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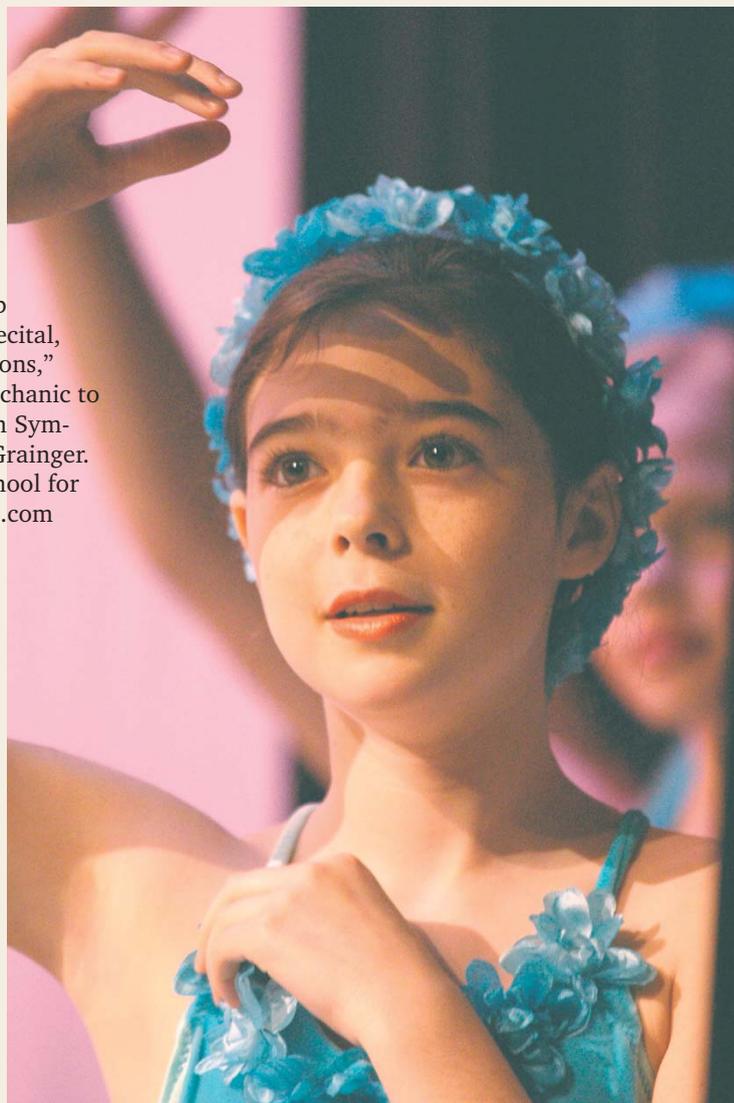
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On Their Toes

The School for Swans recital rehearsal took place last week at Bishop Ireton High School. This year's recital, "Dances from May Day Celebrations," was choreographed by Grace Machanic to the music from Beethoven's Sixth Symphony and from tunes by Percy Grainger. For more information on The School for Swans visit www.schoolforswans.com



Jane Hopper in May Pole dance.



Mackie Wainstein in the Garland dance.

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Mint Condition

Council considers suing property owner to force paint removal.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When Rob Kauffman applied a coat of mint-colored pale green paint to his building at the southeast corner of Prince and South Alfred streets two years ago, he felt that the color was a vast improvement. Since 900 Prince Street was constructed in 1915 as the Mount Vernon Dairy, its exterior has sported a black-brown tint Kauffman calls "fireplace brick." But there was a problem: Kauffman did not have approval from the Board of Architectural Review.

"I made a mistake," said Kauffman, a native of Toronto who founded PMA Properties in 1982. "I've painted many buildings in the course of my years, and somehow I was unaware that I needed permission to paint this particular building."

THAT MISTAKE has now set up a confrontation with city officials that could culminate in a lawsuit. Next week, City Council members will consider a recommendation from City Manager Jim Hartmann to move forward with an injunction compelling Kauffman to remove the paint that was applied two years ago. The question of how the council should proceed threatens to be an emotional confrontation that pits historic preservation against property rights and legal obligations against subjective judgments.

"I don't particularly like the color," said Councilman Rob Krupicka. "But I also don't feel like the paint job damaged the historic fabric of the city."



The southeast corner still bears a patch of bricks where a paint-removal test conducted by the property owner.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE

Like many districts across the county, Old Town Alexandria is protected by a host of city ordinances designed to maintain the historic fabric of the city. Members of the Board of Architectural Review are specifically appointed to uphold these ordinances, although they were divided when Kauffman applied for an after-the-fact approval of his paint job last year. After a three-to-three tied vote on March 5, 2008, Kauffman walked away from the proceeding with a certificate of appropriateness.

Yet the story did not end there. Old Town Civic Association filed an appeal of the decision, and City Council members have been considering their options since June 2008. At first, council members encouraged the Planning and Zoning officials to come to some kind of resolution with Kauffman. But in a series of telephone calls, e-mails and one-on-one discussions over the last year, each side has become increasingly entrenched and unwilling to give ground.

"The city has a responsibility to enforce the zoning ordinance," said Stephen Milone, division chief for zoning and land-use services.

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Koger Sentenced to 66 Years

Embezzler of homeowner associations sentenced for shooting spree.

BY KEN MOORE AND BONNIE HOBBS
GAZETTE PACKET

The survival of six innocent victims — three civilians and three officers — "is a miracle," said Judge Jonathan C. Thacher.

"Only by the grace of God did the [shooting] spree not result in mass casualties," the judge said.

A bullet remains lodged in Scott Duke's sternum from the night of Feb. 2, 2008, when Jeffrey Scott Koger, 39, of Herndon, fired a revolver randomly at Duke and five others in Alexandria and Fairfax County.

"Having to look at the person who tried to take your life, never knowing you, is kind of hard," said Duke, Thursday, May 28 at Koger's sentencing hear-



Jeffrey Koger

SHERIFF'S PHOTO

ing in Fairfax County Circuit Court. "I thought of my family and them getting a call saying, 'Your son was shot in the chest.'"

Najib Gerdak, 27, of Franconia, attempted to help Duke; Koger then shot Gerdak multiple times. Bullets went through Gerdak's shoulder, spine, colon and groin.

"There's not a moment it doesn't affect me. I have to look at the holes in my body all the

time, so you always remember," said Gerdak, who testified how Koger pointed a gun at his head.

"He asked me twice who my savior was," Gerdak said. "I didn't do anything to him, so tell me why I should get shot?"

In February 2008, Gerdak was at the peak of his profession, he said, cutting hair and teaching stylists about the latest and upcoming trends. Now nerve damage impairs his ability to move his hands and

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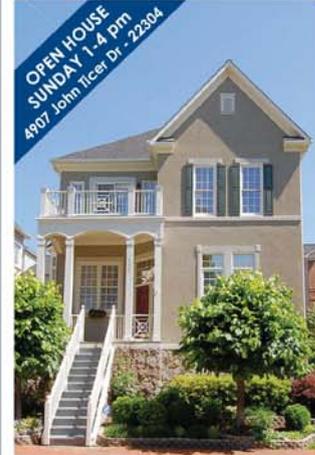
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Goodbye, May Elections

May is now over, and the concept of May elections seems to have ended with it — bringing to a close a tradition of springtime elections for city officials that dates back to the 1780s.

Lame-duck Councilman **Tim Lovain**, who has been on the fence for months, has finally reached a decision: He will be supporting the move to November. Along with the recent decision of Mayor **Bill Euille** to support the election reform ordinance, that puts the whip count for election reform over the top.

“It’s become clear to me that the May elections just are not working,” said Lovain, noting the 15 percent turnout. “People are not used to voting in May, but they are used to voting in November.”

The ordinance on the docket for final passage on June 13 would move the next City Council election from May 2012 to November 2012. Although supporters of the election reform say they would prefer not to schedule an election for City Council and School Board during a presidential election, that’s the only change they have the authority to make under Virginia law. Opponents of the change say the effort could be part of a larger series of charter amendments that could be pursued as a package during the next General Assembly session.

“Democrats know they fare better in November elections than May election,” said **Chris Marston**, chairman of the Alexandria City Republican Committee. “As we’ve just seen this May, it’s different for them to elect their nominee in every office.”

Legal Costs Mount

The city’s ongoing fight with Norfolk Southern Railroad has already cost \$350,000, according to legal documents received under a Freedom of Information Act request submitted last month by the Alexandria Gazette Packet. And now that City Council members have decided to move forward with an appeal of a recent decision by federal judge **James Cacheris**, that total is certain to rise.

“The appellate process is an expensive one,” said Councilwoman-elect **Alicia Hughes**, a former clerk to an Alabama federal judge. “And I don’t think we have a leg to stand on here.”

The legal war began last year, when City Council members learned that the railroad had been moving liquid ethanol from rail cars to tanker trucks for seven weeks even though Norfolk Southern was aware that the city had no way of responding to a potential emergency. Council members weren’t informed of the facility by City Manager **Jim Hartmann** until a month after the hazardous materials facility had already begun operation behind the Tucker Elementary School playground. Documents show seven payment vouchers to the Washington-based law firm of Kaplan, Kirsch and Rockwell, which has been working for the city on a number of projects related to battling Norfolk Southern. In addition to representing the city in federal court, firm also helped the city prepare for its unsuccessful appeal to the Surface Transportation Board to exert regulatory authority. City officials have also been working with Kaplan, Kirsch and Rockwell to help draft legislation for U.S Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) that would force better communication between railroad officials and municipalities in the future.

“It seems to me that the likelihood that this decision will be overturned is slim to none,” said Hughes, who lives in the West End. “So I cannot say this seems like the best use of money to me.”

Transition Time

The three new members of the Alexandria City Council are halfway through their transition period, with a June 1 installation ceremony fast approaching. Over the past few weeks, the newly elected leaders have been hiring aides, meeting with senior city officials and learning the operational details of life at City Hall. The transition sessions have played out like a cross between a college orientation session and an episode of “Schoolhouse Rock.”

“I was surprised to learn that City Council members don’t have offices in City Hall,” said Councilman-elect **Frank Fannon**. “I guess the logic is that that the council members are part time, so we’re encouraged to set up our own offices outside City Hall.”

“For me, the biggest change is all the new technology,” said Councilman-elect **Kerry Donley**, who is returning to public life after a six-year absence. “The docket items and budget information is just a click away now, and it’s all available to the public. Other than that, the procedural stuff is pretty much the same.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

To Err Is Human

Civil court records show elected officials have flaws just like everyone else.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Three years before he was elected mayor, Councilman Bill Euille was driving near the intersection of Quaker Lane and Duke Street when he became involved in a minor fender bender. According to Euille, who was recently elected to a third term as mayor, he lost control of his 1995 Chevrolet sport-utility vehicle and slammed into the car in front of him — which happened to be a car driven by Karyn Moran, the wife of former Del. Brian Moran (D-46). The charge, “failure to pay full time and attention,” was dismissed the next month by the General District Court.

“It was just a silly and stupid incident,” said Euille. “My foot just slipped off the brake.”

Civil court records at the Alexandria courthouse show that the city’s elected leaders have the same kind of minor infractions that most people find themselves facing from time to time. From speeding tickets and traffic accidents to late fees for vehicle registration and rent payments, City Council members and School Board members have a paper trail that shows they have human flaws and foibles.

“It’s embarrassing, but it happens,” said School Board chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts when asked about two infractions on her record for making an illegal turn and neglecting to have her vehicle inspected on time. “It’s nothing unusual.”

