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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said the White House will engage Russia on religious freedoms. **B2**



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Jarrod Ramos has been indicted on 23 charges in the shooting at the Capital Gazette. **B4**



**OBITUARIES**

Gary Beach starred in Broadway hits including “The Producers” and “Beauty and the Beast.” **B5**

## Hiring of former Trump official by U-Va. upsets faculty, students

BY JOE HEIM  
AND JOSH DAWSEY

The University of Virginia’s decision to hire a departing member of the Trump administration is prompting a furious rebuke by some faculty and students still angered by the president’s response to a deadly rally by white supremacists last year in Charlottesville.

An online petition posted Thursday and signed by more

### Online petition protests appointment of departing legislative affairs chief

than 1,000 people from the university community calls on U-Va. to revoke the teaching appointment of Marc Short, who until Friday served as Trump’s legislative affairs director.

“The university should not serve as a waystation for high-level members of an administration that has directly harmed our community and to this day attacks the institutions vital to a free society,” the petition read. “While we do not object to dialogue with members of this administration, we do object to the use of our university to clean up their tarnished reputations. No one should be serving at the highest levels of this administration,

daily supporting and defending its actions one week, then representing UVA the next.”

Short was hired to serve as a senior fellow at the Miller Center, a nonpartisan affiliate of the university that focuses on presidential scholarship and public policy, and may give guest lectures at the university’s Darden School of Business, from which he received an MBA.

In a statement he provided Friday, Short expressed dismay

over opposition to his appointment.

“There is an irony at Thomas Jefferson’s university that professors are seeking to silence debate instead of fostering civil conversation,” Short said.

A longtime Republican operative, Short worked on Oliver North’s unsuccessful 1994 Senate campaign in Virginia and served as chief of staff for Kay Bailey Hutchison when the Republican

**HIRING** CONTINUED ON **B2**

## Md. man receives 49 years in SE slaying

### Judge recalls harrowing testimony from victim’s daughter at sentencing

BY KEITH L. ALEXANDER

A District Heights, Md., man was sentenced to nearly 50 years in prison Friday for fatally shooting his former girlfriend while her preteen daughter — the young girl he helped raise since she was a toddler — was in a nearby bedroom.

D.C. Superior Court Judge Danya A. Dayson said Donald Hairston, 51, not only took a life that night two years ago, he also left devastated a girl who had called him daddy. The child, hearing pops and her mother’s screams, saw the killer rush by and called 911.

“He either disregarded, or depended on, her love of him or her fear of him to keep quiet,” Dayson said. “And I’m not sure which one would be worse.”

Dayson sentenced Hairston to 49½ years in prison in the slaying of Stephanie Goodloe.

As he did during his trial in April, Hairston told the judge and prosecutors that he was not responsible for the June 18, 2016, murder.

“Your honor, I did not do this,” Hairston said with his voice cracking, standing next to

**HAIRSTON** CONTINUED ON **B3**

## Elrich tells Amazon he’ll stick with plan

### He backs pledges meant to bring its headquarters to Montgomery County

BY JENNIFER BARRIOS

Marc Elrich, the newly named Democratic nominee for Montgomery County executive, has written to Jeffrey P. Bezos, assuring Amazon’s founder and chief executive that he will honor the county’s commitments as Montgomery vies to attract the tech giant’s next headquarters.

In the July 13 letter, written three days before the election results were certified, Elrich acknowledged that Amazon executives might feel “uncertainty” as County Executive Isiah Leggett (D) prepares to leave office.

“I want to assure you that I stand 100% behind the commitments that our current County Executive, Mr. Leggett, has made to Amazon,” Elrich wrote to Bezos (who also owns The Washington Post).

The letter touted the county’s “unique set of assets,” including transportation, schools and workforce talent, with Elrich ending by saying: “I see the long-term mutual benefit to the County and Amazon should you choose Montgomery County for HQ2.”

In an interview Friday, Elrich — who is favored by progressive groups and unions even as he is viewed with trepidation by some in the business community — said he wrote the letter in part to

**ELRICH** CONTINUED ON **B3**



## On their toes, all summer long

Aspiring dancers are polishing their pirouettes and penchés at the Washington Ballet



PHOTOS BY SARAH L. VOISIN/THE WASHINGTON POST

**TOP:** Michael Jastrzebski, 17, holds Claire Stancy, 16, at the ballet summer intensive, which attracts international students. **ABOVE:** Kennady Jackson, 16, is a District native in the program.

BY MICHAEL BRICE-SADDLER

Summer vacation for many students means time to relax, hang out with friends or get a part-time job after a long school year.

Not so for the 163 young people enrolled in the Washington Ballet’s upper-division summer intensive, who spend their weekdays practicing pirouettes and arabesque penchés in rigorous ballet and contemporary-dance courses.

Taking just 60 minutes for lunch during their 8-hour day, students in the intensive savor the opportunity to learn from renowned instructors without the distraction of schoolwork.

“For me personally, I think I’m addicted to ballet, so the more I get, the better,” said 17-year-old Sarah Rose, of Melbourne, Australia, who traveled more than 20 hours to get to Washington, D.C. “I’m chasing perfectionism — I don’t think perfectionism in ballet is ever attainable — but that’s one of the things that excites me.”

The five-week program, located at the Washington Ballet’s Northwest campus on Wisconsin Avenue, began June 25. This year’s students, ages 12 through 20, were chosen from a pool of more than 1,000 applicants after auditioning in January.

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## Jail inmates’ art goes on show at Alexandria’s Torpedo Factory

BY DANA HEDGPETH

After two months in an art class taught by a volunteer artist, Francis Ramirez rediscovered in jail the talents he had as a teenager.

He is one of about 55 Fairfax County inmates in an art class whose work is on display at the Torpedo Factory Art Center in Alexandria. The program is run by Reston artist Kelli Schollard-Sincock and is one of more than 100 programs at the county’s jail aimed at rehabilitating inmates and teaching life skills.

Schollard-Sincock said that a manager at the Torpedo Factory asked about displaying the inmates’ artwork and that she jumped at the chance. The art is on display Friday through Aug. 31.

“They are beyond excited,”

### In addition to building skills, course aims for personal enrichment

Schollard-Sincock said of the inmates. “They’re so enthusiastic to get to show the work they’re doing.”

Since last spring, Schollard-Sincock said, she has taught more than 200 inmates at the jails in Fairfax County and Alexandria.

Inmates can sign up for the class as long as they have good behavior and attendance, and it has become so popular that two dozen inmates are on a waiting list.

Schollard-Sincock said the program began after she ap-

proached Alexandria jail officials in spring 2017 about beginning an art program; she had heard about a similar program at the former Lorton prison. She then expanded her program in the fall to the Fairfax jail, which is operated by the Fairfax County Sheriff’s Office.

Some inmates were reluctant at first, but Schollard-Sincock said she was undeterred. She spends up to 20 hours a week volunteering at the two jails, working with art supplies donated by friends and organizations.

One of the lessons she says she tries to reiterate in her 1½-hour classes is that art is similar to life in that “we make mistakes in art and we make mistakes in life.”

“You make a mistake and you

**ART** CONTINUED ON **B4**



**Inmates at Fairfax County and Alexandria jails get art lessons from Kelli Schollard-Sincock, who volunteers about 20 hours a week.**