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Favorite Son Falls Short

After primary, Brian Moran returns to his law practice.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Brian Moran put everything on the line, resigning from his leadership position in the House of Delegates to concentrate on his race for governor. Then he rolled out a series of progressive policy initiatives before launching a harsh campaign against chief Democratic rival Terry McAuliffe — culminating in a regular feature his campaign dubbed the “Pinocchio Report” challenging the campaign rhetoric of the former chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Ultimately, though, it was state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25) who won on Election Day by snagging 50 percent of the vote statewide. McAuliffe came in second place with 26 percent. Although he was once considered the front-runner, Moran found himself in third place with 24 percent. The former delegate and his family took the stage at the Hilton Mark Center shortly after 8 p.m. Tuesday night to concede the race.

“You guys have to go to school tomorrow,” Moran said to his two young children, who attend MacArthur Elementary School. “Sorry.”

The mood among Moran supporters had been grim

in the days leading up to the election, as the momentum began moving toward Deeds — once considered a long-shot candidate who was ignored during much of the campaign as Moran and McAuliffe traded barbs. In a brief concession speech to disappointed supporters, Moran described Deeds as an “invincible” opponent to take on the Republican challenger in the general election, former Attorney General Bob McDonnell.

“Brian is not wealthy, so now he’s got to get back to work and build up his law practice.”

— John Moran

“We sat together for six years,” Moran said of Deeds, who represents Bath County. “Maybe a lot of my policy positions rubbed off on him, and that’s how he got elected.”

ALTHOUGH MORAN SPENT years crisscrossing the state to recruit candidates for the General Assembly and built a base of endorsements from local officials across the commonwealth, he was unable to win more than a handful of jurisdictions — Alexandria, Dinwiddie, Hampton and Petersburg. And even though he won every precinct in Alexandria, he was not able to score victory in the eighth congressional district — the seat that his older brother has represented in Congress since 1991.

“He overreacted to McAuliffe when he should have

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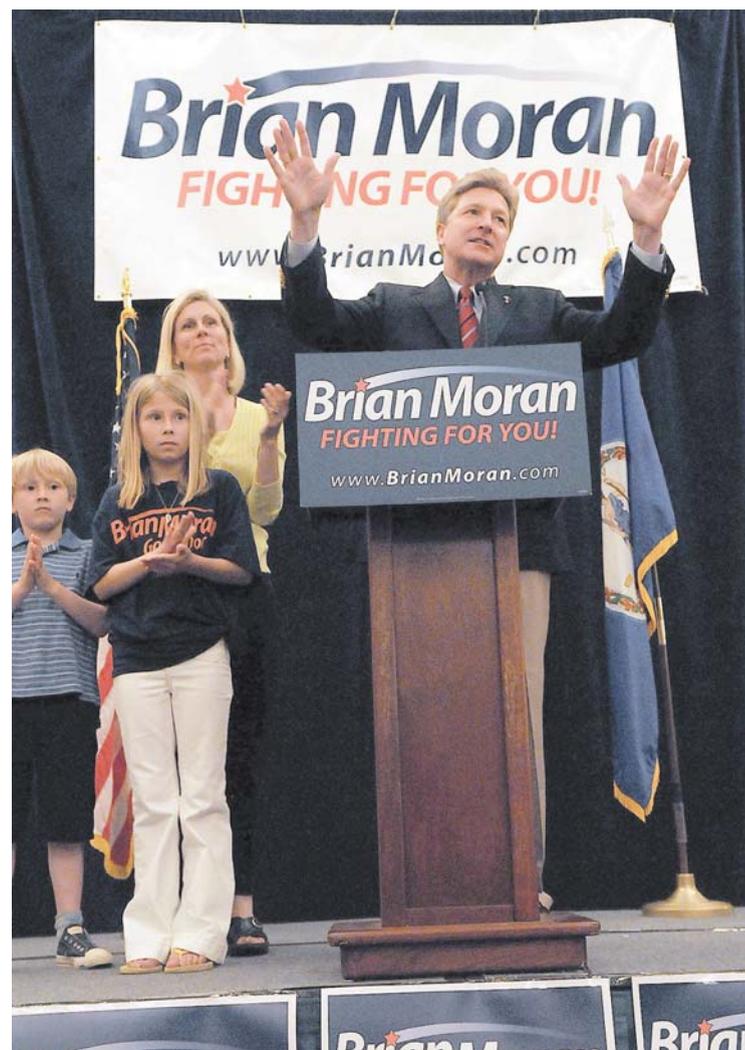


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Brian Moran addresses his supporters Tuesday night after losing the Democratic gubernatorial primary.