MOST OF THE CIVIL court records for City Council and School Board members were traffic related — speeding tickets, expired plates and neglecting to carry driver’s licenses. The documents open a window into the personal lives of the elected officials, putting a human face on the public images carefully crafted over time. Vice Mayor Del Pepper, for example, paid a \$95 fine after receiving a speeding ticket for going 54 miles an hour in a 35-mile-an-hour zone on April 14, 2008.

“I paid the fine and that’s all there is to it,” said Pepper. “I’m trying to stay in the slow lane these days.”

School Board member Ronnie Campbell has three traffic infractions, dating back to 2001. The first was for driving 38 in a 25, which cost her \$39. The second was for driving without her driver’s license, which was dismissed by the court. And the third incident was for driving 54 in a 35, which cost her \$75. Although Campbell said she considered challenging that last ticket, she was unable to calibrate her vehicle to produce a court record for the hearing.

“I didn’t think I was going that fast,” said Campbell. “But I ended up paying the fine.”



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The city courthouse holds civil records for elected officials on everything from speeding tickets to late registration fees.

Some of the court records indicate a lack of attention, as in the time Councilman Paul Smedberg breezed through a stop sign in Old Town back in 2005. Smedberg said that that sign had recently been installed at the intersection of Union and Duke streets, and that he was surprised when the police officer pulled his black 2002 BMW over and showed him the new sign.

“It was like 6:30 a.m.,” said Smedberg. “And this was the first morning the sign was up.”

OTHER RECORDS in the civil court files show a series of late fees. Frank Fannon, who was elected to the City Council earlier this month, was charged with driving with expired plates on Jan. 7, 2003. Because the incident happened so long ago, Fannon said, he remembered very little about the circumstances although court records show he paid a \$25 fine.

“Everybody’s human,” said Fannon.

Councilwoman-elect Alicia Hughes is listed as a defendant in two civil court cases, both filed by the landlord of her Yoakum Parkway apartment. Records show that she was late paying her rent in November of last year and then again in April. Both cases were resolved when Hughes paid the money owed to her landlord. Hughes said her rent was late last year “for a very personal reason.” The situation this year, however, was created by a miscommunication with a credit-card company. Although some in the Democratic Party have criticized Hughes for being hypocritical, Hughes defended her campaign themes of responsible government as being more important now than ever.

“My election suggests that my position on taxes and budget concerns is obviously shared by many voters in the electorate,” said Hughes. “I note that these are trying economic times for many of us and maintain my position that as we as citizens must tighten up on our spending, so too should the government,” said Hughes.

“Everybody’s human.”

— Councilman-elect Frank Fannon

Painted

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“Either we compel him to remove the paint — if that’s possible — or we take some other option that would allow the paint to remain.”

WHETHER OR NOT the paint can be removed is a question with many answers, and it depends on who is answering it. Kauffman said he’s asked two different specialists to conduct tests to see if the paint could be removed. A third consultant said it wasn’t worth trying. The results of one test can be found hiding behind a potted bush at the southeast corner of the building, where traces of the original brick peek through leftover chips of mint-green paint — a speckled cross between painted and unpainted suggesting that the building was in some form of distress.

“I have no interest in destroying my building,” said Kauffman, who rents the office space to a chiropractor and several other tenants. “This paint is not coming off.”

City officials take issue with that perspective, claiming they would like additional testing to know for sure. But, through an April 17 letter from his attorney, Kauffman

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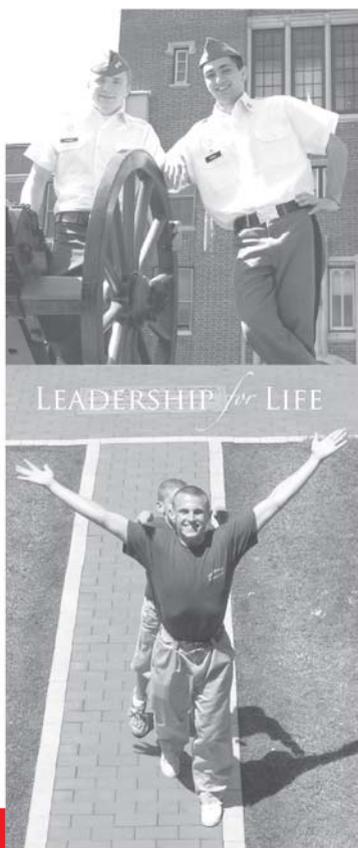
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Ethel Campbell

Ethel T. Campbell, 90, of Vero Beach, died Monday, June 1, 2009.

She was born August 11, 1918, in Greenville, Pa. and moved to Vero Beach one year ago, coming from Alexandria.

Mrs. Campbell was a graduate of Butler Business College, Butler, Pa.

She retired in 1982 as administrator with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture. Mrs. Campbell was a member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

She was a member of Fairlington Presbyterian Church, of Fairlington, Va.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan (Tim) McGarry of Vero Beach, and sister, Nellie Chandet of Grove City, Pa. Mrs. Campbell was predeceased by her husband, William F. Campbell, and sister, Ruth E. Cozad.

A memorial service will be held 10 a.m., Friday, June 5, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach.

Contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, Capital Fund, 520 Royal Palm Blvd., Vero Beach, FL 32960, in memory of Mrs. Campbell.

Arrangements are under the direction of Lowther Cremation Service, Inc., Vero Beach. Condolences may be sent at www.lowthercremationservice.com.



In college, she was a member of the Senior Honor Society and president of the Mu Chapter of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Her entire career was in the field of education except for two years she served as service club director at Itami Air Base, Osaka, Japan.

She was owner-director of Camp Win-Wah, near Winchester, a co-ed summer camp.

In 1998, five of her former female students and camp counselors searched and found her, after 30 years, for a reunion to personally thank the woman who had made such a difference in their lives. There were three PhDs, a MD and another master's degree. The five women attributed the inspiration and guidance of Ms. Duncan as a significant factor in their career choices and success. Ms. Duncan frequently heard from former students and young teachers who wanted "to check in and let her know how they were doing." She was a mentor to many. Even as Alzheimer's disease claimed her, she often spoke of how "we must help the kids".

Her nephew and nieces were especially close to their aunt; she was a loving, hands-on aunt. After the loss of their father in early childhood, Aunt Dorothy played a significant, caring role in their lives.

She was known for her wit, fairness and her ability to get to the heart of the matter. Ms. Duncan had a merry heart and will be deeply missed by those who loved her.

Services are to be held at Trinity Episcopal Church, Staunton, Virginia on Saturday, June 13 at 1 p.m. The family will receive friends after the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, it is suggested that contributions be made to The Women's College, Brenau University, 500 Washington St., Gainesville, GA 30501.

Isota Tucker Epes

Isota Tucker Epes, 90, of Falls Church, an educator and artist, died Sunday, May 17 after a long illness. Born on Oct. 20, 1918 in Norfolk, Va., to Richard Blackburn Tucker and Elinor Hilliard Tucker, she moved to Pittsburgh, Pa., at the age of 7. She was a graduate of the Shipley School (1936), and Bryn Mawr College (1940). After graduation from Bryn Mawr College, she won Vogue Magazine's Prix de Paris. Because of the war, she was not able to go to Paris, and spent her year as an assistant for the features editor at the New York offices of Vogue. In 1941, she moved to Washington, D.C. to work for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS). She married the late William Perry Epes in 1942 in Pittsburgh, Pa. She continued to live in the Washington area until 1953.

In 1953, Mrs. Epes moved back to the Philadelphia area, and volunteered for the Committee for the Democratic Party, Tredyffrin Township. She was the editor of the Bryn Mawr College Alumni Bulletin from 1957 to 1961. In 1962, after the death of her husband, Mrs. Epes started teaching at her alma mater, The Shipley School. She was loved by her students, and was an enthusiastic and inspiring teacher. She became Head of School in 1965, and continued as Head through June of 1972.

In July of 1972, Mrs. Epes retired to Susan, Va., in Mathews County. She earned her MA in English from William and Mary in 1973. Mrs. Epes then returned to teaching, initially at Hampton Roads Academy, then at Rappahannock Community College. She moved to Richmond in 1986, and taught at the Collegiate School. In 1996, Mrs. Epes moved back to the Washington area, and lived at Goodwin House Baileys Crossroads until her death.

At the age of 63, Mrs. Epes discovered painting, and continued to paint throughout the rest of her life. She combined her love of literature and painting in two series of paintings, one of Virginia Woolf and the other of Anna Akhmatova. She had a number of shows, and also spoke at several of the Virginia Woolf Society conferences.

Mrs. Epes is survived by her four children, Isota Epes Potter of Pitman, N.J.; W. Perry Epes III of Alexandria, Va.; Maria P. Epes of Atherton Calif.; and Katherine B. Epes of Washington, D.C. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Melissa Potter of Chicago, Ill.; Gregory C. Potter of Glassboro, N.J.; Caitlin Barrett of New York, N.Y.; and Anna P. Barrett of Washington, D.C.

Memorial contributions in her name may be made to People Animals Love, 4900 Massachusetts Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20016. www.peopleanimalslove.org.

Christopher Randolph



Christopher F. Randolph, retired president and CEO of the Marine Corp Scholarship Foundation, died on May 22, 2009 in New York, after a nine-month battle with brain cancer. He was 64. Mr. Randolph led a life of service, with the staunch belief in the power of education and a fierce devotion to Marine tradition.

Christopher Fitz Randolph was born in New York City on July, 14, 1944, the younger of two sons of Haughton and Gwen Randolph. He was raised in New York City and East Hampton and attended The Browning School, where he later served as a trustee and chairman of the board. In 1997, he received the Alumnus Achievement Award, and was inducted into the school's Sports Hall of Fame.

In 1968, he received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He was the 16th generation of the Randolphs to attend the university and went on to serve on their National Development Council.

Upon graduation, Mr. Randolph was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps and subsequently served in Vietnam and Okinawa as executive officer and commanding officer of Mortar Battery, 2d Battalion, 12th Marines. Following his overseas tours, he finished a Marine Reserve commitment in 1973 as a captain and was discharged honorably from the Marine Corps.

Upon his return from Vietnam, Mr. Randolph accepted a position with New York's senior U.S. senator, Jacob K. Javits, as a senior staff member in Washington and later as a finance director for his campaign. While in Washington D.C., he met his wife, Patsy Lyons Randolph, who served as a special assistant for the senator.

After leaving Washington, D.C. and politics behind, Mr. Randolph began a career in finance. During the 1980s and 1990s, he worked as a vice president at Salomon Brothers and as a managing director of Lehman Brothers in public finance. Following his Wall Street career, he served as executive vice president and director of Academic Management Services, a leader in tuition payment plans and student loans.

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Seminary Valley

Neighbor Sandy Yamamoto is hoping to see all of you at Whole Foods on Sunday, June 10, when the store is donating 5 percent of sales to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. In these tough economic times, when more and more people are relinquishing pets after losing housing, jobs, etc., AWLA sure could use the money. Dr. Katy Nelson from Alexandria Animal Hospital will be on hand at the event to offer pet care advice.

If you didn't get around to putting in a vegetable garden this year, fresh produce is only a short walk or bike ride away. The West End Farmers' Market opened almost a month ago (May 4). Located in Ben Brenman Park, this farmers' market features home baked goods, breads and pastries, and locally grown produce. It is one of a kind on the City's west end. Judging by the number of people (along with their strollers and pets) on the path last Sunday, the market, in its second year, is a hit. The West End Farmers' Market will be open Sundays, May through October, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., rain or shine. For additional information, call the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities at 703-838-4343.

