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Dan Pogue draws laughter from the guests as he tries to announce the closing of the silent auction. With Pogue are John Horn and David Morrissy.



Harvey and Mattie Gantz join Vice President of Good Shepherd Housing Nick Andrus.



Fairfax County School Board Chairman Dan Storck, state Sen. Toddy Puller and state Del. Kris Amundsen.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE

Good Shepherd Celebrates 35 Years of Caring

Good Shepherd Housing held its gala on Saturday, March 14, at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria. More than 200 attendees took part in socializing, auctions and dancing to the Mount Vernon Swing Band.

Gala sponsors included Capital One, Good Shepherd Housing Board - Past and Present, Quadel Consulting Corporation, US Airways, AT&T, Verizon, Potomac Advantage, Cox Communications, Sheehy Auto Stores, Oliff & Berridge PLC, Phil and Peg Soucy, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Wal-Mart, Alexandria Lighting & Supply Inc., David and Gloria Curry, Mt. Vernon Knights of Columbus, John and Judy Mitchell, Shannon Steene, Burke & Herbert Bank and Trust Co., Houseworks Interiors, Keany Produce Co., Joyce

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Event proceeds provide housing and supportive services to working families, the disabled, and the elderly.

The Adinaro Award was presented to Jim Sullivan. The honor, awarded by the Board of Directors, recognizes individuals who have made outstanding contributions in support of the mission of Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services. The award is named for one of the organization's founders, Joe Adinaro.



Armand and Kathy Mascelli talk with friends Doris and Rex Reilly at the gala.

Man Arrested in FBI Sex Sting

Little League coach and preschool assistant director accused of arranging to meet 14-year-old boy.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE

Friends and co-workers at A Child's Place said they were devastated to learn that their long time colleague was arrested for enticing a minor last month. Court records show that Eric Mintzer, 27, was arrested on Feb. 26 after he allegedly arranged to have sex with a 14-year-old boy. According to the complaint, a Fairfax County detective acting in an undercover capacity as part of a multi-jurisdictional Federal Bureau of Investigation task force had assumed the online identity of an actual 14-year old boy from a prior investigation.

If convicted, Mintzer could face a mandatory minimum of 10 years in federal prison.



Eric Mintzer

"We never saw anything inappropriate," said A Child's Place director Jill Levy, whose two sons were coached by Mintzer in the Fort Hunt Little League. "We socialized with him and celebrated birthdays with him, so this was a total shock."

Officials at A Child's Place said Mintzer started working part time at the preschool in 1997. Three years ago he became assistant director of the Holin Halls facility, which is located on Shenandoah Road. His employer described his performance evaluations as excellent, and they completed all the necessary criminal background checks necessary before hiring Mintzer. They say no evidence has emerged to indicate that any of the students attending A Child's

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Snakeheads Now Entrenched Here

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
FOR THE GAZETTE

The 2004 movie "Snakehead Terror" features mutant fish terrorizing a rural town. The air-breathing carnivores ravage human prey on dry land until the local sheriff saves the day. "Frankenfish," a made-for-TV

film also in 2004, tells a similar story of man-eating fish in a Louisiana bayou.

This was Hollywood's take on the 2002 discovery of the northern snakehead, *Channa argus*, in Crofton, Md. More snakeheads appeared in the Potomac River two years later.

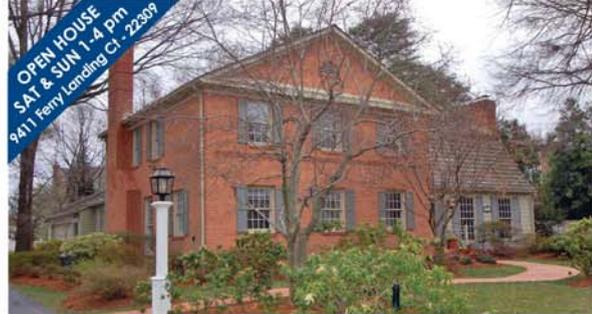
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FCPS Shrinks Fund Request

Due to an influx of federal and state funds, mostly from U.S. Congress' stimulus package, Fairfax County Public Schools will not be requesting quite as much money from the county as it had initially anticipated.

Schools Superintendent Jack Dale had intended to ask the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors for \$56.8 million more for his 2010 budget than the approximately \$2.2 billion he received in operating funds for this year. Now, Dale has said the school system will only request an additional \$25 million.

"Even if you were able to give us [the extra money], there are still going to be a lot of cuts to this budget," said Dale at a joint meeting of the supervisors and School Board members March 16.

Fairfax County is facing a \$650 million gap in next year's budget overall. The superintendent's proposal came a few weeks after Fairfax County executive Tony Griffin laid out his budget proposal for 2010, which included a flat transfer and no additional funding for the school system. With the additional \$25 million factored in, Dale said the school system will still be forced to freeze employee compensation and to eliminate 800 positions, though nearly two-thirds of the positions that would disappear will come from eliminating vacant positions rather than layoffs.

Some of the eliminated positions will come from areas like special education, alternative education and career and technical education, said Dale.

The superintendent expects the caseload for psychologists, social workers and guidance counselors to increase by 10 to 15 percent.

The eliminated positions also means the average class size will increase by half a student at the elementary school level and cause more mixed level classes, where students in two different grades have the same teacher.

At the middle school level, Dale expects classes to grow larger and, in high school, families will see a loss of smaller, specialty classes in programs like special education and the academies.

"In some cases, kids who would be in alternative education will return to the general education classroom," said Dale.

"If I don't get [the additional money], these will have to get bigger," said Dale.

In the school system's central administration, officials have completely redesigned two departments reducing the number of directors in those areas from over 20 to approximately eight.

"We are eliminating our agility. ... We no longer have an IT department where we do long-term strategic planning on technology," said Dale.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

More GPS Systems for Buses?

Just a few days before school Superintendent Jack Dale announced he might have to eliminate approximately 800 positions in Fairfax County Public Schools, members of his staff suggested purchasing global positioning systems (GPS) for those school buses that don't already have them.

At a School Board meeting March 5, officials said GPS devices could help the school system save additional money on fuel because it would give school bus drivers the shortest routes. They proposed using \$500,000 saved in this year's budget because of reduced fuel costs to purchase the technology.

Several School Board members quickly rebuffed the request.

"Why if we saved \$500,000 in fuel costs would we not apply it another way? I want to know the justification for making an investment in GPS when we may have to cut \$20 to \$30 million out of the budget already," said School Board member Stu Gibson (Hunter Mill.)

"I am skeptical of buying anything at this point. I am looking for anything to offset the unacceptable class size proposed," said School Board member Jane Strauss (Dranesville.)

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Herrity: Vote on 'Card Check' Legislation

Springfield Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R) tried to force a vote

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Fairfax County Police Sergeant Todd Erlandson, Master Police Officer Joseph Flynn, and police officers Quang Bui, Anthony Capizzi, Christopher Coleman, Oaln Faulk IV, Stephen Foley, Matthew Griffin, Christopher Hutchison, Jonathan Lowery, Brett Manthe, Eric Nelson, Michael Greene, Shay Nelson, Jonathan Ward and public safety communicator Erin Tracy were presented with Lifesaving Awards during the 31st Annual Valor Awards at the McLean Hilton on March 12. The officers represent the West Springfield, McLean, Franconia, Fair Oaks, Reston, Mount Vernon and Mason District Station and the Department of Public Safety Communications.

Recipients of 31st Annual Valor Awards

Fairfax County Fire Captain Ronald Gemsheim Jr., firefighter Brian Bonkoski were presented with the Lifesaving Award and technician Michael Eddy was presented with the Certificate of Valor during the 31st Annual Valor Awards at the McLean Hilton on March 12. The three men were recognized for their actions at a scene of a boating accident on their day off. Gemsheim and Eddy are based out of the Burke District Station and Bonkoski is stationed in the Mt. Vernon District.



Fairfax County 2nd Lieutenant John Brennan, Sergeant Robert Blakley, Jr., Master Police Officer John Brocco and Police Officer's Bradley Capan, Matthew Guzzetta, David Giaccio, Joseph Wallace, Leanna Wilson, Amanda Leugers, Thomas Murphy and Matthew Stanfield were presented with the Certificate of Valor during the 31st Annual Valor Awards at the McLean Hilton on March 12. They were recognized for their role at a scene of an armed-suicidal subject. All of the officers are based out of the Mt. Vernon District Station.

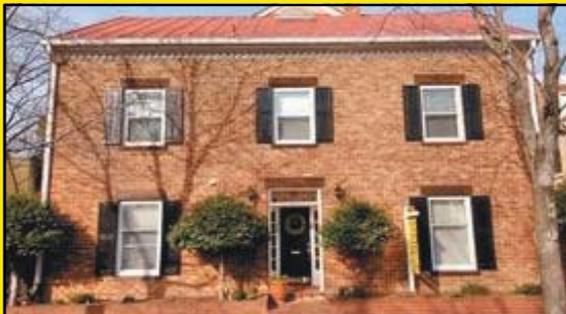
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Estate's Parking Lot Goes Green

Giving Mother Nature a lift with a 70-ton crane, the Mount Vernon Estate planted some mighty oaks last week. A nursery contractor installed 66 trees around the estate's new parking lot, including 12 Willow Oaks over 30 feet tall. Along with its root ball, each oak weighed about 16,000 pounds.

