

**Author Karen Leggett Abouraya leads a Skype session between students at Burgundy Farm Country Day School in Alexandria and students at the Bibliotheca Alexandrina in Egypt.**



## Book Launch at Burgundy Farm

**A**uthors Susan Roth and Karen Leggett Abouraya celebrated their children's book about the Egyptian revolution, "Hands Around the Library," with the students at Burgundy Farm Country Day School on Thursday, Sept. 13. In the morning, the authors hosted a Skype session between the school's fourth and fifth grade students and a handful of Egyptian students

ages 9 through 11. They connected over shared interests like pizza, pets and Disney, and they discussed their different ideas about and experiences with freedom and democracy. Afterwards, the authors led all of the students — junior kindergarten through eighth grade — in an art project through which they created paper dolls to hold hands and promote peace.



**Author Susan Roth demonstrates to students at Burgundy Farm Country Day School how to create self-portrait ambassadors of friendship. She used similar artwork to illustrate her latest book, "Hands Around the Library," which she wrote with Karen Leggett Abouraya.**

CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS



**Students at Burgundy Farm Country Day School created paper self-portraits that were inspired by Susan Roth's artwork in "Hands Around the Library." The finished dolls hold hands to express peace and interconnectedness.**



**Students at Burgundy Farm Country Day School create paper self-portraits inspired by Susan Roth's artwork in the book "Hands Around the Library."**



**Max Lee, a student at Burgundy Farm Country Day School, shares the self-portrait paper doll he created as an ambassador of friendship.**

## County Flooded by EPA Rules Change

**As Virginia loses federal money, debate emerges about Fairfax County's course of action.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

**A**cross Mount Vernon, large-scale 1960s-era parking lots dominate the landscape and flood the streams. Now the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is taking aim at that rush of water, calculating pollution based on the flow of water that is released into the Chesapeake Bay. That's a drastic change from the previous calculation, which was based on the amount of sediment dumped into the streams and tributaries that flow into the bay. And it's leading to an increasingly pitched conflict between Fairfax County and the EPA.

"Part of the dispute between the county and EPA is whether EPA even has the authority to declare

the amount of water as the actual pollutant," said Del. David Bulova (D-38). "It's not clear to the county whether or not the EPA really has the authority to simply declare that too much water is also now a pollutant that would be regulated under the federal Clean Water Act."

Last month, federal officials informed Virginia that the commonwealth will lose \$1.2 million in federal grants because of the lack of progress in reducing stormwater runoff from city streets, parking lots and urban storm drains. Federal officials say Virginia can reapply for funding if it makes improvements, but the debate in Fairfax County is likely to linger. Over the summer, Fairfax County and the Commonwealth of

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## Coalition Seeks Federal Investigation into Shootings

**Group also seeks details of 62 previous civil rights complaints against Fairfax County police.**

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**T**he Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability sent a letter to Assistant Attorney General Thomas C. Perez, U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division on Aug. 16, requesting an

investigation into the shooting deaths of six people over the past several years by Fairfax County Police officers.

At the CCPA Sept. 13 meeting, chaired by Executive Director Nicholas Beltrante, the letter was

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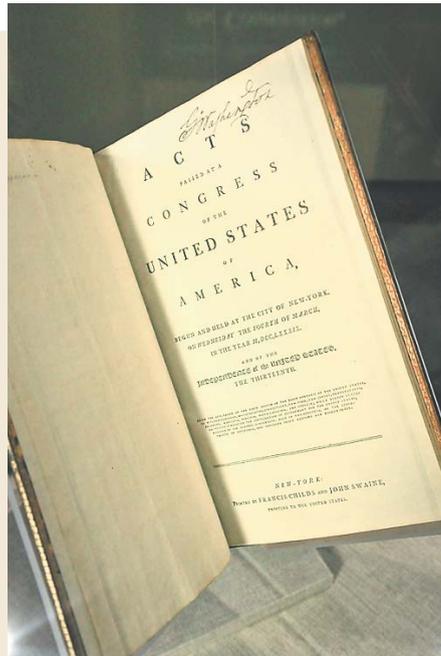
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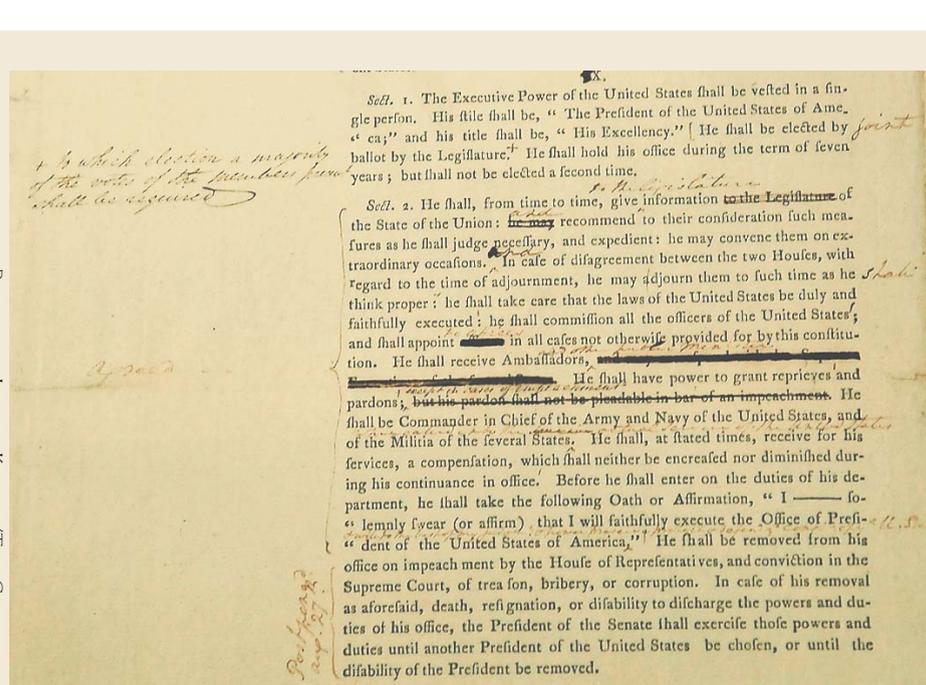


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George Washington's annotated copy of the Acts of Congress that began in New York on March 4, 1789.



A detail of George Washington's first draft of the U.S. Constitution on loan from the National Archives.

## Celebrating 225<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of U.S. Constitution

**O**n the 225th anniversary of the signing of the U.S. Constitution, Mount Vernon Estate unveiled George Washington's annotated copy of the Acts of Congress. This rare volume garnered world-wide attention this summer when it was offered for sale and broke auction world records for an American historical document. The book includes Washington's copy of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other legislation passed by the first session of Congress, complete with his personal

annotations. This piece of American history will be on view in the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center through the national observance of George Washington's birthday on Feb. 18, 2013.

Accompanying the Acts of Congress through Oct. 29, on loan from the National Archives and Records Administration, is George Washington's first draft of the Constitution. This draft displays Washington's hand-written notes recording the convention's handling of each proposed clause.

## Not Going With the Flow

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Virginia filed a lawsuit challenging the EPA's new stormwater regulations for the Accotink watershed. Some say that course of action is a mistake.

"Attacking the regulatory action as illegal or inappropriate, to me, is kind of over-kill," said Del. Scott Surovell (D-44). "I think the county ought to enter into negotiations instead of trying to tell the EPA that they are wrong."

