in addition to overall honors. Their winning song, "A Thing or Two," tells how good values are as important as a fancy education.

And I know something 'bout Honor and courage and doing to others As they would do. Yeah I may not be as smart as you, But I know a thing or two.

"I had that phrase — 'a thing or two' — stuck in my head for a while," Langan said, "so we shaped a story around it. It's about a college-educated son who realizes that his father, a simple farmer, knows "a thing or two" about life."

Davis, also an accountant, said they enjoy combining stories and music. "Writing and performing is great fun, especially when we find a song from the heart. But we are also glad when we can entertain others at the same time."

Langan and Smith were runner-ups in the 2008 Country Music Television song contest, and write a dozen new songs a year. They enter several contests annually and view the SAW competition as good exposure. "Chuck and I are thrilled to have our work recognized by SAW in such a public and powerful way," Langan said after the award ceremony. "These

are people who know great songwriting and their recognition of our craft motivates us to keep reaching for the ring."

Listen to Langan and Smith songs at www.riderpublishing.com. Langan plays in a local dance band "Who's Ya Daddie," (<http://whosyadaddie.com/index.html>), and Davis in a country group (www.brandystills.com).

KATE KLIM, who recently moved to Old Town Alexandria from Philadelphia, won third place in the overall judging, as well as the top prize in the Pop category. She wowed the audience at Jammin' Java with her song "Ripple."

"I love performing, but singing my own songs is the best," she said backstage. Klim, 26, teaches piano and sings in clubs. (See www.kateklim.com.)

Second place in Pop went to Fairfax resident Sophia Bass, a freshman at Eckerd College in Florida. She also won the Young Artist Award, but could not perform her song, "Some Little Girl," because she just had her tonsils removed. "It's a great honor to win the award," she said hoarsely the next day. "Besides singing, I want to write music for movies and eventually get into music production." She recently began working with Boyd Tinsely, a member of the Dave Matthews Band, who has taken an interest in Sophia's music. (See www.sophiabass.com.)

"We use national artists as judges," contest director Siobhan Quinn said. "We send them CDs with all the songs without identifying the songwriter. Contests help aspiring songwriters get attention and experience." Pointing at the overflowing Jammin' Java crowd, Quinn added, "They also get a chance to perform."

Quinn, an Alexandria resident, teaches voice, and performs, both alone and with husband Michael Bowers. (See <http://dreamersloversandoutlaws.com>.) For more information on SAW, visit www.saw.org.

For winning the grand prize, Langan and Smith split \$1,000, won a free video recording session, and a year's free membership in Taxi, the music industry's biggest independent artist and repertoire (A&R) company.

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— John Langan

SCHOOLS

West Potomac High School is holding a Teens for Jeans Drive through Feb. 20 with a drop-off at the high school, 6500 Quander Road. The jeans will be distributed to local shelters. Visit DoSomething.org for more information.

Students entering grades nine through 12 are invited to spend a day with a **student host** at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, Upper School campus, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Call for reservations: 703-212-2706. Visiting day is **Feb. 9**.

West Potomac Academy Fashion Design and graphics students teamed up with several local sponsors, to host Fashion Night at ZooLights, an evening at the Smithsonian Institution's National Zoo to explore the intersection of fashion and wildlife.

The West Potomac High School Orchestra musicians have been selected to participate in the District X Honors Orchestra event at T. C. Williams High School. They are senior violinists: **Emily Rapavi, Sarah Chaney, AJ Jones, Marisa Lewis, Allegra Chilstrom, Sara Slichter, Becky Campbell, Ethan Chaney, Yoon Ji Ha, Julia Pei**; senior violists: **Kevin Prescott** (first chair), **Ned Klein** (2nd chair), **Alexander Snider, Michal Harmata**; junior violinists: **Russell Bradley, Sarah Jane Underwood, Nicole Campbell, Sarah Woodward**; junior cellist: **Andrew Kahn**.

Christina Wendel, a 2001 graduate of Mount Vernon High School and a 2005 graduate of Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania, has just received a master of science degree in biology, with highest distinction, from Texas A & M University, Corpus Christi. Wendel's area of concentration was marine biology. She has moved back to Mount Vernon and will be starting work at the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs in Crystal City in January.

Will Kreger, a senior at West Potomac High, has been named FCPS Mentor of the Month by the FCPS Department of Communications and Community Outreach. Kreger is in his second year as a mentor for a student at Bucknell Elementary, where he helps the younger student work on homework and provides support for other activities.

West Potomac High students **Wes Beale and Leighton Good** recently video-recorded an interview in Washington, D.C., pertaining to the recent presidential election. Their interview with Mike Gillis, Ohio's political communications specialist for the AFL-CIO, will be used for a national spot on how President-elect Barack Obama won the votes of blue collar workers during the election.

A team of students from Bishop Ireton High School of Alexandria competed with teams from Stonewall Jackson High School of Manassas and Walt Whitman High School of Bethesda on It's Academic, the high school quiz program. The competition was spirited, and Walt Whitman won the match. The program will air Saturday, **Feb. 7**, at 10:30 a.m. on NBC4, Channel 4. The Bishop Ireton team consists of **Captain Ben Dahljelm, Emily Conron, and David Bernier**. Their faculty coach is Ron Umbeck.