Change Approved Despite Concerns

School Board passes plan for five smaller, close-knit schools to improve SOL scores and graduation rates.

BY MAHAM AYAZ AND
ERICA KICAK-VANDERHOEVEN
GAZETTE PACKET

Timothy Bender, a sixth grader at George Washington Middle School, learned about the proposed middle school plan during the school morning announcements on Friday, May 22. A few hours later, he discussed the issue with his social studies class, began a petition against the changes, gained 70 supporters during lunch, and had 143 signatures by the end of the school day.

Many GW students were against the changes to their

“We don’t have every specific answer and every specific detail spelled out yet.”

— Charles Wilson,
School Board member

school. “Almost everybody was against it except for one person,” said Timothy. “They just thought it was a stupid idea.”

However, the School Board passed the proposal for the new middle school model on Thursday, June 4. It will divide GW into two and Hammond into three smaller schools with 450 students in each school, within their respective buildings. Currently, the middle schools are divided by grade level and then into teams, where students take classes together and have the same teachers. The new model will take the team concept several

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Eyeing November 2012

City Council is set to consider the fate of May elections this weekend.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Get ready to say goodbye to May elections. And get ready for a lengthy November ballot.

With a majority of City Council members now publicly supporting a proposed ordinance to move mu-

nicipal elections from May to November, city politics is about to encounter the most dramatic change since the old ward system was abolished in the 1950s. The item is on the docket for this Saturday, when council members will hear public comment on the issue and

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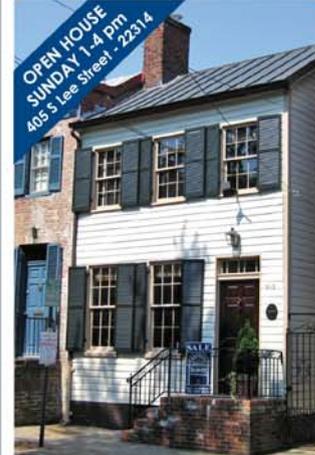
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Junk and Trunks

For years, Councilman **Paul Smedberg** has been trying to bring some sense of consistency to how city officials demand new businesses purchase trash cans and plant trees. Now, finally, the councilman can count a newly crafted policy as hard-won battle that was years in the making. "Some people might see this as trivial and very small," said Smedberg. "But it's a policy decision."

Time and time again, Smedberg has questioned city officials on why they chose to charge some permit applicants for a trash can while others were not bothered. More recently, the argument grew to incorporate demands that special-use permit applicants plant trees near their business. Just last month, the councilman grilled staffers on why they hadn't added a \$250 tree-planting fee to a new restaurant known as "Burger Joint" — eventually adding the fee to the permit as a friendly amendment.

"I hate to be this picky," he said at the time. "But we need consistency." Enter the city's new policy on trees and trash cans. Adopted by City Council members Tuesday night, the new rules require special-use permit applicants to pay one lump sum contribution that would go into a joint infrastructure fund for street trees and trash cans. Although Councilman **Rob Krupicka** suggested a \$300 fee, Smedberg persuaded his colleagues that a \$500 contribution would be appropriate — but not before expressing his frustration.

"It took five years to get to this stupid point," he said before voting to adopt the new plan.

Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

Uncle Sam may be spreading more stimulus largess to children in Alexandria — specifically 54 low-income children. But don't expect the generosity to last. This week, the City Council approved a new grant application for one-time funding for the Head Start program through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The money would fund an expansion of the existing program serving 252 children by filling Head Start classrooms to capacity. Yet even if the stimulus money were approved, the new money would only serve a portion of the need in Alexandria.

"The current Head Start waiting list stands at more than 200 plus," wrote City Manager **Jim Hartmann** in a memorandum explaining the stimulus application. "The need for services for low-income children, age three to five, is also confirmed by data from the program's annual community assessment." The application approved this week will ask the federal government for up to \$400,000, which includes \$28,500 startup funds plus salaries and benefits. Because of the city's budget crunch, no city funds are expected to supplement the program in future years. "If the money is not there, the program ends," said **Debra Collins**, assistant city manager for Community and Human Services.

Olive Branch Extended

The standoff between city officials and Alexandria businessman **Rob Kauffman** seems to have cooled a bit, although the situation remains unresolved. After applying a coat of pale green paint to previously unpainted brick to a building on Prince Street two years ago, Kauffman and city officials eventually reached a stalemate. Late last week, Kauffman sent a letter indicating he was willing to agree to a new paint-removal test by a contractor that recently stripped paint from a house on South Pitt Street. "Since preservation is as critical as presentation, I would submit it would be worthwhile to ask for a testing and paint removal proposal from this company to determine whether it is able to implement a better process capable of an improved result," Kauffman wrote in the June 8 letter.