**THE DISPUTE** isn't just about science. Many Democrats in Northern Virginia are uncomfortable with the politics of Fairfax County entering into a lawsuit with Republican Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli on an environmental issue. Cuccinelli, who used to represent Fairfax County in the Senate, is now a candidate for governor. Del. Kaye Kory (D-38) says joining with the controversial attorney general could damage the county's standing.

"Under [former Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman] Gerry Connolly, we were all so proud of the environmental steps we had taken and really saw Fairfax as a leader in the green counties," said Kory. "So I think simply the headline that the county is suing the EPA and they are partnering with Cuccinelli is very damaging to that reputation."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors member Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) disagrees. He says that the county is pursuing an important challenge.

"We should be joining with the Commonwealth of Virginia in challenging the EPA's authority on a rule that could bankrupt local jurisdictions," said Hyland. "Where are we going to get the hundreds of millions of dollars in Fairfax County to do what we feel is a requirement they don't have the right to impose? Raise taxes?"

**THE ISSUE** is especially acute here in Mount Vernon, which is full of infrastructure designed for a different era. Most of the stormwater runoff that exists along the Route 1 corridor is designed to get the water off the streets and into the creeks. So far, the county has not taken steps necessary to modernize how stormwater runoff flows through Mount Vernon.

"Basically any time you get any kind of moderate rainfall, the creeks in my district turn into a toilet bowl," said Surovell. "There's probably a significant part of the 44th District that's currently sitting at the bottom of the Potomac River and the Chesapeake Bay because the county and the state have refused to take action for 40 years."

Hyland says the county has been hard at work to solve the problem, but the EPA is asking for too much too quickly.

"Every watershed in Fairfax County is now waiting for the money to do the capital projects to make the changes needed to hold the stormwater," said Hyland. "But this rule requires this now, and it just will not happen."

## Coalition Keeps Pressure on Police Shootings

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read to attendees urging that following the investigation the Justice Department should "seek a Federal Consent Decree pursuant to violations of Title 18, U.S.C., Section 242 'Deprivation of Rights Under Color of Law,' and Title 42, U.S.C. Section 14141, 'Pattern and Practices.'" According to Beltrante, a summary of the six cases was attached to the letter as exhibits.

The Aug. 16 letter was followed up by a second letter to the Justice Department on Sept. 7 with a Freedom of Information Act request for a description of the 62 civil rights complaints filed with the Justice Department from 1987 to 2012 against the Fairfax County Police Department. According to Beltrante, Justice Department staff confirmed there have been 62 civil rights complaints but would not reveal the description or status of the complaints.

At the meeting, Beltrante introduced Michelle Evans Holden, whom he characterized as a victim of false arrest and police abuse. Holden, a former resident of Fairfax County, described in detail to the attendees what she characterized as a terrible experience with the Fairfax County Police Department in connection with a domestic violence case that began in August 2011. Beltrante mentioned to the attendees that

her case was a classic example of the difficulty Fairfax County citizens continue to have in dealing with the police department.

A police citizen oversight organization, if it existed, could have investigated Holden's case, and submitted their independent findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors without the bureaucratic cover the Fairfax County Police now has on all matters, Beltrante said. According to Holden, in the absence of such an oversight board, her only recourse was to hire an attorney, at a cost of \$40,000, to fight a domestic assault and battery charge against her by her husband with the support of the Fairfax County Police. The police investigating the incident interviewed the husband, herself, and one of the sons who called the police. The investigating police officer decided to place Holden under arrest. Holden was charged with assaulting her husband. Holden and her son filed a formal complaint against the investigating officer for false arrest. Months later as the case unfolded, in November, the charge by Holden against the police was expanded to false testimony and malicious prosecution.

Eventually, after an unsuccessful appeal of a lower court ruling, a Circuit Court Judge directed her to pay for and attend a domestic violence course (five months duration), and accept a first time offender deal

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that provides for a dismissal of the case in two years. Holden remains on probation until the domestic violence course has been completed. She has filed for divorce, and moved out of the area. She attended the CCPA meeting to illustrate the importance of what the CCPA is attempting to accomplish. Holden said, "The Fairfax County police arresting officers were not interested in the facts, and absolutely arrogant" and "out of control. My son calls 911 and they arrest me."

Holden is filing a civil rights complaint against the Fairfax County Police Department with the U.S. Department of Justice.

In other business, the CCPA elected new officers for its board: John Smucker as president and Bernard Tabarini as vice president.

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## OBITUARY



**Mary M. Stanges**

### Mary M. Stanges

Mary M. Stanges, 92, who worked as an executive secretary at the Pentagon and was a volunteer at Mt. Vernon Hospital, died July 20, 2012 at her home in Hollin Hills after a long illness (non-Hodgkins lymphoma). Her husband of 64 years, Julius T. Stanges, died in 2005.

Mrs. Stanges retired from the Defense Department in 1984 after 22 years of exemplary service. She worked first for the Air Force Chief of Staff and later in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

Mrs. Stanges was a third generation Washingtonian of German-Irish descent. She grew up in the Lincoln Park area of D.C. where her father had a home-based dental practice. She graduated from the former St. Cecilia's Academy on East Capitol Street and met her future husband, Julius, while he was attending Catholic University. They were married in Kingston, Jamaica in 1941. She lived in Oakland, Calif. and worked for Bell Telephone during WWII, while her husband served aboard a Coast Guard cargo ship in the Pacific.

Mrs. Stanges was stricken with polio at age 8 and regained her strength and balance by rollerskating. The ordeal of her recovery shaped a fiercely self-reliant and tough-minded personality. When, at age 88, falling oak trees demolished the front section of her house and forced her out, she undertook a yearlong rebuilding project to reoccupy and live out her remaining years at home. She was grateful for having a close circle of longtime caring friends and neighbors who helped her age in place. The same house was her home for 62 years and there she found the solace and serenity of a country villa within a friendly, vibrant community. She was a creative gardener and a familiar figure in her front yard on busy Stafford Road. The location was a welcoming venue for meeting and greeting passersby while she went about designing and planting new flowerbeds. She imagined the street as her "Rue de la Paix" and enjoyed evenings on her front terrace raising a glass of wine and watching the neighbors walk by with their children and dogs.

Mrs. Stanges is remembered as an original resident of Hollin Hills who loved the natural setting and open environment of the mid-century modern community. She proclaimed the renowned liberal enclave was teeming with colorful characters and she

was proud to be counted among the supporting cast. During the 1980s, she was a community activist and leading advocate for saving the local area oak trees from gypsy moth infestation. Fairfax County responded with aerial spraying until the trees were safe from harm. She enjoyed chasing deer from her gardens but left the fox, coyote and raccoons to roam free. She spent much of her time tending to her gardens, caring for her home and serving with the Wednesday group of volunteers at nearby Mount Vernon Hospital. Her other interests included a love of opera, classical music and books, especially by authors Edith Wharton, Louis Auchincloss and Michael Dirda. She and her husband Julius served in the Washington Opera Guild and they performed as supernumeraries in many productions.

Mrs. Stanges and her husband were longtime parishioners of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Old Town Alexandria. They had many close friendships with fellow parishioners who shared their interest in sacred music and artwork. During her working years and after retirement, she and Julius traveled throughout Europe and soon discovered the Adriatic island of Hvar, Croatia, where they spent 25 happy summers. Their last holiday in 1991 ended abruptly when they were evacuated ahead of fighting at the beginning of the Bosnian War.