As each tree arrived on a flatbed trailer, the planting crew delicately raised it to an upright position. They attached a custom lifting harness to the root ball, and then waved in the crane. In a slow-motion ballet of steel and bough, the crane operator slowly

lowered the oak into a waiting hole. The crew then backfilled each tree, adding organic amendments and gravel for better drainage.

Mount Vernon also planted American Hollies, Virginia Cedars, and Dogwoods. "We replaced the vegetation lost to the parking lot with much higher quality trees," said Dean Norton, the estate's chief horticulturist who selected the trees from the Halka Nursery in Millstone Township, N.J. "Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to give the area a mature stand of trees."

— MICHAEL K. BOHN

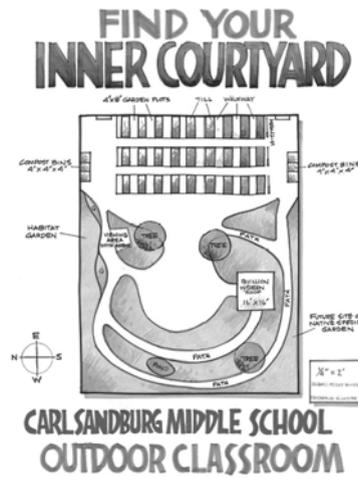
Volunteers Needed for Courtyard

Carl Sandburg Middle School students, volunteers, parents, and staff members are working to transform an underused courtyard into an outdoor educational facility. Called "Find Your Inner Courtyard," the project has roots from Hollin Meadows Elementary School and, this spring, it will branch into Carl Sandburg's campus.

Currently, the courtyard is a 120- by 120-foot space with some tree stumps to sit on and a pond. Peggy Bowers, AHS horticulturalist of the Mount Vernon Estate and Gardens, has reconfigured the space to allow for 30 4- by 8-foot vegetable gardens, two walkways through a native plant garden surrounding the pond, a pavilion with a green roof, and additional sitting areas. The pond will receive a solar-powered pump, to keep goldfish and provide freshwater for turtles and frogs.

The courtyard will create a hands-on learning experience for students in all curriculums. Students have already measured the courtyard's dimensions and plotted the vegetable garden beds.

In the coming two months, stu-



"Find Your Inner Courtyard" promotes the courtyard project at Carl Sandburg Middle School. The garden design is by Peggy Bowers; the rendering is by Bill Coulter.

dents and volunteers will prepare the soil, mulch the gardens, plant donated vegetation from Hollin Meadows, and plant seeds.

To strengthen the start-up and ensure its success, Carl Sandburg Middle School is hosting Volunteer Days — rain or shine — on the following Sundays: March 29, April 19, and April 26. If available to help on any of these after-

What's Next?

- ❖ **Sunday, March 29**
10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Remove sod and till vegetable beds (Anyone willing to lend rotary tiller that day?)
- ❖ **Saturday, April 18**
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Collect donated tools
- ❖ **Sunday, April 19**
1:30 - 5 p.m.
Haul compost through halls and spread in beds.
- ❖ **Sunday, April 26**
1 - 7 p.m.
Haul mulch through halls and spread in paths
- ❖ **Saturday, May 9**
10 a.m. - noon
Grand Opening

noons, contact either Carol Wasserman, at 703-360-3738 (cmwasser@gmail.com), or Leisha Heyde, at 703-780-4959 (chef-leisha@mindspring.com). Additionally, donations of gently used gardening equipment are being accepted on Saturday, April 18, from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. The needed equipment includes pointed shovels, trowels, old garden hoses, gloves, wheelbarrows, and garden carts. The "Find Your Inner Courtyard" Grand Opening with interactive activities for the community will be on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. until noon.

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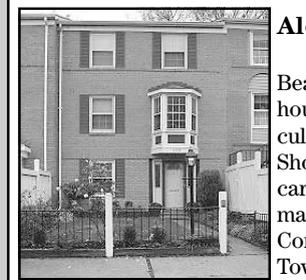
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Big Questions about Voting

Glitch in special election, but budget crunch causes Fairfax to go without voting paper trail until 2010.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
GAZETTE

After the polls closed last week, one voting machine reported that 724 people had used it, even though officials at the precinct had recorded only 707 people walking through the door. There was also another voting machine at Fairview, which had already tallied 348 of the 707 votes.

Fairfax County election officials ultimately concluded that supervisor-elect John Cook (R) defeated at-large school board member Ilyong Moon (D) by a slim margin of 89 votes in the Braddock District's special election March 10.

But for almost 24 hours, officials could not call the race's outcome or even determine the number of ballots cast in the election because of the malfunctioning machine at the Fairview precinct in Fairfax Station.

When the machine was cracked open a day after the election, a more appropriate number of votes, 359, showed up on a roll of tape in the "ballot log" and among the "ballot images," or digital photographs taken of each vote cast on the machine. So far, no one is disputing the results.

Election officials are still unsure of what caused the voting machine to report the wrong number of votes in the first place.

"Once we ran the ballot log and the ballot images, we saw that there were 359 actual votes on the machine. We just don't know why the machine tallied up 724. ... We have one machine with an anomaly and we don't know what caused it," said Rokey Suleman, Fairfax County registrar.

"Nothing like this has ever occurred before. We don't know if the machine malfunctioned or if we did something wrong," said Suleman.

LAST WEEK'S voting machine problems are a sign of bigger problems ahead, said cyber-security expert Jeremy Epstein and other computer scientists. Fairfax County's electronic voting machines produce no ballots or paper trail and it would be impossible to verify the number votes or what they were cast for if an

electronic voting machine malfunctioned and voting information could not be retrieved. There is no hard copy or paper "back up" system if something goes wrong.

"We are entirely reliant on the software that is in the electronic voting machines to function correctly. ... When you have been writing software for 25 years, you know that is not a good thing to do," said Epstein, senior computer scientist with the Cyber Security Research and Development Center at



Fairfax County's electronic voting machines do not produce a paper trail and are susceptible to program glitches, according to computer scientists who have studied the issue.

SRI International in Arlington.

Epstein, a Braddock District resident, said an overwhelming majority of computer scientists believe there should be a paper trail that can be independently verified.

"There have been many many bugs in election software over the years and, one day we may not be able to recover from it. This bug may have affected past elections and nobody ever noticed it before. It could have given the wrong number of votes to the wrong candidate and nobody noticed," said Epstein, who advocates for voting machine security both nationally and locally.

Epstein and other advocates prefer optical scan voting machines, which require people to fill out a paper ballot with a pencil before running it through a scanning tallying system. The optical scan machines leave a verifiable paper trail.

DURING LAST November's presidential and congressional elections, Fairfax County equipped each polling station with at least one optical scan machine, and gave people

the choice of using either an electronic device or the optical scan to record their votes. But the current county budget crunch led election officials to forego using optical scan machines and to rely entirely on electronic voting machines during the three special elections that have taken place in Fairfax County in 2009. Suleman said he also intends to

only use electronic voting machines with no paper options or backup during the Democratic primary for statewide races in June and the general elections, including the Governor's race, in November.

"We are only using the electronic voting machines right now because of costs. We don't have money right now for paper ballots. ... The issue is the cost of paper. You have to understand that paper is expensive," said Suleman.

ACCORDING TO Fairfax County budget documents, the three 2009 special elections – including a House of Delegates race that affected one precinct, a

C O U N T Y W I D E chairman's race in February and the Braddock election – have cost the locality an extra \$300,000 this year. Printing paper ballots for the county chairman's race alone could have driven up the price tag another \$200,000, said Suleman.

If the county is offering paper ballots to voters, it is prudent to have enough to cover a voter turnout of 100 percent, plus a little, even though that number of people is very unlikely to turn up at the polls, said Suleman. According to county records, the voter turnout in November's presidential election, which was regarded as high, was 78.7 percent. In last month's special election for county chairman, it was 16.1 percent. "That is a tremendous amount of waste in paper but you have to be prepared for every voter to show up at the polls," said Suleman.

Still there are people who said they would be more comfortable with some wasted paper ballots than electronic voting machines. "I am not surprised that it is a little bit more expensive if you consider how many people in Fairfax County are going to cast votes in the governor's race. ... It is a little surprising to me that it costs \$200,000 for 400,000 sheets of paper," said Scott Surovell, chairman of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee.

Following the Braddock District election, he now expects the organization to look at a resolution calling for Fairfax County to do away with using its electronic voting machines altogether. "It is the only way to ensure that there is paper trail that reflects the voters' intent. ... The biggest concern is

that the voting machines can have malfunctions as they get older and may not reflect the voters' intent or record the votes correctly," said Surovell.

Epstein, who talks to people from all over the country about issues regarding voting machines, the voting machine malfunction in the Braddock district election could be the most serious malfunction noticed in the country so far.

