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Election Shocker

One Republican and one independent displace two incumbent Democrats.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Democratic Committee suffered a setback Tuesday when two of its incumbent candidates were ousted by voters on Election Day. Republican Frank Fannon and independent candidate Alicia Hughes each won a place on the City Council. Incumbent Democrats Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson will step down from their



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“Plunking won the night.”

— Pat Malone, campaign organizer for Frank Fannon

Frank Fannon acknowledges his victory and all those who helped him achieve it.

seats this summer, when Fannon and Hughes will be installed as the council’s newest members. Some were calling for immediate changes in the party.

“The buck stops with Susan Kellom,” said outgoing Councilman Ludwig Gaines, calling for a new party leader. “She took credit for the victories with Democrats won, but she’s also got to take credit for the defeat.”

Republican Frank Fannon’s generations of

history in the city paid off for a candidate who used his family’s deep roots as an asset during the campaign. Independent candidate Alicia Hughes was perhaps the big

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Private Wealth, Public Charity

Colin Powell delivers keynote address at 11th annual Business Philanthropy Summit.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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From his seventh-floor office in north Old Town, retired former Gen. Colin Powell can see great wealth and crippling poverty. Although he joked recently that he likes seeing the 14th Street Bridge knowing that he doesn’t have to cross it every day, the reality of the sweeping view is that it includes abundance and scarcity. Quoting the 19th-century French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, Powell said the spirit of America has always used private wealth for public charity.

“Private wealth must be used to provide prosperity for all,” said Powell during a keynote address

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— Colin Powell

delivered last week to the 11th annual Business Philanthropy Summit.

The former Republican secretary of state praised Alexandria’s philanthropy community during the breakfast event, which was

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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Spring for Alexandria steering committee co-chairs Laurie Blackburn and David Speck with special guest Gen. Colin Powell.

Turnover in District A

One School Board incumbent is ousted as two new members win.

The city’s only competitive race for School Board ended up ousting one-term incumbent Scott Newsham, who placed fourth in a race where the top three candidates secured a place in the winner’s circle. Newcomers Helen Morris and Mimi Carter topped the voting totals in the nine precincts known as District A in the eastern part of the city.

Helen Morris assembled a base of support that built upon her ex-

perience at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, although the election returns illustrated that she had a strong showing across the district. A native of Pennsylvania, Morris has lived in Alexandria since 2001. During the campaign Morris said the catalyst for her involvement with the school system was her involvement with Jefferson-Houston, where she said central administrators were not

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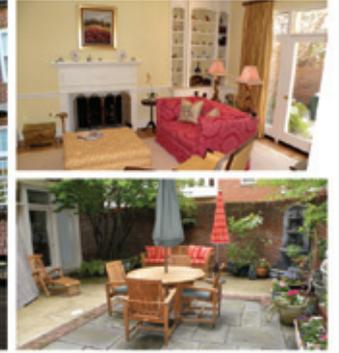
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AT THE POLLS

Republican Tradition

Although they have not won an election in Alexandria since 2000, Republicans have a long history of success in local politics. The first G.O.P. candidate to break Democratic dominance was **Wiley Mitchell**, the first Republican elected since Reconstruction in 1967. That victory came at a time when the infamous Byrd machine dominated the Virginia Democrats while Alexandria voters were becoming increasingly hostile to the national Democratic Party, which was viewed as radically liberal by many on the issue of race.

"We became the moderate party," said former Republican City Councilman **George Cook**, who ran Mitchell's successful 1967 campaign. "We ran right down the middle."

In those days, Republicans fought for expanding access to elections by opposing the poll tax, advocating weekend voter registration and supporting registration at libraries. Some Democrats argued this week that history stood in stark contrast to this year's strategy of "plunking" in which voters were encouraged to use fewer than six votes to maximize their influence when votes are tallied. But Republicans countered that bullet voting was a time-honored tradition used by minority parties in at-large elections to gain representation.

"I think this shows that Alexandria voters have a lot of independence," said former Republican City Councilman **Bob Calhoun** as the results were rolling in Tuesday night. "Republicans and independents finally put together the right combination of candidates, issues and presentation."

Electioneering Before Dawn

Campaign volunteers spend sleepless nights of envelope-stuffing in the days before an election, culminating in a marathon of handing out sample ballots and greeting voters who would rather not be bothered. It's a grueling game, played mostly by the young.

Rival teams of volunteers arrive at the precincts shortly before 6 a.m., although they usually don't challenge one another on the finer points of policy distinction or the qualifications of various candidates. Instead the talk usually turns to the weather or sports or turnout projections. As the day wears on, opposite sides often share a laugh or a meal with each other before returning to their opposite sides when the polls close.

"You don't want to get into a big argument with a total stranger when it's o-dark-thirty," said Democratic volunteer **Jennifer Bissett** after spending the morning at the St. James Church precinct. "You feel sorry for him, and you want to buy him a cup of coffee and a doughnut."

Breaking the Machine

Although he received the fewest number of votes, independent candidate **Rich Williamson** ran one of the most colorful campaigns in recent memory. His yard signs featured a cartoon image of his face, creating a celebrity status with children who recognized him as he campaigned door-to-door this spring. When Williamson accused the Democratic Party of leading an "entrenched machine" during one of the debates, 30-year-old Councilman **Justin Wilson** said he wasn't old enough to become entrenched in anything yet. And when Williamson said neighborhoods never partner with charities, Councilman **Tim Lovain** countered with several examples of civic associations that partner with nonprofits.

"It's not easy to break the machine," Williamson responded at the time.

For the independent candidate with a cartoon head, Tuesday night was payback time. When it was his turn at the microphone during the Republican victory party at **Pat Troy's** restaurant, Williamson mocked Lovain's continued support of streetcars and Wilson's efforts to curtail unwanted newspaper deliveries. Even if his campaign was not successful, Williamson concluded, Tuesday's election results showed that the dominance of the Democratic Party in Alexandria had eroded.

"The machine has been broken," Williamson declared to the cheering crowd.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Alicia Hughes gets a hug after seeing the tally of votes.

The (One) Party's Over

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gest surprise of the evening, emerging from the obscurity of Early Childhood Commission to the spotlight of a campaign where she challenged incumbent Democrats to explain their actions during candidate forums. Republicans adopted her as one of their own, running a coordinated campaign that encouraged people to use less than six available votes to leverage influence in an election with only 15 percent of registered voters

Election Returns		votes
Kerry Donley		7,694
Rob Krupicka		7,689
Frank Fannon		7,200
Del Pepper		7,159
Paul Smedberg		7,080
Alicia Hughes		7,031
Justin Wilson		6,718
Tim Lovain		6,856
Phil Cefaratti		5,580
Rich Williamson		2,501

SOURCE: Alexandria Registrar's Office

participating. "We need a regional presence for the party," said Mark Ellmore, who brought in Republicans from Northern Virginia to stump for the Alexandria ticket in a tactic he calls Code Red. "We can no longer have isolated elections."

THE RETURNS were posted on the city registrar's Web site shortly after polls closed at 7 p.m. Republi

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Newly elected councilmember Kerry Donley addresses those gathered at the Carlyle Club. With Donley are Mayor Bill Euille, Rob Krupicka, Paul Smedburg and Del Pepper.



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Fearlessness in Line of Duty

Valor Awards celebrate heroism by Alexandria public-safety officials.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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When Alexandria Police Officer Tim Kyburz heard a his weather alert radio warn of a possible tornado last year, he moved with the speed of a cyclone to protect his neighbors and friends. Fortunately Kyburz, an Indiana native, knew a thing or two about tornadoes. So after ushering his family into the basement of his Fredericksburg home, he began calling neighbors in the tightly knit England Run North subdivision to warn them a tornado was on the way.

"I was just hoping that the house was going to collapse away from us," said Kyburz shortly after the incident in May 2008. "The whole thing lasted about 15 or 20 seconds, but it seemed like an eternity."

Alexandria's public-safety officials have ordinary workdays that can seem like Hollywood movies, with gripping narratives and a reassuring sense of honor in the face of crisis. Valor is a day at the job for those recognized last week by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Honorees at the 23rd annual Valor Awards luncheon faced down gun-wielding drivers on the Interstate, rushed into the wreckage of a smok-



Alexandria Police Officer Tim Kyburz and his wife Valencia received the lifesaving award for their actions in alerting their neighborhood to the impending danger of a tornado.

ing car crash and acted decisively when the moment demanded boldness.

"These men and women, and in fact all public safety personnel, even those not receiving awards today, provide an invaluable service that contributes to the wonderful quality of life we enjoy here in Alexandria," said Chamber of Commerce chairwoman Cathy Puskar.

❖ Medic **Michael Gerber** and Medic **Keith Joachem** each received a Lifesaving Award. On Aug.

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Valor Awards Celebrate Acts of Heroism

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9, 2008, Alexandria Fire Department's Medic 208 truck was dispatched to Fairfax County for a call of a person experiencing chest pains. When they arrived they found Fairfax Engine 405 caring for a 49-year-old female complaining of chest pains. In the confusion of the moment, medics were told the patient medication earlier in the day for a gastrointestinal disorder when she has actually been treated for a heart condition. The medics administered post-cardiac medication and transported her to Inova Alexandria Hospital, keeping a level head and adhering to protocol despite being given a non-life threatening diagnosis.

❖ Medic **Don Scott**, Medic **Tracey Eichelberger** and Medic **Joshua Weissman** each received a Lifesaving Award. On June 2, 2008, members of the Alexandria Fire Department's Medic 208 were dispatched for a seizure call in Fairfax County. They found 20-month-old male, lying on a towel on the floor. The child was having a seizure, with twitching eyes and a rigid upper body. Because of continued seizures, medics administered a needle rather than an intravenous line.

❖ Emergency Communications Technician **Mary Ursitti** received a Lifesaving Certificate. On April 17, 2008, Alexandria Fire Department emergency communications office received a call from a woman stating that her friend was lying on the couch, unresponsive and not breathing. The woman on the phone became hysterical, but Ursitti calmly gave step-by-step instructions on how to administer CPR until the EMS arrived.