Mrs. Stanges was a child of the Great Depression and lean times yet was fascinated by the lifestyle and stories of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era. She appreciated understated fashion and was noted for wearing her signature black beret with a silk scarf for a splash of color whenever she went out. She loved to laugh and tease and inherited a touch of the Irish blarney as well as a strong sense of German propriety. She had great affection for her gardeners and housekeeper, whom she embraced as family and kindly shared sage advice on life. She had a sharp wit and a quirky sense of humor. She enjoyed exchanging good-natured barbs with her boys, followed with a grin and a sharp punch in the stomach. She was barely 100 lbs. yet she could knock the wind out of a grown man.

Survivors include two sons, Michael (Milly) Stanges of McLean, and Thomas (Kristin) Stanges of Columbia, Md.; a sister, Helen Brady of Majorca, Spain, and two brothers, Dr. John McVeigh, of Gig Harbor, Wash., and William McVeigh of Arlington; and many other relatives and friends.

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Email will be sent in December announcing the specific, dates and times the above sites will be opened for the 2013 tax season.

## THURSDAYS/SEPT. 27 AND OCT. 4

**"Quench Your Curiosi-Tea."** 1 p.m. Free and open to the community. Each session is different and attendees can enjoy one or all. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Call 703-765-4573 to reserve a seat. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request. Call 703-324-4600, TTY 711.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

**Baseball Open Game.** 9 a.m. Join the opening of Fort Hunt Little League's fall season AA game at Darsey Baseball Field. There will be cake and a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a baseball game. Plymouth Haven Baptist Church (field adjacent to parking lot), 8600 Plymouth Road.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 24

**Horticulturist Exam.** The American Horticultural Society has partnered

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## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

**Volunteer Fair.** 6:30-8 p.m. Teens can discover how to make their volunteer hours count at volunteer fair. Middle and high school students and their parents are invited to meet representatives from local organizations that offer volunteer opportunities. Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call 703-765-3645.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 30

**GOP Afternoon.** Noon to 2 p.m. Colonial Republican Women cordially invite the public to attend an afternoon with Republican elected leaders and candidates at Lee District Park, at the intersection of Telegraph Road and Rose Hill Drive. Admission is \$35 per person and \$60 per family. To R.S.V.P. contact Deborah Bodlander [dbodlander@hotmail.com](mailto:dbodlander@hotmail.com) or Paula Steiner at [pauleigh@gmail.com](mailto:pauleigh@gmail.com)

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❖ Tuesday, Sept 25: 10 a.m.-noon Cholesterol and Blood Pressure Screening; 12-1 p.m. "Avoiding Heart Attack and Stroke: What Can You Do?" Seminar by Dr. Brideau, Inova Mt. Vernon Hospital, 2501 Parkers Lane.

❖ Wednesday, Sept 26: 10 a.m. "The Road Ahead Preparing for Your Future" Panel discussion led by Joan Richardson, John Kreutzer and Patricia Bornmann on aging, care, finance and advance planning. Sherwood Room, Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane.

❖ Wednesday, Sept 26: 1 p.m. VIVA! Wellness Assessment and Mobility Screening by Lisa Boorum. Mount Vernon Room, Paul Spring Retirement Community.

❖ Thursday, Sept 27: 12:30 p.m. "A Physical Therapist's Perspective on the Prevention of Falls and Improving Balance with Exercise Approach" demonstration by Tom Swinson, Inova Physical Therapy Center. Hollin Hall Senior Center for Creative Retirement.

❖ Friday, Sept 28: 10 a.m. "Living Well in Your Community" presentation by Jennifer Edge, Fairfax County Independent Living Project. 11 a.m.

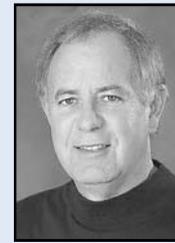
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Rare opportunity to see George Washington's copy of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

**O**n June 22, 2012, the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association emerged from intense bidding at a Christie's auction in New York, securing George Washington's personal copy of the Acts of Congress. The price at the auction was just under \$10 million.

This week, this volume containing George Washington's personal copy of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and other legislation passed by the first session of Congress, with his handwritten notes in the margins, went on display at the Mount Vernon Estate, on Constitution Day which was Monday, Sept. 17. The book will be on display at the Donald W. Reynolds Museum and Education Center at the Mount Vernon Estate through President's Day in February 2013.

It is certainly worth the trip to see. The Constitution and the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments, are a model of spare writing, packing every word and phrase with meaning, anticipating much and providing a framework for the future. Here is the text of the Bill of Rights, courtesy of the Library of Congress. I cannot imagine that 500 words anywhere from any era convey so much power. These 500 words are what make democracy work.

**A BILL OF RIGHTS** as provided in the Ten Original Amendments to The Constitution of the United States in force December 15, 1791.

**Article I**  
Congress shall make no law respecting an

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establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

#### Article II

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

#### Article III

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

#### Article IV

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

#### Article V

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall

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#### Article VI

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining Witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

#### Article VII

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

#### Article VIII

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

#### Article IX

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

#### Article X

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

— MARY KIMM.  
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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Why ID Law Is Needed

To the Editor:

Below are four recent examples of why we need the Virginia voter ID law:

First, D.C. Mayor Gray's campaign misused 6,000 public housing names and addresses during his campaign. He still has not been held accountable. If Democrats are so concerned about our ID law, the first thing they need to do is clean up the corruption in their own ranks.

Second, the D.C.-based Voter Participation Center mailed out voter registration forms to hundreds of dead Virginians, children, non-citizens, and pets. The Virginia State Board of Elections found that the Center had sent "hundreds if not thousands" of registration forms to ineligible voters.

Third, the Virginia State Board did not choose to investigate the Center, even after receiving 750 complaints.

And most recently, our State Board of Elections allowed Constitution Party candidate Virgil Goode on the Virginia Presidential ballot despite allegations of fraud similar to what has occurred in other states where he was disqualified.

Voter fraud is a great danger that strikes at the very integrity of our election process. Voter identification is one way we can protect all our votes.

**Thomas W. Russell**  
Alexandria

#### A Pro-Life Victory?

To the Editor:

It's being reported that the Virginia Board of Health, this past Friday, adopted a new slate of abortion center safety standards. This news comes two days following the release of several health inspection reports obtained by the Family Foundation under Virginia's Freedom of Information Act.

These reports document 80 safety violations, mostly related to "infection prevention," "drug storage and dispensing," and "poor equipment maintenance." One report identifies sanitary issues, citing traces of spilled blood (several layers worth, in various stages of coagulation) and the rather undignified discovery of fetal remains in the break-room freezer. The mys

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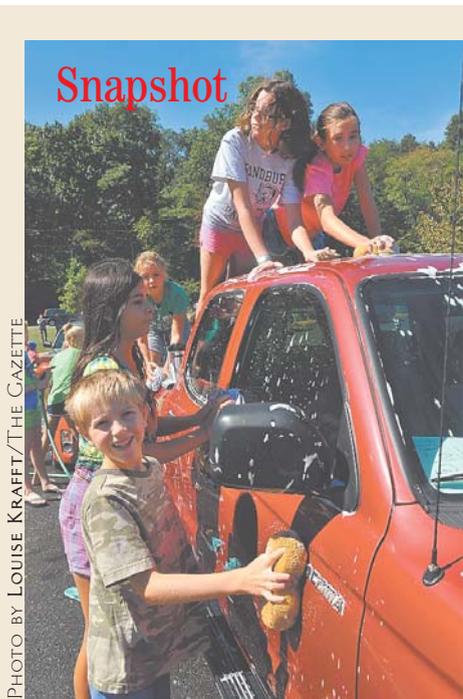


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**Chorus students and their brothers and sisters held a car wash Saturday, Sept. 15 at Belle View Elementary School on Fort Hunt Road to raise funds for the Carl Sandburg Middle School Chorus.**

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terious absence of employee background checks was documented among these findings, as well.