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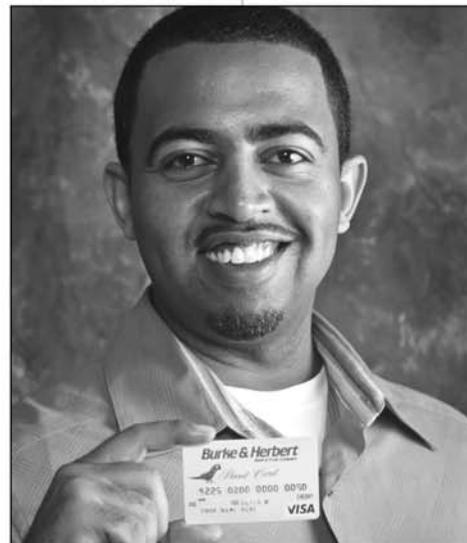
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NOVA provides an affordable path to a four-year college degree, plus provides certificates and training in careers high in demand like

nursing and health care, "green" technologies. With even many affluent families feeling the effects of the economic crisis, many students in Northern Virginia will need to find alternatives to paying full freight for four years of college education.

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NOVA has campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge along with educational centers in Reston and Arlington. NOVA offers more than 160 certificate programs and degrees at the associate's level, along with distance learning programs.

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EDITORIAL

Trying To Make Seatbelt Use Mandatory

BY KRISTIN AMUNDSON
DELEGATE (D-44)

One of the most enjoyable activities in my office each year is the annual Young Leaders program. This week, six talented young leaders from Mt. Vernon and West Potomac High Schools came to Richmond to learn about how state government works.

Although their trip was somewhat curtailed due to bad weather at home, we still managed to give the students a full dose of Richmond life. They met the Governor, observed subcommittees, committees, and the House of Delegates. They talked with the head of Legislative Services and the Secretary of Technology. A special honor was the Governor's personal

invitation to attend a reception at the Governor's Mansion.

BEING IN TWO PLACES AT ONCE

In the elevator this week, Del. Terry Kilgore (R-Scott County), my neighbor on 7 West, joked that he had tried to enlist his identical twin Gerry to sit in some of his meetings while he was in others. We all laughed, but we also understood the feeling. This was the week when cloning seemed like the only way we could get everywhere we need to be.

On Thursday, I was presenting a bill in a subcommittee that started at 7:30. At the same time, I was part of a small subcommittee hear-

ing bills three floors away. That was the way the day continued — making priority decisions on the fly about where I was really needed and where I could arrive a little late.

Since every member is in the same boat, we're pretty willing to make adjustments. Things eventually get done. But for the people who stop by the office hoping to say hello, sometimes the best I can offer is a brief word as I head to yet another meeting.

SEAT BELTS

This week, I presented my HB 2339, which would make not wearing a seat belt a "primary offense." That would mean that police could stop a motorist just for not wearing a seat belt.

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RICHMOND
REPORT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Attack On Hunters

To the Editor:

Over the past 20 years, a small number of anti-hunting zealots located chiefly in Fairfax County have attempted to ban or severely limit waterfowl hunting in the Commonwealth. These efforts have been very costly to Virginia taxpayers, causing the expenditure of at least hundreds of thousands of dollars of our tax money at the county, state and federal level. They have also caused great inconvenience and expense to Virginia's hunters, who have had

to mobilize to meet every such attack. These attempts have failed largely due to their supporters' continued inability to present any evidence of personal injury or damage to the environment to back up their claimed fears of waterfowling activity. Failing that, they fall back on their threadbare claim that such activity is "inappropriate." Now, with the help of state Sen. Linda T. "Toddy" Puller and Delegates David L. Englin and Kristen J. Amundson, they are trying a new tack which is more devious and probably much more expensive to the taxpayers than any single one of their past failed assaults.

In the current General Assembly, Puller has introduced a bill (SJ322), and Englin and Amundson have introduced companion bills (HJ703 and HJ721, respectively) that would establish a six-member committee of legislators "to study waterfowl hunting in urban and suburban areas". Sound innocuous? Google "Senate Joint Resolution No. 322" and read it. While the bill's provisions are too lengthy to replicate here, examination of only three of them will illustrate the breadth and duplicative nature of the studies that would have to be undertaken:

"2. Evaluate whether current rules and regulations governing

waterfowl hunting include adequate criteria or guidelines for protecting public safety, including whether there are or should be standards for distances from homes, yards, parks, public lands, and human activities;"

The fact is that these matters are addressed in current regulations, which are reviewed at least annually by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The study would duplicate this activity.

"3. Determine the appropriateness of materials used for blinds and their impact on water quality;"

Only an elitist environmentalist

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Fire Stations Collect Food

Fairfax County firefighters and staff are conducting a food drive for county homeless shelters. All 37 fire and rescue stations in the county will serve as drop-off points for non-perishable food until Feb. 11.

Fairfax Schools Anticipate Stimulus Money

Fairfax County Public Schools could receive some additional money from the federal government this year through the national economic stimulus package. The U.S. House of Representatives has passed a bill that includes funding for the local school system and the U.S. Senate is expected to take up the matter this week.

Under the bill passed by the House, the school system would receive approximately \$7.5 million to assist schools that serve "at risk" students, \$19.5 million to help students with disabilities and \$17.3 million for school construction. Some of the federal stimulus money could come with restrictions so only a portion of it may plug the projected budget gap for next year, which could range from \$56 million to approximately \$200 million.