"Nobody in the United States has seen anything like this. It is screaming and shouting that something is definitely wrong. ... I wasn't surprised that [the malfunction happened] but I was surprised how egregiously wrong it was," he said.

"We are entirely reliant on the software that is in the electronic voting machines to function correctly. When you have been writing software for 25 years, you know that is not a good thing to do."

— Jeremy Epstein, computer security expert

AS A SECONDARY issue, Surovell said he is also concerned about going through next fall's elections with only electronic voting machines because they take longer for voters to use than optical scan machines.

In November 2008, both Surovell and Suleman credited some of the success of the Presidential Election Day and its huge turnout to the fact that voters were given the option to use optical scan machines, allowing lines to move more quickly. Widespread

absentee voting at nearly a dozen locations helped as well, but that is unlikely to be available this November, also due to budget constraints.

"I am worried about moving people through the line on Election Day [in November 2009]. The registrar's office has proposed cutting out all satellite absentee voting which will make the lines on election day horrific," said Surovell.

Eventually, Fairfax will have to move way from electronic voting machines and toward an entirely optical scan system.

In 2007, Clifton Del. Tim Hugo (R-40) moved a bill through the Virginia General Assembly that prohibited localities from purchasing new electronic voting machines, requiring them to buy optical scan equipment when the electronic devices break down. Following the 2000 presidential election problems in Florida, Hugo chaired a bipartisan commission in Virginia that investigated the risks of electronic voting machine equipment.

"As someone who has both won and lost an election, it is OK to lose but you need to know that you truly lost. ... It will ensure the integrity of the voting system and the integrity of each vote to have a paper ballot," said Hugo.

"If the voter is not sure and doesn't feel confident that his vote was counted, then he will lose confidence in the entire system," he added.

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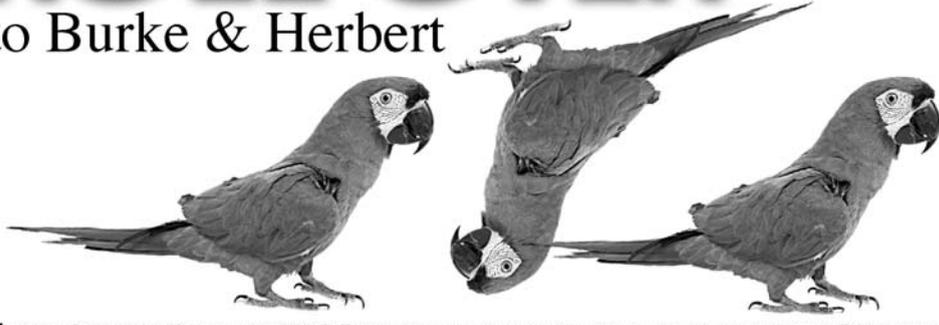


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What's Fair Market Value?

Many concerns about assessing properties in Northern Virginia this year.

Less than a month ago, Fairfax, Arlington and Loudoun counties, and the City of Alexandria, like other local governments, mailed each property owner a new assessment of the fair market value of the property.

What is your home's fair market value?

Most homeowners probably believe that the fair market value of their home is what they could sell it for in a reasonable period of time right now — say putting it on the market this week and allowing 30-60 days. How much would that be?

It's a tough question this year, with values dropping by more than 12 percent on average in Fairfax, nearly 15 percent in Loudoun, less than 5 percent in Alexandria and about 2 percent in Arlington.

The tax assessors base their decisions on the sales of "comparable" properties that sold in 2008, sometimes earlier. But with the number of sales down dramatically, there are sometimes very few "comparable" sales. In Fairfax County, the majority of sales are foreclosures.

But the assessors have decided that foreclosures should not be taken into consideration

as a comparable sale.

This is questionable, and the exclusion of foreclosure sales likely inflates the value of many, if not most, properties. If houses in your neighborhood have sold in foreclosure for dramatically reduced prices, does that affect the value of your house? You know it does.

The value on the piece of paper sent to your house will determine the amount of property tax you owe this year, based on the tax rate which in most places will not be precisely set until April.

Local governments' budgets, the amount of money they have to fund schools, public safety, libraries and many other services, depend directly on how much the homes in each jurisdiction are worth, based on the tax rate. This is more so in Virginia than in many other states where localities have more leeway in choosing sources of revenue. Localities in Virginia are more dependent on property taxes because the General Assembly has strictly limited their access to other taxes. In Virginia, because it is a "Dillon Rule" state, localities only have exactly the power that the General Assembly has bestowed on them.

YOU CAN APPEAL your assessment, but the

deadlines are fast approaching and the burden of proof is entirely on the homeowner. You will need to be prepared to cite comparable sales from 2008 that justify your view of your home's fair market value. There are two possible steps to appeal, first to the local department of tax administration, then to each locality's Board of Equalization. The Board of Equalization is independent of the tax assessors office; it is made up of citizens appointed by the governing board.

IN FAIRFAX COUNTY, the deadline to appeal to the Department of Tax Administration is April 3, and appeals to the next level must be postmarked no later than June 1. The second deadline could well roll around before a homeowner gets an answer to the administrative appeal, so it's important to engage in both processes at once.

See <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dta/> for instructions and information.

We want to hear from you; please share your opinion of your assessment, or any experiences you have in appealing your assessment.

— MARY KIMM,

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COMMENTARY

Youth Should Get Involved in Community

BY A. L. WILLIAMS
THE GAZETTE

It is a rare occasion that a teen gets a face-to-face interview with a public person. Last week I was fortunate to be given a brief talk with state Sen. Toddy Puller, of the 36th district, and was able to ask about her life in politics and few questions of interest to the youth of our community.

A state senator has numerous duties — "[that's] part of why I like the job," Puller said. The first duty is to take care of constituents in many areas: tax department, driver's licenses and car registration, children support, and other "stuff you can't imagine." The second duty is attending sessions where constituent issues are brought up along with issues that the individual senator has been studying. They must also attend civic associations and keep in touch with lobbyists. "I just want to move forward to improvements," said Puller.

Puller, who has been a state senator since 2000 and was a state delegate from 1992-2000, got involved to help out locally. "A committee woman called and asked for help," she said, "and then I joined the Democratic Committee and then I became a chairman." She didn't think about running for office until some people called in '89 and asked her to run for delegate. She did not win the first election but did two years later. Aside from volunteering

in the community Puller was in her high school and college governments, but was "never political 'till after college."

Puller said that it was pretty hard to keep her personal life separate from her business life. "Actually, [I] don't have much of a personal life, especially during the session and election," Puller said. Having children, Puller agreed, would make it even more difficult. When talking about differences in the behaviors of teens today and teens in the community when Puller was raising children, Puller focused on the way we communicate. "We only had one phone; now people have cell phones and always send text messages," said Puller.

When asked what she would like to see the youth in our community do, Puller echoed a familiar request. "I think it would be interesting for all [youth] to do community service. It can be for a charity, a church or another organization. It would broaden them and let them know how the community can work together."

As we are well aware, it is becoming increasingly difficult for Virginia students — especially in Northern Virginia — to gain admission to public Virginia colleges. People in the House have tried to limit the number of out-of-state students. But in Puller's eyes limiting isn't the problem; the schools need to be bigger. "Since the schools aren't very big, even if it was limited and 70 percent of student's were in-state, we would not notice a big change."

We also spoke about the economy; "this is the worst of my lifetime," said Puller. I asked what was being done with the state budget to ensure that when our generation is adults we won't be in the same economic crisis. Fortunately, Virginia is very conservative with money and is one of the best managed states. "Hopefully [a crisis like this] won't happen again, and the economy will come back; hopefully we will pass regulations against the big banks that got us into this situation," she said. Her answer to people is simply to "be responsible."

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Little League Coach, Child Center Worker Arrested

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Place were part of the investigation leading to his arrest.

"Nobody had any indication that anything like this was occurring," said the preschool's executive administrator Julie Lee, who has known Mintzer since 1999. "He was well liked and he did a good job."

According to a sworn affidavit from Met-

ropolitan Police Department Detective Jonathan Andrews, the undercover Fairfax detective posing as the 14-year-old boy received a Yahoo instant message from Mintzer on Feb. 25 that initiated a four-hour chat session. During the discussion, Mintzer described himself as a 27-year-old male who was 6'2" and weighing 215 pounds. The detective described himself as a 14-year-old boy living in Virginia.

"During the course of the chat, Mintzer sent multiple photos to the detective of his penis via Yahoo," Andrews wrote in the affidavit.

The next day, Mintzer and the detective had another private Yahoo messenger chat in which Mintzer made arrangements to meet the undercover Fairfax detective at a park near an Exxon gas station in Fairfax. Members of the FBI were waiting to take

him into custody with assistance from the Fairfax County Police Department, and he was transported to the Washington, D.C., where he is being prosecuted by the United States Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia.

"It's fair to say there are discussions geared toward resolving the case," said Barry Boss, Mintzer's attorney. "Nothing has been finalized yet."

Have Questions About Fall Prevention?

Inova Mount Vernon Hospital has a commitment to keeping our community members safe from preventable falls.