❖ Deputy Sheriff **Larry Richardson**, Deputy Sheriff **Ricky Hart Jr.** Deputy Sheriff **Christopher O'Dell** were each commended for their lifesaving efforts. On Jan. 23, 2008. Deputy



Alexandria Police Officer Kyle Russel is joined by his family and Police Chief David Baker after being awarded a Silver Medal at the Awards luncheon last week.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET



Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne with 2008 Life Saving winners Ricky Hart Jr., Gerald Resseguie, Scott Petrini, Larry Richardson and Christopher O'Dell.

Richardson was making a routine check of the jail's inmate receiving center when he noticed an inmate who was barely breathing. Deputy Richardson yelled in an attempt to provoke a response, but the inmate did not respond. Deputies entered the call and splashed water on the inmate's upper body,

then used one of the jail's automatic electronic defibrillators on the inmate.

❖ Deputy Sheriff **Scott Petrini** and Deputy Sheriff **Gerald Resseguie** were recognized for their diligence and lifesaving efforts. On Sept. 4, 2008, a fight between inmates at the city jail

prompted deputies to move one of the inmates to a second-floor cell to prevent further altercations. But upon arriving in the cell, the inmate covered the camera so that the deputies could not observe him. Deputies conducted extra checks on the cell, eventually rushing in after they found him with

his shirt tied around his neck hanging from a lighting fixture. If they hadn't conducted the extra checks, the situation could have been fatal.

❖ Officer **Tim Kyburz** was given a Lifesaving Award. On May 8, 2008, Kyburz and his wife were at their home in Stafford County when violent storm passed through, engulfing the neighborhood in rushing rain, wind and thunder. Kyburz put his Alexandria Police Department vest on and ran out of his house to render aid to his neighbors.

❖ Officer **Jeetpal Panesar** was given a Bronze Medal. On Feb. 2, 2008, Panesar was heading west on Duke Street when he heard the emergency communication dispatch for a two-car crash in the 4600 block of Duke Street. Officer Panesar was not dispatched to the crash, but he was near the location and volunteered to go to the scene. Arriving at the scene of the crash, he found the driver in a dark cloud of smoke covered in blood. The other car was overturned with a small child dangling from a seatbelt wrapped tightly around her neck. Panesar smashed through the window and used a knife to free the child.

❖ Officer **Kyle Russel** was given a Silver Valor Medal and Officer **Aaron Fisher** was given a Bronze Valor Medal. On Sept. 23, 2008, Russel was training Fisher when they noticed a sport-utility vehicle driving erratically. When they pulled him over on Interstate 395, the man pulled out a .45 caliber hand gun and shot Russel in the middle of his chest. The bullet had penetrated all the layers of his vest, delivering massive trauma to Russel as Fisher radioed information to emergency communications. The driver of the vehicle continued down Interstate 395 before shooting himself in the head and crashing into a guard-rail near the 14th Street Bridge.



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Alexandria Fire Department Emergency Communication Technician Mary Ursitti is awarded a Life Saving Award.

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Postal Relief

Letter carriers will be collecting for a food drive on May 9.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Food Drive

This weekend, mail boxes throughout the Alexandria area will be receiving a post card letting them know about the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive next weekend. The event is conducted by members of the National Association of Letter Carriers together with the United States Postal Service, who will pick-up donations of nonperishable food along their delivery routes. The food donations will be distributed through ALIVE!; The Capital Area Food Bank; The Koinonia Foundation; Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church; and United Community Ministries.

"We've been experiencing a noticeable increase in requests for food," said ALIVE! executive director Ken Naser, adding that one of his programs has experienced a 90-percent increase since last year. "The demand for food has never

All Alexandria zip codes will be participating in a food drive on Saturday May 9. To participate, place bagged, nonperishable, items near your mail box by 9 a.m. Items will be picked up throughout the day. Nonperishable items include canned meat and tuna fish, canned soup, canned fruit and vegetables, canned beans, cereal, peanut butter, jelly and baby food. For more information, call Brian McCormick at 571-278-3231.

been higher in the 40-year history of this organization."

This year's food drive is being planned against a backdrop of a world economic crisis. The local economy has been somewhat less strained than exurb communities, yet food banks across the region are struggling to make ends meet and supply a demand that seems to grow every day. Fairfax County records indicate that the unemployment rate rose from 2.7 percent in January 2008 to 4.2 percent in January 2009, representing an increase of 8,974 more un-

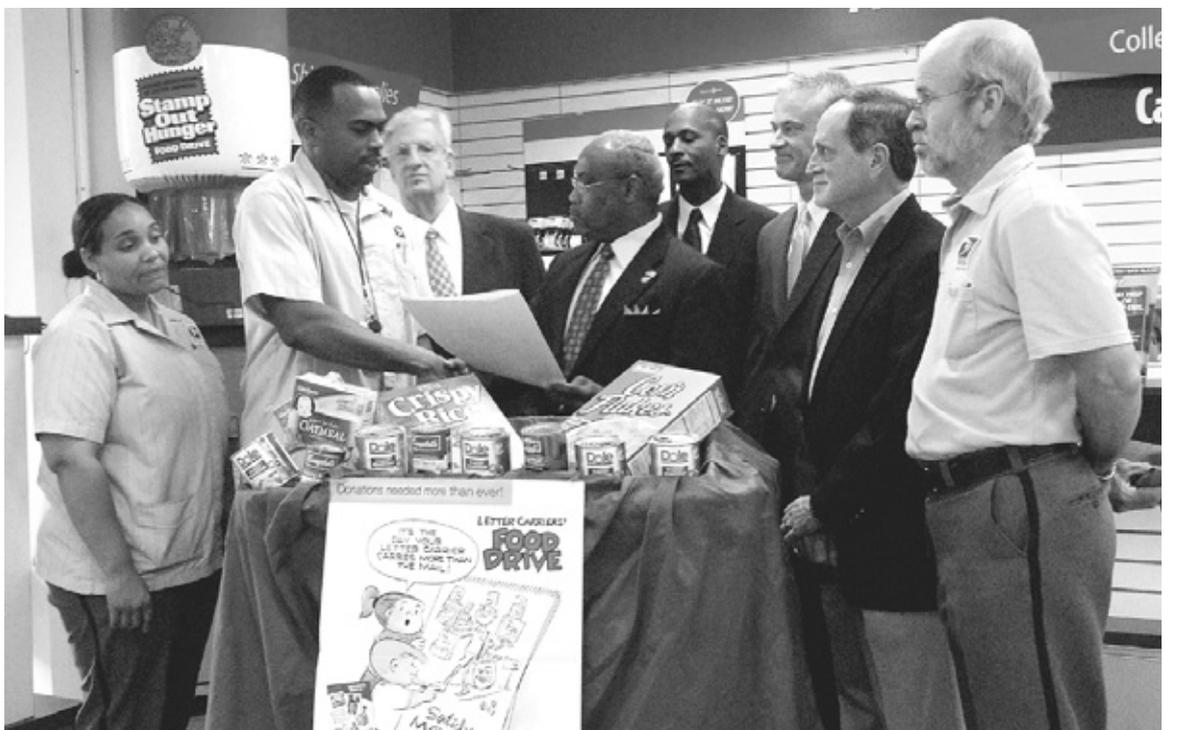


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Mayor Bill Euille presents a City Proclamation declaring May 9 as Stamp Out Hunger Day in the Alexandria Area to Andre Washington, vice president of the Letter Carriers Union # 567. With Washington and Mayor Euille are: Shop Steward Michelle Robinson, Drew Von Bergen with the National Association of Letter Carriers, Alexandria Postmaster John Budzynski, executive director of ALIVE! Ken Naser, and food drive coordinator Bill McCormick.

employed residents in the county. "We had more demand from November to March than I've ever seen," said Alex Pytell, a manager for United Community Ministries. "But people in this area are very generous, and I think there's a real understanding in this community for the need that's out there right

now." The annual food drives began nationwide in 1993, and Alexandria post offices have been participating since then. Last year the springtime food drive collected 25,000 pounds of food. This year, union branch 567 is hoping to help area food banks during a time when the demand has never been

greater. Organizers say all donors need to do is leave non-perishable food items near their mailboxes. "It's a pretty simple system," said postman Brian McCormick, an Alexandria native who graduated from Bishop Ireton High School in 1970. "Just leave the food items in a bag and we'll pick them up."

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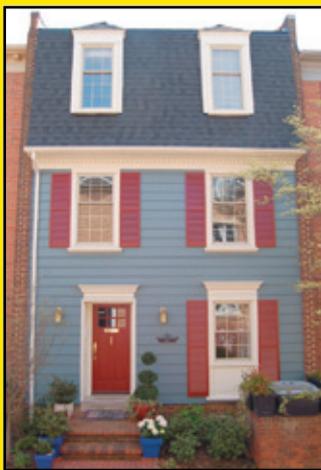
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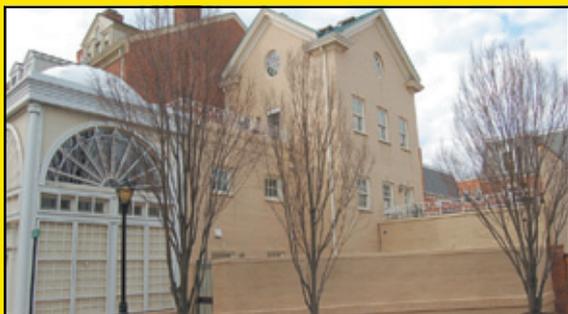
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In the City of Alexandria, at least five townhouses sold for under \$250,000, with more than two dozen condominiums selling for under \$200,000. At the other end, five homes sold for more than \$1 million.

In Arlington, 14 sales closed for under \$200,000, and 14 more between \$200,000 and \$250,000. There was movement at the high end too, with the sale of one condominium for \$5.65 million, plus eight more homes selling for more \$1 million in March alone.

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More than 20 townhouses sold in Herndon for under \$200,000.