Post-Election Whiskers

Nobody wants to lose — in politics or in life. And so politicians that are rejected by voters sometimes go through a mild identity crisis, questioning their old assumptions and finding a way to move on. Take Councilman **Justin Wilson**, who was edged out of his seat on the City Council last month. Since the election, the 30-year-old lame-duck councilman has grown a beard. When asked about the new look, Wilson said it was part of his new outlook on life. "It's the **Al Gore** thing," said Wilson, referring to the former vice president's post-election transformation after 2000. "I'm going to gain 30 pounds, grow a beard and win a Nobel Peace Prize."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Student Autism Rates Rise

Schools adjust for estimated 12.2 percent increase.

BY ERICA KICAK-VANDERHOEVEN
GAZETTE PACKET

A 12.2 percent increase is projected in the number of students with autism from this school year to the start of school in September, mirroring the growth nationwide. The increase leaves the city schools trying to figure out how best to help students with a wide range of needs.

According to Virginia Commonwealth Autism Services, autism is characterized by restricted, almost obsessive, interests and behaviors, and qualitative impairments in social skills and communication, which make it difficult for those with the disorder to relate to others. There is no definitive answer for why there is such a rise in diagnoses of autism. Some researchers suspect that childhood vaccines or food additives could be the culprit, while others believe that autism is being diagnosed more frequently simply because people are more aware of autism than they were in the past. Still, there is no conclusive evidence as to why there is such a rise in the number of children being diagnosed with autism.

Alexandria schools now face the challenge of determining how to prepare for the increasing number of autistic students who will be entering the school



Shawn Williams works as a paraprofessional in special education at Cora Kelly Elementary School.

system. A major difficulty is the varying spectrum of autism: Some people with autism may present with severe impairments, while others have more mild symptoms.

WHAT SOME STUDENTS with autism need to be successful in school can be completely different from the needs of other students.

As Deborah Hammer, one of two autism resource specialists employed by the school system's central office, said, "People with autism are just like any other people — they're individuals Accommodations are completely different."

All special education students have their own Individual Education Plans (IEPs), which determine the best way for the student to be served by the school system.

Any given student with autism can have a different IEP than any other student with a diagnosis of autism. One major point of the IEP is having students in the "Least Restrictive Environment." "Least Restrictive Environments" can range from students being sent to residential facilities to students spending the majority of their time in mainstream classrooms. Sixty of the projected 83 students with autism who will be in the school system next year will be spending the majority of the school day in special education classrooms. Those students are better served by the individual attention of a special education classroom or a self-contained classroom specifically for students with autism. Still, other higher-functioning students

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Chaplain Volunteers at City Jail

BY MAHAM AYAZ
GAZETTE PACKET

A native of Middleburg, Calvin Scott received a doctorate of divinity from Washington Bible College in 1982. He is currently a volunteer chaplain at the Alexandria City Jail in affiliation with The Good News Jail and Prison Ministry.

How did you get started as a chaplain?

I have been a chaplain now since 1978. I have served all over the world from Thailand to Germany back to Turkey. I got started when I was 39 years old. I started doing it because I wanted to help young people — no salary, just a Bible, and I went into the Upper Marlboro detention center. I was trained to be a chaplain, not the pastor of a church. I prefer jails and I'm pretty good at what I do. For the last 35 years I have been

devoting my life to prison ministry. Now I try to go into places without chaplains and meet the challenges.

What is the role of a chaplain in jails?

When I got started, it wasn't common for chaplains to work in jails. Then, eventually, the Good News Jail and Prison Ministry changed that. On a typical day, we have a Bible study; we just have a good time. We are not all that religious, we just give them the Bible, we let them all think, feel, and work on their own. We try to get them involved in life-learning programs to give them something to do and something to talk about. A chaplain is a counselor. Sometimes young people don't know what's wrong and what's right and that's where the chaplain comes in.

What is the general re-



Calvin Scott sponse of the inmates to your work?

The response on a scale from 1 to 10, I'd say 9. They enjoy it. I don't think there's a young person that didn't ask me for more time or want me to answer their questions. We don't tell people how to get out and change the world but we do listen to their concerns. I can see myself in their shoes because if good people hadn't taught me, helped me, and prayed for me, I don't know where I would be today.

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"I don't see any reason why they should wait."