In these reports, the Family Foundation sees evidence of why abortion clinics ought to be kept cleaner and more sanitary. They see reasons why abortion equipment ought to be better maintained. They see examples of why abortion workers ought to be held to a more acceptable standard when it comes to matters involving patient care and medical safety.

But what I see is further proof of why the continuance of abortion needs to be brought to an end. And many of the folks I've been talking with here in the Mount Vernon area seem to share this opinion. We see the shameful abuse of women, robbed of their offspring. Deposed of motherhood. We see the sad culmination of political policies intended to suppress the preeminence of God. We see deep and profound neglect for the moral sovereignty of all involved.

We see all of this, not just in the exploitation of those individuals directly subjected to the abortionists' intentions. But in the moral degradation of our entire community, where those in power have very intently sought to abduct the rights of our posterity in the womb, knowing perfectly well that our destiny is bound up with theirs. That these folks ultimately intend to hang us [and every last trace of our "inalienable" rights] from this same deadly hook seems almost a forgone conclusion.

Meanwhile, the Family Foundation has been pointing to these new abortion center safety standards with strange enthusiasm, casting the Board's decision as a "pro-life" victory.

But I'm afraid there's nothing particularly "pro-life" about the establishment of more abortion laws. On

the contrary, the Board's decision seems only to reinforce, perpetuate, and falsely legitimize the very mechanisms of injustice that groups like the Family Foundation claim (on paper) to oppose.

**Joseph A. Glean**

*Former candidate for the Virginia General Assembly, 44th House District.*

## Accurate Or Distorted Polling?

To the Editor:

In last week's Gazette, Adrienne G. Cannon's letter was published in which she said, concerning the Westgrove Park off-leash dog area issue: "Repeated letters from one person attacking individuals and offering misleading facts does not help readers understand the public policy issues at stake." This reader would appreciate Ms. Cannon enlightening us as to exactly which facts have been misleading. Of course, in so doing, Ms. Cannon should provide the documentation for her assertion.

Now on to a more pressing issue. The biggest scandal in American politics is the use of polls to try to influence the electorate. A poll is supposed to be a snapshot of public opinion at any given moment. However, pollsters can manipulate the data to make it come out any way they like. This tactic is most often used in an attempt to influence Presidential elections by discouraging the supporters of one candidate while simultaneously encouraging the supporters of the other.

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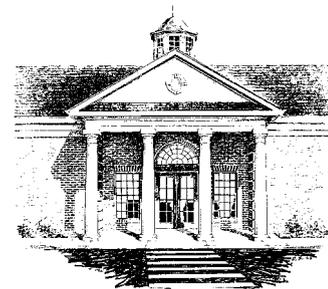
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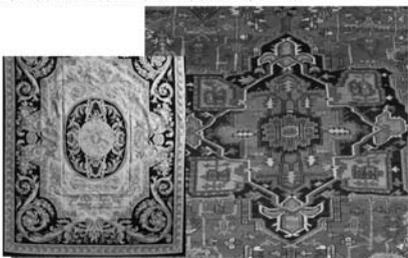
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Pollsters collect raw data by randomly contacting people and asking them a series of questions. People are asked who they favor in an upcoming election, the likelihood that they'll vote and their party affiliation. Some polls only ask if participants are registered voters without regard to whether they are likely to vote.

The raw data received is invariably skewed with respect to the actual ratio between Democrats, Republicans and independents. That ratio is well-established by polling conducted independently of any election poll. Thus, in order to turn the raw data into a poll, it must be normalized to conform with the known ratio.

This is where dishonest pollsters cheat. They skew the raw data by weighting it more toward the party of the candidate they favor. For example, if the known ratio is 37 percent Democrats, 37 percent Republicans and 26 percent independents (the actual ratio in 2004), a dishonest pollster can make it appear the poll is favoring one candidate by refraining from conforming the poll to the known ratio. This is what a recent CNN poll did to advocate for President Obama. The present ratio is not much different than that of 2004. CNN reported a poll it took after the recent Democratic National Convention in which it claimed President Obama was leading Mitt Romney among likely voters 52 percent to 46 percent. However, examination of the raw data revealed CNN used the ratio 50-45-5. Not surprisingly, since Romney leads among independents by 14 percent, reducing their percentage from 26 percent to 5 percent naturally depresses Romney's "support." After seeing this, who would ever believe a CNN poll

again?

The only poll that has proven to be neutral, unbiased and accurate over a lengthy period is the Rasmussen 3 day rolling poll of likely voters. On Wednesday this week, that poll has Romney leading Obama 47-46 among likely voters. It can be found at the following link: [http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public\\_content/politics/obama\\_administration/daily\\_presidential\\_tracking\\_poll](http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/politics/obama_administration/daily_presidential_tracking_poll) Rasmussen correctly predicted President Obama's victory in 2008 and the vote percentages to within less than 1 percent. I consider other polls to be agenda-driven and not worthy of consideration. Perhaps laws should be enacted requiring pollsters to publish the raw data and ratios used in any published poll. That way, the public will be in a better position to judge their credibility, including whether the poll is an accurate snapshot or an intentional distortion.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

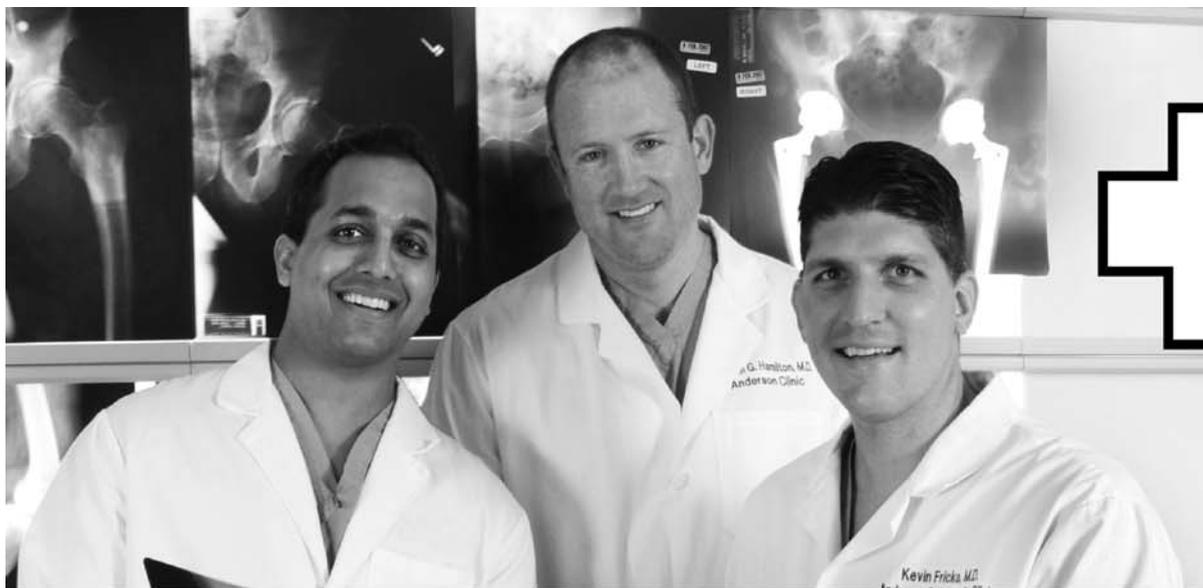
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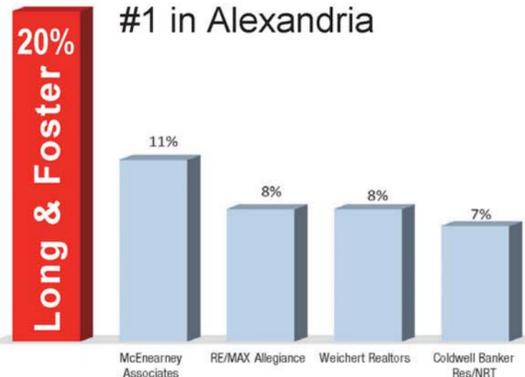


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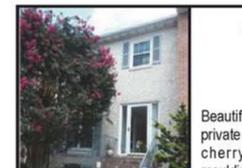
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# Teaching Youngsters About Money

Experts offer advice on raising financially savvy children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

“Money comes from my daddy,” said Ian, a 7-year-old boy from Arlington, who is missing his front teeth.