In Mount Vernon, the top home sold for \$2.65 million, while nearby a variety of bargains sold for remarkably low prices in the Route 1 corridor, including 29 condos and townhouses for under \$100,000. Twenty more condos, townhouses and duplexes sold in March in the area for between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

In Reston, one condo sold for \$1.1 million, while there were 13 sales of condos and townhouses for under \$200,000.

In Burke, 15 homes sold for under \$250,000 in March, mostly townhouses.

In Centreville in March, 22 townhouses sold for under \$200,000.

In Springfield in March, there were 31 sales

of condos and townhouses for under \$250,000.

In Fairfax Station and Clifton, 22 homes sold for more than \$500,000, with two sales over \$1 million in March. In Lorton in March, 10 townhouses sold for under \$200,000.

In Great Falls, only one home in March sold for less than \$500,000, but there were five homes sold for more than \$1 million.

In McLean, one home sold for \$3.4 million, with eight more homes selling in March for more than \$1 million. A handful of condos sold in McLean for under \$250,000.

In Vienna, eight homes sold in March for more than \$1 million, while nine condos and townhouses sold for under \$300,000.

For specific addresses and home sales by town for March, see <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=%20328003&paper=%2059&cat=228>. April home sales will be posted after May 20.

— MARY KIMM.

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EDITORIALS

In the Interests of Public Health

While it's a huge topic for discussion, no one really has any idea what the future holds for us and the so-called swine flu. It's reasonable to predict that in the next few weeks, it will turn up in Northern Virginia.

With the Centers for Disease Control calling for the closing of schools where cases are confirmed, we might well be facing one or more schools that are unexpectedly closed.

But we question whether such a policy is considering all aspects of public health. When an elementary school, for example, is closed, how do families that depend on two incomes

or single parent families cope? In any less affluent area, what percentage of children might be home alone because parents have no sick leave or vacation time?

In middle school, students are nominally more able to be home alone for some period of time, but we know there are consequences to unsupervised adolescents in terms of risky behavior.

Let's take the actions necessary to stem a crisis, but let's not lose sight of other risks in the process.

— MARY KIMM.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ending Discrimination

To the Editor:

We all have our political litmus test, the one or two issues that make or break a candidate in our eyes. Perhaps it is reproductive rights, early childhood education, taxes, or transportation. As a community activist and a lesbian, human rights are at the top of my list. Therefore, I watched with interest as our Democratic candidates for governor recently addressed their positions on the Commonwealth's constitutional amendment banning marriage and civil agreements between committed same-sex couples.

This Marshall-Newman amendment, while passing statewide, was soundly rejected by the citizens of Northern Virginia. With each passing day, more Americans are coming to see what we knew then: The constitution is for protecting rights, not taking them

away. Singling out a specific population for the purpose of denying them rights is discrimination. Enshrining that discrimination in our constitution is a blight on our Commonwealth. This error, born of wedge-issue politics and fueled by fear and misinformation, needs to be corrected.

Brian Moran is the only candidate for Virginia governor who stood against the Marshall-Newman amendment prior to its passage. The other two Democratic candidates did nothing to stop the amendment. McAuliffe, who has never held political office, was silent in the debate. Deeds actually helped put the amendment on the ballot. While all three now agree that the amendment was a mistake, only Moran has pledged to work toward repealing it. The other two Democratic candidates feel it is not important enough to receive their attention if they become governor. The Republican candidate? Even worse;

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Snapshot

11:35 a.m., May 5, Oakcrest Drive.

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he favored the discriminatory amendment and still does.

For me, Brian Moran's pledge to address the mistake that created a two-class system for loving couples in Virginia makes him the clear front-runner for governor. The other issues in this race are important, and we will continue to sort out the candidates' positions on them. But for me, my partner of 20 years and many others like us, being denied the rights others take for granted has created

somewhat of a preoccupation with equality. I urge others who are concerned with human rights, both LGBT citizens and straight allies, to join me in supporting Brian Moran for governor.

Karen Gautney

Behind The Numbers

To the Editor:

May I just be average?

The City says, and the local media reported, that overall real es-

tate assessments dropped about 2 percent — means nothing to me because I am a residential property owner, not commercial. So if I dig a little I find that residential assessments for single family homes dropped on average 3.46 percent. Condos on average dropped 7.57 percent. Commercial increased on average 1.24 percent.

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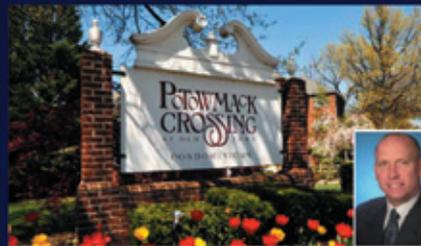
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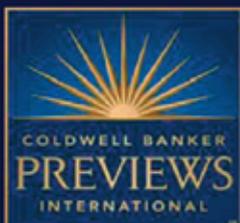
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BY LINDSAY GSELL
GAZETTE PACKET

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The festival features 20 films screened in 65 showings. The films, which hail from the U.S., Canada, Israel and Europe, were selected from over 150 entries. This year's

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COURTESY OF THE ALEXANDRIA DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING

This site photo composite shows how Sacandaga Totem will look at intersection of King, Fayette and Commerce streets.

The Totem Waits Sculpture's installation has fallen victim to budget cuts.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

For more than a year, a sculpture known as the Sacandaga Totem has been waiting patiently in upstate New York. One day, it will be installed at the three-way intersection of Commerce, Fayette and King streets. When City Council voted to accept the public art as a gift in January 2008, it was valued between \$60,000 to \$90,000. Since that time, city officials have delayed the project of installing the 5,000-pound obelisk.

"We have people who are hungry out on the streets," said Mayor Bill Euille. "It just didn't seem like the right priority considering some of the human needs we have right now."

Euille said he would be open to private money being used to install the sculpture,

which measures 113 inches high, 66 inches wide and 43 inches deep. It was created in 1997 by sculptor John Van Alstine, the piece was the last of a five-part series of totemic sculptures that mixed the formalism of the Washington Monument with the naturally formed buttes of the American west.

"This is material that came from the earth, even the man-made steel was made from elements of the earth," said Van Alstine in an interview last year. "I think it kind of speaks to the geological formations of the land."

The sculpture's nonrepresentational form and modernistic design are certain to make a lasting impression, whether it's viewed by pedestrians walking along the corridor or riders in the city's trolley service. The sculpture will be placed near the center of the existing brick plaza surrounded by four benches with landscaping and lighting de-

signed by the Old Town architectural firm of Stephenson and Good.

"We wanted the finishes and the materials we used to integrate into the fabric of King Street, including the lighting," said Robert Good, the architect who designed the base and lighting. "It's relatively central in the plaza but behind the façade lines of the buildings."

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— Mayor Bill Euille.

FINE ARTS

See **paintings** by the Potomac Valley Watercolorists at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Runs from April 28 **through June 28**. Visit potomacvalleywatercolorist.com for more information.

See **"Progression"** at The Art League Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Suzanne Yurdin presents abstract paintings **from May 7 through June 1**. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

See **"Fresh"** from the Target Gallery, 105 N. Union St., **from May 6 through May 31**. See the latest trends in the urban contemporary art scene. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

The human/pet companion bond is explored through art in the **"Bond for Life"** exhibition at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. The exhibit opens Friday, **May 22** (reception 7-10 pm) and runs

through Sunday, June 21. Free. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or 703-683-2949.

Opening **Friday, May 22**, **"Living Legends of Alexandria 2008-09"** will be featured in the Goldsmith Gallery at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. It will feature photographs of all 27 of the nominees with information about their contributions. It will be open **through Sept. 20**. 703-838-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

See a photography exhibit by **Grace Taylor and Clifford Wheeler from April 7 through May 31** at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-683-2205.

See **"Ado about Nature"** at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., **through May 31**. See nature photographs by Jorja and Bob Feldman. Free. 703-768-2525 for more information.

The 12th **Annual Student Art show** hosted at the Del Ray Artisans gallery runs **through Sunday, May 17**. Free. The Del Ray Artisans gallery is located at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. For show details and gallery hours call 703-838-4827 or visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

"1968 in America" opens **April 7 through May 30** at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Exhibit showcases some of the tumultuous events. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

On Feb. 21, Historic Mount Vernon opens **"George Washington & His Generals,"** a new temporary exhibition. Over 120 paintings, prints, personal artifacts, and manuscripts will be featured. The exhibition will remain on view at the Estate **through Jan. 10, 2010**. Visit <http://Visit.MountVernon.org> or 703-780-2000.

CALENDAR

E-mail calendar announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

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 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.

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.

Spectacular gardens are in bloom as Mount Vernon hosts its annual **outdoor garden and gift sale beginning April 11 through May 10** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This annual sale includes ornamentals, perennials and annuals, garden items, books, and heirloom plants propagated from historic cuttings. No admission is required to shop in the Gardening Days tent (located in front of the Mount Vernon Inn Complex). Visit MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Join City archaeologists and trained volunteers for a program for children of all ages at Alexandria Archaeology **Family Dig Days**. Monthly Family

Dig Days will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, in Alexandria. The 2009 dates are: Saturday, May 30; Saturday, July 18; Saturday, Aug. 15; Saturday, Sept. 12; Saturday, Oct. 17. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-838-4399 or visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org.

Mount Vernon commemorates George and Martha Washington's 250th wedding anniversary with a **new collection of fine stationery** available at the Shops at Mount Vernon, open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Visit MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

On **Sundays** at 2 p.m., enjoy a **family bike ride**. Meet at Cameron Run Regional Park, 4100 Eisenhower Ave. Rides will be canceled if inclement weather. Reservations required, 703-303-4803.

FRIDAY/MAY 8

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive. See the Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus perform. \$15-\$30. Visit www.harmonizers.org or 703-910-4600.

Open Stages Festival. 7:30 p.m. at the Convergence, A Creative Community of Faith, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Visit www.brownpapertickets.com for tickets.

Story Time. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany St. Enjoy stories and more. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-492.

SATURDAY/MAY 9

Spring Bus Tour. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Visit Richmond area Civil War sites. \$120/FFW member; \$135/nonmember. Deadline is May 1. 703-838-4848.

Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Browse antiques, collectibles, art and more. Proceeds benefit Friends of Homeless Animals. Visit www.foha.org for more.