Please join us for a **FREE** community class on fall prevention.

When: Saturday, March 21
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Where: Inova Mount Vernon Hospital
Engh Conference Center,
second floor

This community class will provide participants with a lecture on the medical and environmental risk factors for falls, as well as worksheets identifying risk factors and showing how to make your home safer.

Participants will also be given the opportunity to receive a personalized assessment of "right fit" for their walkers or canes, so please bring yours with you.

All are welcome; including community members who have fallen or are afraid they may fall. Care providers are also welcome.

Speakers include:

- Jackie Wavelet, MSN, RN, Clinical Specialist
- Rodica Sandor-Scoma MSHA, Administrative Supervisor
- Angela Moody, MPT, Senior Acute Care Physical Therapist

The Class is FREE but we ask that you register by calling **703-750-8800** so that we have enough handouts for everyone.



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Edible Jazz

Upcoming lecture to probe how African-American foodways shaped Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE

Michael Twitty, a leading expert on African-American foodways, will return to the Alexandria Black History Museum next weekend to discuss the use of open hearths, stew stoves, special tools and pots that gave certain foods their unique flavor. He will also discuss the importance of tradition, nature, and availability of ingredients in Afro-Virginian cooking. His book, "Fighting Old Nep: The Foodways of Enslaved Afro-Marylanders 1634-1864," will be available for purchase.

How did you become interested in the subject of African-American diet and food preparation?

When I was a kid I was surrounded by a family that treasured its own history and the history of all people of African descent. What intrigued me the most our folk culture, especially that of enslaved people in the South and their forebears from West and Central Africa. I've always been interested in food. As an African-American kid you wonder — OK that ethnic group has their way of cooking and eating, what about us? I interviewed my grandparents, learned to cook, garden, fish, hunt and raise livestock through my parents, uncles, aunts and grandmother. That's how it all started.

What is distinctive about African-American foodways?

African-American foodways are based on a food heritage brought from Africa transformed and adapted to the ways and ingredients of the Americas. Native America is in it, so is Western Europe. It's our edible jazz, and unlike any other cuisine it fits like

Sweet Potato Pumpkin

Although it sounds exotic, the sweet potato pumpkin (*Cucurbita moschata*) was the glory of the African Virginian's table. Thomas Jefferson stated clearly that it was "well esteemed at our tables, and particularly valued by our Negroes." Cushaws produced from the late summer into the late fall, taking the place of sweet potatoes while they were out of season. The word cushaw is derived from an Algonquin word, although the plant itself ultimately derives from the West Indies, possibly Jamaica. When African Virginians moved across the Piedmont into the Appalachians, they brought the sweet potato pumpkin with them, and like the banjo (Kimbundu: mbanza) it became part of Southern Appalachian culture. Cushaws are made into cushaw butter, pie filling, puddings, and are cooked on their own. Striped green and creamy white, the "potato pumpkin," made into *The Virginia Housewife*, having attained popularity across lines of class and race.

Ingredients:

- ❖ 1 medium sweet potato pumpkin or cushaw
- ❖ 1 teaspoon of salt
- ❖ 1/2 cup of molasses
- ❖ 1/4 cup of butter
- ❖ a few dashes of spiced rum

Directions:

- ❖ Cut the top off of the pumpkin and pare off the rind. Scoop out the seeds and reserve them for other dishes or for seed saving. Pre-heat the oven to 350 degrees.
- ❖ Cut the sweet potato pumpkin up into small chunks and place in a pot or Dutch oven with water to cover. Add the salt. Boil gently until just barely fork-tender.

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What role did the availability of ingredients play in Afro-Virginian cooking?

You didn't have much. Imagine a larder without salt, pepper, wheat flour, butter, milk, sugar, eggs or spices — all the staple ingredients of a modern American kitchen. But unlike other places where you might be completely cut off from these ingredients, enslaved Virginians' practice of selling produce or chickens or crafts for money or barter helped them to acquire such delicacies. It's amazing that with simple ingredients, my ancestors were able to create a diet that sustained them despite having very little.

What kinds of food was commonly found in slave quarters?

Salted fish or meat, corn — measured in gallons according to the gender and workload of the person. Corn became hominy, hoecake, cornbread, corn mush and porridge. Sweet potatoes, turnip greens, cymling squash, field peas, red peppers, pole beans, watermelons and okra were all pretty common in the gardens of Virginia's enslaved. Wild greens, fish, fruit — like persimmons or apples — and wild game like opossums and squirrel were constants in the cabins according to the seasons.

What tools were used, and how did this influence the cooking?



Hear Music of Blind Pilot

They will be playing at Iota on Friday, March 27.

Israel Nebeker and Ryan Dobrowski make up Blind Pilot. They have been friends since college and they played music on the streets of Newqay, England. This is their first van tour across the United States. For information on the band, visit blindpilotmusic.wordpress.com.

How did you get your start in music and how long have you been performing?

When I was six I obsessively asked my mom daily to get me piano lessons. I started writing songs when I was the typical anxiety and wondering 15 year old or so, but I never considered performing since I was painfully shy as a kid. Somehow my friends convinced me to play some house parties and I got hooked on the feeling of it. We rarely get to share ourselves vulnerably with people and I like that about playing shows quite a lot. I believe there's a space created by performance that relies just as much on an audience as the performer. I don't really try to perform. I just try to be as into the songs as when I'm playing alone and somehow it all gets heightened with a crowd.

If applicable, how were your musicians chosen?

I know how we all came to play together, but it's really still a mystery for me. Ryan and I met long ago in school, but the rest of the band came after recording three rounds and a sound.

What is your best memory when it comes to music?

Ryan and I lived for a summer in Newqay, England for a university exchange program. It's a really beautiful tourist/surfer town and we busked on the street during the weekend late night pub crowds to make up for our tiny income we had there. That's one of my favorites. Super scary to play for pass-

ing people on the street, but when random people stop and gather into crowds it's wonderful. I think that helped shape what we do as Blind Pilot quite a lot.

Where is your favorite place to play, either publicly or personally?

I don't know that I have one. One of the best parts of this tour is that we've never been to any of these cities and it's exciting to see how the music will sound in new places and for new people.

Best compliment about a performance?

The first time someone thanked me for making music and writing songs was a bit mind blowing. It's a bit of a disconnect to think that this thing that is my favorite thing to do — something I'd do just for myself — somehow benefits another person.

What is your favorite piece of music and why?

Peter and the Wolf by Prokofiev. When I was a kid I had this tape of David Bowie narrating it along with a book. It was often the only thing to keep me entertained or comfort me. So it's got nostalgic value, but it's really just amazing musically and conceptually.

Who would you love to play with? Why?

Anyone? There's so many musicians and bands that I admire, I wouldn't know where to start. Two that I've admired for a long time are The Decemberists and Andrew Bird, and it's like a dream come true that we get to play two shows with them this July.

Describe your sound:

I'm never good with this. I dunno, it's kind of like describing your sister to somebody and everything you say is just technically your sister but not her really. I feel like saying, hey, just MEET her. She's really great and maybe you'll like her, but you'll never know anything about that from what I tell you. Folk.



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"Genus Loci" is at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, **through March 31**. See art by Cecily Corcoran. Free. Visit www.convergenceccf.net or 703-998-6260.

Through April 1 at AHM Gallery, 215 S. Union St., see photographs by **Robert Cantrell**. Free. 571-970-1466.

See **"383: Viewing the Potomac"** at the Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union St. **through April 6**. Artwork is by pastelist Daniel Wise. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

See **"Artistic Duo"** **through March 29** at Green Spring Gardens. Features art by Carolyn Grosse Gawarecki and photographs by Stephen Gawarecki. Free. Visit www.greenspring.org or 703-642-5173.

The **Springfield Art Guild** will showcase art at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive **through March 30**. Free. Features art of a botanical nature. Free. 703-644-6677.

Exhibition: **"A Radiant Spirit: The Journey of Mary Ellen Henderson"** **through March 28** at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St.

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

This month, the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., identified a small token excavated 10 years ago in Alexandria as a 1797 medal commemorating George Washington. This artifact will be featured in **"Hail to the Chief,"** a new mini-exhibition at the museum now open through **Tuesday, March 31**. Free. For more information, visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-838-4399.

"Old Stones - New Work" **through April 5** at Gallery West, 1213

King St., features watercolors in Gwendolyn Bragg's Stone on Stone series. Free. Visit www.gallery-west.com.

Rob Lindsay has an exhibition at Fireflies Restaurant, 1501 Mount Vernon Ave., **through April 11**. Free. Visit firefliesdelray.com or 703-548-7200.

The Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., presents **"Object D'Art,"** "an exhibit designed to challenge the artists' creative energy by reaching beyond comfort-zones and exploring new styles and mediums. Runs **through March 22**. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or 703-838-4827.



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ONGOING

On **Sundays** from noon-5 p.m., visit the Waterfront and see **history-inspired performances** near the Torpedo Factory; do a "meet and greet" of early Alexandria residents and travelers near the Waterfront and lower King Street. Free. Visit www.historicalexandria.org for more.