If you are thinking about getting that bike out for some recreation, you can ride it to the Animal Shelter and keep going on a much-improved bike path. There is a new crossing just beyond the shelter, and the path has been stripped of its formerly bone-jarring ruts and roots. For the very intrepid, the bike path continues (on city streets) past Hoffman all the way to the river. On June 6, bikers will be able to continue on across the Wilson Bridge to the National Harbor Resort. Just think: you can ride your bike from Columbia Pike along Holmes Run, through Old Town all the way to Maryland.

Your Civic Association has been busy. Several organizations received community grants this spring: Hammond Middle School, Decisions 101 character education program (\$250), Hammond Middle School, Boys in Literacy Initiative after-school club (\$250), Patrick Henry Elementary School, Interactive White Board for Art Class (\$100), Patrick Henry Elementary School, Take Home Reading Packets (\$400), Carpenters Shelter, Assistance Obtaining Birth Certificates (\$200) and for the Burke Library, ESL Materials (\$100).

If you missed last week's meeting about upcoming middle school changes, you can watch the proceedings on ACPS-TV channel 71 at 8 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday and at 1:30 p.m. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. You can also view the meeting on-line at http://acpsk12va.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?view_id=2&clip_id=65.

This just in from Polk Elementary: Two of its teachers, Mrs. Bruback and Mr. Minor, were nominated for the Educational Partnership awards. The kids are hoping one of them wins the award on Wednesday evening, June 3rd. Also, the school's neighbors will note a lot of construction work this summer. Polk is getting a new HVAC system, replacing the original (dating from 1965) and a new roof.

— MIA JONES

Rosemont

The Citizens Association held its final spring meeting this last Thursday of the month on May 29. Our resident horticulturalist, Peter Schenk, continues to give a timely, conversational, knowledgeable, and comedic presentation that delights and amuses all who hear. The duly elected slate is as follows:

Marguerite Lang as President, Karla Springer as 1st V.P., Jann Masterson as 2nd V.P., John Sprinkle as our Secretary, and Tom Holland as Treasurer.

However, the consternation of the majority is the fact that fear is an ever-present concern. "Fear" of what?

Fear that we will lose the open space and playing fields at George Washington Middle School beside the Braddock Metro. Concern exists that those who opt for a change in open space will gain their desires in a proposal before City Council at the June 9 hearing. Go forth to City Council after 8 p.m. (not on docket yet) to hear the assays of fellow citizens, and contribute your own. Or e-mail City Council members to voice your will. But do offer an informed rationale for any decision you should make.

Why should we care about losing open space at Braddock Metro? "Who benefits, what are the benefits, and what is the good to the commonweal" should be of utmost importance in making a decision. Benefits being touted are that the commonweal gains more land in open space. It is continuous and contiguous, and can be reached by a linear stretch from G.W. middle school. And it mates with the pre-existing Simpson Field.

Conversely, then what is the fear of Rosemonters who purport to love open space? Could it be the loss of benefits to their children, or those children that follow them, or are scheduled students at the school? Loss of quick access to playing fields is a most simplistic rationale. Walkable playing fields used by residents east of the metro now appeal to the current commonweal who does use them (for lack of anywhere else to go). Quick access for our Old Town (and future) neighbors is currently seen as a benefit. Fear of height, alleys, underground garages, safety, density, and concomitant traffic woes are not seen as benefits. This does not include traffic egress/access to an alley which may cause chagrin as vehicles, buses and trucks serving tall buildings queue patiently with commuters in a quest to get under/around/through the railroad tracks — this would not seem to serve well the more transient commonweal.

In short, perhaps the question is this: for whose benefit does the larger playing space/open fields accrue? Will students at G.W. be shortchanged so that a more continuous, contiguous stretch of land be used by the urban community to the north? Is this for the benefit of most of the commonweal? Is it only the students of Rosemont who attend G.W., or will other neighbors who feed into G.W. be affected? Will only Rosemonters be affected by the traffic queues at Braddock Metro or might there be others who use these

roads for commuting purposes? Will the future residents of the new Braddock East Plan hope to see playing fields in that community? (Not in the current plan - land too valuable.) If you are to consider any of these arguments to be of importance, then contact our council members and the mayor, or appear at the hearing on June 9 after 8 p.m., and voice your opinion. We'll hope to see you there, and hear from you.

— JUDY MILLER

Taylor Run

GRANDMA HITS

Darlene Johnson has had a new experience; at the urging of grandson Sebastien, age 5, she managed to hit a softball with the bat.

"I can't tell where the ball is," she explains, and stays out of the lineup.

Sebastien, however, felt that grandma should have a turn, so she stood there and swung the bat about 25 times until it connected with the ball pitched by husband Dick.

MEMORIAL TREE

That patriotic display of red, white, and blue lights on the Japanese maple at 311 Park Road is Mickey Campagna's Memorial Day tribute to Ross McGinnis, last Medal of Honor recipient and to Alexandria's own hero, Rocky Versace.

FORT WARD FRIENDS

Officers Wm. Schriener, president, Thurman Roberts, vice-president, George Mueller, secretary, and Russell Vermillion, treasurer, were elected at the annual meeting of the Friends of Fort Ward.

Glenn Eugster and Tom Fulton were appointed to a new Observation Committee on Park management.

We voted to replace the Fort Williams plaque, knocked down by a car. We plan to dedicate it on May 24, 2010 to mark the anniversary of Col. Elmer Ellsworth's murder as he pulled down the Confederate flag from the Marshall House Hotel.

MISSIONERS RETURN

Our neighbor Kevin Sherlock has returned from a hard-working visit to Cedar Falls, Iowa, where he and three other parishioners of Grace Episcopal Church helped to rescue a motel occupied as single-room long-term residences by low-income people.

The flood had made it uninhabitable. The missioners scrubbed, tore out walls, and removed tons of trash and grease.

"We had fun!" said Kevin, who installed drywall.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

A Matter of Paint

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has refused to cooperate with any more testing. That means that City Council members are left with only two options — move forward with a lawsuit or seek some sort of fine. Although the maximum penalty for altering a building without prior approval from the Board of Architectural Review is \$5,000, City Manager Jim Hartmann has recommended a \$28,000 fine.

"While council understandably may be uncomfortable imposing such a large fine," Hartmann explained in a May 20 memorandum on the issue, "unless the fine in such cases is very large, some

property owners will lack incentive to seek approval of demolition actions or to correct mistakes after they occur."

Kauffman said he is not willing to pay any fine more than \$5,000, so that leaves City Council members with a limited set of options. They could approve Hartmann's request to sue Kauffman, setting forth an expensive legal contest. Or they could disregard the city manager's recommendation and reduce the fine to \$5,000, leaving the paint on the building and bringing a resolution to the two-year saga. Either option would disappoint some and please others.

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OBITUARIES

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accepted the position of president and CEO of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation based in Alexandria and Princeton, N.J.

"Leading this Foundation and serving the needs of our Marine families have been a great privilege, bringing together so many important aspects of my life — my time in the U.S. Marine Corps, my profound belief in the power of higher education and a focus on family." Mr. Randolph wrote shortly after his diagnosis.

The mission of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation is to provide scholarships for higher education to deserving sons and daughters of Marines and children of former Marines, with particular attention being given to children whose parent was killed or wounded in action. Since its founding in 1962, the foundation has awarded more than 22,500 scholarships and bonds totaling more than \$39.2 million.

Mr. Randolph was the foundation's third president and CEO. Under his leadership, the foundation launched its American Patriots Campaign to raise \$50 million for scholarships for the sons and daughters of Marines and Navy hospital corpsmen killed in Iraq or Afghanistan.

In addition to Patsy, his wife of 35 years, Mr. Randolph is survived by his daughter, Kate, and son, Christopher; two brothers, Houghton Randolph of Mexico City, and Frank Randolph, of Longview, Wash.; his sister, Anne Randolph von Kuhn, of Birmingham, Ala.; and his mother, Gwendolyn Randolph Franklin, of New York City.

A memorial service was held Saturday, May 30, 2009, at St. John's Church of Cold Spring Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Christopher F. Randolph Memorial Scholarship at the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation. www.mcsf.org.

William Warner Roberts

William Warner Roberts, 96, of Palatka, Fla. died Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at his residence following a brief illness.

A native of Yardley, Pa., Mr. Roberts had attended the Princeton University, where he worked in collaboration with Albert Einstein in physics. He had also attended the Trenton School of Industrial Arts. He worked as an expert wireless operator during enlistment in the Regimental Headquarters Battery 112th Field Artillery New Jersey National Guard. Mr. Roberts was involved in Air Ground Liaison Work at Pine Camp, N.Y. He traveled overseas as an engineer at Sperry Gyroscope Company. During his last years with Sperry Gyroscope he worked in Washington, D.C. After retirement from Sperry, he and his wife moved to Palatka in 1987 coming from Alexandria. He then opened ARMTEC and manufactured parts for the U. S. Navy. He was a member of the Yardley Methodist Episcopal Church in Yardley, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his parents, I. Willard and Marguerite Musgrave Roberts; a son, Warner Roberts; a brother and sister-in-law, John and Libby Roberts; and a step-son, William Ray Price.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his wife of 30 years, Evelyn Ray Roberts of Palatka; a daughter, Dr. Gretchen Roberts of New York City, N.Y.; a step-daughter, Suzanne Kotonias, M.D. of Burlington, N.C.; a step-son, Otis D. Curtis of Greensboro, N.C.; six grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday, May 31, 2009 at the the Masters Funeral Home of Palatka. Interment followed in the Palatka Memorial Gardens.

Gifts in Mr. Roberts' memory may be sent to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, FL 32177.

Messages of sympathy may be sent to mastersobit@hotmail.com.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of arrangements.



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Primary Tough Choice for Dems

Strong candidates lead to indecision?

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE GAZETTE PACKET

With the Democratic gubernatorial primary less than two weeks away, Scott Surovell still had not made up his mind about his vote.

Surovell, a Mount Vernon resident, is not a typical voter. He is the chair of the Fairfax County Democratic Committee, one of the largest local Democratic organizations in the commonwealth. Surovell is paying very close attention to the race and the three candidates — state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), former Democratic National Committee chair Terry McAuliffe and former Del. Brian Moran (D-46).

"These candidates are pretty similar on policy. There are subtle differences but they are all strong candidates. I think the question a lot of people are trying to answer is which candidate would be the best to go up against Bob McDonnell," he said. "I am actually undecided. I have really been struggling with this myself."

Many other likely voters are having a tough time choosing a candidate in Democratic Party's gubernatorial primary June 9.

"It was a tough decision. We are have embarrassment of riches this time around and it was a tough choice to make," said Greg Zimmerman, a Democratic activist from Arlington County, who would not reveal who he was supporting publicly.

"I think, for Democrats, I think this primary is really difficult," said Loretta Nawakowski, the Democratic Party's captain for the Greenspring voting precinct, which traditionally has the highest election turn out of any precinct in Virginia. Though the residents are known for being politically active, attendance at a candidates' forum May 14 on the Greenspring campus was particularly high, about 250 people.

Volunteers who have knocking on the doors of reliable Democratic households in Northern Virginia have also found a lot of uncommitted voters.

"I am going door to door and a lot of people are undecided," said Steve Baker, an Arlington resident who supports McAuliffe.

Voters may be having a tough time choosing a candidate because the three men in the race are similar in many respects.

Deeds, a native Virginian who lives in Bath County where he grew up, likes to tell the story of his mother only giving him a few \$20 bills in his pocket when he went off to college.

McAuliffe, a McLean resident, started a driveway paving business at 14 years old in upstate New York so that he could pay for school.