Outdoor Art Sale. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Browse works from more than 20 artists. Visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org for more.

Garden Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Browse shrubs, plants, flowers and more from local growers. Free. Visit www.greenspring.org or 703-642-5173.

Music Performance. 2 p.m. or 8 p.m.

at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive. See the Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus perform. \$15-\$30. Visit www.harmonizers.org or 703-910-4600.

Spring Garden Party. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Enjoy meeting Mrs. Washington, music, games and more. \$15/adult; \$14/senior; \$7/child. Visit MountVernon.org for more.

Shop for Shelter. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square. Proceeds benefit Carpenter's Shelter. Free. RSVP to polished@tuanh.com or 703-888-3696. \$5/door.

VisionWalk. Fight blindness by walking at 9 a.m. at Cameron Run Park, 4001 Eisenhower Ave.

Family Fun Day. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 1000 St. Stephen's Road. Enjoy a march, painting, games, magic, food and more. Proceeds benefit Mattie Brow. Visit www.mattiebear.blogspot.com for more.

Book Sale. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Enjoy searching books for all ages from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free. 703-339-4610.

Wedding Re-Creation. 5-8 p.m. at the Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. See the 1774 wedding of Sarah Carlyle to William Herbert of Alexandria. Enjoy food, drink and dancing. \$50/person. 703-549-2997 for reservations.

High Tea and Fashion Show. Noon-2:30 p.m. at The Clarity Breast Cancer Foundation offices, 4401 Ford Ave. See the new Belafigura line of swimwear. 703-984-9301.

Open Stages Festival. 7:30 p.m. at the Convergence, A Creative Community of Faith, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Visit www.brownpapertickets.com for tickets.

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Mommies Are Nice Storytime. Ages 3-6. 11:30 a.m. Get ready for Mother's Day with a storytime all about the many reasons people love Mommies. Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. www.hooray4books.com

Your Garden and You. 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Find ways to alter a garden. \$18/person. 703-642-5173 to register. Visit www.greenspring.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 10

Music Performance. 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt St. Hear

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6906
Duke Drive
\$389,900
Best Value!
Hard to find detached home for under \$400,000 in Alexandria area! This gorgeous 4BR, 3BA Cape Cod has been totally remodeled from top to bottom! Features include: brand new baths & kitchen, hardwood floors on two levels, recessed lighting, finished lower level with full bath and prime location on large level lot convenient to everything!



9516
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8826
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427 EAST MOUNT IDA AVENUE
Alexandria / Del Ray - \$714,900

SUMMER IN DEL RAY! Abs. charming 3 lvl bungalow on lge corner lot w/driveway pkg! 3Br/2.5Ba w/fab fin low lvl & lovely rear patio & porch for outdoor enjoyment. Total renov. in '04 offers best of old & new. Walk to "The Avenue". Enjoy conv to METRO, Reagan airport & DC.



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7020 HIGHLAND MEADOWS COURT
Alexandria - \$780,000

SIMPLY SPECTACULAR! Showcase home in lux hm community, mins to METRO, Ft Belvoir, OT & DC. Brick front 3 lvl Col w/4Br, 3.5Ba w-out fin lower lvl, gourmet Kit, 2 car gar, lux owner's suite & more! Fab hardscape to incl 2 slate patios, Koi pond & flourishing gardens.



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JUST LISTED!

2103 POPKINS LANE
Alexandria / Hollin Hills - \$624,000

Charming 1 lvl home on half acre wooded lot—expanded w/MstrBr/Ba suite—lots of light w/walls of glass—overlooking brick patio, private bkyd a gardener's delight—updated Ba(s), kit, gas Jennair stove & tablespace—hwd fl-alarm & sprinkler system—fireplace & more! 4Br/2Ba



Franki Roberts 703.898.0840



JUST LISTED!

410 SOUTH PITT STREET
Alexandria / OT - \$799,000

Wonderful location in SE Quadrant, this 3 level, 3Br all brick townhouse is filled with light, has 11' ceilings in living room, 2 wood burning fireplaces, beautifully planted garden, off street parking and within walking distance of the Potomac River and all the delights of Old Town.



Bonnie Apple 703.728.3430

RENTALS

3419 Spring Drive \$1,450
Valley View Rambler 2Br/1Ba
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7501E Ashby Lane #F \$1,600
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Suzanne Briar 703.728.4999

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RENTALS

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CALENDAR

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the Choral Evensong. Free. Donations accepted.

Free Mother's Day Tours. Noon-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. or Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. \$4/other adults; \$2/child. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242.

Music Performance. 2 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Hear the Marine Band. Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com for more.

Spring Garden Party. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Enjoy meeting Mrs. Washington, music, games and more. \$15/adult; \$14/senior; \$7/child. Visit www.mountvernon.org for more.

Music Performance. 2:30 p.m. at Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road. Hear the Washington Metropolitan Youth Orchestra.

Spring Open House Sale. 5-8 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Browse works, listen to music, enjoy food, activities and more. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for more.

Family Tour Days. 1-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy tours by junior Docents. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242 for admission prices.

Bach Vespers. 6-6:45 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 2701 Cameron Mills Road. Free. www.wpc-alex.org.

French Storytime. All ages. 11:30 a.m. Enjoy a French story time. Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. www.hooray4books.com

Mother's Day Tea: Mothers in Art. 1-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Take an entertaining look at art depicting mothers through the centuries. Afterwards raise a teacup to mothers everywhere. \$25. Call 703-941-7987 to register.

MONDAY/MAY 11

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.

Workshop. Learn how to create spring-inspired centerpieces at 7 p.m. at the Studio, 8088 Danewood Drive. \$255/three classes. Visit www.WisteriaFlorals.com or 703-336-1042 to register.

Book Group. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6328 Richmond Highway. Discuss "In the Ring" by Robert Bennett. Free. 703-768-6700.

Early Reader Book Discussion. 3:30 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children 6-8 years can enjoy book activities. Free. 703-971-0010.

Books and Ideas. 7:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discuss "The Sound and the Fury" by William Faulkner. Free. 703-765-3645.

TUESDAY/MAY 12

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6328 Richmond Highway. Discuss "The Tipping Point" by Malcolm Gladwell. Free. 703-768-6700.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 13

Plant Lecture. 7:30 p.m. at Huntley

Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Learn about Dyke Marsh wildlife preserve. Free. 703-768-2525.

Rising Words, Rising Images. 11 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children 9-12 can discuss "Red Scarf Girl: A Memoir of the Cultural Revolution" by Ji-li Jiang. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

THURSDAY/MAY 14

Toast to Fashion. 6:30 p.m. at Belle Have Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road. See new trends from area shops and more. \$40/advance or \$45/door. Visit www.campaigncenter.org or 703-549-0111.

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Fundraiser. 5-9 p.m. at Chicken Out Rotisserie in Old Town. Twenty percent of the proceeds will benefit Friends of the World Food Program.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Hear Pat Victor with David Lafleur perform. \$10/person. Visit NVFAA.org for more.

Preschool Palettes. All ages. 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Call to register. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. www.hooray4books.com

FRIDAY/MAY 15

Needlework Identification Day. 12:30-4:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Bring needlework and learn how to properly care for it and see if it is an 18th or 19th century piece. \$5/piece is requested. Reservations required, 703-838-4994.

Music for Brass Quintet. 8 p.m. at Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Hear the United States Air Force Band. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil for more.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Benefit concert for Whitman-Walker Clinic. Donations accepted. Visit www.trinityalexandria.org or 703-549-5500 ext. 103.

SATURDAY/MAY 16

5K Run/Walk. 8:30 a.m. at South Run Park. The run benefits the National Capital Lyme Association. Registration day of or at www.active.com.

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FILM

At the JCC Film Festival

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selection features documentaries, comedies, dramas, actions and many more.

Both "Beau Jest" and "Holy Land Hardball" are expected to be big films at the festival this year. Another film that will draw viewers is "The Champagne Spy," based on the true story of Wolfgang Lotz, an Israeli spy who lived a double life.

The JCC of Northern Virginia began the film festival in 2001. In the beginning, it was only one week long and featured seven films.

"It's grown so tremendously since then," said film festival director Roz Engels. "Our goal is really to offer a great cultural experience for the community."

According to Engels, the festival is about sharing Jewish culture with a diverse greater Washington, D.C. community.

"Just like other film festivals highlight other cultures, we bring aspects of Jewish cultural life to this community," she said.

Planning for this year's festival began a week after last year's festival concluded. Throughout the year, the volunteers will screen films and work to compile



The film 'Noodle' concerns a widowed flight attendant whose life is thrown for a loop when her Chinese housekeeper vanishes, leaving behind her little boy.

the list of films.

"It takes a long time but it is a wonderful effort and experience," said Engels. "It's well worth the work."

The film festival screens films daily. General Admission tickets are \$10 per film, but discounts are available for groups, seniors, students, and matinees. Visit www.jccnv.org for screening schedule and information.

CALENDAR

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Celebration. 6 p.m. at Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. Celebration of Gum Springs Community. Reservations required, 703-799-1198.

Harambee Readers. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discuss "Black Girl, White Girl" by Joyce Carol Oates. Free. 703-765-3645.

"Paint" Alexandria 2009. The Art League is holding the event. \$40/artists of all media and skill levels can participate. Public can view artists at work in front of the Torpedo Factory. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-2323 for more.

Spring Wildflower Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Browse trees, shrubs, vines and more. Free. Visit www.vnps.org or 703-642-5173.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at NVCC Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. \$20/adult; \$10/

children. 703-845-6097. Hear piano duo Christine and David Hagan.

Family Dance and Dinner. 6:30-9:30 p.m. at The Light Horse, 710 King St. Enjoy hamburgers and more with proceeds benefiting the Kathy Wilson Foundation. \$25/person; \$40/couple; \$7/child. Visit www.kathywilsonfoundation.org.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 5800 Backlick Road. Hear the Northern Virginia Chorale. \$20/adult; \$10/student. Visit www.northernvirginiachorale.org.