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

Beginning Feb. 25, the **T.C. Williams High School Planetarium** will welcome the Alexandria community one night each month during the school year for a free hour-long show. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for "A Night With the Stars," which will run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Advance registration, required, may be completed online at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/planetarium/> or by calling the planetarium at 703-824-6805, extension 6300.

Woodlawn's Needlework exhibition is **March 1-31** at 9000 Richmond Highway. There will be demonstrations, lunch by Nelly's Needlers and more. See needleworks from around the world. Visit www.woodlawn1805.org or 703-780-

4000 for more.

Children enter a world of fantasy and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during Mount Vernon's storytelling session, "**Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon**," held **every Saturday and Sunday** at 2 p.m. **in March** at the Hands-On History room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center. "Working Together" is the theme for March's storytelling sessions. "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; youth ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

Visit MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Performance. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Zemfira Stage presents "Oleanna." \$15/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Visit www.zemfirastage.org or 703-318-0619.

Mount Vernon will bring back its popular **National Treasure Tour through Oct. 31**. Included in this approximately hour-long walking tour is the Mansion's basement and cornerstone, the setting for a pivotal scene in the movie. This daily tour is limited to 25 visitors per time slot, takes place at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., and costs \$5 per tour in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$14 seniors; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Advance tickets are available online at MountVernon.org.

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Stunning!
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Chantilly - \$325,000

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suite adds to charm & appeal of this great home. Enjoy the South Riding community.

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OPEN SUN. 1-5

5432 DAWES AVENUE
Alexandria - \$750,000

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NEW LISTING

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!

1500 Grassymeade Lane
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 All brick colonial featuring 5/6 bedrooms, 3.5 baths with 2-car garage. Off a "country lane" on a wooded lot. Open and spacious with 2 cozy fireplaces, hardwoods, eat in kitchen with large island and granite, inviting family room for gatherings. Dir: South on GW Pkwy, right on Collingwood Rd, left on Fort. Hunt Rd, right on Grassymeade Lane.

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FOOD & DRINK

Food of the Past

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It was extremely Spartan. Iron pots or dutch ovens, frying pans or skillets, a few wooden spoons, gourds and shells and maybe stray castoffs from slave holders made up the kitchen gadgets. There were a lot of one-pot meals. Think about our slow cookers today and fried foods — foods that could either be prepared over the course of a long work day or cooked up quick at the end of one.

Did slaves develop special techniques to cook their food?

My ancestors often wrapped foods in leaves to steam, which was a common cooking method among Africans and Native Americans. Two other methods that came from Africa are deep frying and grilling spiced meats over smoky wood — what you might call barbecuing — are elements that enslaved Virginians drew on in creating their meals.

What can modern-day people learn from studying Afro-Virginian cooking?

That we are what we eat. History is really made in the kitchens and around the kitchen tables from day to day. My ancestors would have been just fine in times like these. They knew how to make something from nothing. If it wasn't for those endless days of corn mush and salt pork, a lot of us wouldn't be here to tell the tale.



Michael Twitty

Free Lecture

Michael Twitty, a leading expert on African-American foodways, will return to the Alexandria Black History Museum on March 28 to present "Cooking in the Quarters: Enslaved African Virginians Cooking for Themselves." The free lecture, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., will explore the preparation of foods of enslaved Virginians. Reservations are requested, as seating is limited. For more information or to make a reservation, call 703-838-4356.

CALENDAR

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Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear Railroad Earth. \$25/person. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Starting a Vegetable Garden. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about tips to help a vegetable garden. \$12/person. To register, 703-642-5173.

Lunch Bunch. Noon at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children up to age 5 can bring lunch and enjoy stories. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at St. Elmos Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear Jim and Ashley Cash perform with their band Woven Green. Free. Visit www.stelmoscoffeepub.com or 703-739-9268.

Event. Enjoy scripture, music and more at 7:30 p.m. at First A.M.E. Church of Alexandria, 8653 Richmond Highway. Free, donations accepted. Visit www.famealexandria.org

703-780-0653.

Theater Performance. "Godspell" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School. \$10/adult; \$8/student, senior. 703-212-5166.

SATURDAY/MARCH 21

Dance Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. \$14-\$28/person. See performances by Jane Franklin Dance, music by the Washington Saxophone Quartet. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

Swordsmen's Rendezvous. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. Learn how to wield a sword, tour the museum and more. \$5/person. Reservations required, www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242.

Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See Jane Franklin Dance perform. \$28/adult; \$25/senior, student. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-

1111 for discounted tickets.

Floral Design in French Style. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Laura Dowling will share floral designs from French masters. \$18/person. To register, 703-642-5173.

Harambee Readers. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discuss "A Mercy" by Toni Morrison. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Gentle Yoga. 2 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults can experience the benefits. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear Richie Havens. \$25/person. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Kite Festival. Noon-5 p.m. at Gunston Hall, 10709 Gunston Road. Fly a kite, enjoy a puppet show, hearth cooking and more. \$10/adult; \$6/child. Bring

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CALENDAR

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own kite or purchase one.

Swordsmen Rendezvous. 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. See a re-enactment and more. \$5/person. Reservations required, 703-838-4242.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear music by Karan Casey. \$25/advance; \$29/door. Visit www.sunspotpro.com or 800-404-9049.

Theater Performance. "Godspell" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School. \$10/adult; \$8/student, senior. 703-212-5166.

Author Event. 2 p.m. at Hooray for Books, 1555 King St. Andrea Price will hold an event for children ages 5-7. She will read from "Pelle's New Suit" and more. Free. 703-548-4092.

Opening Reception. 2-4 p.m. The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College will feature artist Ellen Cornett's Illuminated Tales, pastel on paper drawings, from Friday, March 20 through Sunday, April 19. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com for more.

SUNDAY/MARCH 22

Display Your Collection. 1 p.m. at Green Spring Garden, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to create a display for any type of collection. \$25/person. 703-941-7987.

Conifers for Gardens. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Garden, 4603 Green Spring Road. Author Richard Bitner will discuss using conifers in garden design. \$10/person. 703-642-5173 to

register.

Bach Vespers. 6 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Alexandria. Features music of Bach, hymns and more. Visit www.wpc-alex.org for more. Free.

Music. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear the United States Air Force Singing Sergeants. Free. 202-767-5658.

Spring Concert and Dinner. 6 p.m. at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive. Features Zemer Chai. 703-998-6460 for information.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Road. Hear Jim Stoltz perform a multimedia concert. \$10/adult; \$5/child. Visit www.mvuc.org or 703-721-0595.

Music. 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Free-will donation benefits Community Lodgings. Hear music by Designer Sounds. Visit www.trinityalexandria.org or 703-549-5500.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear the Air Force Chamber Players. Free. 703-549-1421.

Dance Stories. 3 p.m. in the Tyler Building on NVCC Alexandria campus. Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre performs. Tickets are available at the door for \$10. NVCC students, faculty and staff are free. More information is available at www.khgdt.org.

Author Book Signing. 11 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Alexandria author Peter Cresse will autograph "The Bloody Hand." Free. 703-548-4092.

MONDAY/MARCH 23

Tavern Toddlers. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St.

Toddlers up to 36 months can enjoy games and more. \$7/group of three, one adult and 2 children; \$3/additional person. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere. Hear bass player Victor Wooten. \$35/person. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Yoga for Gardeners. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Features the Vinyasa method. \$66/six-class session. To register, 703-642-5173.

Writer's Group. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Adults can bring work and get feedback. Free. 703-339-4610.

Escape into Reading. 7 p.m. at Jefferson-Houston. Students can enjoy celebrating reading with a show by magician Joe Romano. Free. 703-706-4408.

Dance Stories. 7:30 p.m. in the Tyler Building on NVCC Alexandria campus. Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre performs. Tickets are available at the door for \$10. NVCC students, faculty and staff are free. More information is available at www.khgdt.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 25

Spring Sunshine. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children 2-5 enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Peer Review Group. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Adults can bring work and get feedback. Free. 703-339-4610.

Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. James D. Bish will discuss "Alexandria: From Farm, to

Port, to Town and the Importance of the West Family." Free. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org or 703-683-2636.

Lecture. 7 p.m. at Virginia Tech Alexandria Center, 1021 Prince St. Gerrit-Jan Knaap discusses "Exploring Alternative Futures for the Baltimore-Washington Region." Free. 703-706-8132.

Family Safety Event. 4:30 p.m. at Hooray for Books, 1555 King St. Didi Malovic will entertain with stories and music and then discuss family safety. Free. 703-548-4092.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road. The combined bands of West Potomac High School present "March Madness" Band Concert. Free.

THURSDAY/MARCH 26

Preschool Storytime. 1 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 3-5 enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Stories and Science. 4 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 4-6 enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at West Potomac High School. Hear music by different choirs. Free.

Book Night. 5:30 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Watch performances, meet teachers and more. Free. 703-706-4500.

FRIDAY/MARCH 27

Lunch Bunch. Noon at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children up to age 5 can bring lunch

and enjoy stories. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Book and Art Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Browse books, puzzles and more. Free. Visit www.mvuc.org or 703-765-5950.