Moran, a former state delegate for the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County, recalls when he father was laid off and his employer towed away the company car they

CREIGH DEEDS



Age: 51
Residence: Bath County, Va.
Hometown/Grew Up In: Bath County, Va.
Family: Wife Pam and four children
Education: Concord College (bachelor's degree in 1980), Wake Forest University (law degree - 1984)
Community Work/Relevant Experience: former Bath County

prosecutor; House of Delegates member (1992-2001), state Senator (2001 - present)
Web site: <http://www.deedsforvirginia.com>

used as a family station wagon.

All three candidates promise to make Virginia the epicenter of green technology and jobs. McAuliffe talks of turning chicken waste into fuel. Deeds wants to build an algae-to-fuel plant in Hampton Roads. Moran calls for wind farms off the coast of Virginia Beach.

Northern Virginia, they all expect, would be a hub of green job research and take part in developing things like the smart electrical grid and clean coal technology. "I think we can build on the technology companies that we already have here," said Moran.

Moran, in particular, appears to be trying to set himself apart by running to the left of his primary opponents on social and environmental issues.

If elected governor, Moran promises to seek repeal the 2006 Marshall-Newman amendment, which defines marriage as between a man and woman and bans marriage-like contracts for same sex couples. "We should not be placing discriminatory language in the Virginia constitution," said Moran at the Greenspring forum.

As a state senator, Deeds voted in favor of the same-sex marriage amendment in 2006. McAuliffe said he does not support gay marriage but is fully supportive of civil unions. But he has said multiple times that the campaign should focus on other issues.

"If we don't fix the economy, we are going to go backwards on several fronts folks," said McAuliffe at an Annandale debate.

Moran has spoken out against drilling for oil or natural gas off the coast of Virginia and opposes the construction a new coal power plant in Surry County between Richmond and Hampton Roads.

On the issue of offshore drilling, McAuliffe backs limited exploration for natural gas but not for oil. Deeds said he would support some exploration for oil and natural gas.

McAuliffe says if elected governor, he would work to push all payday lenders, which provide small, short-term loans at a very high interest rate, out of Virginia.

Critics of payday lenders said many people become trapped in a unending cycle of debt through these types of loans, which

TERRY MCAULIFFE



Age: 52
Residence: McLean, Va.
Hometown/Grew Up In: Syracuse, N.Y.
Family: Wife Dorothy and five children
Education: Catholic University of America (bachelor's degree -1979); Georgetown University (law degree - 1984)
Community Work/Relevant Experience: Democratic National Committee chairman

(2001-2005); confidant of U.S. President Bill Clinton and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton; national finance director of President Jimmy Carter's 1988 re-election campaign
Web site: <http://www.terrymcauliffe.com/>

they can never afford to pay back.

McAuliffe has also been critical of Virginia's largest utility company, Dominion Power, for not being open to renewable energy and energy efficiency proposals. "There should be no more rate increases until they agree to move on wind and solar power," said McAuliffe, who is not accepting donations from Dominion or the company's political action committee.

Dominion Power has been the largest business interest or individual contributor to Virginia's statewide political campaigns over the last 13 years. Since 1996, the utility company has donated \$5.2 million to political candidates, \$2.45 million to Democrats and \$2.65 million to Republicans. Both Moran, who has accepted \$46,800, and Deeds who has accepted \$57,200, from Dominion since 1996,

said McAuliffe's pledge to turn down Dominion money is hollow because the McAuliffe campaign held a fundraiser at the home of Thomas Capps, Dominion's retired president.

When there is consensus on an issue, such as the need for quick job creation, the candidates have different approaches.

Deeds, who represents the Charlottesville area, wants to use Virginia's well-regarded higher education system to spur growth and new employment.

McAuliffe would have a hands-on approach to attracting business to Virginia. As governor, he intends to be the commonwealth's number one salesperson and business recruiter.

"You all know I am good at getting money out of people," said McAuliffe at a meeting with the Northern Virginia Technology Council. The candidate, who once wrestled an alligator for a campaign donation, revolutionized political fundraising for the national Democratic Party.

Moran, who runs his own small law office, said he intends to shore up the economy by supporting and promoting small businesses.

"I have created a business in Virginia, a small business," said Moran.

If elected, Moran's first action as governor would be to convene a bipartisan sum-

BRIAN MORAN



Age: 50
Residence: City of Alexandria
Hometown/Grew Up In: Natick, Mass.
Family: wife Karyn and two children
Education: University of Massachusetts, Amherst (bachelor's degree), Catholic University of America (law degree)
Community Work/Relevant Experience: former Arlington County

prosecutor, House of Delegates member (1996-2008), House of Delegates Democratic caucus chair (2001-2008)
Web site: www.brianmoran.com/

mit of business community members and government leaders to brainstorm about the best ways to address the current economic situation in Virginia. The summit would not just address job creation but also housing needs and other problems that have cropped up in the down economy.

"We need a governor who puts the people first," said Moran at the Greenspring forum.

Deeds and Moran have similar professional backgrounds. Both worked as local prosecutors and are currently lawyers at small law firms. They are also both former members of the House of Delegates. In 2001, Moran replaced Deeds as the House of Delegates Democratic caucus chair when Deeds won his election to the state senate.

A fixture of political talk shows, McAuliffe is one of the most recognizable Democratic Party figures on the national stage, even though he has never held elected office.

McAuliffe is trying to reshape his public persona into that of a Mark Warner-like businessman, who does Democratic Party activism on the side. He has rescued both a failing bank and Florida home building company during his career. Through these and a few other business ventures, McAuliffe said he has created several thousand new jobs.

Deeds and Moran tout their legislative experience in Richmond as an asset.

Deeds said he was able to get legislation passed as member of the minority and the majority party in the House of Delegates and Senate.

"I am going in knowing that system like the back of my hand," said Deeds.

While McAuliffe talks about needing to win more Democratic seats in the House of Delegates, Moran points out that he has actually done that as head of the House of Delegates Democratic caucus.

"I helped build the House Democratic caucus from 33 members to 45 members," said Moran.

McAuliffe, who has lived in McLean for almost 20 years, does not seem phased by his lack of experience at the Virginia statehouse. The Washington insider is running as a Richmond outsider.

"If you are happy with Richmond, I am not your guy," said McAuliffe.

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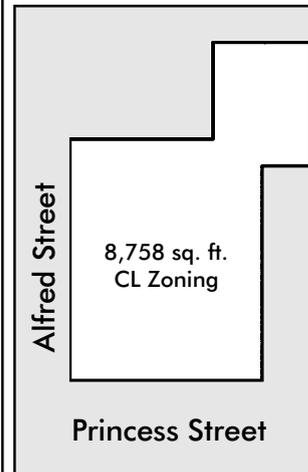
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The winner will seek to extend the leadership of Mark Warner (D) and Tim Kaine (D), the current and past governors, facing Bob McDonnell (R) in the general election in November.

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- ❖ **R. Creigh Deeds**, Charlottesville, <http://www.deedsforvirginia.com>

Democratic primary, Lieutenant Governor, choose one:

- ❖ **Jody M. Wagner**, Virginia Beach, <http://www.jodyforva.com>
- ❖ **A. Michael Signer**, Arlington, <http://www.mikesigner.com>
- ❖ **Jon I. Bowerbank**, Withdrawn 5/18

and the needy.

The governor of Virginia is limited to a single four-year term.

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Also on the ballot are Democratic primary races for Lieutenant Governor, House of Delegates in Vienna, District 35; Arlington, District 47; and Falls Church, District 38.

Because voters do not register by party in Virginia, all registered voters are eligible to vote in the June 9 primary races.

For information on where to vote and more, see www.sbe.virginia.gov.

Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Gazette Packet puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grand children.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 21, and once again the Gazette Packet will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photograph was taken. Be sure to include your town name and neighborhood.

We prefer digital photos, but we also accept prints. We will do our best to return hard copies of photos that include a self-addressed-stamped envelope for that purpose, but please do not send us any photos that cannot be replaced.

Send photos to Alexandria Gazette Packet, Father's Day Photo Gallery, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Or e-mail them to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com.

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EDITORIALS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Keep City Elections in May

To the Editor:

On June 13, the Alexandria City Council may consider a proposal to move Alexandria City elections from May to November. If passed, this move will have negative consequences for our City.

While some argue that moving our citywide races — for mayor, city council, and school board — to November will boost turnout, this move will decrease the amount of time and energy spent by citywide candidates on Alexandria-specific issues.

Why? Because candidates would compete with higher-ballot races — such as races for U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, State Assembly, and State Senate — for voter attention. By keeping citywide elections in May, candidates and voters can focus on the needs and wellbeing of our city — something that encourages healthy debate undiluted by larger elections. Accordingly, Council should reject efforts to change the city's election calendar. While this proposal may slightly boost turnout, it will decrease interest in races that impact our daily lives.

Andrew R. Campanella
Alexandria

Project Affects Neighborhood

To the Editor:

As a resident of the historic Parkfairfax neighborhood, I write to express my concerns about the significant changes slated for Shirlington Circle as part of the proposed I-395 HOT lanes project.

Multi-Year Construction: VDOT anticipates it could take five years to add new lanes and lights to Shirlington Circle — subjecting Parkfairfax and Fairlington residents to considerable noise and pollution during construction and once the HOT lanes open. In addition, we could lose buffer trees and nature space to construction staging and sound barrier installation because VDOT owns most of the land adjacent to Quaker Lane and Shirlington Circle.

Six Traffic Lights: To accommodate a new northbound HOT lanes off-ramp, VDOT would need to install traffic lights at all six of the feeder intersections. These new lights would create a headache for drivers going around the circle, and we would see traffic backing up on Gunston, Martha Custis, Quaker Lane, and Preston. To avoid congestion on the circle, frustrated motorists might cut through Parkfairfax to Glebe Road — as they do now when there is

an incident on I-395.

Pedestrian Bridge: At Arlington's request, VDOT is considering changes to pedestrian access across I-395. Ideas currently under debate include adding sidewalks around the circle (extending traffic light cycles), lengthening the pedestrian bridge ramps (taking land in Parkfairfax), and removing or replacing the pedestrian bridge.

If you share these concerns, please contact Alexandria's city and state elected officials and ask them to help minimize these substantial impacts on our community.

Greg Cota
Alexandria

Not Time For Change

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m., our City Council will hold a public hearing on the issue of changing Alexandria municipal elections from May to November. I disagree with this change and to encourage all Alexandrians who feel the same way to appear at City Hall to voice your concern.

I disagree with a vote on changing our municipal election day now, because Council does not retain the ability at this time, but

rather, must seek special permissions from the General Assembly, to resolve all issues of interest to our electorate regarding municipal elections. City Council should not legislate piecemeal on such a sensitive issue.

Virginia is governed by the Dillon Rule. As a result under state law, any powers not expressly enumerated to local governments, can only be derived from the Commonwealth. The effect of the same is local governments, without first receiving express permission from the General Assembly do not retain the right to change the terms of their council members and the mayors, to stagger terms, or to change municipal elections from November to May once they have been changed from May to November. Thus at present, the City of Alexandria's only current right is to change the date of the May election to November.

Alexandria has held municipal elections in May since 1973. Changes to our municipal elections have been contemplated before. Most recently, the issue was considered in 2007. In March 2007, the Mayor created a bipartisan commission [hereinafter referred to as "the Hobson Commission"] to consider, among other things: (1) whether to change the May elections to November; (2)

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whether to stagger the terms of council; and (3) whether to change the length of terms from three to four years.