The federal government has not yet placed any limitations on the school construction money the school system might receive. But Del. Dave Albo (R-42) has introduced a bill at the state government level that would restrict the use of federal stimulus money to the renovation of existing schools only.

The school system's chief operating officer Dean Tistadt said he is irritated with Albo's bill. Fairfax schools anticipate a large increase in the countywide school population and Tistadt has said the school system may have to put school renovation projects on hold in order to build additions or new schools that can accommodate the new students.

- JULIA O'DONOGHUE

School Board Weighs Teacher Pay

The Fairfax County School Board is considering freezing teacher pay next year to help close a projected gap that ranges from \$56 million to approximately \$200 million in next year's school budget. Superintendent Jack Dale has not included a cost-of-living adjustment or a salary step increase for teachers in his 2010 budget proposal. The school board will vote on its overall budget, including teacher pay, at its Feb. 5 meeting.

Dale said approximately one third of the school districts in Virginia are planning to cut teacher pay, not just hold it steady as Fairfax is considering. Montgomery County Public Schools in Maryland, often seen as Fairfax's largest competitor in the region, have already decided to forego a cost-of-living adjustment and automatic step pay increase for their teachers, he added.

- JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Electronic Training for Concealed Handgun?

The Virginia Senate Committee for Courts of Justice moved forward a bill that allows an applicant for a concealed handgun permit to demonstrate competency with the weapon by taking an online, video or electronic course as long as it is taught by a state-certified or National Rifle Association-certified instructor.

In order to get a concealed handgun permit, Virginia residents are currently required to complete a hunting course or a firearms training and safety course with a National Rifle Association or criminal justice-trained instructor.

The bill, introduced by Fairfax County Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37), received bipartisan support among committee members. Democratic Majority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-35), and Democratic gubernatorial hopeful Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) both voted to support the bill. Fairfax County senators Janet Howell (D-32) and Toddy Puller (D-36) voted against the bill.

- JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Rate of Admission

Virginia colleges and universities have fewer slots for in-state students.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
GAZETTE

When it comes to the University of Virginia (UVA,) Vienna resident Joe Sampson is guilty of brainwashing his daughter.

The Madison High School freshman has worn Virginia sweatshirts and been going to football games in Charlottesville at Sampson's alma mater since she was four or five years-old. She attends science camp there every summer and is thrilled when she gets to stay in the dorms, he said.

"She has always wanted to go to Virginia," said Sampson.

Like many other Northern Virginia families, the Sampsons are well aware of how competitive it has become to get into the University of Virginia. Even though she has excellent grades, Sampson's daughter suggested she transfer to a high school near their vacation house in Louisa County for her senior year of high school, in part to better her chances of being admitted to the school of her choice.

"We are not there yet but I want her to be able to go where she wants," said Sampson.

"I have had constituents tell me that they were forced to send their kids to out-of-state schools, even though their children had 4.0s," said Del. Tim Hugo (R-40). "We see it daily up in Northern Virginia. We see kids with good SATs and 4.0 [grade point averages] getting rejected from our top schools."

Hugo has introduced legislation that would cap the percentage of out-of-state residents enrolled in most of the state's undergraduate programs at 25 percent, leaving 75 percent of the slots open for Virginia residents.

Four of Virginia's most competitive schools — UVA, William and Mary, Virginia Tech and JMU — currently enroll between 27 percent and 35 percent of their students from outside the state. According to university officials, the General Assembly forces the schools to admit higher numbers of out-of-state students — who pay significantly higher tuition — because the state provides so little funding to subsidize the relatively low in-state tuition rates.

"[The larger percentage of out-of-state students] allows us to keep our in-state tuition low. Our in-state tuition is middle of the road when compared to other schools nationwide," said Daniel Abramson, a member of UVA's Board of Visitors, the school's governing body.

Virginia provides so little money to its public universities that state funding covers only about eight percent of UVA's budget, he added. Should UVA and other universities be forced increase the percentages of Virginia students they enroll, in-state tuition would probably also have to rise to help the institutions meet their operating expenses.

"You are basically robbing Peter to pay Paul. Capping the number of out-of-state students forces colleges to raise tuition on in-state students," said Del. David Bulova (D-37), who sits on the House of Delegates' high education subcommittee.

Some parents said they would be willing to endure higher in-state tuition rates if it meant that more

How Virginia Colleges Compare

Here is how Virginia compares to other top rated public universities and colleges in terms of percent of in-state freshman attending in 2008-2009. When available, the 2009 U.S. News and World Report "best public schools" ranking is listed next to a school's name in parentheses.

State University	% of in-state freshman
UC-Berkeley (1)	85.0%
University of Virginia (2)	68.5%
UC- Los Angeles (3)	89.6%
University of Michigan (4)	66.0%
UNC - Chapel Hill (5)	80.0%
College of William & Mary (6)	65.0%
Georgia Institute of Technology (7)	60.0%
University of Wisconsin - Madison (7)	60.0%
UC - San Diego (7)	93.0%
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (10)	87.0%
Virginia Tech (30)	73.5%
James Madison University	70.3%

slots were available for their children.