Illuminare Concert. 8 p.m. at Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road. Enjoy the program "The Lily and the Lion." \$15 suggested donation. Visit www.carmina.org or 703-542-9356.

Revival. Enjoy scripture, music and more at 7:30 p.m. at First A.M.E. Church of Alexandria, 8653 Richmond Highway. Free, donations accepted. Visit www.famealexandria.org or 703-780-0653.

Opening Reception. 7-10 p.m., "Celebrate the Art of Making," the all member, all media show by Del Ray Artisans members which reflects the joy of creating art and showcases the diverse talents of DRA members is open March 27 through April 26 at the Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or call 703-838-4827.

Music Performance. 9 p.m. at 219 Restaurant, 219 King St. \$5/person. Hear Rick Whitehead Jazz Trio.

SATURDAY/MARCH 28

Mixed Planting. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Garden, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to make a garden look its best through all seasons. \$18/person. 703-642-5173 to register.

Tea Traditions. 2 p.m. at Green Spring Garden, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the etiquette and origins of teatime. \$18/person includes a traditional tea. 703-941-7987 to register.

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OBITUARIES

Irene L. (Renie) Guback

Irene L. Guback, 78, who worked as a personal secretary to three congressmen, died March 6 at INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital in Alexandria of multiple ailments. She was the wife of Hall of Fame sportswriter Steve Guback of the old Washington Star. They lived in Wayneswood since 1965.

Irene Lapish Guback was born in Statesville, N.C., and came to Washington out of high school to work with the Federal Bureau of Investigation in January 1951. She left the FBI in March 1960 to join the staff of Congressman Joseph W. Barr of Indiana. Upon his defeat in November 1960 she was offered a position as personal secretary to freshman Republican James Harvey of Michigan.

Mrs. Guback served in that position until April 1974 when Rep. Harvey received a federal judgeship in Michigan. Mrs. Guback then worked for a brief period in the Office of the Secretary of Commerce before joining the staff of Rep. Guy Vander Jagt in 1975 as his personal secretary.

After 25 years on Capital Hill, Mrs. Guback retired on April 23,



Renie Guback

1985 to become a housewife and travel with her husband Steve Guback, who was an award-winning sportswriter for 20 years with the old Washington Evening Star until its demise in 1981.

Mrs. Guback's so-called retirement lasted only a few months when the Rev. Lee Sheaffer asked her to serve as a secretary at Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Alexandria on an interim basis. She continued in that role for more than a decade serving with the Revs. Ken Whetzel,

Bob McAden, M.J. Kim and Dennis Perry. She became ill with an aneurysm in the aorta during a Yuletide in Bavaria trip with her husband in 1998 and was hospitalized frequently after that.

When her husband was inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame in 2005, he referred to her as "the most courageous person I know." She not only spent three months in the hospital after the aneurysm operation, but later battled through a stroke that caused her to lose sight in one eye, hip surgery, two gall bladder operations, a broken collar bone and frequent hospitalizations for infections and dehydration. Her latest hospitalization lasted 12 days.

Mrs. Guback has a reception room at Aldersgate United Methodist Church named in her honor and she and her husband were recently named to the Presidents' Circle at Indiana University, his alma mater, where they have three scholarships in their name. In addition to her Capital Hill and church friends, she was well-known among Washington Redskins players and coaches, plus sports administrators from her husband's association with the

President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

Survivors include her husband of 44 years, her sister Gerald Sue L. Miller and her brothers Lawrence E. Lapish and James C. Lapish, all of Statesville, N.C.

Nancy Lynne Farmer-Hoisington

Nancy "Lynne" Farmer-Hoisington, 58, died on March 7, 2009 after a year-long struggle with cancer. She was born and lived her early adult years in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Since 1990 she has lived in Alexandria near Episcopal High School. She earned a B.A. from Wellesley College and her master's degree from VCU School of Social Work. She was the director of the Burgundy Farm Summer Day Camp from 1992-1998. She also worked at the Episcopal High School for a number of years. Most recently she was employed by Bell Nurseries of Burtonsville, Md.

She is survived by her husband Jeff and children Christy, Tim, and Zack. A service was held at the Episcopal High School on March 11. Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Burgundy Farm Country Day School Alexandria, VA 22303.

James Carl Sheeran

James Carl Sheeran, 72, of Denton died on Sunday, March 8, 2009.

Mr. Sheeran was born on Feb. 13, 1937 to Ralph and Pauline Sheeran in York, Neb. After graduating from the University of Nebraska, he began a 36-year career in military and civic service. During his time in the United States Navy, he met Anne Marie Crowe,

and they were married on July 24, 1965. They lived briefly in Denver before relocating to Washington, D.C., where they lived for over 30 years and raised a family of three sons before retiring to Robson Ranch in Denton, Texas, in 2002.

His family and friends will remember and miss his smile and laugh, the way he knew something about everything, his honesty and his work ethic. He valued his family above all else and instilled in them a curiosity for life. His family fondly recalls a myriad



James Carl Sheeran

visits to the Smithsonian, summer trips to the beach, Beethoven playing in the living room, bedtime readings of great novels, and his love of popcorn.

He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Anne Marie; his three sons, Edward, Michael and Andrew; and his brother David Sheeran of Bedford and his sister Jean Schuster of Phillips, Neb.

A funeral mass was held at Immaculate Conception Church in Denton on Monday, March 16. The burial will occur later in the spring in his hometown of York, Neb.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater Dallas Chapter, 4144 North Central Expressway, Suite 750, Dallas, TX 75204, or Robson Ranch Support Our Troops at: Support Our Troops, Inc., 11413 Ridgedale Court, Denton, TX 76207

DeBerry Funeral Directors of Denton, Texas, is in charge of arrangements.

COUNTY NOTEBOOK

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at the county board level on the federal "card check" legislation March 9. The federal bill has been pushed by the organized labor community and rejected by some business interest groups across the country.

Both the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Republican gubernatorial candidate Bob McDonnell have recently been vocal about their opposition to "card check," which would ease the process for forming a union in the workplace.

Herrity said Virginia's status as a "Right to Work" state — a place where organized labor has less influence — has been a boon to the Fairfax County economy. Several businesses choose to locate in Fairfax instead of Montgomery County, Md. because of Virginia's labor laws, said Herrity.

"It provides us with a very real competitive advantage over the county across the river in Maryland," he said.

But several supervisors said that they either did not agree with the premise of Herrity's board matter or felt ambushed by it at the last minute. Many said it would have made more sense for Herrity to bring up the subject in the supervisors' legislative committee meeting a few days earlier.

"I can't support this primarily because I don't agree with it. But I also really think this belongs in legislative committee," said Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill.)

"I have a lot stronger views on other legislation that goes before the U.S. Congress. ... I just don't think we should be taking a position on this," said Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville.)

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Groundbreaking Scheduled For New Treatment Center

The groundbreaking ceremony for the New Horizons Treatment Center will take place at 11 a.m. on March 25, at 8247 Gregory Drive in Alexandria.

The ceremony, co-sponsored by the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board and the New Horizons Neighborhood Advisory Board, will feature remarks by Fairfax County Lee District Supervisor Jeff C. McKay, Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board representatives, Fairfax County officials and the New Horizons

Neighborhood Advisory Board.

The New Horizons Treatment Center, a program of the Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board, will provide treatment to men and women with mental health and substance use disorders.

In 2004, county voters approved a bond referendum to fund the new facility. The new center will consolidate program costs by combining two existing programs. The construction is due to be completed in May 2010 and the center will be operational in June 2010.

BULLETIN BOARD

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Mt. Vernon Meals on Wheels is seeking a volunteer driver coordinator and a volunteer treasurer. For more information, please call Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's Volunteer Intake Line: 703-324-5406, TTY: 703-449-1186, e-mail DFSAAAvolunteer@fairfaxcounty.gov or visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/aaa.

The **Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club** helps the children of this area enjoy special educational and recreational trips, summer camps, and many other healthy activities. For those who would like to give more service to the Mt. Vernon community, the club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. for dinner and a program at the Mount Vernon Country Club on Old Mill Road. Contact Bruce or Joanne Malkin at 703-360-7725 or jbmalkin@verizon.net

The **Fairfax County Police Department** is conducting their annual recruitment drive for their Auxiliary Police Officer Program (APO). Duties such as assisting with sobriety checkpoints, supporting training programs like the Sexual Assault Free and Empowered (SAFE) Class, conducting home security surveys and taking fingerprints at community events are just a few examples where APOs are needed. Applicants must be in good health, without a criminal record or history of drug use and not be an applicant for police officer in any jurisdiction. To learn more or sign up to begin the application process, call 703-280-0701 or auxiliarypolice@fairfaxcounty.gov.

The **Northern Virginia Habitat ReStore**, located at 7770-G Richmond Highway, Alexandria (behind Gold's Gym), sells new and used building and home improvement materials to the general public. All proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia. The ReStore is run by volunteers that dedicate their time and energy to the work of Habitat and we

are in need of more volunteers. Call the store today at 703-360-6700 or stop by. For more information visit: www.restorenova.org.