Robert Hobson was joined by several well-respected and involved Alexandria residents, a number of whom have been elected to public office in Alexandria, including Rebecca Davies, Bob Calhoun, Chris Campagna, Lynnwood Campbell, Bill Cleveland, Iris Henley, Anna Leider and Joyce Woodson to look into how we elected our local officials.

In a vote of 7-2 in June 2007, the Hobson Commission voted to recommend leaving our municipal elections in May. The two dissenters, Calhoun and Leider, both conditioned their dissent on having members of council elected to four-year terms and in November of the year before presidential elections. At present, City Council does not retain the ability to affect either of these changes. Hence, the issue of how we manage elections cannot be wholly resolved at this time.

Council had two opportunities after hearing the Hobson Commission recommendations, but did not seek authority from the Virginia General Assembly during ei-

ther the 2008 or 2009 legislative session to make additional changes to our municipal electoral process. If we are to pursue any measure with regard to our elections and giving thoughtful contemplation to an advisory commission of citizens established to probe election issues, should this not be part of our order of business for the 2010 legislative session first? One can only question the motivation to undertake steps outside of this order now.

Alicia Hughes

Alexandria City Councilwoman-Elect

Who's in Charge?

To The Editor:

When and by whom is city staff held accountable for its misdeeds?

In a Sept. 20, 2006 document, the office of T&ES said: "A parking survey of a portion of the Parker-Gray neighborhood (the area bound by West, Oronoco, Columbus, Cameron, Patrick, and Queen Streets) found that most of that area has parking saturation levels below 85 percent, which is generally considered the level at

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which an area's parking capacity is fully used, and drivers will perceive that there is no parking available". A Sept. 21, 2006, email from then P&Z Director Eileen Fogarty also confirmed that "the condition on Bill Cromley's [Lofts] SUP was a T&ES condition and has been implemented."

You can imagine my surprised when on May 14, 2009, a representative of T&ES told the Inner City Civic Association that the aforementioned 2006 parking study was never completed. In fact, he alleged the "unencumbered Cromley money" allows him to extend an ongoing King Street parking study to the benefit of the Parker Gray residents. These facts mix like oil and water.

Too often, in the last few years, city staff has conscientiously misrepresented statements that result in staff's repeatedly jerking this neighborhood around. Where does the buck stop? Apparently it is not with the City Manager.

I can only hope that a new City Council will expect more from city staff and, in return, deliver better products and services to our neighborhood. Integrity is not vintage. It's timeless.

Charlotte Landis
Alexandria

**What Price
Braddock Fields?**

To the Editor:

The development of Potomac Yards is divided into landbays which are mostly east of Route 1. There is one landbay for development west of Route 1, Landbay L. It is south of Monroe Avenue behind Gold Crust Bakery and the other Art Deco buildings on Leslie Avenue and then up to the railroad and Metro tracks. All of Landbay L is within one-half mile walking distance to the Braddock Metro. This is important because experts tell us

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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.

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.

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, July 18; Saturday, Aug. 15; Saturday, Sept. 12; Saturday, Oct. 17. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-838-4399 or visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

JUNE 4-6

"20 Years/20 Shows". 7:30 p.m. The West Potomac Choral Department will present "20 Years/20 Shows: The Best of WPHS Choral Spring Shows!", a program of songs and dances from the past 20 years of stunning choral productions! Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Go to www.westpotomacchoirs.org.

FRIDAY/JUNE 5

Frank E. Mann Field Dedication Ceremony. 6:30 p.m. Mayor William D. Euille and members of the City Council will host a dedication ceremony for the Frank E. Mann Field at Four Mile Run Park, 3700 Commonwealth Ave. Following the dedication ceremony, all City of Alexandria Baseball and Softball Players who are wearing their league uniforms will receive free admission to the season opener for the Alexandria Aces baseball team. Call 703-838-5095, ext. 273 or e-mail jack.browand@alexandriava.gov.

SATURDAY/JUNE 6

Amazing Del Ray-ce! 2:30-5 p.m. A combo scavenger hunt, Amazing Race and Jeopardy dash through the Del Ray community with teams competing for prizes and fun. Dessert reception from 4-5 p.m. Starts at Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Cost is \$10/adult, \$5/under 17. Go to www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or www.leefendallhouse.org. Call 703-838-4827.

CALENDAR



"The Fine Art of Jazz," an exhibition highlighting the names and faces synonymous with the Kansas City tradition of American jazz, opens Thursday, June 18 at the Alexandria Black History Museum at 902 Wythe Street. The exhibition will be open through Saturday, Aug. 8. The Alexandria Black History Museum will host a free opening reception on June 18 from 6-8 p.m. The reception is open to the public, but reservations are requested. Those wishing to attend should call 703-838-4356. The Alexandria Black History Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and suggested admission is \$2. Go to www.alexblackhistory.org.

Armenian Festival. Noon to 5 p.m. The Armenian Festival Committee and the Knights of Vartan, in partnership with the City of Alexandria, will host its 17th Annual Armenian Festival. At Market Square, 301 King St. Event highlights include the sights, sounds, food and culture of Armenia. Free. Call 703-883-4686, or visit www.ArmenianFestivals.com.

20th Anniversary. 7:30 p.m. The Washington Balalaika Society has been celebrating its 20th Anniversary this entire season, winding up with a concert extravaganza. Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, NVCC, Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Tickets \$35-\$20. Go to www.balalaika.org. Call 703-549-2010.

Grand Opening event. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bikes the Sites with Bike and Roll. New location at One Wales Alley in Old Town Alexandria. Enjoy free bike rentals up to two hours, blend a smoothie by pedal power, and more. Visit www.bikethesites.com or call 703-548-7655.

Civil War Sesquicentennial Community Meeting. 9 a.m. to noon. Planning meeting at George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Purpose is to gather public input and refine ideas for Alexandria's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

"Fly Me to the Moon: An Astronomical Adventure" presented by the Alexandria Choral Society. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/adult, \$10/seniors and students. Children under 12 free. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria. Tickets may be purchased at the door or online at www.AlexChoralSociety.org, for questions, please call 703-548-4734 or email info@AlexChoralSociety.org.

Designer Alberto Parada. 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mystique Jewelers will showcase designer Alberto Parada's jewelry creations. At 211 Strand Waterfront, Alexandria. Call 703-836-1401 or visit www.mystiquejewelers.com.

JUNE 6-7

Food & Wine Festival. National Harbor. Saturday, June 6, noon to 8 p.m.; Sunday, June 7, noon to 6 p.m. 100 exhibitors, restaurants, food crafters, wineries and a Belgian brewery. Admission is \$65/adults 21 or older, \$30 for ages 12-20, and \$15 for ages 6-11. For tickets, go to www.foodandwinenh.com. Across the Woodrow Wilson Bridge from Alexandria.

SUNDAY/JUNE 7

Make Friends With Slithering Snakes. Noon to 1:30 p.m. A naturalist will lead a discussion and walk in the park. At Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Boulevard, Alexandria.

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. 3 p.m. Free. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Go to www.wmpmusic.org, e-mail: wmpa@earthlink.net. Call 703-799-8229.

Rug Auction. 3-6 p.m. Agudas Achim Congregation will host a rug auction by J&J Oriental Rug Gallery at the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Old Town Alexandria. Free admission, raffles and refreshments by Dahan. Visit www.aacrugauktion.com.

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.

Trees for the Future Benefit. 3 p.m. Concert with the Washington Metropolitan



Fifteen Ceramic Guild artists present their hand-made critter-inspired designs for table and display in a creative array for the "All Creatures Great and Small"-themed juried show and sale at the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery. Cracked glaze raku polar bears roam the shelves and ravens perch on stone-ware stems. This June show will be juried by Mary C. Giammatteo, Langley Park Community Center pottery director and Takoma Park, Md. resident. Giammatteo, who has been working with clay for over 30 years, specializes in functional stoneware and porcelain tableware showing an her own array of over 40 matte and gloss high-fire oxidation glazes. The Scope Gallery show runs June 1 to July 28 - Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. The gallery is Studio 19, 101 North Union Street Alexandria. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

Philharmonic. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria.

Children's Arts Festival. 2 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Hear music and enjoy activities. \$5/person. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Architecture in the Afternoon Tours. 2 p.m. Discover the architecture of George Mason's home. This 90-minute tour explores the mansion's exterior and interior. Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Rd., Mason Neck. 703-550-9220 or <http://www.gunstonhall.org>.

1759 Conversations: Establishing Gunston Hall. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Learn about the early days of the historic plantation and talk with a member of George Mason's family about his new house and how it was built. Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Rd., Mason Neck. 703-550-9220 or <http://www.gunstonhall.org>. Included in site admission: \$9, \$8 seniors, \$5 ages 6 to 18, younger free.

Trinity Benefit Concert. 3 p.m. Peace Ringers perform from St. Mathews United Methodist Church. Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. 703-549-5500, ext. 103. Go to www.trinityalexandria.org.

Children's Arts Festival: "Adventures in Music." With the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. 2 p.m. activities, 3 p.m. concert. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall. \$5. Call 703-548-0885.

MONDAY/JUNE 8

Jaleo's 7th annual Paella Festival. 6 p.m. Special guest chef Quim Marques. At 2250-A Crystal Drive, Arlington.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

Dr. Keith Sterling, a board-certified interventional radiologist, will be discussing treatments for varicose veins at Inova Alexandria Hospital. 7 p.m. in the auditorium. Call 703-750-8800.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Second Thursday Art Night: Dancing in the Streets. 6-9 p.m. Browse open studios and galleries. Live music and breakdancing performances. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria.

Target Gallery Reception. 6 to 8 p.m. Target Gallery hosts the reception for The Mysterious Other featuring artwork by CMDupre, the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year. Visitors are invited to hear a gallery talk by juror Shauna Lee Lange at 7 p.m.

The Art League Gallery Reception. 6:30 to 8 p.m. The Art League Gallery hosts the reception for the All-Media Membership Show and Nancy Pane Fortwengler's solo show, Fabrications.

FRIDAY/JUNE 12

Re-String Your Bling! 6:30-9 p.m. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery in
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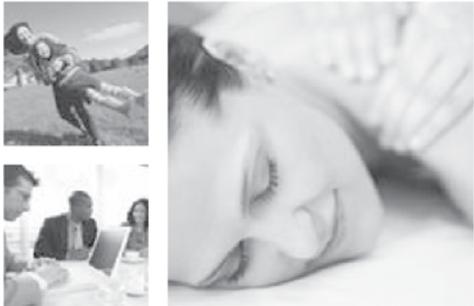
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ENTERTAINMENT

Learn About Area Hiking Trails

National Trails Day is June 6, at Mason Neck.

By STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

Place up those hiking boots and come on down. The American Hiking Society is celebrating its 17th annual National Trails Day at the Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Lorton, on Saturday, June 6.

The largest nationwide trail celebration in America, the event helps to promote healthy lifestyles, connect the public with trails in their communities and build partnerships to protect trails.

"What's great about this particular event is there's a whole array of activities, so everybody can find something to participate in," said Margie Cohen, marketing director for the American Hiking Society.

The event will offer a variety of outdoor recreation experiences on Mason Neck including family hikes, paddle excursions, trail construction



Activities will take place at Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge in Lorton.

and revegetation projects, birding and interpretive hikes, and a handi-capped-accessible hike.

"It's a great spot to come out to be part of the kick off celebration for all the events around the country," said Heather Sable, trails program manager with the American

Hiking Society. There's accessible trails for the handi-capped, barbecue pits, and tenting areas for learning about trails.