"My daughter goes to college out-of-state. If UVA were to increase their tuition dramatically, I would wager that it would still be a lot less than what I pay now. There is a lot of room between in-state tuition and what we are having to pay to go out-of-state now," said Andrew Robinson, a McLean resident.

Some other parents, including School Board member Liz Bradsher, said they would be concerned about an in-state tuition increase, especially during financially hard times.

Hugo, a graduate of William & Mary, proposed raising tuition for out-of-state students to compensate for revenue lost by increasing the number of in-state students.

Several state colleges, including UVA and William & Mary, have recently been rated among "best college bargains" because of their relatively low out-of-state tuition rates, leading Hugo to believe that the universities could raise college fees for non-Virginia residents considerably, he said.

Del. Dave Albo (R-42) wanted to cap the number of college credit hours on which an individual student could pay Virginia's in-state tuition rate. The delegate hoped to free up more spots at Virginia colleges by clearing out students who were wasting time and taking several extra semesters to graduate without a good reason, he said.

Del. David Poisson (D-32) also proposed raising tuition rates on out-of-state students, in part because out-of-state tuition at Virginia state schools is relatively cheap, he said. Poisson hoped to use the difference between what out-of-state students pay now and what they would pay in the future to financially assist in-state Virginia students, who might not otherwise be able to go to college, he said.

No matter how it is done, many parents would like to see Virginia state schools accept more Virginia residents into their undergraduate programs.

"Too many of our best and brightest are not getting into Virginia schools because we are giving away seats to out-of-state students," said Megan McLaughlin, co-founder of FAIRGRADE, which fought to have Fairfax County's grading system altered this year.



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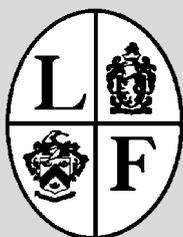
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FINE ARTS

Thirty Five Years of Plowshares from Swords

Traveling exhibit reception and guest artists show culminate for anniversary.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Thirty five years ago it was just an ugly building filled with old World War II files and excess federal government furniture. Many in Alexandria saw it as not only an eye sore but also an obstruction to their vision of waterfront open space.

Then there was Marian Van Landingham. To her it was an opportunity to create an art center like no other in the nation. It could be a place where artists worked in full view. Individual studios would be open to visitors where art lovers and creators could intertwine their shared love of art.

This place had been a factory for the manufacture of weapons of war. Now it could be a multi-dimensional, thriving example of the old prophesy of "swords into plowshares."

It could offer the opportunity for a shared experience by resident and visitor, adult and child, artist and patron, admirer and detractor.

As a result of that vision, the former torpedo factory — which came into existence at the end of World War I and supplied torpedoes to the U.S. Navy during World War II through the efforts of 5,000 to 6,000 munitions workers — morphed into the Torpedo Factory Art Center, on July 13, 1974, Alexandria's 225th birthday. It officially opened to the public Sept. 15, 1974.

Today it is home to 165 artists working in 82 studios on three levels in all mediums. It is also home to six galleries, the Art League School, the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, and a major attraction to more than 500,000 visitors per year.

In September 2008 the Art Center initiated its first traveling art exhibition featuring the works of 24 Torpedo Factory artists that will be on display in various cities throughout the nation. It will return to Alexandria in September 2009 with a closing exhibition at the Athenaeum to celebrate the Center's 35th Anniversary.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE

Marian Van Landingham, the guiding light behind the founding of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, sits in her river view studio with one of her pet dachshunds, Spike, as she related stories of the early days of the now nationally famous working artists center in Old Town.

"We hope to make this a real celebration. On Sept. 10 we are planning a show in the Art Center's Target Gallery for artists from the cities visited by the exhibition," said Mary Cook, director, Target gallery.

"On Friday night, Sept. 11, the Athenaeum is planning a free reception for all the artists whose works were part of traveling exhibit and the public," she said.

BUT, THE BIRTH of the Torpedo Factory Art Center was not an easy one.

"I was president of the Art League at the time and our lease was up on our location on Cameron Street. I was afraid we were about to be priced out of Old Town," said Van

Landingham seated in her river view studio with her two dachshund pet dogs.

"This building was in terrible shape with vines growing over it and the dock area was actually crumbling. But, it was the perfect place for open, working studios. And, Alexandria Mayor Charles "Chuck" Beatley was very much in favor of the concept and brought a lot of imagination to the table," Van Landingham said.

"However, there were massive protests against the concept of the art center being located here. Many residents viewed it as preventing their vision of having continuous river open space because of a few selfish artists, as they viewed us," she said.

That opposition is spelled out in Van Landingham's book "On Target" commemorating the Art Center's 25th Anniversary. As one speaker at a City Council meeting on the art center proposal put it, "Destroy that thing and get it off the landscape. If you

want to subsidize the arts, do it in another building," Van Landingham recalled in her book.

The artists, led by Van Landingham, mounted a counter offensive to build support for the center. She felt that better communications would turn most opponents into supporters — but not all. That became apparent when Van Landingham reached out to one ardent opponent and was told, "Thank you, but I can spend my time better collecting petitions against you," she noted in her book.

To pacify some of that opposition it was decided to place the Torpedo Factory Art

Center on a three-year experimental basis. The Torpedo Factory Artists Association "has a turnkey operation with the City," according to Van Landingham. The City purchased the original four building sites from the federal government in 1969.