Classics Storytime. Ages 3-6. 11:30 am. Some books get better with age, while some are instant classics. Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. www.hooray4books.com

Game Day at Hooray for Books! All ages. 2 p.m. Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St. www.hooray4books.com

Spring Garden Day. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green

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SUNDAY/MAY 17

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Hear the New Dominion Chorale and Orchestra. \$25/adult; \$20/senior; \$5/student, child. Visit www.newdominion.org or 703-442-9404.

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LETTERS

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'Pause for A Child'

To the Editor:

April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month. Here at SCAN, we've spent the last few weeks reaching out to people with a new message: Pause for a child.

There are times when we all need to be reminded to take a break from the rush and stress that surround us in our lives. We might need a coffee break or a vacation. But the pause we're talking about is different. It's about stopping for a moment and directing your focus toward the children in your life. Those in your own family. The children in your neighborhood. Even strangers on the street.

As parents, a pause can help us control our emotions and be positive in our discipline. As community members, a pause can help us be role models, be engaged with our community and be advocates for all children.

But one thing we hear repeatedly is that when people — even mandated reporters such as teachers and medical professionals — do take that pause, and then witness something in a child that is

unsettling or concerning, they aren't taking a stand and they are often not reporting the incident to local authorities. We're asking everyone to pause, take action and be persistent.

When a call is made to Child Protective Services (and calls can be made anonymously), it usually does not result in a child being removed from his or her home. In fact, the majority of reports do not even go directly to "investigation" status. They enter a "family assessment" track where local agencies work to connect both parents and children with the resources, support and advocacy they need to build a healthier, stronger family.

By pausing, and then taking action, one person can launch a critical "pause" for a family that can forever change a child's life. It can be a time for those parents to find the help they need to nurture their children and stay together.

Taking a pause is not always an easy thing to do, but it is always the right thing to do. We've developed a variety of resources to help parents, families and community members learn how to pause for the children in their lives, and they're all available online at our new site, www.pauseforachild.org

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Or call the 24-Hour Virginia Helpline/Hotline at 1-800-552-7096.

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Diane Charles

Executive Director
SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now)
of Northern Virginia

Retain Rest Stops

To the Editor:

I am not much of a traveler, but I believe it would be unclean to close down many of the lavatory — handwashing facilities along the highways throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The state should be mindful and ensure the health and safety of motorists, tourists, visitors, and for all those who drive throughout Virginia by keeping the lavatories open.

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

Review Design

To the Editor:

The I-95/395 HOT Lanes Project is moving forward quickly, and I

am increasingly concerned about how the current design will affect traffic, pollution, and quality of life in several neighborhoods in the 45th District, especially in the area around the Shirlington Rotary, which spans the border between the City of Alexandria and Arlington County and adjoins Fairlington, Parkfairfax, and Shirlington. Moreover, I fear that residents of the affected neighborhoods are not sufficiently informed about the details of the project to be able to ask the right questions of the project staff.

Therefore, in an effort to make sure citizens are well informed and their concerns are addressed, I have set up a web page at www.DavidEnglin.org/HOT_Lanes that contains links to information about the project, including a chart depicting proposed changes to the Shirlington Rotary

at I-395, and a link to the Arlington County Board's Jan. 27 resolution about the project. The page includes a section where visitors may post comments.

While I share the concerns expressed in the Arlington County Board's resolution, I am trying to bring together VDOT and local officials to work through these issues in a productive way. I encourage everyone who lives in the neighborhoods affected by the project to review the information at www.DavidEnglin.org/HOT_Lanes and use the space provided to share your comments, questions, and concerns, which will be valuable input as we work together to ensure the best possible outcome for our community and our region.

Del. David Englin
45th District

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MOM & ME



Analyn Bannon with her Mom, Anna Langsdorf (93) — soon to be 94.



Three generations in Alexandria, with “Ma Maw” Mary left, mom Maggie Hagood, center, and son Collin Marquis, right.

Readers were invited to submit photos for the Gazette Packet’s annual Mom & Me gallery for Mother’s Day.



John Pfister 18, Julie Pfister, Steve Pfister, Kirsten Pfister 16, PFC Steven Pfister, Jr. USMC — currently serving in Iraq. This photo was taken Christmas Eve 2008.

Jeannie Baroody White with her children, twins, Cecilia and Jack (age 6) and Ella (age 4 1/2).



From left are Shannon Joy Patton, Erin Joy, Sheila Joy, and Sean Joy.





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T.C. Williams Culinary Arts students pose for photos with Gen. Powell after preparing breakfast for the annual awards ceremony honorees and guests.

Powell Addresses Summit

FROM PAGE 1

held at First Baptist Church on King Street. He recalled his decision to locate in the 900 block of North Washington Street, where he had once served on the board of a military insurance company. He said his decision to situate his office here in Alexandria was based in part on the reputation of the city's commitment to philanthropy.

"What you are doing today is making a permanent commitment," said Powell during one of the key events in a three-day celebration known as Spring for Alexandria. "Give as much as you can because the people you extend it to need it more than you will ever realize."

The following awards were presented during the summit:

❖ **Sue and Marty Goodhart** of the Goodhart Group of McEnearney Associates Realtors were named 2009 Business Philanthropists of the Year. For the last decade, the Goodharts have contributed their financial resources and volunteer time to the Fund for Alexandria's Child. The Goodhart Group also helped make a therapeutic playground possible for children with developmental disabilities at St. Coletta School.

❖ **Bozzuto Homes** was named Business Philanthropist of the Year. Although not based in Alexandria, Bozzuto was recognized for helping Community Lodgings expand its Fifer Family Learning Center and renovate its existing office space, also helping the nonprofit navigate through zoning and code requirements.

❖ **Robinson Terminal Warehouse Corporation** was given the Business Philanthropist Legacy Award. This award, which premiered this year, was given for Robinson Terminal's long-standing contributions to the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. The corporation donates its space to be used as a workshop where at-risk youth learn to build wooden boats and develop job skills.

❖ **Joe Youcha** was given the 2009 Nonprofit Leader of the Year. Since 1992, Youcha has been the executive director of the Alexandria Seaport Foundation. As a teacher, boat builder, entrepreneur and mentor to youth in the community, Youcha created an apprentice program that uses boat-building as a way to get at-risk youth back on course.



Robinson Terminal President Kent Barnekov and executive director of the Seaport Foundation Joe Youcha with Gen. Colin Powell.



McEnearney Associates Realtors Sue and Marty Goodhart with Gen. Colin Powell.



Bozzuto Homes of Greenbelt, Md., is awarded one of the 2009 Business Philanthropy Awards for its work at Community Lodgings.

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Alicia Hughes relaxes with her parents at the conclusion of the speeches.



Frank Fannon watches the precinct votes come in with supporters.

Donley Receives Most Votes for City Council

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cans huddled around a projection screen at Pat Troy's restaurant as excitement mounted Tuesday night. Shortly after 7:30 p.m., Fannon and Hughes broke into the top six as individual precincts were posted one

"I've always said in my many years in public service, you win gracefully and you lose gracefully."

— Former Mayor Kerry Donley, whose victory Tuesday puts him in a position to be elected vice mayor by his colleagues this summer

by one. When all 26 precincts reported shortly after 8 p.m., the capacity crowd roared approval for their winning candidates.

"This is my 11th election," said Republican chairman Chris Marston as he grabbed the microphone to introduce the victorious challengers. "But this is the first time we've ever had any winners."

The elephant in the room was Plunkee, the cartoon mascot adopted by Republicans in March to encourage selective voting known as "plunking" or sometimes "bullet voting." By encouraging voters to use fewer than the six votes that were available, the strategy sought to maximize the power of the vote by concentrating them in a targeted way. Sample ballots include a cartoon image of Plunkee and described plunking as "a time-tested political strategy used to en-

sure some representation for opposition and minority parties in at-large elections."

"Plunking won the night," said Pat Malone, a Fannon organizer who said his campaign's goal was 9,400 votes. "With the campaign we ran, we should have won."

THE MOOD WAS much more subdued at the victory celebration for the Alexandria Democratic Committee, where the party faithful slogged through an evening of concession speeches and calls to redouble their efforts in the future. Many of the Democrats suspected they might have done better if a competitive mayor's race had attracted larger numbers of votes or if the May ballot had been consolidated with a November General Assembly election.

"Who knew? A washed up politician at 30," said Wilson, the youngest member of council who was elected 21 months ago in

a special election. "I'd be lying if I said this doesn't hurt."

Although Mayor Bill Euille cruised into a third term with no opposition, the rest of the Democratic ticket struggled against serious challenges at the polls. Fannon received more votes than veteran Democrats Del Pepper and Paul Smedberg. Hughes received more votes than Lovain and Wilson, pushing them out of the winner's circle and removing them from public office. Former Mayor Kerry Donley received the most votes of the 10 candidates, putting him in a likely position to be elected vice mayor by his colleagues when the next council convenes this summer.

"I've always said in my many years in public service," Donley announced to Democrats gathered at the Carlyle Club Tuesday night, "You win gracefully and you lose gracefully."

Incumbent Ousted in District A School Board Race

FROM PAGE 1

forthcoming about their plans. "I'm still in shock," said Morris Wednesday morning. "I hoped to get on the board, but I never imagined I was going to be the top vote getter."

Mimi Carter came in second place, building on her base of support at Mount Vernon Community School. A native of Oklahoma, Carter has lived in Alexandria since 1991. She became involved with the school system as member of the education committee of the Del Ray Civic Association and was a founder of the annual State of the Schools forum.

"I have a background in early child-



Helen Morris



Mimi Carter



Sheryl Gorsuch

hood education, which is the only way we are going to close the achievement gap," said Carter Wednesday morning. "I talked a lot about expanding access to pre-Kindergarten during the campaign and I think that voters responded to that."

Although she received more votes than any other candidate in District A three years ago, School Board Vice Chairwoman Sheryl Gorsuch came in third place Tuesday. A native of California, Gorsuch has lived in Alexandria since 1986. On the campaign trail, Gorsuch said she would like to focus her attention on improving the division's responsiveness to students with disabilities. Calling the school system's performance in this area "abysmal," the vice chairwoman said she thinks ending the practice of segregating these students from the general student population will help create a new sense of accountability.