“My parents got it from an ATM,” said 6-year-old Claire when asked about the origins of the \$10 bill that she was using to buy a scoop of chocolate ice cream.

Financial experts say that as soon as children are aware of the purchasing power of money, parents should start teaching them how to use it wisely. Children who develop sound financial habits when they are young will become adults who know how to budget, save and use credit judiciously.

“No matter how young a child is, they can always learn good money practices,” said Theresia Wansi, an associate professor of finance at Marymount University in Arlington. “What matters in life is not how much money you earn, but how you manage your finances. We hear stories all the time about people who make millions and end up broke.”

Potomac, Md., resident Glen Buco, president of West Financial Services, says many financial advisers in his McLean office are

also parents who are passing along penny-wise know-how to their children. “When their children receive money, the parents help them develop a budget using a “three bucket system,” said Buco. “One bucket is for saving, one is for spending and one for charity.”

Experts like Buco say wise shopping is a key component of money smarts: “When children want items like clothing or electronics, help them develop a budget with the money they’ve saved and then shop around,” he said. “One of the mothers in my office helped her 9-year-old daughter shop for shoes online by comparing prices, looking for discounts and free shipping.”

Ilham Nasser, an associate professor of early childhood education at George Mason University in Fairfax, says impulse control is often a stumbling block to financial stability. “Parents can teach self-regulation by using techniques like telling their children to count to 10 or take a deep breath or by playing simple games like ‘Simon Says’ to teach delayed gratification.”

Wansi says children should also be taught to keep track of the money that passes through their hands. “Everyone should have a spending diary,” she said. “Use a spreadsheet where the child lists what they spend. They might see that they are spending much

more than they thought they were.”

Setting financial goals and working toward them is another strategy for managing urges to spend money frivolously. “Everyone can set short-term, intermediate and long-term financial goals,” said Wansi. “The goals you set have to be realistic and specific in measurable terms. For example, ‘I am going to get a part-time job to save for a \$2,000 car in six months.’”

**WHEN IT COMES TO LEARNING** to save, experts say to start early. “Even an elementary school student who has \$5 can be taught to save \$2 in a piggy bank,” said Wansi. “When they are old enough to open a savings account, they can save money there.”

Parents can help their children understand expenses and how simple actions can save money by allowing them to see bills, due dates and the amount of money owed.

“If your children leave lights on all over the house and you yell at them, they’re not going to get it. You have to share your bills with your children,” said Wansi, who lives in Herndon. “When my kids were away at college, my bill was around \$100 ... and when they came back [for a school break] it was \$500. I took the bills for them to see and they were amazed that a bill could be

that expensive. Then everybody starting turning off lights without being asked.”

Nassar suggests parents use a show and tell approach: “Part of raising a child is being a role model and showing an ability to manage expenses,” she said. “When you go to the grocery store, take your children and say, ‘We have \$100 today and we need to get these things. Let’s see which are the most important things.’ Help them think about priorities.”

Understanding credit is critical part of financial management, says Wansi: “In the U.S., it is hard to live without good credit. Teach children the advantages and pitfalls of credit. Beginning at middle school, it is important for children to understand the importance of good credit. I’ve talked to high school students who didn’t know that when you use credit cards you have to pay the money back.”

Buco says that debit cards might be a good alternative. “I’ve seen parents use these when their kids go off to college,” he said. “They would put money in the account and the kids can use the debit card. Several parents in my office who have 12- and 13-year-olds have set up debit cards with zero balances. When the kids find something they want to buy, [they can] move money out of savings into checking.”

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### Applying to Private Schools: Starting the Process

As the application period gets underway, local independent school officials offer suggestions.

**START SURFING.** “I would encourage parents to visit a variety of school websites to get a feel for the wide range of fabulous independent school options available. A comprehensive directory of schools with website information [can be found at <http://www.independenteducation.org>].” Mimi Mulligan, assistant head and director of admission and enrollment management, Norwood School, Bethesda, Md.

**WATCH AND RUMINATE.** “Observe your child and think about the learning style that’s best for him or her. What are the values of your family? What are your hopes for your child’s education?” Diane Dunning, director of admission and financial aid at St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes School, Alexandria.

**AVOID FOLLOWING THE PACK.** “Don’t be swayed by popular opinion or reputation. Instead, visit every school you’re considering, talk to current or alumni parents and students, and then decide whether that school may fit your child’s interests, personality and needs.” Tim Simpson, director of admission, Bullis School, Potomac, Md.

**ESTABLISH PRIORITIES AND START SLEUTHING.** “Create a list of five or 10 things that are important to you and your child. Check the athletic schedules and the theatrical and fine arts performance schedules, which are posted on the websites of [independent schools]. You should come to those events ... because the more time you spend on a campus, particularly at an event that is not run by an admissions office, you’re going to get a much better sense of what that [school’s] community is like. For example, do you see students there who you could see yourself being friends with? Do you like the way that the adults are interact-

ing with the students in the community?” asked Ann Miller, director of admission, Madeira School, McLean.

**MAKE A LIST AND CHECK IT.** “List out the schools you think you may want to apply to and check on their application processes and deadline dates. Many schools have parts of the application that are extremely time sensitive, such as signing up for admission testing as well as filing for financial assistance.” Pat Harden, director of admissions and financial aid, Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, Md.

**DEAL WITH STICKER SHOCK.** “Don’t eliminate a school from your search because of the cost of tuition without looking into financial aid [or] merit and scholarship awards that may help reduce the cost.” Scott Conklin, director of admissions, Episcopal High School of Virginia, Arlington.

**FIND A CLEAR PICTURE.** “When considering schools, take a moment to actually visit the campus and ask the tough questions. A school’s website may or may not be the full picture. The question for the parent is, how real is the image they are seeing online? A few conversations with parents and teachers go a lot farther in this regard. Ask admissions officers what their schools’ mission is, how it is different from that of other schools and how they implement the mission.” Rich Moss, director of admissions, The Heights School, Potomac.

**GET ORGANIZED.** “Finally, once you have decided that you will be applying to a school for your child, get out that calendar again and write down all deadline information – application deadline, financial aid deadlines, supporting documents and testing deadlines.” Mimi Mulligan, Norwood School, Bethesda, Md..

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The Woodbridge Campus of Northern Virginia Community College welcomed several new faculty members for the fall 2012 semester, including a NOVA graduate, **Ousmane A. Diall**, who was assistant professor of mathematics and supervisor of the Woodbridge Campus Master Math Lab during the last academic year. He brings teaching experience from the Community College of Philadelphia, LaGuardia (N.Y.) Community College, Virginia Tech and George Mason University. He earned a master's degree in mathematics at Virginia Tech and another master's degree in statistical science at George Mason.