During a February 1974 meeting, City Council agreed to appropriate \$140,000 to do basic repairs and renovations to the building. They also rezoned it for "this use only," according to Van Landingham.

THE ARTISTS did a great deal of the sprucing up and removal of old federal government "junk" being stored there. Some of that "junk" supplied City Hall and the artists with furniture, including the legs to the conference table in City Council's workroom.

Most of the initial artists were from the Art League. "I collected the first month's rent and put the checks on a bulletin board for council members to see. I think many thought that a bunch of artists were irresponsible when it came to fiscal responsibility," she said.

"I didn't want this to house just a group of itinerant galleries so we established strict rules right from the beginning. Original work had to be done here. And, each artist was required to be in their studio a certain



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Artist Attraction

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number of hours each week," Van Landingham said.

The Art Center is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. year around. On the second Thursday of each month it is open until 9 p.m. with a special event each month. It is closed on Christmas, New Years Day, Easter and a couple of other holidays.

"We all have individual business licenses with the city. We all pay rent for our studios. To become a working artist here you have to be accepted through a tight juried process. And, we have a waiting list," Van Landingham said.

"We are not sales people. We are working artists and we welcome interacting with visitors. For the most part, they are also very respectful of us and usually don't try to talk to us when we are working unless we open up the conversation," she said.

"But, there are funny experiences. I've had many come in a say 'you have a great office' and spend their entire time admiring the view of the river without ever looking at a painting," Van Landingham said.

"This concept of artists working in public view also helps the public to understand how we work and broadens their knowledge of art and artists. As one woman was heard telling her small son one day as they toured the Center, 'see Johnny not all artists are dead and famous.'"

Every year the artists volunteer to paint all of the hallways throughout the Art Center. They also paint the walls of their individual studios annually. The building has been upgraded with heat and air condi-

Promotions and Events For 35th Anniversary

A 35th Anniversary Coupon encourages visitors to add an original piece of Torpedo factory artwork to their collections with a special offer. Fifty-three participating artists will honor \$35 off a \$200 purchase or \$350 off a purchase of \$2000 or more. Coupons may be printed at www.torpedofactory.org or picked up in the building at 105 N. Union St.

Each month's Second Thursday Art Night will feature an anniversary event. Feb. 12 will take a look at the Center's history. March 12 will reveal the role of Torpedo factory artists in the community. April 9 will get the public involved in an environmentally "green" installation of art. Additional information on the Torpedo Factory Art Center and the 35th Anniversary can be found on the Web site.

tioning since that initial opening 35 years ago.

The Torpedo Factory Art Center has served as a national and international prototype for a working art center, according to Van Landingham and is a must stop for Alexandria tourist. Through a series of financial negotiations and a secured long-term lease, Art Center artists now have the "opportunity to keep their dream growing."

As Torpedo Factory artist Carol Bruce stated at the conclusion of Van Landingham's 25th Anniversary book:

"Artists are a funny breed
They shun the comforts other need
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Give them a bit of space somewhere
With light aglow and dreams to share."

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SATURDAY/FEB. 7

Boutique District Warehouse Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Browse items from local stores and more. Free.

Oral History Lecture. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Char McCargo Bah will give a lecture about Freedmen's Cemetery. Free. 703-838-4356.

Awards Reception. 4-8 p.m. Gallery West, 1213 King St., presents the "National Juried Exhibition" from Feb. 4 through March 1. See works picked by Joey Manlapaz. Free.

Lecture. "Their Voices Can Be Heard, Part II: The Genealogist's Way of Doing Oral History" 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Free. Visit

www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

Propagation Series. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seeds. \$20. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp. 703-642-5173 to register.

Saturday Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke ST. All ages. Registration required, 703-519-5900.

Saturday Stories. 2 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. All ages. Free. 703-519-5900.

SUNDAY/FEB. 8

Music Performance. David Roth,

Cletus Kennelly and Lori Kelley will perform at 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. \$15/adult; \$12/member or in advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

Gallery Talk. 4 p.m. Deborah Ellis and Barbara Southworth will have artwork on display at the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., through March 8. "Painter and Photographer: Two Processes" is the topic. Free. 703-548-0035.

Music Performance. 2 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School. Hear music by The Duquesne University Tamburitzan. Tickets required, 1-877-826-6437.

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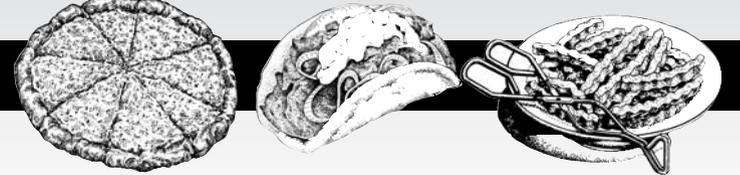
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Pupu'a's golden tenor voice is perfectly suited to the ASO's upcoming Valentine's Day Concerts. He will be joined by soprano Julie Rowling in two of the most beloved operatic love scenes — the love music from "La bohème" and from "Madama Butterfly."

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The first half of the concert is in collaboration with the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia and will be conducted by John Edward Niles. Pupu'a and Rowling will be joined by mezzo Leslie Mutchler and tenor Peter Burroughs in a historic regional premiere of Ravel's "L'heure espagnole (The Spanish Hour)." This masterful romantic comedy, paired with the



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Ta'u Pupu'a

soaring sentiment of the Puccini love scenes will take an alternately humorous and moving look at love and romance.

I hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day! See you at one of the concerts!

Where & When

The ASO and tenor Ta'u Pupu'a will perform two concerts over Valentine's Day Weekend with music of Ravel & Puccini, Saturday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. \$5 youth tickets (8-18) available for the Sunday matinee. Adult tickets: \$20-\$70. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885 for tickets or more information. For an interview with tenor Ta'u Pupu'a, visit www.alexsym.org and click on the link to the ASO's blog.

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CALENDAR

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Valentine's Cabaret. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Enjoy music, cabaret, theater and more. \$35/adult; \$25/student. Visit www.belcantanti.com or 301-266-7546.

Benefit Concert. 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Listen to "Broadway Then and Now." Free, donations go to the Alliance for Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease and Congenital Hepatic Fibrosis. Visit www.trinityalexandria.org or 703-549-5500 ext. 103.

Past, Present and Future of the Smithsonian's Ripley Garden. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about this public garden. \$10. 703-642-5173 to register.

MONDAY/FEB. 9

Black Saga Competition. 6 p.m. at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road. Students answer African-American history questions. Free. Visit www.blacksaga.org or 703-461-4100.

Little One-Ders. 10 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months. Registration required, 703-519-5900.

Family Tale Nite. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages. Free. 703-519-5900.

Baby Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 0-11 months. Free. 703-838-4566.

TUESDAY/FEB. 10

Books to Film Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Discuss "Love Story." Free. 703-931-3559.

Time for 2s. 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 24-36 months. Free. Registration required, 703-519-5900.

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 0-4 years. Free. 703-838-4566.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3. Free. 703-

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Mother Goose Time. 9:30 a.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 12-24 months. Free. 703-838-4555.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 2 and up. Free. 703-838-4555.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 11

Animals, Animals, Animals. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Elementary school students only. Free. 703-838-4566.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6. Free. 703-519-5900.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Discuss "The Geography of Bliss" by Eric Weiner. Free. 703-838-4555.

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THURSDAY/FEB. 12

Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. Target Gallery presents "BookEnds: The Book as Art" in their gallery at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. from Jan. 22 through Feb. 22. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.

Art Reception. 6-9 p.m. Gallery West, 1213 King St., presents the "National Juried Exhibition" from Feb. 4 through March 1. See works picked by Joey Manlapaz. Free.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Hear music by Jon Carroll. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035.

Performance. 7 p.m. at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Hear performances, music and more. \$10/person. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

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Close Race for Chairmanship

FROM PAGE 4

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WHILE THE PRELIMINARY results showed him behind, about 3,000 votes had not yet been counted on election night and Herrity chose not to concede until the following afternoon, Feb. 4.

Herrity said he was not surprised by the 16 percent countywide voter turnout, noting that it was comparable to the turnout in the last special election for the county chairmanship, the 1995 race between Democrat Kate Hanley and Republican Elaine McConnell. But he said he was pleased with his hometown turnout, noting, "I won Springfield big. [Bulova] didn't win Braddock so big."

Herrity said the election results, with a first-year

Republican supervisor coming within a percentage point of chairing a county that has only one other Republican supervisor, were significant. "There's a large percentage of the population that are frustrated with the direction of the county," he said. "There are a lot of statements being made tonight."

Had he been elected chairman, Herrity said, he would have governed based on his platform of setting spending priorities with taxpayers in mind, directing school funds more toward teacher salaries than administration and advancing "common-sense" transportation solutions, such as the environmental impact study he has promoted for improving the Interstate 66 corridor.

He added, "There still could be another Republican on board," he said, referring to the seat Bulova would vacate.

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OPINION

Seatbelt Bill Would Save Lives

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Currently, the failure to wear a belt is a "secondary offense," meaning that it is not something that warrants a stop.

The testimony at the subcommittee was compelling. Witnesses ranging from the State Police to the insurance companies to AAA all told the members of the subcommittee the facts about seat belt usage. Nearly one in four Virginians fail to regularly wear their seat belts when driving or riding in a vehicle. However, people who are not wearing seat belts account for 60 percent of the traffic fatalities in Virginia.

Primary seat belt laws increase a state's seat belt usage rate by an average of 10 percentage points. Thus, this legislation would save lives. Unfortunately, the subcommittee, made up of downstate legislators, did not support the legislation. It has been reported out of a Senate committee, however, so the issue is still before the Assembly.

You can watch some of the committee proceedings on my blog, 7 West (www.7-west.org).

The legislative session will run through Feb. 28. During that time, my legislative assistants Andrea Tetreault and Janet Oleszek, are always available to track legislation, check bill status, or gather other information you need. If you call and I am not available, Andrea or Janet will assist you with any questions you have or will get a message to me as soon as possible.

LETTERS

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could come up with a demand like this. But it happens that the writer of this letter has actually seen such studies, which are usually done by universities, cost in the five-figure range, and have inconclusive results.

"5. Analyze how state hunting laws and regulations relate to local laws and ordinances, and federal laws and regulations in the case of federal properties, that address hunting, the discharge of firearms, recreation, protection of parks and public lands, and noise;"

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mare, almost limitless in scope.