"Before we instituted the inclusion

Race for School Board	
* Helen Morris	2,449 votes
* Mimi Carter	2,330 votes
* Sheryl Gorsuch	2,084 votes
Scott Newsham	1,802 votes
Bill Campbell	1,578 votes

SOURCE: Alexandria Registrar's Office

model, I think it may not have always been clear who was responsible," said Gorsuch after one of the candidate forums last month. "I think that principals need to be held accountable by prioritizing their performance in this area as part of their evaluation."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Hot over HOT Lanes

Alexandria and Arlington withhold support for VDOT project on I-395.

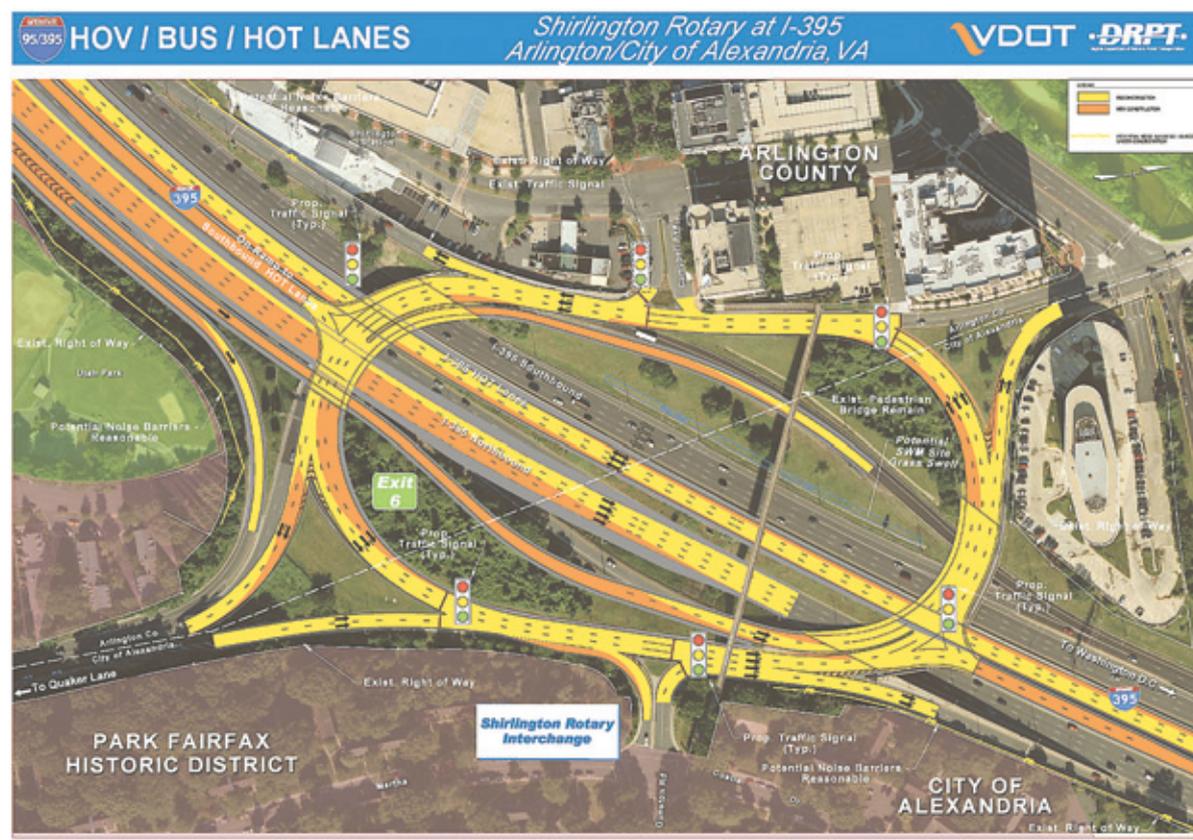
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GAZETTE PACKET

Elected officials in Alexandria and Arlington have taken formal action to withhold their support for a Virginia Department of Transportation proposal to build high-occupancy toll lanes along two parts of the border between the city and county. Officials in both jurisdictions expressed concern that the proposal would create a confusing maze of off-ramps that would disadvantage Alexandria and Arlington residents to the benefit of outlying regions such as Spotsylvania.

"Wouldn't it be better for people in the inner jurisdictions to have people in outer jurisdictions to be in a carpool or transit?" asked VDOT project manager Young Ho Chang. "That's what this project has been designed to encourage."

The friction between jurisdictions closer to the District of Columbia and those further out is playing out as the Commonwealth Transportation Board is negotiating with a private firm known as Fluor-Transurban that would construct the lanes and operate them in a public-private partnership with VDOT. Currently plans call for expanding and extending the existing two-lane high occupancy vehicle facility on Interstate 395 into a three-lane high occupancy toll facility between Spotsylvania and Arlington counties, a portion of which is located within the city of Alexandria.

"We have not to date received a response to our request for data," said Arlington County deputy manager Marsha Allgeier in a written response to questions. "We con-



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Many neighborhood residents are concerned about six new traffic lights that are currently planned for an area known as the Shirlington rotary.

What is a HOT lane?

High-occupancy toll lanes are express travel lanes that are constructed and operated alongside highway lanes. They are designed to manage congestion by requiring travelers to use multi-passenger transportation or pay a toll. In December the Federal Highway Administration approved a proposal that would create a 56-mile HOT-lane corridor from Spotsylvania to the Pentagon. Under the proposed public-private partnership, the Virginia Department of Transportation would own and oversee the lanes while Fluor-Transurban would construct, operate and maintain them.

continue to be concerned about the impact this would have on our streets, and we continue to press for answers."

In January, the Arlington County Board adopted a resolution that withheld its support for the HOT lane proposal until its concerns could be addressed. The Alexandria City Council followed suit in March, adopting a resolution that accused VDOT of improperly preparing environmental docu-

mentation for the project. Now VDOT is moving quickly on the project, recently removing more than two square miles of tree canopy in Fairfax County to make room for the new lanes.

"This is project is charging forward," said Del. David Englin (D-45), who represents both sides of the Arlington and Alexandria border at issue. "That's why I working with Alexandria and Arlington to slow this thing down."

ONE OF THE MAJOR areas of concern is around an area known as the Shirlington rotary, a circular series of on-ramps and off-ramps where neighborhood residents are concerned about six new traffic lights. Three of the signals would be on the Arlington side and three of the signals would be on the Alexandria side, prompting anxiety about which jurisdiction would be responsible for coordinating the flow of traffic.

"One of the options would be for one of

the jurisdictions to take responsibility for all the traffic lights," said Chang. "Another option would be for VDOT to take control of the signals. These the kinds of things that are still being worked out."

Another area of concern is the intersection of the HOT lanes and Seminary Road, where VDOT plans to build a transit station in the middle of Interstate 395. Although plans call for similar installations, known as "in-line" transit stations, in Lorton and Woodbridge, local elected officials expressed concern that these kinds of facilities might not work as well inside the Capital Beltway.

"It sounds impractical to me," said Alexandria Councilman Tim Lovain, a member of the Transportation and Planning Board of the Council of Governments. "Putting one of these things at Seminary just strikes me as dubious."

TOLLS FOR THE HOT lanes would change throughout the day to regulate demand for the lanes in an effort to reduce congestion, especially during peak hours. When traffic increases, the tolls would go up — a concept known as "congestion pricing." Yet officials in Alexandria and Arlington are still waiting to hear the details of how their residents would fit into the system. Ultimately, VDOT officials suggest, the project has been designed so that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.

"I can understand the concerns in Arlington and Alexandria," said Steve Titunik, s spokesman for VDOT. "But at the same time we need to take a look at the best way to move large amounts of people through the region with the least amount of congestion."

Join VisionWalk This Saturday

Hundreds of residents from across the Northern Virginia and Washington, D.C. metro area will support the fight against blindness by participating in the Northern Virginia VisionWalk on May 9 in Alexandria.

Proceeds from the Northern Virginia VisionWalk will go to the Foundation Fighting Blindness, a national non-profit organization. Its mission is to drive the research that will provide preventions, treatments and cures for people affected by retinitis pigmentosa, macular degeneration, Usher syndrome, and the full spectrum of retinal degenerative diseases.

Meet at Cameron Park on Eisenhower Avenue at 9 a.m. to register. The walk begins at 10 a.m.

PHOTO BY ARTURO SORIANO JR.

Explosion on Duke

Around 11:22 a.m. on Monday, May 4, a small hydrogen gas explosion took place at 1420 Duke St. in a BAE Systems lab located above Happy Home Child Day Care Center at 1400 Duke St. No injuries were reported. The day care center was evacuated and the children were sheltered at Shiloh Baptist Church across the street. The lab workers also had to be evacuated. Alexandria Rescue 109, Ambulance 205, Truck 208 and other environmental units responded. The City of Alexandria Office of Building and Fire Code Administration has launched an investigation of BAE Systems for its compliance with City Code.



COMMUNITY

Catch 'Fiddler on the Roof' at T.C. Williams

BY MEGHAN PALMER
BISHOP IRETON HIGH SCHOOL

In this inspiring story of dignity and strength, faith and family, the students of T.C. Williams High School combined captivating characters and heartfelt emotions to transport the audience to one of the world's most defining moments in history in their passionate presentation of "Fiddler on the Roof."

CAPPIES REVIEW

This Tony Award-winning musical was the first to surpass the 3,000 performance mark and had a record run of 10 years. Joseph Stein wrote the script, Jerry Bock the score, and Sheldon Harnick the lyrics. The story is set in 1905 in a small village in Tsarist Russia when life could

be "as shaky as a fiddler on a roof." It focuses on one family's struggle to maintain Jewish customs despite anti-Semitism that threatens their very survival. The family is forced to make changes as their strong-willed daughters stray from their expected paths and their nurturing community collapses under Tsarist oppression.

The Fiddler is an essential part of this story, as he is the symbol of survival of the Hebrew Community, and both the orchestra soloist and actor who portrayed him (Morgan Grady) did so beautifully. The poignant fiddle solos were the thread that wove the show together as well as a metaphorical thread to which the Jews clung.