The following Virginia Tech students from Alexandria were among those honored at the university's spring commencement ceremony held May 11 in Lane Stadium.

**Travis Batchelor** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

**Jeremy Bernier** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in mathematics from the College of Science.

**James Hale** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

**Calvin Hentges** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

**Emmanuel Koduah** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the College of Science.

**Kwabena Owusu-Boateng** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in biochemistry from the College of Science.

**Amanda Griffin** received a Bachelor of Science degree magna cum laude in psychology from the College of Science.

**Kristen Politte** received a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the College of Science.

**Kerriane Beyer** received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree summa cum laude in fine arts from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude in Spanish from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

**Andrew Blacker** received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

**Kinsey Cunningham** received a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental policy and planning from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

**Jennifer Hofmann** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in management and a Bachelor of Science in Business degree magna cum laude in marketing management from the Pamplin College of Business.

**Nicholas Schaum** received a Bachelor of Science degree summa cum laude in biological sciences from the College of Science.

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**The French lace merchant M. LeFarceur de Villeverte explains fine lace making.**



**Pat Lasus spins flax into linen thread.**



**Deborah Blind works on a small paper filigree ornament.**



**Signora Carmella Bella steps through the poisoned tipped hoop of doom while walking across a tightrope.**

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## Lively Marketplace Opens

Mount Vernon re-creates a lively early-American marketplace with demonstrations, crafts and entertainment at its Colonial Market & Fair on Saturday, Sept. 22, and Sunday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. More than 40 juried artisans from across the nation will demonstrate their trades and sell their wares while two stages of family entertainment delight audiences with 18th-century amusements. Free Potomac River sightseeing cruises are available while supplies last. Costumed interpreters will be demonstrating the 18th-century chocolate-making process using an authentic colonial recipe! Guests are invited to sample fresh chocolate made by hand on site. Chocolate bars, sticks, and spiced drink mix are sold at the 18th-Century Craft Fair and in The Shops at Mount Vernon. The event is included with regular admission: adults, \$15; youth, 6-11 \$7; children 5

and under, free.

Mount Vernon's Colonial Market & Fair is the most authentic and diverse event of its kind, bringing together distinguished artisans working in colonial attire and a dozen entertainers who re-create the amusements loved by early Americans. As visitors shop, artisans demonstrate their crafts and explain the historic trades used to make items similar to those George Washington purchased in the 18th century.

General Washington will preside over a host of amusements including: Mr. Bayly, Conjuring and Entertainments; Signora Bella, Equilibrist; Otto the Sword Swallower; and more. Fair fare, ranging from turkey legs to ice cream, will be available from the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant concession stands.

Call 703-780-2000, 703-799-8697 (TDD) or visit [www.MountVernon.org](http://www.MountVernon.org).

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*E-mail announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon.*

#### THROUGH SEPT. 30

**'It Runs in the Family'** art exhibit. Artists explore many ways art runs in families; presenting collections of their own and their family's artworks. Details at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

#### Target Gallery Celebrates 25 Years

The gallery presents 25, an all-media exhibition featuring work that responds to world events that have occurred over the past 25 years. Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target) or [www.torpedofactory.org/target](http://www.torpedofactory.org/target).

#### SEPT. 27-NOV. 11

**Wax Works.** The exhibition will feature six artists whose work begins at the definition of 'encaustic' and explores wax as a medium. Opening Reception: Sunday, Sept. 30, 4-6 p.m. Free. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

#### OCT. 3-NOV. 4

**Pulse4Artists - "4 Ways Of Color"** 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Gallery West, 1213

King St. The opening reception will be Saturday, Oct. 13 from 5-7 p.m. Call 703-549-6006 Visit [www.Pulse4Artists.com](http://www.Pulse4Artists.com).

#### THURSDAY/SEPT. 20

**Lecture.** 7 p.m. "From Private to Public: New Uses for Wright Houses." The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. \$15, \$10 National Trust Members. Call 703-780-4000 ext. 26327. Limited tickets at door.

**Author Series.** 10:45 a.m. Barbara Glickman will talk about her book, *Capital Splendor*. Free. Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall, 8532 Fort Hunt Rd. Call 703-549-4245.

#### FRIDAY/SEPT. 21

**Joe Pug (Solo) to open for John Hiatt & The Combo** at the Birchmere. Visit [www.joepugmusic.com/](http://www.joepugmusic.com/) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

**Yoga Session.** 9 p.m. 532 YOGA, 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100. \$25. Register online at [www.532Yoga.com](http://www.532Yoga.com), or email [suzanne@532Yoga.com](mailto:suzanne@532Yoga.com), or call 703-209-0049

**Wee Ones Storytime.** 10:30-11 a.m. Ages 2 and under. Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit

[www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

#### Meet Authors Jenny Han and Siobhan Vivian

6:30-7:30 p.m. They will present the novel they wrote together, *Burn for Burn!* Reserve a spot and a copy of the book at [info@hooray4books.com](mailto:info@hooray4books.com). Ages 14 and up. Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

#### SATURDAY/SEPT. 22

**Green Spring Gardens.** Fall Garden Day. 4603 Green Spring Rd. No reservations required. 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Free. More than 25 plant and craft vendors for fall gardening needs. Call Green Spring Gardens at 703-642-5173.

**Matinee Film.** 2 p.m. Beatley Central Library Sunday Matinee Film Series featuring: *The Contender* (R). The Charles E. Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1702. Free and open to the general public. Refreshments served.

**American Horticultural Society's 2012 Gala:** "Garden Delights: An Evening by the River," 6 p.m. at the Society's River Farm headquarters. This year's honorary chair is Kurt Bluemel, plantsman, nurseryman and designer. Formal dinner, live music, silent auction and online auction.

### ASO Season Opens Saturday

**Pianist Yuliya Gorenman is back for her fifth appearance with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performing Brahms's Piano Concerto No. 1 in the Symphony's 2012-2013 Season opening concert. The program also includes Kim Allen Kluge conducting Copland's Fanfare for the Common Man and Sibelius's Symphony No. 2 in D major. Saturday, Sept. 22, 8 p.m., Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beaugard St. Tickets \$5 for children 18 and under; \$15-\$70 for students; \$35-\$70 for seniors; \$40-\$70 for adults. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.**

Attire is black-tie optional. Advance reservations only; \$275 per person or \$2,500 per table for 10 people. All proceeds benefit the stewardship of River Farm and the American Horticultural Society's outreach and educational programs. Contact Joanne Sawczuk at 703-768-5700 ext. 132 or email [jsawczuk@ahs.org](mailto:jsawczuk@ahs.org). **Colonial Market & Fair.** 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Over forty juried artisans from across the nation will demonstrate

their trades and sell their wares plus two stages of family entertainment with 18th-century amusements. Free Potomac River sightseeing cruises and fresh chocolate sampling. Adults \$15, ages 6-11 \$7, age 5 and under free. At the Mt. Vernon Estate. Visit [mountvernon.org](http://mountvernon.org). **Mile-Long Yard Sale.** The Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association's



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premier community event. BSVCA is a non-profit organization that seeks to promote the best interests of Alexandrians, those in the West End in particular. The sale will stretch on Taney Ave. from N. Pelham to Patrick Henry Elementary School. 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Joe Pug (Solo) to open for John Hiatt & The Combo** at the Birchmere. Visit [www.joepugmusic.com/](http://www.joepugmusic.com/) or [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com).