For those who want to give back to the parks, there are several trail maintenance projects going on throughout the day — from invasive species removal to clearing of pathways. The activities at Mason Neck are part of some 1,200 events taking place across the U.S.

"It takes a lot of community volunteers to take care of our trails," said Cohen. "It's a great myth out there that hiking trails somehow happen, and they somehow take care of themselves, and that's not the case."

Hosted with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/National Wildlife Refuge System, Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, Virginia State Parks and Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, the celebration kicks off at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton, at 9 a.m. Go to www.AmericanHiking.org or call 301-565-6704.

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6538 Morning Glen Court \$1,600
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Patricia Landaeta 202.390.2793

5805 North 22nd Street \$2,595
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4167 Elizabeth Lane
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4 bedroom, 3 bath home with stunning new kitchen and new low-e double paned window walls. Close-in Annandale (Woodson High School district). Fenced rear yard with deck and hot tub. Community has park plus pool and tennis. Directions: from 495 exit west, Rte 236, turn left on Guinea Road and Left on Elizabeth Lane to 4167.

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GREAT OPPORTUNITY

2512 King Street
\$543,500 | George Washington Park
Charming 1920 bungalow has living room with fireplace, formal dining room, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, main floor den with built-ins, central A/C, partially finished basement level, front porch, fenced backyard, rear-alley access and off-street parking for 2 cars.

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!

6115 Greeley Boulevard
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Enough space for everyone. This four/five bedroom house has upgrades too numerous to mention. Come see for yourself. Enjoy the family room with fireplace, the wrap around deck. Convenient location for commuting. Springfield: W. Keene Mill Road, R. Greeley Blvd. to 6115 on the right.

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2511 Appian Court
\$650,000 | Milway Meadows
Stunning renovation. 4 bedroom plus study, 2 full, 2 half baths, 1 car garage, formal living room and dining room, hardwood flooring, sunroom with vaulted ceilings, family room with fireplace off spacious eat in kitchen. Dir: S on Geo Wash Pkway, R Morningside cross Ft Hunt to Sherwood Hall, R Davenport, L Eiba, L Lisbon, L Milway to Appian.

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

807 N. Howard Street, Unit 211
\$349,900 | The Plaza
Exquisite 1350 sq ft two bedroom with den. Kitchen with granite, maple cabinets and tile flooring, new stove and microwave, spacious dining room, large living room that opens to the pool, grand sized master suite with walk in closet and balcony, new H2O and HVAC. Pool, exercise room, clubhouse and onsite management.

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2215 Lakeshire Drive
\$825,000 | South Alexandria
Charming sunny farmhouse with front porch on 1/3 acre; 2 car garage, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 updated baths and plumbing for another, Granite, stainless, refinished hardwoods, new carpet, paint and ready to move into. Even a kitchen garden to plant your own vegetables!

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\$619,000 | Stratford Landing
4 bedroom, 3 bath home - updated top to bottom! Stunning multi-level deck! Move in ready with new Energy Smart appliances, new flooring and more! Open Sunday. Take GW Pkwy. South; right on Stratford, left on Camden, left on Londonderry, right on Highgate, left on Waterford, right on Bradgate. www.8708Bradgate.com.

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JUST LISTED - CHARMING HOME

2310 Wilkinson Place
\$579,900 | Kirkside
Charming four bedroom home, floor plan is perfect for family and entertaining. Updated eat-in kitchen with new appliances, countertops and flooring. Centrally located living room with fireplace opens into dining room. Spacious lower level recreation room with built-in bookcase and fireplace. Large patio and backyard.

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OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

805 N. Howard Street, Unit 421
\$289,900 | The Plaza
Updated 2 bedroom, 2 bath condo with pool and garden view features a renovated kitchen with granite countertops, oversized closets, washer and dryer, new neutral carpet and separate dining room. Additionally you get garage parking and extra storage. Wonderful features such as pool clubhouse, security and onsite management make

Fran Orr | 703.623.4070



OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!

2410 Brentwood Place
\$559,000 | Alexandria / Hollin Hills
Very Private contemporary with light filled living room w/ floor to ceiling windows, vaulted ceilings, fireplace. Beautifully remodeled kitchen/great room w/ stainless appliances, custom counters, imported slate tile floors, and large pantry. Very Private contemporary with light filled living room w/ floor to ceiling windows, vaulted ceilings, fireplace.

Mary Cay Harris | 703.981.9976



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OVER THE TOP!

2121 Jamieson Avenue #1104
\$839,000 | Carlyle Towers/ Greater Old Town
 Exquisite 3 bedroom, 2 bath unit with 17' eat-in kitchen, glass sunroom, master suite with curved sitting area and window bay. Fireplace, formal dining room, wood floors, French doors and refinement throughout! Two large garage spaces. www.CarlyleTowers1-1104. Call Marie, *Your Realtor for Life*, today! MLM1606@aol.com.

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501 Crown View Drive
\$875,000 | Clover
 This spacious four bedroom plus two and a half bath colonial is sited on one of sought-after Clover's largest lots. Among the many special features of this fine home are hardwood floors, two fireplaces, a huge family room plus two car garage. This is an outstanding value at only \$875,000.

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Phyllis Patterson | 703.518.6158



JUST LISTED

2415 Lakeshire Drive
\$1,195,000 | South Alexandria
 Almost 1 acre in 22308 and a fabulous house comes with it! .97 acres of backyard oasis, a sunlit center hall colonial with 6 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, 2 car garage, sunroom, huge master, updated eat-in kitchen, many upgrades. More than enough room to grow and entertain.

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PRICE REPOSITIONED

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JUST LISTED

1005 Danton Lane
\$925,000 | Wayneswood
 Fabulous three bedroom, three and a half bath colonial on beautifully landscaped lot with towering trees. Gracious colonial boasts three bay windows, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, butler's pantry, huge first floor family room, screened porch plus garage. Expansion potential in lower level could provide additional bedroom. This is a gem!

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Ongoing Events

See "Rosa de Dos Aromas (Two-Scented Rose)" at Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., from now through June 13. \$25/person; \$20/student, senior. Visit www.teatrodela luna.org or 703-548-3092.

"Lucy's Playlist" will perform June 11-14 at 8 p.m. at Signature Theatre. Backstage Gala is June 13. At 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington, in the Village at Shirlington. Call 703-820-9771 or www.ticketmaster.com.

The Providence Players of Fairfax will be performing their final production of the 2008-2009 Season, Arthur Miller's drama, "All My Sons," now through June 13 at the James Lee Community Center Theater. It will be performed Friday and Saturday, June 5, 6, 12, 13) at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 7 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15/adults and \$12/ seniors and youth. Tickets may be reserved by emailing providenceplayers@cox.net or calling the Providence Players Ticket line at 703-425-6782. Tickets will also be available at the door. The James Lee Community Center is located at 2855 Annandale Road, Fall Church. Go to www.providenceplayers.org.

"Tomorrow's Stars," summer drama camp by The Little Theatre of Alexandria. For children ages 5-12. Early June offerings include a mornings-only drama camp for rising K-2nd graders. Mid-summer session features a two-week camp that features morning drama classes and/or afternoon musical theatre instruction. Contact the theatre office weekdays at 703-683-5778, ext.2, or check for classes on the web site: <http://www.thelittletheatre.com>.

Port City Playhouse presents "The Curious Savage" from now through June 14 at Lee Center for the Performing Arts, 1108 Jefferson St. Shows are Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m. with special Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Visit www.portcityplayhouse.com for more.

See "Legacy of Light" from now through June 14 at Arena Stage. Tickets are \$25-\$66/person. Visit www.arenastage.org or 202-488-3300.

Signature Theatre presents Partial Eclipse, a rock song cycle by Matt Conner directed by Artistic Director Eric Schaeffer, running June 10 through 13 in Signature's MAX Theatre. Performance dates are June 10 and 11 at 8:30 p.m. and June 12 and 13 at 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 each and can be purchased at the box office or by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting www.signature-theatre.org.

Theater of the First Amendment presents the 9th Annual First Light Play Discovery Program Professional Weekend on Saturday, June 13. Featured works will be "The Bay of Fundy" by Sherry Kramer at noon, "Refugee Blues" by Wendy L. Anderson at 3 p.m., and "24, 7, 365" by Jennifer L. Nelson at 6 p.m. on the

George Mason University campus in Fairfax. For more information: www.theaterofthefirstamendment.org Admission is free.

"Jeffrey" runs from now through June 13 with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. A Thursday night performance will take place on June 11, at 8 p.m. All performances will be held at the Gunston Arts Center - Theater One, located at 2700 S. Lang Street in Arlington. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors and juniors. Seating is general admission; Tickets are available online for pre-purchase at www.DominionStage.org. Reservations can be made online or by calling 703-683-0502.

See "Lincolnesque" June 4-28 at Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run Drive. \$25/person; \$20/student, senior. Visit www.keegantheatre.com for more.

Auditions for "Beauty & the Beast" June 9-10, from 7-9 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Teens and adults ages 15 and older. Go to www.ensemblestage.org. Performance dates: July 24-Aug. 2, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.

Synthetic Theater 2009-10 season:

- ❖ "Dracula" directed by Paata Tsikurishvili, Sept. 25-Nov. 15 at the Rosslyn Spectrum.
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CALENDAR

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Alexandria. Jewelry designer Jen Judd will instruct students to re-fashion their broken or outdated beaded jewelry. Details, directions and online registration at www.thedelrayartisans.org or contact Theresa Kulstad at 703-283-0399 or tkulstad@verizon.net.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

Break A Board-a-Thon. Noon. Virginia Martial Arts Institute fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. At the Virginia Martial Arts Institute.

Sacramento Community Day Celebration. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Live entertainment, resources and giveaways, contests and family games. UCM Sacramento Neighborhood Center, 8792 E. Sacramento Drive, Alexandria. Call 703-619-2964.

Community Yard Sale. 7 a.m.-2 p.m. at Anthony T. Lane Elementary School, 7137 Beulah St. Hosted by the Alexandria Jaycees. Free. Visit www.alexjaycees.org for more.

Used Book Sale. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friends Book Sale. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria, 703-339-4610.

Elixirs and Edibles. 7-10 p.m. The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum is hosting "An Evening of Elixirs and Edibles," a benefit inspired by herbs and spices. Reservations are available online at www.apothecarymuseum.org or 703-838-3852. Tickets range from \$75 to \$1,000, depending on sponsorship level.

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

River Farm Community Green Event. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. At AHS River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, on the Potomac River. \$10/adults; \$5 children 3-12. Call Sharon Grant at 703-768-5700, ext. 116 or email sgrant@ahs.org. Exhibit space available.

Jazz Concert. The Committee for Jazz at Meade featured artist will be the Marshall Keys Group. At Meade Church, 322 N Alfred St, Alexandria. \$15. Light refreshments will be served.

Bon Voyage Concert. 3 p.m. Adult Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, directed by Douglas A. Beck, organist-choirmaster. Free. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-3312.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt St. Hear the St. Paul's Choir. Free. Donations accepted.

Community Green. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The American Horticultural Society headquarters at River Farm in Alexandria. Guest speakers and exhibitors include: Brent Heath of Brent & Becky's Bulbs; wildlife photographer Don Chernoff of DC Wild; Joe Keyser of the GreenMan radio show; children's gardening expert Norm Lownds from Michigan State University's 4-H Children's Garden; and sustainable gardening coach Susan Harris. Admission is \$10 per adult (\$8 for AHS members) and \$5 per child aged 3 to 12 (under 3 are free). For more information, call (703) 768-5700 ext. 112 or visit the AHS web site at http://www.ahs.org/river_farm/09/community_green.htm.