Band musicians — young or old — bring instruments and play along with the **Mount Vernon Community Band** during their Tuesday evening band practices from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Mt Vernon High School Band Room, 8515 Old Mt Vernon Road. No auditions. Just sit in and play along even if you are "rusty." Music and music stands will be provided. Call Ed Smith 703-768-8278 or Eric Leighty 703-768-4172.

Adoption Support Groups are forming in the Mount Vernon area. All members of the adoption triad, (adoptees, birth parents, and adoptive parents) are encouraged to call for more information about the groups as well as individual, couples, and/or family counseling. The groups will be held in the evenings. Contact Diana Tracey, licensed clinical social worker, at 571-245-0054.

Join the **"Harmony Heritage Singers" Barbershop Chorus**. Rehearse twice a month on Wednesday or Friday depending on the availability of the library at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Drop in on any rehearsal. Rehearsal schedule can be found at: <http://members.cox.net/the-perfectpitch/> or by calling James Coulter 703-957-4597 Email: jnccoulter@comcast.net

The **Alexandria Workshop of Ikebana International** meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Citizen Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month from September through June except December and January. Ikebana is the Japanese art of floral arrangement. The group makes Ikebana floral arrangements, studies the history of the art and learns new techniques. New members are welcome. For more information call Julie Cimino at 202-544-5331.

ENGAGEMENT

Wendel, Sowell Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wendel of Mount Vernon announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Wendel, to Amanda Sowell of Columbia, S.C. Matthew is a 2003 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, and a 2007 graduate of the Uni-

versity of South Carolina in Columbia. Amanda is a student in the Medical College of South Carolina's School of Pharmacy.

A wedding is planned for April 2010 in Columbia, S.C.

FAITH NOTES

Book Study. Beverley Hills Community United Methodist Church, 3512 Old Dominion Blvd., will facilitate a Lenten book study on Wednesday eve-

nings, through April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Free. For more information, contact Pastor Sara Manner at skmanner@comcast.net or visit www.bhucmc.org.

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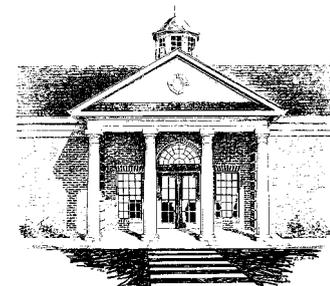
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Mount Vernon Thinking Big After Comeback

MV boys' soccer starts season with two wins, WP still searching for rhythm.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE

With his team trailing at halftime of last Thursday's season-opening match against T.C. Williams, Mount Vernon boys' soccer coach Bobby Garza reminded the group of shivering players surrounding him that four more goals would be scored in the second half.

"I told them, 'You guys have a chance to put four goals in the back of the net,' but to be honest we had such a horrible practice [the day before] and I thought they were still feeling that," said Garza later.

A stiff wind, temperatures dipping into the low 40s, and some sloppy defense didn't help as the Majors began to dig themselves out from a 3-1 deficit entering the second stanza — something that would have undoubtedly buried Mount Vernon last season when it stumbled to a 3-7-3 record.

And yet 40 minutes after that talk, there stood a collection of grinning Majors after Mount Vernon made its coach look prescient, exploding for four second-half goals en route to a 5-4 victory over the defending Patriot District champion Titans.

Sloppy passing turned crisp, loose balls seemed to always find Mount Vernon feet, and most importantly, the Majors stuck together as they mounted a furious comeback.

"I feel like the past few years we weren't really coming together as a team," said junior Eric Williams after scoring the game-tying goal with a miraculous shot from nearly 35 yards out. "And today I think it showed that we're more than a team, we



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon senior John Wright had a hat trick in the Majors' dramatic 5-4 win over T.C. Williams to start the season. He added another goal in the team's 4-2 win over South Lakes the next day.

came together as a family out there, coming from behind and winning the game."

"I think this will carry us on and give us some momentum for the rest of the season," said senior John Wright, who was the star, capping off his first-career hat trick with the game-winning goal.

Like his coach, Wright's words rung true as Mount Vernon also defeated South Lakes, 4-2, last Friday to start the year 2-0 and cement itself as an unforeseen force to be reckoned with in the National District. Sweeper Dylan Bischoff led the Majors with two goals against the Seahawks, while Wright and fellow forward Dannish Decardi-Nelson chipped in a goal apiece.

Mount Vernon possesses a plethora of riches on the offensive end with the converted sweeper Wright and Decardi-Nelson leading the charge. That doesn't even take into account junior Francisco Rodriguez, a first-team All-District forward a year ago, who is still getting his rhythm after breaking his leg in the offseason.

"We already had that gel thing and the family thing going, but still, everyone has that me-first attitude sometimes," said Garza. "At halftime, they kind of reconciled their hearts and found out they can do this if they play as one unit."

"We're more than a team, we came together as a family out there, coming from behind and winning the game."

— Mount Vernon junior Eric Williams

THE WEST POTOMAC boys' soccer team wasn't as lucky as its counterparts down Route

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Laxers Embrace Challenges of New Season

Mount Vernon beats West Potomac in opener, loses to district favorite in second game.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE

Area Teams

Mount Vernon

Last season: Lost in district semifinals
Player to Watch: Senior Austin Myhre
Notable Quotable: We've been thinking about last season for a year now. It has given us a lot of motivation and we're ready to go." — senior Austin Myhre

West Potomac

Last season: Lost in district quarterfinals
Player to Watch: Senior Stephen Paul
Notable Quotable: We're looking to build around everyone, but we're gonna go back to fundamentals this year." — coach Patrick Carmack

Generally speaking, most teams tend to ease into a new year, playing easier competition as new players adjust to a new season. Not the Mount Vernon boys' lacrosse team, though, they've gone full throttle into the 2009 campaign.

Following a 12-2 thumping of neighborhood rival West Potomac last Thursday, the Majors lost a heartbreaking 12-11 overtime affair with Falls Church — the defending National District champions — Monday night. With a game against defending state champion Chantilly coming up this Thursday, it's a good thing Majors coach Dale Nalls has a lot of faith in a team loaded with 16 returning seniors.

"They're a really smart group, so they just remembered a lot of stuff from last year," said Nalls.

Last week Mount Vernon (1-1) jumped

all over the Wolverines, scoring six first-quarter goals, including three in the first two and a half minutes of the game. Doing much of the damage was a duo of senior attackers, Brandon O'Clisham and Austin Myhre. The two either scored or had an assist on all but one of the Majors' 12 goals on the night. Myhre finished with three

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PHOTO BY RICHARD MAPLE

Senior Brandon O'Clisham had four goals for Mount Vernon in its 12-2 season-opening win over West Potomac.

SPORTS

One Hoath Leaves, Another Emerges

New faces, same formula for Mount Vernon, West Potomac girls' soccer teams.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon girls' soccer coach Tony Garza knows there's no template on how to replace someone like last year's National District Player of the Year Beverly Hoath. Instead, he's simply turning things over to the next best thing: her younger sister and last year's team MVP, senior Shelley Hoath.

Maybe that task sounds daunting to some, but Garza knows the latest Hoath is more than up to the challenge.

"There were games last year where both of them would just ride each other," said Garza. "They would almost take turns trying to get each other to play better, but I don't think Shelley ever worried about being in [Beverly's] shadow. She wanted to prove she was the best."

And if she ever feels alone out on the field without her older sister, all Shelley will have to do is look to her right, where her younger sister, junior Marcey Hoath, will be patrolling the midfield this year.

Shelley and Marcey are the third and



PHOTO BY MARK GIANNOTTO/THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon junior Marcey Hoath (no. 11) will look to her sister, Shelley, for leadership this season as the Majors try to replace the pair's older sister, Beverly.

fourth Hoaths to come through the Mount Vernon girls' soccer program after Beverly last year and eldest sister Ashley two years prior to that.

And while Beverly's stats were gaudier last season, it's Shelley who Garza says dictated the flow of games. After a successful 10-5-2 campaign a year ago, Shelly just hopes she can keep the winning soccer tradition alive and kicking.

"I learned so much from them," said this year's Hoath of her older sisters. "We'd go outside and play against each other and then also just in terms of stepping up as a leader. I got to watch them do that."

The Majors' season got off to a slow start

last Wednesday when they lost 2-0 to T.C. Williams, but that had more to do with the fact that inclement weather had forced Mount Vernon to practice almost exclusively indoors during the preseason. The team kicks off its district schedule against Edison Wednesday, after the Gazette's deadline.

"There's only so much you can do inside," said Garza. "Once we get more time together, we'll start transforming back into what we were before."

OVER AT WEST POTOMAC, girls' soccer coach Jean Coder doesn't have any familial bonds that will help bring her team together, but she's got something close to

Area Teams

West Potomac

Last Year: 8-6-1

Player to Watch: Junior Morgan Carter
Notable Quotable: "We're hoping we can gel a little better." — coach Jean Coder

Mount Vernon

Last Year: 10-5-2

Player to Watch: Senior Shelley Hoath
Notable Quotable: This team has a lot of heart and I think with heart anything is possible for this team." — senior Shelley Hoath

it.