**Free Concert.** 8 p.m. An evening of music for brass quintet at the Lyceum. 201 S. Washington St. Call the United States Air Force Band's concert line at 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**Friday with the Mount Vernon Swing Band.** 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$4 at the door. Owen Hammett will conduct the live band. Light refreshments provided by Arden Courts Memory Care Community. \$4. Open to the Community. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Call 703-765-4573.

**St. Luke's Craft & Family Fun Fair.** 9 a.m.-2 p.m. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Ft. Hunt Road. More than 30 crafters with handmade knit items, jewelry and more. Buy fresh produce from a farmer's market, listen to live music, and have lunch. Contact Anne Hargrove at [annehargrove@cox.net](mailto:annehargrove@cox.net) or call 703-768-3220.

**Jane Franklin Dance.** 6-8 p.m. Fall preview with live music featuring Mark Sylvester, accompanied by cellist Natalie Spehar. \$20. The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Visit [www.janefranklin.com](http://www.janefranklin.com).

**Fundraiser Event at 532 YOGA.** noon-2 p.m. Celebrate the Fall

## Shoppers On the Prowl

**Shoppers gear up for the thrill of the hunt in the Old Town Boutique District's Scavenger Hunt taking place the weekend of Sept. 21-23, 2012. Shoppers grab a passport map at participating stores or download from [www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com](http://www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com) and begin the hunt to visit all 35 OTBD stores for a chance to win prizes. Once a shopper has collected all 35 stamps, they receive a swag bag filled with goodies from OTBD businesses and will be entered into the prize drawing. Shoppers have a chance to win one of 35 \$100 gift cards or the grand prize of a \$3,500 shopping spree.**



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**Little Ruth Book Launch Party.** 2-4 p.m. Dee Wright, author of the Little Ruth book series, will present the newest installment, Halloween Drama Queen. Reserve a spot and a copy of the book at [info@hooray4books.com](mailto:info@hooray4books.com). Ages 6 and

up. Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

### SUNDAY/SEPT. 23

**Outbreak of War.** 3-4:30 p.m. Join President James Madison to discuss the nation's recent declaration of war against England and commencing hostilities. Talks will address the relations between the United States and Russia from 1776 to the present. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal St. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or call 703-746-4242 for tickets or information.

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## ENTERTAINMENT

# Hell Hath No Fury

## Port City Playhouse presents Greek tragedy 'Medea.'

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It's a tale as old as time: a scorned woman exacts a brutal revenge on her adulterous husband in Euripides' ancient Greek tragedy "Medea," now playing at Port City Playhouse.

Now in its 35<sup>th</sup> season, Port City stages an adaptation directed by Rachel Hynes and produced by Carol Strachan in a play that transcends time in the tragic tale of Medea, the anti-heroine determined to avenge her husband's unfaithfulness.

The play opens with a distraught Medea, whose husband Jason has married Glauke, daughter of Creon the King of Corinth. Creon has banished Medea and her two sons from Corinth, whereupon she swears revenge and swiftly sets about finding a way to kill them all.

Anissa Parekh returns to Port City as Medea, a powerful and unconventional woman unlike the Stepford-like housewives that surround her. Parekh is mesmerizing in a role that leaves the audience spellbound with disbelief at the evil that radiates from her character.

Michael Crowley is the power-hungry Jason, who leaves Medea for a king's daughter but still desperately loves his two sons, played by Leonardo Lugli Watkins and Alex Weinstein.

Notable performances are turned in by Rebecca Fischler, Krista Grimmett, Casey Leffue and Jenna Zhu



**Anissa Parekh as Medea, Michael Crowley as Jason and Casey Leffue, Krista Grimmett, Jenna Zhu and Rebecca Fischler as Women of Corinth.**

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as The Women of Corinth, Mary Ayala-Bush as The Nurse, Cal Whitehurst as Aegeus and Terry Gish as Creon.

Amanda Jagusiak does a commendable job with a smallish production budget, using mid-20<sup>th</sup> century costumes to draw in a contemporary audience.

"Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned" has never been more potent than in Port City Playhouse's "Medea," which provides an evening of thought-provoking entertainment that serves as a good first foray into Greek theater classics.

Port City Playhouse presents "Medea" now through Sept. 29 at The Lab Studio Theatre at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. For tickets or more information, visit [www.PortCityPlayhouse.org](http://www.PortCityPlayhouse.org).

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**Free Concert.** 3 p.m. An afternoon of music for soprano and violin at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Call the United States Air Force Band's concert line at 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**Concert.** 7 p.m. Focus presents an acoustic co-bill of singer-songwriters Cary Cooper and Brad Yoder, with special guest Natalie York at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). Call 703-501-6061.

**Afternoon Benefit.** 1:30-4:30 p.m. Area musicians and Alexandria's Town Crier join forces with the historic Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association to celebrate Alexandria Fire Department firefighters and first responders at The Grove on Virginia Theological Seminary grounds, 3737 Seminary Road. Association President Joe Shumard invites Alexandrians to enjoy food, music, games, and fellowship. Registration: \$30/adult, \$75/group (up to five admissions) Proceeds benefit the Alexandria Fire Department. Visit [www.friendshipfire.net](http://www.friendshipfire.net).

**Book Signing.** 2 p.m. Cheryl and Peter Barnes will be hosting a book signing at Hooray for Books! Peter is a journalist and broadcaster who

reports on public policy issues in Washington, D.C. Cheryl is an illustrator with a background in architecture. They launch three new books this September, Woodrow, the White House Mouse; House Mouse, Senate Mouse; and Marshall, the Courthouse Mouse. 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**Meditation.** 6-7:30 p.m. 532 YOGA, 532 N. Washington St., Suite 100. A six-week course. \$90. Please register online at [www.532Yoga.com](http://www.532Yoga.com), or email [suzanne@532Yoga.com](mailto:suzanne@532Yoga.com), or call 703-209-0049.

**Storytime With Author Cheryl Barnes.** 2-3 p.m. Join for an afternoon reading. Ages 5 and up. Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. Call 703-548-4092 or visit [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

### MONDAY/SEPT.24

**Library Dinner.** 6:30 p.m. "Alexandria's Libraries: Check Them Out! If You're Not Using These Amazing Neighborhood Resources, You're Long Overdue" at the Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Reception at 6:30 p.m. Dinner \$33-\$43, program only for \$5 at 7:15 p.m. Reservations required. Contact Sherry Brown, 703-548-7089 or visit [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com).

**Rock, Paper, Cocktails.** 6:30-9:30 p.m. An evening of jewelry, stationary, personalized gifts, art, clothing, and cocktails at the Hotel Monaco, 480 King St. This event

benefits the Ovarian Cancer National Alliance and Rhonda's Club. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$35 at the door. Raffle tickets are \$10 per ticket. Visit [www.facebook.com/RockPaperCocktails](http://www.facebook.com/RockPaperCocktails).

### TUESDAY/SEPT. 25

**Anthony David w/ Antoine Dunn.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets: \$29.50. The Music Hall. Visit [www.rollingmojo.com](http://www.rollingmojo.com) or [www.antoinedunn.com](http://www.antoinedunn.com).

**Four Star Combo.** 9-11 p.m. The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St. \$10. Classic American Rockabilly.

### WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 26

**Author Series.** 7-8:30 p.m. Ricardo Lasso will speak about his book Democracy on Trial: The Case for the Defense, at the Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St. Visit [www.alexandria.lib.va.us](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us) or call 703-746-1702.

**Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy.** 9-11p.m. Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St. \$6.