What will this cost? The bill provides that "the direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$6,000 without approval . . . of the chairman of the joint subcommittee and the respective Clerk." The devil in the details here is the word "direct," because the bill also provides that: "Administrative staff support shall be provided by the Office of the Clerk of the Senate. Legal, research, policy analysis, and other services as requested by the joint subcommittee shall be provided by the Division of Legislative Services. Technical assistance shall be provided by the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee for this study, upon request."

Start adding up the projectable hours of staff time of just the various agencies and offices specifically mentioned here necessary to carry out the multiple studies incorporated in the bill, and the salary expenditures alone are going to run into the thousands, not to mention materials, travel expenditures, etc.

No time is a good time to waste tax money on this kind of foolishness, but it is especially reckless in times like these.

I hope that readers will do two things:

First, contact the Chairmen of the Senate and House Rules Committees and other more responsible senators and delegates and urge them to kill these bills.

Second, remember, at election time, how these three politicians were willing to squander our tax money.

J. Griffin Crump
Mount Vernon

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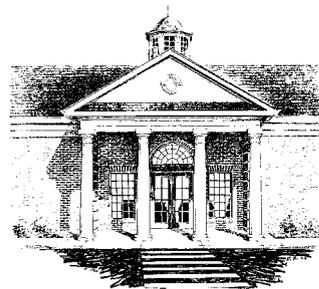
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Melee Mars Mount Vernon Win

Fight involving fans and players puts damper on Majors title-clinching victory.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE

The Mount Vernon boy's basketball team clinched a share of the National District regular-season title with a 78-69 win over Wakefield Tuesday night, but the accomplishment was overshadowed by a fight that spilled into the stands late in the fourth quarter.

What was a high paced, hotly contested, and emotionally charged basketball game between the Majors and Warriors turned ugly in the final moments as an altercation between two players escalated into a full-fledged melee among fans.

After two free throws by Mount Vernon junior Skylar Jones gave the Majors a 66-60 lead with just under four minutes remaining, a Mount Vernon and a Wakefield player became tangled underneath the basket.

Shoves were exchanged, but things got out of control when the benches cleared and several adult fans from both teams became involved. Play was stopped for more than 30 minutes while police and school officials restored order.

Officials decided the best course of action was to clear the gym in order to finish the game. With the help of administration on hand from both schools, each set of fans departed in a separate, orderly fashion to avoid any further incidents. Only players, coaches, game officials, and the Mount Vernon JV basketball team were allowed to stay.

According to an Arlington County police



PHOTO BY MARK GIANNOTTO/THE GAZETTE
Mount Vernon coach Alfonso Smith (right) listens in as Wakefield coach Tony Bentley talks with referees after a fight broke out between players and fans from both teams, forcing officials to clear the gym in order to continue the game.

spokesperson, one 18-year-old Wakefield student was arrested for trespassing after refusing to vacate the premises. Several additional police officers were called in to monitor any potential disagreements in the parking lot. There were no reported injuries.

BOTH PLAYERS who started the fighting were ejected and are therefore automatically suspended from their team's next game, according to Virginia High School League rules.

Paul Regnier, a spokesperson for Fairfax County Public Schools, said Wednesday morning the school system is still "trying to

piece together what happened" and that further disciplinary measures will be made if necessary.

"You never foresee a situation like this happening ... but you had two teams that want to win, that are competing at the very highest level that they can," said Mount Vernon coach Alfonso Smith. "If different things happen during the game, it's unfortunate people took things personal and both teams lost touch of things. ... Just in trying to keep them both disciplined, we both fell short tonight."

"I've been coaching 18 years and I've never seen anything like this," said

Wakefield coach Tony Bentley, adding that he was certain no fans went after players and no players went into the stands. "I've seen coaches get ejected, I've seen fans get ejected, I've seen players get ejected, but I've never seen a whole gym cleared."

THE FRACAS put a damper on what should have been a joyous night for the Majors, who played their best first half of the season, according to their coach. They remain the lone undefeated team within the National District.

What made matters worse is the game had reached its most entertaining and exciting point when play was stopped. The Warriors were in the process of wiping out a 14-point third-quarter deficit, but Mount Vernon (15-4 overall, 10-0 district) held strong, hitting some clutch free throws once play resumed.

Jones led all scorers with 30 points and 10 rebounds, while Mount Vernon senior Robert Coleman chipped in 14 points. Seniors Johnathan Ford (20 points, 11 rebounds) and Romeo Goffney (12 points, five rebounds, and five assists) led Wakefield (13-6, 5-4).

The Majors have now reeled off 13 consecutive victories after starting the season losing four of their first six games. Their last loss came Dec. 13, a two-point defeat to Hylton. Mount Vernon can clinch the outright district title with a win Friday night over Stuart.

"You never foresee a situation like this happening."

— Mount Vernon coach Alfonso Smith

Grapplers Wrestle with Tournament Anxiety

For area wrestlers, a season's work can culminate in pure joy or absolute heartbreak.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE

Almost a year after it happened, West Potomac senior John Rice still hasn't gotten over how his wrestling season ended a season ago. In one of the more frustrating moments of his life, Rice lost to a wrestler he had pinned in under a minute during the regular season. A win would have advanced him to the Northern Region Wrestling Championships.

"You don't want to end it on a bad note."