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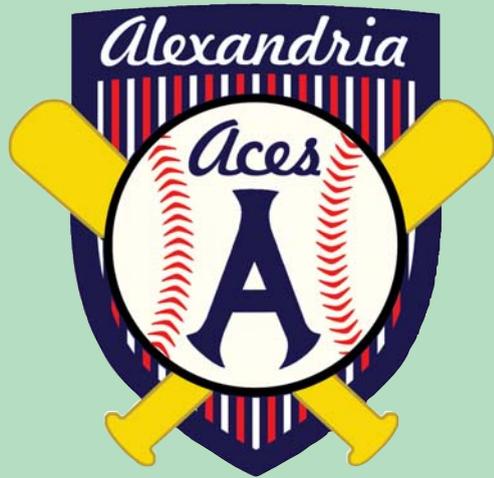
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LETTERS

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that within half a mile of any metro stop density should be concentrated in order to minimize the use of cars. Landbay L is almost a textbook example of a model metro stop development area: it is an easy walk to the Braddock Metro, Giant, CVS, Gold Crust Bakery, the Y, and bus stops. So it was a surprise when the idea was put forth by several citizens that perhaps a "swap" could occur that would transfer the density to another piece of land leaving Landbay L as open space for a park or playing fields, etc. across from Simpson Field and other future playing fields. The desire for more public open space is one Alexandrians have always supported, but within the half mile "walkshed" to the Metro? The land proposed as suitable for a "swap" was the playing fields belonging to GW Middle School along Braddock Road. The obvious advantage would be their even closer proximity to Braddock Metro, but not to any grocery store, pharmacy, etc. Granted that presently the Braddock Fields are open space adjacent to a metro stop, but it is open space adjacent to a middle school.

Are the Braddock Fields really

suitable for development at the densities needed for a swap? Even at half the density transferred from Landbay L a wall of mid-rises would enclose the school. Presently these fields are the ones most used by GW, and also by the larger community, i.e. the Second Annual Mayor's Cup Rugby Challenge Match held there this past weekend. The only other open space at GW, close to the gym, for a playing field would be the parking lot behind the school. It has been suggested that parking could be underground. Is that really appropriate at a middle school? Any other area for a field for the school begins to be too far and therefore eats into the time allotted for physical education classes. Why do the proponents of the "swap" only focus on the fields on Braddock Road and not those on the other side of the school, on East Glendale, closer to Landbay L? Very Curious.

At the last Potomac Yard Planning Advisory Group meeting, the owner of Landbay L said in no uncertain terms that he was not interested in a "swap." Folks from the City's Planning & Zoning staff were unwilling to take him seriously, even though he continued to insist that he desired to build on Landbay L. Why? Very curious.

Perhaps you are thinking that there is no development planned adjacent to the Braddock Metro. That would not be the case. The approved Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan has quite a lot of development. In addition, a plan for redevelopment of the strip mall containing the 7-11 across the street from the Braddock Fields should come forth within the year.

On June 9 a proposal by Planning & Zoning to add a study of Braddock Fields/Landbay L will come before Council. Extra funding is needed to add this study to P & Z's work load. In the present climate of reduced monetary resources why would you spend time and money studying a plan that is both unlikely and unsuitable? Just say no to the funding for this study.

Marguerite L. Lang

President, Rosemont Citizens Association

Candidate Who Can Win

To the Editor:

I urge all Virginia Democrats to vote for Creigh Deeds in the gubernatorial primary on June 9. State Sen. Deeds, a life-long Virginia resident who represents the

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HOA Embezzler, Attempted Murderer

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bullet wounds have robbed his strength.

"I used to be able to bench a house, now I can hardly carry my book bag," he said, explaining how he lost most of his clientele and earns 75 percent less income than in 2008.

More than 100 people visited Gerdak at the hospital the day after Koger shot him. Recently, he returned for one of his many follow-up procedures at the hospital for surgery to remove a bullet from his spine.

Gerdak said he thought of his parents as he lay on the cold wet street with Duke, thinking he and Duke were going to die.

"Can you imagine getting a phone call at four in the morning, 'Your son's been shot four times in the spine, stomach, leg and chest,' and seeing him in the hospital on machines and wondering if he's going to walk again," said Gerdak. "No one should have a right to take your life but God. I think Mr. Koger thought he was God that night."

THE TWO MEN weren't Koger's first victims on Feb. 2, 2008.

Shortly before in the City of Alexandria, Koger shot taxicab driver Bereket Tewelda, 36, who was stopped at a traffic light at Seminary Road and North Beauregard Street.

Koger pulled up behind him in a 1990 Jeep Cherokee, got out of his car, walked to the taxi driver's window, and fired several shots at the driver, a man he didn't know.

Tewelda still feels pain, can't sit for more than an hour or stand more than a half-hour at a time and has more than \$170,000 of outstanding medical bills. Tewelda has trouble supporting his family now, he testified.

Thacher sentenced Koger Thursday to serve 66 years in prison for three counts of malicious wounding, three counts of the attempted capital murder of three police officers and two counts of use of a firearm during the commission of a felony.

"Koger planned, prepared and armed himself and set about to cause harm, death and devastation. What makes it worse is he had no specific target, but randomly selected his victims," the judge said. "It's a miracle they survived. They survived to endure a life of pain and multiple disabilities."

Virginia State Trooper Jonathan M. Groner pursued Koger after Koger shot his first three victims.

Koger drove up to 80 miles per hour to elude police on Franconia

Road, before crashing into a traffic control box in front of the Springfield Shopping Mall.

"The defendant got out of the vehicle with the firearm in hand," Groner testified in earlier case hearings. 'I said, 'Drop the gun, drop the gun,' over and over again."

When Koger fired his weapon, Groner and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Police officers shot back, hitting Koger in the mid-section.

Police found two additional revolvers and more ammunition in Koger's Jeep.

"As I sit here in the courtroom and see all the people who were affected, it's overwhelming," said Metro Transit Officer Gary Taylor. "Our lives were irreversibly changed that night.

Officer Heidi Rivas, a single mother of an 8-year-old son, remembers thinking her son would be without his mother.

"It's made me very alert and cautious. I feel like I'm on duty, 24/7 now, because I never know what'll happen at any time," she said. Her own mother asked her to quit her job, she said.

Metropolitan Transit Officer William Birmingham, an investigator, was formerly trained for combat as a Marine sergeant, he said.

"I thought, 'I can't believe this is how I'm going to die, right here, right now,' and I thought about the chief telling my then fiancé that I was dead," said Birmingham.

KOGER EMBEZZLED \$3 million from 400 homeowner associations using 140-bank wire transfers before the shooting spree.

Koger was the former chief financial officer of his father's real estate management firm, Koger Management Group, which filed for bankruptcy in July 2007.

KMG collected homeowner association dues and provided a variety of financial and maintenance services for homeowners associations with 70,000 members in Virginia. HOAs in virtually every part of Northern Virginia were affected including in Ashburn, Chantilly, Arlington, Burke, Springfield, McLean, Reston, Herndon and Alexandria, among others.

Robert Koger, the father, reported to Fairfax City Police in November 2006 that he believed his son had embezzled \$800,000, kicking off the investigation.

Last February, U.S. District Court Judge Leonie M. Brinkema sentenced Koger, who pleaded guilty in November to wire fraud and income tax invasion, to 66 months

in prison and ordered that he pay more than \$1.2 million in restitution as well as \$775,272 to the IRS for tax evasion.

Koger's emotional problems escalated as he tried to provide a lavish lifestyle for his wife, his defense attorney said.

"Mr. Koger's actions were ultimately derived not from pure greed, but rather as a result of his severely deteriorated mental-health state coupled with an unhealthy need to provide for his wife," said Peter D. Greenspun, at Koger's sentencing in federal court. Untreated mental health challenges included Koger's bipolar disorder, alcohol dependence, bulimia nervosa and borderline personality disorders.

"No one had any idea of the depths of his emotional problems because emotional issues weren't discussed in that family," said Anita Boss, a forensic psychologist who testified last Thursday. "His mental state was in a severe downward spiral in the six months preceding this event."

Prosecutors from Fairfax County and Alexandria City spoke last Thursday. "Our purpose is to establish justice for the gaping and permanent holes [Koger] inflicted on the lives of innocent victims," said Randy Sengel, Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney.

"The officers who placed their lives on the line, and Mr. Tewelda and the others who were injured by his rampage, those are the ones who need a sense of hope," said Sengel. "We need them to walk out of this courtroom with a sense of value and respect."

Full recoveries won't happen, said Casey M. Ligan, Fairfax County Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney.

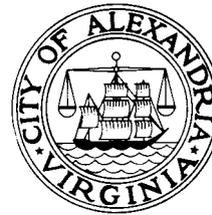
"The emotional effects struck as deep as the bullets that struck their bodies and also derailed the dreams of these families forever," he said. "The crimes prove he's capable of murdering people, not just one, but six. That's a person who can't be allowed out in society."

Crying, Koger apologized to the law enforcement officers and the civilians he injured. Koger said he has no recollection about what happened.

"I've learned piecemeal over the past year what happened, and I'm horrified," he said. "I'm extremely sorry, if I could take it all back, I would. I feel horrible, the pain I caused is remarkable."

But Judge Thacher rejected Koger's claim that he doesn't remember. "While convenient, it's just not credible," he said.

Legal Notices



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2009-0016
Request for approval of alterations at 117 S. Lee St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Ken & Esther Carpi

CASE BAR2009-0035
Request for approval of alterations and a waiver of HVAC screening requirement at 202 Duke St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Ken Carpi

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

CASE BAR2009-0103
Request for approval of alterations at 7 Wilkes Street, zoned RC
APPLICANT: Harry Braswell, Inc.

CASE BAR2009-0104
Request for approval of alterations at 415 Wolfe Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

CASE BAR2009-0105
Request for approval of new construction at 1221 Prince Street, zoned CL Commercial.
APPLICANT: Matthew J Newton

CASE BAR2009-0106
Request for approval of alterations at 809 Chetworth Place, zoned RB Residential.
APPLICANT: Howard Jennings

CASE BAR2009-0107
Request for approval of alterations at 425 N. Columbus Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Deborah Dittmann

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

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ019662-06-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
CHRISTON WILSON
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the foster care plan submitted by the Alexandria Department of Human Services, to terminate the residual parental rights of the unknown father, and to give the right to Alexandria DHS to place the child, Criston Wilson, DOB, 3/14/08, for adoption.
It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/10/2009 at 9:00am

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ029071-05-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
ALBERT WILSON
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the foster care plan submitted by the Alexandria Department of Human Services, to terminate the residual parental rights of the father, and to give the right to Alexandria DHS to place the child, ALBERT WILSON, DOB, 11/06/97, for adoption.
It is ORDERED that the defendant OCTAVIO ALMANZAR appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/10/2009 at 9:00am

Legal Notices

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021083-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
FERNANDO DANIEL RIVAS
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, to terminate the residual parental rights of the unknown father of Fernando Rivas, born to Ninfa Rivas on 7/22/2001, and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/24/2009 at 9:30am

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021083-06-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
FERNANDO DANIEL RIVAS
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, to terminate the residual parental rights of Raul Rivas and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant Raul Rivas, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/24/2009 at 9:30am

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021082-06-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
DAVID E. SAUZO
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, to terminate the residual parental rights of Cesar Sauzo and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant Cesar Sauzo, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/24/2009 at 9:30am

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021082-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
DAVID E. SAUZO
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, to terminate the residual parental rights of unknown father of David Sauzo, born to Ninfa Rivas on 6/10/2007 and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/24/2009 at 9:30am

Obituary

Jill Pfeifer

On May 30, 2009 in Arlington, VA at the age of "forever 39". She was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Bothwell and brother, John Schrote. She is survived by her loving husband of 31 years, Eugene Pfeifer; daughter Maria Bothwell (Jeff Kline); step-son Chris Pfeifer (Daniela Spigai Pfeifer); step-daughter Laura Pfeifer (Edgar Fields); daughter-in-law Laurie Bothwell. She also leaves her grandchildren Amelia, Max, Jackie, Lily, Zane, and Marc; brother Joe Schrote; sister Jane Ragazzino; her niece and nephews Gretchen, Jim and Eric; and loyal companion Abigail Adams VIII. A memorial service will be held on Monday, June 8, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria, VA 22302. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Donor Services, https://www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/all_donate?item_id=8072 P.O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 www.everlyfuneralhomes.com

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ010206-08-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
NIKKE WILSON
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the foster care plan submitted by the Alexandria Department of Human Services, to terminate the residual parental rights of OTIS WILLIAMS and to give the right to Alexandria DHS to place the child, NIKKE WILSON, DOB, 10/22/96, for adoption.
It is ORDERED that the defendant OTIS WILLIAMS appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/10/2009 at 9:00am

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Carolyn Merck
Alexandria

What's Best For Elections

To the Editor:

The proposal to change local elections from May to November may place partisan advantage over the best forum for dialogue on city issues and selection of the best people to serve on Council.