### FRIDAY/SEPT. 28

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# SPORTS

## West Potomac Field Hockey Finishes Sixth at Invitational

Wolverines beat Wakefield; lose to Fairfax, Yorktown, W-L.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac field hockey team entered the two-day Herndon Invitational with a 5-2 record, having scored 23 goals in seven games. But the Wolverines' offense evaporated over the weekend as West Potomac dropped three of four to finish in sixth place.

West Potomac lost to Washington-Lee, 2-1, in overtime of the fifth-place game on Sept. 15 at Herndon High School. A goal by sophomore midfielder Amy Holm gave the Wolverines a 1-0 lead, but the Generals came back to win.

West Potomac defeated Wakefield, 6-0, during first-day action, but the Wolverines were outscored 9-2 during losses to Fairfax, Yorktown and W-L.

"We played well overall," head coach Dana Hubbard said. "The girls didn't give up; played tough every game. It was unfortunate to lose the games that we lost. They've played better before and didn't score as many goals as I know they can."

On Sept. 14, West Potomac lost to eventual champion Fairfax, 5-0, and defeated Wakefield. West Potomac senior midfielder Angeli Ingle scored a pair of goals against the Wakefield. Senior forward Kelsie Whalen, junior midfielder Marjie Woods, junior defender Megan Janssen and Holm each scored one.

The following day, the Wolverines lost to Yorktown, 2-1, before falling to W-L. Sophomore forward Lizzie Wood scored against Yorktown.

Last season, West Potomac defeated Woodson in the first round of the Patriot

Senior captain Kelsie Whalen, right, is the West Potomac field hockey team's leading goal scorer.



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District tournament, earning the Wolverines a berth in the regional tournament after a lengthy regional drought.

"It gave a lot of confidence knowing they can beat a big team and they can go onto regionals," Hubbard said. "It's a starting point for us."

Whalen leads the team with eight goals. Sophomore goalkeeper Eva Hauptle has 24 saves.

Woods made the all-tournament team. Whalen, Ingle, senior midfielder Elise Bell and senior forward Kharis Schrage are team captains.

### FAIRFAX WIN TOURNAMENT TITLE

After the Fairfax field hockey team had captured the Herndon Invitational championship, senior captain Shannon Cosgrove, recipient of the tournament's Most Valuable Player award, was asked if the Rebels' accomplishments — past and present — have placed a target on the team's back.

"Yeah, but we like that," she said. "... I think it puts some good pressure on us."

In 2012, "good" pressure has led to good results for the Rebels.

Fairfax defeated Herndon, 4-0, on Sept. 15 to win the Herndon Invitational and improve to 10-0 on the season. The Rebels, winners of the last three Liberty District championships, defeated West Potomac, Yorktown, Wakefield and the Hornets en route the tournament title, outscoring their opponents 17-0 during the two-day event at Herndon High School. Through 10 games this year, Fairfax outscored its opponents 37-1.

Fairfax is continuing to thrive despite graduation losses that reached double digits.

"It's nice to be playing your best hockey as you head into districts," head coach Amber Beaudoin said. "... We really just need to solidify our defense and really just keep playing at a high level all the time."

Fairfax defeated West Potomac, 5-0, and Yorktown, 4-0, during the first day of the tournament on Sept. 14. Against West Potomac, forward/midfielder Cosgrove led the Rebels with a pair of goals. Sophomore forward Charlotte Duke, junior defender Sara Allen and senior midfielder Amanda Blackwell each scored once. Against Yorktown, sophomore forward/midfielder Cori Black, junior forward Emily Freeman, sophomore midfielder Trisha Le and Cosgrove each scored a goal.

Fairfax beat Wakefield, 4-0, on Sept. 15. Cosgrove scored twice for the Rebels, and senior forward Nikki Strickland and Allen each added a goal.

In the championship game, Freeman scored twice, and Cosgrove and sophomore midfielder Katie Buchen each had a goal.

Cosgrove scored a team-high six goals and contributed two assists during the tournament. She led Fairfax with 13 goals through 10 games and was tied for second with six assists.

Freeman had six goals and four assists during the 10-0 start.

"Emily just came out of nowhere," Beaudoin said. "She's a junior. She was the last player off our bench last year and now she's turned it around, which is a great thing to have — when ... something clicks inside [a player's] head and they just start playing out of their mind, which is what she's been doing."

Senior midfielder Sam Zelenack, a captain, had five goals and three assists through 10 games, and Allen had three goals and a team-high 10 assists.

Goalkeepers Mackenzie Anderson (8 saves), a sophomore, and Shelby Allen (5 saves), a senior, combined to allow just one goal in 10 games.

Cosgrove, Zelenack and Freeman were named to the all-tournament team.

### SPORTS BRIEFS

## West Potomac to Host Lake Braddock, QB Henderson

The West Potomac football team will host Lake Braddock and former Wolverine quarterback Caleb Henderson at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21.

Henderson earned second-team all-region honors as a West Potomac sophomore in 2011 while playing for his father, then-Wolverines head coach Eric Henderson. When Eric Henderson was informed he would not return as head coach, Caleb and his brother, Jon, a linebacker, transferred to Lake Braddock during the 2011-12 school year. On Friday, they will return as members of a Bruins team that is off to a 1-2 start, including losses to Centreville and Westfield. Eric Henderson is the Lake Braddock defensive coordinator.

Meanwhile, West Potomac improved to 3-0 with a 49-39 victory against South County on Sept. 14 in Lorton. Running back Demornay Pierson-El rushed for more than 200 yards and scored six touchdowns against the Stallions, who finished Division 5 state runner-up last season. According to stats on the Washington Post's Web site, Pierson-El is third in the Washington, D.C.-metro area with 571 rushing yards in three games and is second on the rushing touchdowns list with 10.

Caleb Henderson is third in passing yards with



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West Potomac running back Demornay Pierson-El rushed for more than 200 yards and scored six touchdowns against South County on Sept. 14.

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West Potomac, Lake Braddock and South County shared the Patriot District title in 2011.

## Mount Vernon to Face W-L

The Mount Vernon football team will travel to face Washington-Lee at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 21.

The majors lost to Centreville, 30-22, on Sept. 14. Centreville was the 2011 Division 6 state runner-up.

## State Champions



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Mount Vernon Country Club won the 2012 Virginia State Women's Team Championship on Aug. 30 at The Keswick Club near Charlottesville. This is the club's sixth state team title since 2000. From left are Linda DiVall, Joan Gardner, Shawn McCullough, Katie Cox, Susan Podolsky and Debbie Simpson.



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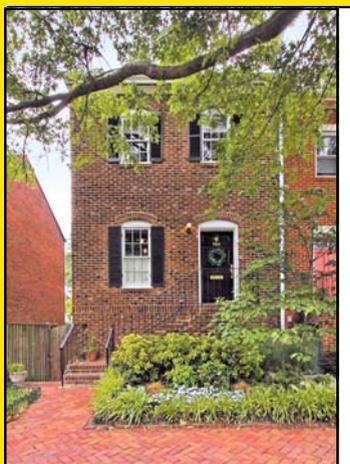
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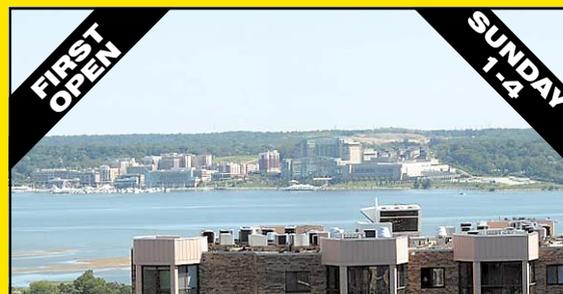
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