Leading the actors as the hard working family patriarch, Tevye, was Zachary Frank. Tevye is the show's storyteller, a role for which Frank was well-suited because of his versatile acting ability. He easily transitioned from passionate to comedic as each scene required. Frank's expressive delivery of "If I Were a Rich Man" was impressive. Bianca Lipford played Tevye's wife Golde with a sharp tongue when Golde had to show strength and tenderness as she softened when Tevye asked "Do You Love Me?"

Tzeitel (Erin Embrey), Hodel (Ellen Broetzmann), and Chava (Madelaine Bryan) were Tevye and Golde's three eldest daughters who defied tradition and arranged their own marriages. Embrey's strength was her ability to show Tzeitel's independence and determination, Broetzmann's lovely singing

voice was warm and soaring, and Bryan's ballet was beautiful. The actors who played the daughters' mates were Anthony Parker, Joseph J. Powers, and Sam Jones. Parker used stammering speech to represent Motel's shyness. Powers presented Fyedka as reasonable and protective, and Sam Jones as Perchik had outstanding vocals in "Now I Have Everything."

Left out of the marriage arrangements was Yente, the village matchmaker. Maham Ayaz portrayed Yente with meddlesome, incessant talking and comedic charisma. Abby Keller played Fruma-Sarah in "The Dream" with ghostly movements and shrieking vocals, adding appropriately to the ethereal ambiance of the nightmare scene.

Making significant contributions to the production were the Pit Orchestra who commendably caught up to performers who rushed their songs and the stage crew who worked quickly and quietly.

Although T.C. Williams' "Fiddler on the Roof" told the story of one family, one town, one time, it truly transcended time and place. Through their powerful presentation, the performers honored all courageous people who have persevered through adversity to preserve their values and carry on their "Traditions."

"Fiddler on the Roof" will also be performed this weekend, May 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss it.

Cappies is a high school critics and awards program involving more than 50 schools in the Virginia, Maryland and D.C. areas.

Bernice Berry

Bernice Berry, 92, died with her family by her side on April 28, 2009. She was born in Pickens, W.V. on June 12, 1916 and a longtime resident of Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her husband, Levi Francis Berry and daughter, Joycelyn Mitchell Wood.

She is survived by her son, Darold (Sandra) Berry of Bishopville, Md., and daughters, Frances Summers (Marvin) Braaksma of Odessa, Fla., Pauline Downs (Marvin) Hutchens of Ruther Glen, Va. and Evon Peckhous (James) Ness of Haymarket, Va.

She also leaves 14 grandchildren; Donald, Sharon, Roland, Allyn, Carl, Dennis, Darrin, Eric, Mark, Richard, John, Timothy, Wray and Kimberly and 19 great grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held on Tuesday, May 5 in the chapel of Moser Funeral Home, Warrenton, Va.

SCHOOL NOTES

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SPORTS



Titan junior Thomas Caine took first place in the pole vault.



T.C. Williams seniors Reward Asonye (left) and Rushane Wilson are all smiles after winning the 4x100-meter relay at last weekend's T.C. Williams Invitational, the first home track meet the school has hosted in four years.



T.C. Williams senior Rushane Wilson prepares take off during his leg of the 4x100-meter relay.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET

Finally, a Meet to Call Their Own

T.C. Williams Invitational is first Titan home track and field event in four years.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams senior Tynita Butts has done just about everything a high school track and field athlete can accomplish during her four-year career. She's won multiple events at the Penn Relays, taken the state championships by storm in both indoor and outdoor track, and even captured national championships in the long and high jumps.

The one thing missing from her resume — until this past weekend — a first-place finish at a Titan home meet. But weeks before her graduation Butts finally has the missing piece to complete her stellar career, winning the high jump and long jump at the 27th annual T.C. Williams Invitational, the first track meet held at the school in four years.

"It's very special," said Butts. "I think it might be a little overwhelming, I've never seen this many people here. I've never seen

it look as pretty as this, and it's kind of like whoahh."

Although the weather alternated between drizzle and gloomy, nothing could dampen the mood of those involved with the T.C. Williams track and field program. While the school and track were under renovation the past four seasons, the annual event was held at nearby West Potomac, but having the T.C. Williams Invitational — which this year featured 44 teams and close to 800 participants — just isn't the same when it's not being held in Alexandria, for obvious reasons.

"I think it means a lot to these kids, that they finally have something to call their own," said assistant coach Patrick Deville. "For the staff, it's just nice to be able to put on a meet and hopefully it lives up to what it used to be. It used to be one of the best meets on the Eastern seaboard and we want to be right back up there in a couple of years. It's a privilege to be back here, this is one of the best facilities you can have here."

THE HIGHLIGHT of the day were two steeplechase races, a rarity in this area since most facilities aren't equipped with the proper layout and equipment to pull off an event that involves horse-style jumps and water pits. T.C. Williams freshman Nicholas Ahuda won the 2000-meter high school boys' race, and there was also a 3000-meter exhibition featuring pro runners Kristin Anderson, Lesley Higgins, Jacqueline Concaugh, Delilah DiCrescenzo and Shauneen Garrahanrene.

But Ahuda wasn't alone atop the podium Saturday. The T.C. athletes let it be known early and often that they meant business in what was the first home meet for just about

Draper Invitational

The T.C. Williams Invitational wasn't the only huge track and field meet taking place in Alexandria this past weekend. The parking lots and streets surrounding St. Stephen's/St. Agnes overflowed with eager spectators as the school hosted the annual Draper Invitational. The event featured 27 different teams, including all three Alexandria private schools.

The **SSAS** girls' team was the top finisher of the three, coming in 5th place overall. Leading them was senior Danielle Williams, who finished in second place in the 100- and 200-meter dashes. The girls' 4x400-meter relay was the Saints lone first-place finisher.

Bishop Ireton's fourth-place boys' 4x400-meter relay team led the way for the Cardinals, who came in 16th overall in the girls' competition and 20th in the boys.

The **Episcopal** boys' also had a strong showing, coming in sixth place. Archie Odenyo took first place in the triple jump, while Reid Nickle came in first place in the 800-meter run. Will Reilly came in second place in the discus throw.

everyone on the team. Both the boys' and girls' finished in second place overall and first among Virginia schools at the meet.

Leading the charge on the boys' side was the Titans' first-place 4x100-meter relay team featuring seniors Rushane Wilson and Reward Asonye and juniors Cortez Taylor and Ayodesi Coker. Taylor and Wilson also took second and third, respectively, in the 100-meter dash.

"I hope I don't have to wait this long to finish first at home ever again," said a smiling Taylor.



PHOTO BY MARK GIANNOTTO/THE GAZETTE PACKET

The scene at Alexandria's other big track meet this past weekend, the Draper Invitational hosted by St. Stephen's/St. Agnes.

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SPORTS

Life in the 'Crazy,' Competitive IAC

Episcopal and SSSAS boys' lacrosse are top-10 in Virginia, bottom half in conference.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Even now, two years into his career at St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, sophomore David Murray finds it hard to believe that matchups like last Friday's boys' lacrosse game between his Saints and Alexandria neighbor Episcopal have such weird ramifications.

SSSAS and the Maroon came into the rivalry game as the fourth and sixth-place squads in the six-team Interstate Athletic Conference (IAC), meaning the winner still had no shot at capturing any sort of division title. But take a look at the Virginia

Independent School Athletic Association (VISAA) state rankings, they've also got SSSAS and Episcopal tabbed as the fourth- and sixth-best teams. That's what happens when the conference one plays in happens to be the toughest in the entire metropolitan area, with two teams ranked amongst the nation's best (Landon and Georgetown Prep) and another

"We could be the sixth-best team in the area and still end up 0-5 in the conference."

— Episcopal coach Scott Conklin



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St. Stephen's/St. Agnes sophomore David Solomon goes for a stick check on Episcopal's Hunter deButts in last Friday's matchup between the two Alexandria private schools.

ranked in the region's top-25 (St. Alban's), according to laxpower.com.

"It's pretty ridiculous," said Murray. "The IAC is just such a good league. It's kind of crazy that even though we're at the top of the state, we're in the bottom of the league."

That means matchups like

last Friday simply take on an even higher intensity. The ensuing 6-3 Saints victory gave SSSAS just its second conference win of the season, while Episcopal remained winless within the IAC, again, despite being the No. 6 private school team in the entire state.

The victory gave the Saints the No. 4 seed in the IAC tournament

and a home game with Bullis in the first round, while Episcopal will take on St. Alban's. Both games are scheduled to take place Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's deadline.

And if the postseason comes anywhere close to replicating the

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SPORTS

T.C. Hosts Own Invitational

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In the field, junior Thomas Caine took first place in the pole vault with a jump of 11 feet, six inches, while senior Pierre Espinoza finished in second place in the shot put.

Asonye was also a part of the Titans 4x400-meter relay that finished in second place, just a week after taking third place at the prestigious Penn Relays. He was joined by Yassir Hussein, Rashed Conteh and Malcolm Cameron.

SPORTS BRIEFS

T.C. Tennis Honored

The honors kept piling in for the T.C. Williams boys' tennis team, a week after qualifying for the Northern Region tournament. Senior Tarik Kottir was named to the first team all-Patriot district in singles at the number three position. Kottir was undefeated in district play at 14-0. Freshman Kyle Hairston was named to the first team all-District in singles in the number four position. Kottir and Hairston were named to the First Team All-District at the number two position in doubles.

Evan Hulehan and Max Rickett, both seniors, were named first team all-district at the number one position in doubles. Hulehan and Rickett had a season record of 12-2 in that position. Rickett was also named to second team all-district in singles at the number two position. Junior Scott Cohen was named to second team all-district in singles at the number five position.

On the girls' side, Butts wasn't the only star to shine bright on the Titans' grand homecoming. The girls' 4x800-meter relay team, featuring seniors Erika Weidman and Sarah Bryan, junior Shenandoah Raycroft, and sophomore Katherine Snow finished in first place by a 14-second margin. Bryan also came in first place in the 1600-meter run. In addition Hannah Wuerker and Lily Noguchi came in third and fourth, respectively in the pole vault.