It is, in my view wrong, to make any change now for the following reasons:

❖ A decision by a lame duck Council on June 13 may be perceived as retribution for the electorate selecting three new members of Council on May 5 and as a

blow to the benefits of diversity on Council.

❖ The discussion of city concerns in November may well be overwhelmed by the attention given to national and state candidates, greatly diminishing the dialogue so important to maintaining a consensus and sense of community in Alexandria.

❖ Voting in November may encourage factional voting (party line voting) for local offices rather than voting for each candidate on his or her individual merits.

The public policy choice is whether the City is better served (i) by individuals elected when the full attention is upon local matters and the individual merits of the candidates, or (ii) in November for national or state elections when the local matters will be suppressed and factional voting may determine the outcome but larger participation may be achieved. It is a valid policy debate but one appropriate for the new Council and if they consider it appropriate a referendum upon which the electorate will decide.

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Mayor's Cup Shines Light on Rugby

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BY MAHAM KHAN
GAZETTE

It's a time honored sporting tradition within the European roots of rugby: After two teams spend several hours walloping each other football-style without pads, they share a pint of beer at a local watering hole where singing and drinking tend to break down any remaining ill will from the day's events.

So in line with that thinking, Dundee Select XV coach Shannon Wilson of Scotland, in town for the second annual Mayor's Cup Challenge last weekend, had this message for his friendly hosts in the Alexandria area.

"Put this one out for the local ladies," said Wilson. "If you see some [good looking guys] in kilts running around, let them know the Dundee Rugby Team's here."

The Lord Provost of Dundee's Select XV rugby team ended their long visit to Alexandria with the Mayor's Cup Challenge match on Saturday, May 30, at George Washington Middle School in front of a crowd of about 250 people. They proved to be much more than just "good looking guys in kilts," winning the contest, 21-7, against the Mayor of Alexandria's Select XV. Both teams had been chosen from the best players of the many local clubs in Alexandria and Dundee, Scotland, making the match one of the highest quality games in the Washington, D.C. area.

"We knew it was gonna be tough," said Wilson. "It was our defense in the second half that won us the game."

Alexandria and Dundee have been sister cities since 1974 as a way of improving international ties. The first Mayor's Cup match was held in August 2008 in Dundee, commissioned by Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. According to Jim Canny, flanker from the



Players from the Dundee Select XV rugby team attempt help one of their teammates sky for the ball during last Saturday's Mayor's Cup at George Washington Middle School. When a ball goes out-of-bounds in rugby, a player must throw the ball into the air and the two teams battle for it again using any means, including the support of others.

Alexandria team and Potomac Athletic Club, the event was a "learning experience," with the favored Dundee contingent winning in a landslide, 76-0.

FOR THIS YEAR'S event, the Dundee team arrived on Monday, May 25, and played their first match with the Alexandria Select XV last Wednesday, winning 28-7. Besides the games, the players visited Washington and met Euille.

"The mayor came across as very passionate about the city [and its relation with Dundee]," said Wilson "It's a very nice city. It's got a nice, quiet feel to it."

The 10-hour event also included four games besides the main event, a youth rugby clinic, VIP luncheon, and an after match social. The clinic was attended by about 30 youngsters. Non-contact rugby is offered at Cora Kelly and Mount Vernon Elementary Schools, introducing many students to the game and to Saturday's event.

Kelly Cheeks, mother of 11-year old participant, Juwan Burns, said they chose rugby simply because it was different. "My kids are football and basketball kids. And two of them are into soccer and I wanted something different for my eleven year old."

As for safety concerns, she added that since the game is non-contact at this level, it's perfect for kids to get started. Other parents also supported the idea that despite popular assumptions, the rules are there to make sure it's a clean, fair game.

One youth clinic participant, Connor Collett, 14, said that the clinic was really helpful, especially before the summer season starts. He plays for the Fort Hunt Rugby Club in Fairfax County and hopes his coach can start a rugby team at West Potomac High School eventually.

"It's one of the only games I am really passionate about," he said

But despite a large crowd, the event was mostly limited to people already interested in the game. "I would like to see more rugby programs and clubs in the area," said Cheeks. "If it wasn't for the flyer coming home from school, I wouldn't have known about it."

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SPORTS BRIEFS

State Track Results

The VHSL AAA State Outdoor Track and Field Championships were held in Newport News, Va. this past weekend and, no surprise, T.C. Williams star Tynita Butts emerged with another state title in the girls' high jump.

The East Carolina bound athlete jumped 5-feet-10 inches to capture the state crown — her second consecutive state title in the high jump — over Pearl Bickersteth of Potomac High School. She also took home the national indoor title in the high jump this past winter. Butts finished a disappointing 22nd in the long jump. Her win in the high jump helped the Titan girls' to a 21st place finish in the team competition. The boys' team came in 35th place.

Other notable performances by T.C. Williams athletes came from the Titan boys' 4x100-meter relay team, which took fourth place in the state. The team consisted of seniors Rushane Wilson and Reward Asonye and juniors Cortez Taylor and Aylesi Coker. Wilson and Taylor finished 20th and 21st, respectively, in the 100-meter dash com-

petition. Asonye came in 33rd with a time of 11.36 seconds.

In field events, senior Marc Grosser took 16th place in both the triple jump and high jump competitions, while senior Latona Jackson finished in 16th place in the discus throw. Senior Zachary Goehler took 19th place with a throw of more than 134 feet in the boys' discus throw.

Swim Results

The NVSL summer swim season is right around the corner and the Gazette Packet doesn't want any child's prowess in the pool to go unnoticed. To have swim team's results posted in the Gazette Packet each week, contact sports editor Mark Giannotto at mgiannotto@connectionnewspapers.com.



Episcopal boys' soccer coach Rick Wilcox was named Alexandria coach of the year by the Alexandria Sportman's Club two weeks ago after leading the Maroon to an undefeated state title this past fall.

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Sportsman's Club Awards

On May 20, the Alexandria Sportman's Club held its 54th annual awards banquet celebrating the achievements and prowess of those on the Alexandria high school sports scene. Bishop Ireton athletic director Williams Simmons took home Sportsman of the Year honors, while Episcopal High School boys' soccer coach Rick Wilcox was named coach of the year after leading the Maroon to an undefeated season and a VISAA state title this past fall.

In addition, the club once again handed out four \$2,500 scholarships to Alexandria high school seniors. The recipients of this

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year's scholarships were Zachary Goehler and Danielle Thomas of T.C. Williams (TCW), Yao Sithole of Episcopal (EHS), and CK Kraft of Bishop Ireton (BI).

Winners of awards by individual sport were: Reid Nickle of EHS, cross-country; Adam Stowe of EHS, golf; Ashley Hunter of SSSAS, field hockey; Evan King of EHS, football; Kevin Otto of BI, ice hockey; Tierra Ruffin-Pratt of TCW, girls basketball; Edward Jenkins of TCW, boys basketball; Elliott Mondragon of BI, wrestling; Theresa Dalmut of BI, volleyball; Jessie Coffield of SSSAS, girls lacrosse; Andrew Cordia of SSSAS, boys lacrosse; Monica Zakaria of BI, girls tennis; Michael Parente of BI, boys tennis; John Robertson of BI, baseball; Mary Wells Ball of TCW, girls crew; Matt Schilling of TCW, boys crew; Mackenzie Soniak of BI, girls swimming; Larry Dow of TCW, boys swimming; Tynita Butts of TCW, girls track; Allante Keels of EHS, boys track; Taylor Heasley of SSSAS, softball; and Given Kalipinde of EHS, soccer.

Alexandria Aces

The Alexandria Aces of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League kicks off their second season this Friday Night at Frank E. Mann Field in Four Mile Run Park with a special dedication of the field beginning at 6:30 p.m. City of Alexandria baseball and softball players will receive free admission if they wear their league uniform. If there's inclement weather, the dedication will be moved to the Cora Kelly Recreation Center.

In addition, the Aces are still looking for host families to house some of their out-of-town college play-

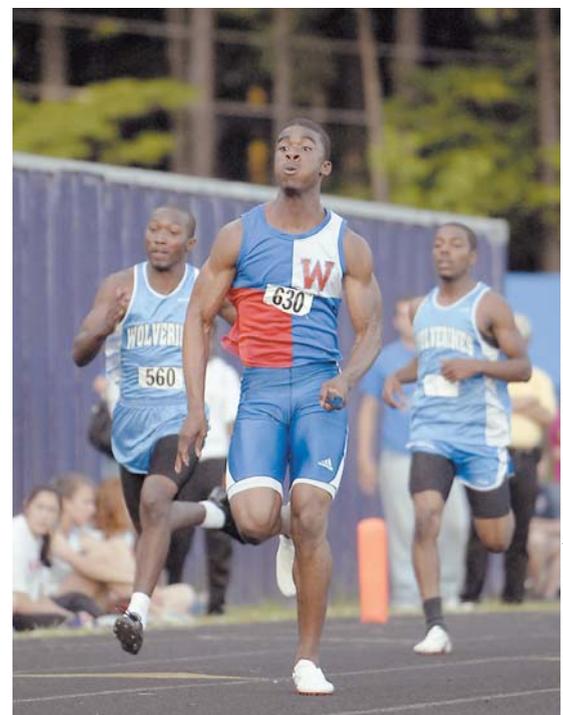


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T.C. Williams junior Ayolesi Coker helped the Titans take fourth place in the boys' 4x100-meter relay at last weekend's VHSL AAA State Outdoor Track and Field Championships.

ers. This summer approximately 30 young men from all over the United States will descend upon the Alexandria area for the summer to play baseball. From early June to early August they will play 42 games in 60 days. A host family is only asked to provide a warm bed and access to a washer and dryer. The Alexandria Aces handle the rest. To volunteer as a host parent/family, contact Hilary Garner at 202-216-8304 or email Hilary at hgarner@ralaw.com

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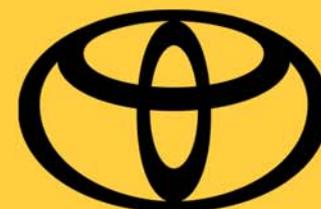
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