The Wolverines return 10 juniors, all of who were a part of last season's encouraging 8-6-1 campaign.

And about nine of them play for the same club team outside of school, meaning they're around each other seemingly 24/7 during soccer season.

Last year, though, with so many youngsters, coming together as a team was a challenge. That's why this past weekend Coder and her team went to Virginia Beach to participate in an early-season tournament, hoping to get as many games under its belt as possible before district play begins.

Coder will look towards her four junior captains — Alex Butler, Morgan Carter, Linnea Markson, Michelle Gilmore — to provide leadership to a squad that has the potential for greatness if they can learn to play as a team more consistently.

"That's what we're hoping for," said Coder. "Last year they were all sophomores and they just didn't quite gel together. I think this year will be different because they've got the necessary talent."

Mount Vernon Beats West Potomac in Opener

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goals and two assists, while O'Clisham netted four goals of his own.

Also expected to contribute offensively this season is senior Brian Green, a standout on the football and basketball teams earlier this year. In addition, Nalls will count on senior Mike Hall to hold down the fort defensively.

But this isn't just a large group of seniors hell bent on having a successful season. They've got tradition to uphold.

In the 13-year history of Mount Vernon lacrosse, the Majors have won nine National District championships, the last coming in 2005. That means for the first time in program history nobody on this year's team has ever been a part of a title-winning squad.

So lack of motivation certainly won't be an issue, especially after the team bowed out earlier than expected in the district semifinals to Yorktown a year ago.

"They're hungry, they're working hard, and they're a good team," said Nalls. "They gel when they need to. We think we're competitive in the region."

"The way we went out last season was

kind of rough," said Hall. "Everybody was upset, so coming back to practice hard was easy after that."

WEST POTOMAC

certainly won't take solace in the final score of last Thursday's rivalry game, but after the first-quarter barrage of goals the young Wolverines steadied themselves the rest of the way.

Senior attack Kyle Wagner got the team on the board midway through the third quarter, taking advantage of a misplayed ball by Mount Vernon's goalie to score his first goal of the season. Fellow senior Stephen Paul, a player coach Patrick Carmack called "an offensive showcase," scored West Potomac's only other goal.

A team chock full of either underclassmen or players that have just recently begun playing lacrosse, Carmack expects his



PHOTO BY RICHARD MAPLE
West Potomac coach Patrick Carmack predicts senior Stephen Paul will be "an offensive showcase" for the Wolverines lacrosse team this season.

inexperienced group to get better as the season wears on. Until then, he'll rely on Paul and senior Matthew Seyoum on defense to keep things afloat.

"I think the game would have been a lot closer if we were a little bit better prepared to start the game, instead of coming out and getting kind of shell shocked," said Carmack. "I think we've got a really talented squad, but we've also got lots of room to improve."

Thinking Big

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1. The talented Wolverines had to begin the season suffering two-straight losses in order to fully understand where their learning curve stands thus far.

West Potomac came out flat, losing to Edison, 3-0, last Wednesday. The Wolverines played much better in a 1-0 loss to Robinson two days later, but a goal 25 seconds into the game cost them in the end.

Coach Andrew Peck realizes it will take some time to come together since half of his team wasn't on the varsity last year when West Potomac made it all the way to regional quarterfinals, losing to state semifinalist Stone Bridge. The Wolverines will be defensive-oriented this year led by senior captains Freddy Boateng and Kwasi Owusu. The coach also expects big things from goalie Orlando Naresin in his first full season in net. "I think this year with the way our district is formed, we could match or better what we did last year," said Peck. "Now it's up to the boys. They've got a couple games under the belt and when they're ready to play, I think they'll be one of the better teams in the area."

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Catch and Kill: Regulations Prohibit Catch-and-Release

FROM PAGE 1

Exaggerated tales of the fish's ability to crawl on land, feeding habits, and evil appearance multiplied. News of the invasive species and its potential devastation of native fishes spread rapidly across the country. It was a, ah, feeding frenzy.

The snakehead is now solidly entrenched in the Potomac River. Initially clustered in creeks near Mount Vernon and Fort Belvoir — Little Hunting, Dogue, and Pohick — they currently range from Great Falls to Colonial Beach below Dahlgren, Va. The snakeheads are here to stay, but their impact on the river's ecology remains unknown.

"We'll need five to 10 years to determine the snakehead's effect on other fish species," said Steve Minkinen of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. "There is so little data about their eating habits, growth rates, and population. Rumors of a pending catastrophe are just that without the supporting science."

Maryland officials poisoned the Crofton pond in 2002 to eradicate the six adults and 1,000 fry discovered there. A nearby resident apparently imported a pair of live Chinese snakeheads for eating, but instead dumped them into the pond. The federal government immediately outlawed interstate transport of the East Asian native. After snakeheads turned up in Dogue Creek in 2004, Virginia banned possession of the fish. The state instructed fishermen to kill any they caught and submit the dead fish to authorities. By July 2005, Virginia gave up on eradication and modified the regulation. Anglers may now keep any legitimately caught snakeheads,



John Odenkirk, Virginia's foremost snakehead expert, hoists two snakeheads that he caught in the Potomac. The elongated body, snake-like head, and camouflage coloring help in identifying the fish.

PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN ODENKIRK

but must kill them. No catch-and-release with them.

SNAKEHEAD PUBLICITY in 2004 and 2005 filled newspapers in grocery store checkout lines and created half-truths and myths about the fish.

"Northern snakeheads don't

walk," said John Odenkirk of Virginia's Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. "They can, however, slither through puddles, but that's about it." Odenkirk has caught 30-inch snakeheads that weighed up to nine pounds. The fish favor the same weed-filled, shallow water frequented by large

mouth bass. That environment makes the fish targets for ospreys and eagles, and fishermen have pulled in snakeheads with talon wounds. Snakeheads are "piscivorous," eating only fish. Odenkirk's examination of stomach contents from Potomac River fish indicates their primary food is banded killifish, often called a bull minnow. In similar examinations, Virginia Tech researcher Nick Lapointe found evidence the snakeheads often eat bluegill, but rarely bass.

Snakeheads are air-breathers, and that capability coupled with its voracious appetite and sizable teeth, fostered tales of biting dogs on land. "These fish are actually quite shy," said Lapointe, a Ph.D. graduate student at Tech. Lapointe has been studying the fish since 2006 and has tracked them by implanting transmitters into dozens of snakeheads. "Whenever I approached one I was tracking, it retreated immediately to the safety of the weeds."

Females can carry as many as 40,000 eggs and spawn multiple times each year. The parents aggressively protect their offspring. Additionally, the female herds the fry to the surface as she trains them to breathe air. Thousands rotate up to the surface in a roiling mass of fry and bubbles.

"Snakeheads are great game fish," said Mount Vernon fisherman Derek Radoski. He prefers top-water plugs. Professional bass guide Steve Chaconas, also a Mount Vernon resident, uses the same lures he offers bass, including plastic worms, crank baits, and spinners. "They're an awesome, powerful fish," said Chaconas. "I have clients fly in from across the country to go snakehead fishing," he added.

Snakeheads are good eating, but

government officials tread softly on the subject. They are concerned fishermen may attempt to introduce live catch into other river systems. Lapointe is quick to remind that interstate transport of a live snakehead carries a maximum \$200,000 fine and a five-year prison term.

A PAIR OF SNAKEHEADS found its way into a pond on Mount Vernon Country Club's golf course in mid-2008. Heavy rain flooded nearby Dogue Creek, and the deluge temporarily joined the two water bodies. Within weeks, the female spawned and thousands of fry swarmed in the shallows. The club staff conferred with Odenkirk, who saw a chance to study the fish in a semi-contained environment.

After temporarily stunning the pond's fish with a mild electrical charge, Odenkirk tagged the snakeheads. During subsequent visits, he examined the fish's "otolith," a bony growth in the ear. "Fish lay down growth rings on the otolith, much like a tree," he said. "Since we have a general birth date, we might be able to calibrate the process and use on any snakehead." Odenkirk said scientists cannot understand the snakehead's impact on the river until they gather information on snakehead growth rates, mortality, and population increases. He expects to return periodically to examine the club's snakeheads.

"We are happy to help," said Pete Van Pelt, Mount Vernon's general manager. "The pond is healthy and full of other kinds of fish, so it gives Mr. Odenkirk a good laboratory."

Van Pelt added that no one has seen a snakehead walking the golf course.



Snakehead fry rise to the surface to breathe. Both mom and dad guard them closely.

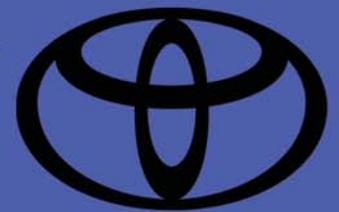


Virginia fishery officials use electrical probes on the bow of their boat to stun fish at Mount Vernon Country Club. The biologists periodically examine snakeheads to record growth and activity.

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