— West Potomac senior Artis Rutledge

"I choked at districts last year," said Rice during a break at a recent practice. "That's really been in my belly for awhile."

Fellow senior Sam Agyemang echoes a similar sentiment after losing by a mere three points in a match that would have guaranteed him a spot in the Virginia state tournament. Then there's senior Artis Rutledge, who still has regrets about being just an alternate for last year's regional tournament.

But with the 2008-09 wrestling regular
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PHOTO BY MARK GIANNOTTO/THE GAZETTE
West Potomac senior Sam Agyemang (145 pounds) works a pinning combination during practice on teammate Artis Rutledge.

Man Robbed At Gun Point

A 42-year-old local man was robbed Wednesday, Jan. 28, at approximately 11:45 a.m. as he parked his car in the 5900 block of Richmond Highway. As he opened the car door, two men approached with a handgun, took a bank bag from the dashboard, removed the cash from inside and fled on foot, according to Fairfax County Police. The victim was not injured.

One suspect was described as black, in his 20's, approximately 6 feet 2 inches tall, and weighing an estimated 210 pounds. He was wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt, black jeans and a black skull cap.

The second suspect was described as either white or hispanic, in his 20's, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall, weighing an estimated 190 pounds. He was wearing a black, hooded sweatshirt and black jeans.

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Gum Springs To Reactivate Neighborhood Program

Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland has requested that the county Department of Housing and Community Development "work with the New Gum Springs Civic Association to reactivate their Conservation Plan" and Neighborhood Improvement Program, first adopted in April 1979 and which remained in effect for 25 years.

"In the intervening years, the neighborhood improvements at Gum Springs have long since been completed and bond money raised decades ago spent. However, language in the Comprehensive Plan still refers to the Gum Springs Conservation Plan," Hyland said during Monday's Fairfax County Board of Supervisors meeting.

"In order to dispel any confusion about the development of parcels in Gum Springs and to plan for the orderly development and redevelopment of land, their association felt it prudent to reactivate the plan," he said. To accomplish that, the association has agreed to form a committee to draft the necessary language and work with county staff, according to Hyland.

— CHUCK HAGEE

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SPORTS



West Potomac seniors John Rice (left), Sam Agyemang (middle), and Artis Rutledge (right) are looking to build off a successful 9-4 dual-meet record during the individual tournament season that begins this weekend.

Grappling with Tournament Anxiety

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season now complete, the time of redemption for area grapplers has finally arrived. This Saturday, West Potomac will compete in the Patriot District Wrestling tournament at Annandale High School, while their counterparts down the road at Mount Vernon take part in the National District tournament at Stuart High School.

"This is what keeps me going in practice," said Rutledge, who will compete in the 135-pound weight class. "We just know this is our last year and you don't want to end it on a bad note."

The three seniors have been a part of a successful West Potomac wrestling team, which is sporting a solid 9-4 dual meet record heading into the postseason. The Wolverines have recovered nicely after losing most of the eight wrestlers that made it to regionals a year ago.

BUT THE WORST KEPT secret in Northern Virginia wrestling is that the dual meet season doesn't have all that much significance, other than helping to prepare wrestlers for these upcoming season-ending tournaments.

With no dual-meet playoff format to reward teams, wrestlers fend for themselves on the mat. Seeding for the district, region, and state tournaments is decided by a combination of individual win-loss record and the manner in which those wins came by (pin, winning by eight or more points, or winning by less than eight points).

"It's an individual sport with a team concept," said West Potomac coach Casey Grubbs. "When you go out on the mat, you're wrestling for you. If you do your thing, the team will fall in line."

Grubbs thinks Agyemang, a 145-pounder

with an impressive 18-3 record this season, has the best shot of any Wolverine wrestler to place at the district and regional tournaments to make it all the way to the state tournament.

He's also optimistic about senior 130-pounder Michael Tse (17-7 record) Rutledge (18-6), 152-pounder Rice (11-6), and 189-pounder Stephen Howell (19-4).

Over at Mount Vernon, coach Anthony McDuffie has been trying to cope with the possibility of a late-season malaise by taking to the outdoors, flipping a 300-pound tire a few times a week, running sprints on the bleachers, and in general adopting an "MMA training" philosophy.

"We needed a change of scenery to stay motivated,"

said McDuffie.

Last year Mount Vernon led by 23 team points heading into the final portion of the National District tournament, with eight wrestlers in championship bouts, only to succumb to Edison after just three wrestlers won individual titles.

This time around, Mount Vernon has seven wrestlers that should be top seeds in their respective weight class, including senior 103-pounder Chad Eason (25-6), senior 130-pounder Trevor Meadows (24-15), and junior 145-pounder Joey Moreno (25-2).

The top four finishers in each weight class from the district tournament move onto to the regional tournament on Feb. 14 at Fairfax High School. The top four at regions move onto the state tournament, scheduled to be held Feb. 21 at Oscar Smith High School in Chesapeake, Va.

But after last season's near misses and this year's grueling regular season, it's safe to assume nobody is counting their lucky stars just yet.

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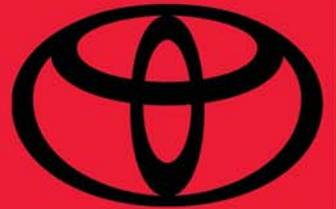
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