"It's an invitational, but it doesn't feel that way because we're finally running at home," said Raycroft.

Hulehan and Rickett are the number one seeds in the Patriot District Doubles Tournament, which began on May 5 at West Potomac High School.

Muhtadi Signs with Packers

Former T.C. Williams and University of Maryland football player Dean Muhtadi went undrafted in the NFL Draft two weeks ago, but was recently signed by the Green Bay Packers as a free agent. He is currently listed on their active roster.

A defensive lineman in both high school and college, Muhtadi was named first team all-Patriot District during his senior season at T.C. Williams in 2003. He then played two seasons at Christopher Newport University before transferring to Maryland. During his two years in College Park, Md., Muhtadi saw action in 19 games. He was tied for third on the team in sacks as a senior, while earning academic all-ACC honors.

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APPLICANT: The American Red Cross

CASE BAR2009-0079
Request for approval of alterations at 502 Duke Street, zoned RM Residential.
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CASE BAR2009-0080
Request for approval of signage at 1309 King Street, zoned KR King Street Retail.
APPLICANT: Dean Gruenburg for Prince Michel, LLC

CASE BAR2009-0081
Request for approval of alterations at 10 Irving Court, zoned CL Commercial.
APPLICANT: Jennifer Barnes

CASE BAR2009-0082
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 220 S. Lee Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: 220 VA, LLC By Stephen Tanner

CASE BAR2009-0083
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 220 S. Lee Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: 220 VA, LLC By Stephen Tanner

CASE BAR2009-0084
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 513 Duke Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Dominion Design Associates, LLC By Dennis Powell

CASE BAR2009-0085
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 513 Duke Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Dominion Design Associates, LLC By Dennis Powell

Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 838-4666

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to members of the New York, nonprofit, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Inc., that proxy ballots for eligible ASCO members to vote on proposed amendments to ASCO Bylaws are available through ASCO's official website, www.asco.org. Eligible members must vote between March 24 and May 18, 2009, to have their proxy ballots counted and delivered to the ASCO President for casting at the 2009 ASCO Annual Business Meeting. Members with questions can email ASCOBylaws@asco.org or call (571) 483-1310.

ABC LICENSE

Target Stores, Inc trading as Target Store T-1076, 3101 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22305. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine & Beer Off premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Timothy R. Beer Executive Vice President

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Notice of Proposed Ordinance

And

Invitation to Bid

City of Alexandria, Virginia

The City of Alexandria proposes to grant a franchise, in the manner prescribed by law, for Telecommunications Services, excluding Cable Services, permitting the design, construction, maintenance, upgrade, repair, removal and operation of a system, including a fiber-to-the-premises network, in the public rights-of-way, as set forth in the following proposed franchise ordinance:

Notice:

Bids are invited by the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for the grant of a franchise permitting the franchisee to use the public rights-of-way in the City for the design, construction, maintenance, repair, upgrade, removal and operation of a system to provide telecommunications services, excluding cable services, for the benefit of residents, businesses and government in the City. Detailed conditions and specifications for the franchise are on file in the office of the Director of Citizen Assistance, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

The term of the franchise is negotiable, but it shall be for a minimum of five years.

All bids are to be submitted in writing and delivered to Rose Williams Boyd, Director, Office of Citizen Assistance, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before May 18, 2009 at 3:00 pm, eastern time. At that time bids shall be publicly opened and bidders identified.

In addition, identification of the bidders shall be announced in open session of the City Council of the City of Alexandria in the Council's Chambers, City Hall, 301 King Street, second floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on May 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at that time, the Mayor shall refer the bids received to the city manager to evaluate, review and consider in the manner prescribed by law, including the selection of, and negotiation of a franchise agreement with, a preferred bidder. As soon thereafter as practicable, the City Manager will recommend the successful bidder, and present the negotiated franchise agreement, for consideration and approval by City Council.

The City reserves the right in the City Manager's sole discretion to reject any and all bids; to terminate negotiations at any stage of the selection process, and to reissue the request for bids with or without modification.

The descriptive notice of the proposed franchise ordinance is as follows:

The proposed ordinance will grant a franchise, under certain conditions, permitting the grantee to use the public rights-of-way in the City of Alexandria, for the design, construction, maintenance, repair, upgrade, removal and operation of a Telecommunications System, excluding Cable Services, for the benefit of residents, businesses and government in the City. (Complete text of ordinance available in office of the City Clerk.)

Jackie M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, May 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of an Action Plan Program Amendment for Federal Stimulus Funding Under the Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Program.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FUR-

SPORTS

Competing in the IAC

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ferocity and skill the IAC has had on display during the regular season, it promises to be a treat.

Last Friday was no different with St. Stephen's/St. Agnes taking a 4-0 lead early in the fourth quarter only to watch it all but vanish when Episcopal scored three goals in less than a minute. After a Saints timeout, though, senior Alex Clay put SSSAS (12-5 overall, 2-3 IAC) on his back, scoring a goal and assisting on another for Murray to give his team a 6-3 win.

For the game, Murray had two goals and an assist, while fellow sophomore David Solomon chipped in two goals of his own, including a beautiful behind-the-back, around-the-shoulder score that was worthy of a Sportscenter highlight. Episcopal (8-9 overall) was led by senior goalie David Block, who had 21 saves to keep the Maroon close throughout. "He was unbelievable today," said coach Scott Conklin.

But it was the unbridled intensity, big hits, and skill not seen in the public school ranks around Northern Virginia that had the crowd in attendance wanting more.

"Every time you come out against an IAC team, you're gonna have to play you're 'A' game otherwise you're gonna lose," said Clay.

"It's just a much higher level," added Murray. Even the state is a little lower. In the IAC everyone's hitting a little harder, everything moves a little faster."

THE CHALLENGE is daunting, but Saints coach Andy Taibl likes knowing that his team is facing some of the best competition in the country. A big problem for both SSSAS and Episcopal is that with programs like Georgetown Prep and Landon, which consistently send multiple athletes to some of the best college lacrosse programs in the country, sometimes the biggest challenge is realizing that there's more to lacrosse than the name on the other team's jersey.

Still, neither the Saints nor the Maroon were able



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET

Episcopal goalie David Block awaits a shot from Saints' attackman David Murray. Block had 21 saves in the game.

Saint Girls: ISL Favorites

As if it weren't enough that the SSSAS boys' lacrosse team gets overlooked among the powers of its own conference, they also take second billing to their counterparts on the girls' lacrosse, traditionally one of the best squads in the entire nation.

This year has been no different, as the Saints have racked up a 16-1 record, 7-0 within the ISL to garner the top seed in the conference tournament beginning this weekend. Led by a whole host of future Division-I players, coach Kathy Jenkin's squad has scored 119 goals, while allowing just 34 this season. The team's lone loss came in a 10-9 defeat to the nation's No. 1 team, McDonough.

to beat Prep or Landon this season, although SSSAS barely lost to the latter, being defeated by a one-goal margin. A Saints' win over Bullis Wednesday would set up a rematch in the IAC semifinals.

"It's hard," said Conklin. "We could be the sixth-best team in the area and still end up 0-5 in the conference. It's just a fact of life."

"Sometimes it's humbling and it's unfortunate that you can't do a little bit better, but it makes you play your best," said Taibl. "I love it and I think our boys love it, too."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Swine Flu Update

While trepidation about the spread of swine flu (H1N1) has forced the cancellation of all high school sports in Texas and Alabama in the past week, the Virginia High School League (VHSL) released a statement this week saying, as of now, it is not planning to take such actions.

"The Virginia High School League (VHSL) is and has been in communication with the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Health Services and is currently monitoring the latest up-

dates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) during this Swine flu (H1N1) outbreak," said the statement released by VHSL communications manager, Mike McCall. "The VHSL, at this time, has not postponed any upcoming VHSL championships and/or regular season games based on the current Swine flu (H1N1) outbreak. The National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is also monitoring the latest updates from the CDC on the H1N1 Virus. As of right

now, the NFHS recommends that each state association follow the lead of its state and local health departments."

As of Tuesday, there were two reported cases of swine flu in the state of Virginia, according to Governor Kaine, while Rockville High School in Maryland had to close Friday because of a potential outbreak.

The VHSL recommends checking the Virginia Department of Education Web site (www.doe.virginia.gov) or the CDC Web site (www.cdc.gov/swineflu) for more information.

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OTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, CMC, CITY CLERK.

ABC LICENSE

Dessye Ayal-Sew and Niget Yinesu trading as Olde Towne Gourmet Market and Cafe, 904 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a wine and beer off premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Dessye Ayal-Sew and Niget Yinesu Owners

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OBITUARY

James T. Freeman of Lansdowne, VA, formerly of North Springfield, VA died April 26, 2009 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. Born in Whitman, MA, Nov. 18, 1919, he served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He received a BS in Electrical Engineering from George Washington University, in Washington, DC. Mr. Freeman retired from the FBI as a Special Agent. He was interested in youth sports and volunteered with the North Springfield Little League.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Gloria; four children: Cynthia (David) Foulke of Leesburg, Patricia (Michael) Fitzpatrick of Virginia Beach, Thomas Freeman of Leesburg, and Andrew (Natalie) Freeman of Falls Church; and six grandchildren: Grace, David, Stephen and Evan Foulke and Catie and Connor Fitzpatrick.

Funeral services will be held at Loudoun Funeral Chapel 158 Catocin Circle, SE, Leesburg, VA on Friday, May 1, 2009 at 11am.

Interment will be held privately in Quantico National Cemetery.

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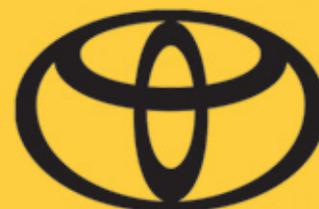
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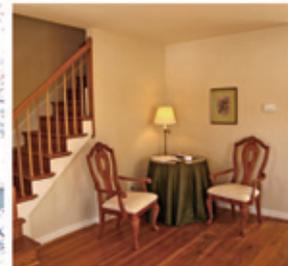
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