— Del. David Englin (D-45)

Council To Consider Fate of May Elections

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cast a final vote on the long-debated reform. "Arlington has an election for the County Board every year, and local issues are never overrun by national issues," said lame-duck Councilman Justin Wilson, who has been one of the leading advocates for the reform effort. "In many ways, I think, Arlington has a more civic participation than we do."

But opponents say moving city elections to November is a mistake because it's hard enough for voters to know enough about the City Council and School Board candidates even when they have their own election. Last month, for example, the ballot contained 21 names — and that included three seats that were uncontested.

"My own mother has a hard time keeping our names straight," said lame-duck Councilman Ludwig Gaines. "Can you imagine a ballot that has 35 to 40 names on it, plus constitutional amendments?"

SUPPORTERS of the reform effort say they have no intention of holding an election for City Council and School Board members during presidential years. The movement has always been sold as part of a package that would include other changes, including lengthening terms to four years and staggering elections so that all members were not chosen at once. Yet under the code of Virginia, the only elec-

tion change council members have the authority to approve is a simple move from May to November. So the item on the ballot Saturday is a placeholder of sorts — forcing a change now, with more revisions planned for a series of charter amendments that could be introduced during the next session of the General Assembly.

"That's not smart," said state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who is a member of the Senate subcommittee that oversees charter amendments. "If they want other changes, they really should introduce all the changes as a package of charter amendments."

Ticer has long opposed moving the City Council election from May to November, fearing that local issues deserve their own election when they can be debated at length. But even if she supported the effort, she said, the reform effort would make more sense if it were a completely formed proposal that included lengthening terms and staggering elections. Others say prompting the reform effort by supporting the ordinance on this weekend's ballot is the best way to force a change.

"I don't see any reason why they should wait," said Del. David Englin (D-45). "If this is what they want to do, they should do it and then start talking about the next set of changes."

LOCAL ELECTIONS have always been conducted separately from national and state

elections. According to the earliest city records, the first local elections in the 1750s took place in February. By the early 1800s, they were moved to the second Tuesday in March. After the Civil War, municipal voting moved to the second Tuesday in June. The city's current practice of balloting on the first Tuesday in May was institutionalized back in 1973.

"This is not a time to forge new policy," wrote Councilman-elect Frank Fannon in a written statement. "Pushing through political legislation during a lame-duck session isn't putting the citizens of Alexandria first."

Although increasing turnout is the ostensible goal of the effort, Republicans have charged that the move is a cynical ploy to increase the power of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. By maximizing the number of Democrats at the polls during elections for governor of the House of Delegates, they say, Democratic candidates for City Council will benefit. And although increased turnout is frequently mentioned as a key goal of the plan, the contested election between Englin and Republican challenger Mark Allen only drew about 30 percent of voters to the polls.

"This ordinance isn't perfect, but it's better than what we've got now," said Wilson, adding that last month's election drew a 15 percent turnout. "Even if all we accomplish is simply moving the election from May to November, that's progress."

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Surrounded by family, Brian Moran talks to his supporters.

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City's Voters Back Moran

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been focused on Deeds," said John Moran, an older brother who has been a selectman in Natick, Mass., since 1991. "Brian is not wealthy, so now he's got to get back to work and build up his law practice."

On the campaign trail, Moran tried to position himself as the most progressive candidate in the race, opposing offshore drilling and vowing to work toward overturning Virginia's 2006 marriage amendment, which defines marriage as between a man and a woman. And he was the only candidate to oppose a new coal-fired power plant in Surry.

"Conventional wisdom says that a low-turnout election favors the candidate with the best field operation," said Del. David Englin (D-45). "But in this case conventional wisdom was wrong because McAuliffe seemed to have the best field operation, and he still lost to Deeds."

BEFORE LAST SUMMER, Moran's team had mapped out a strategy against Deeds and took on a seasoned team of Virginia political veterans — most notably Mame Reilly and Steve Jarding. But then during the Democratic National Convention in Denver, McAuliffe began testing the waters for a gubernatorial bid. By November, the dynamics of the race shifted dramatically when Moran began a harshly negative campaign against McAuliffe. By the time Moran finally held his hometown kickoff in April, his tag line telegraphed his campaign's growing concern about McAuliffe: "No Hollywood glitz, just hard work." Then the Moran campaign held a lunchtime

Alexandria Election Returns

Candidate	Vote	Percentage
❖ Brian Moran	16,863	54 percent
❖ Creigh Deeds	4,080	32 percent
❖ Terry McAuliffe	1,641	13 percent

SOURCE: Virginia State Board of Elections

rally in Market Square as Deeds was gaining momentum.

"People were trying to buck themselves up by creating different scenarios for victory," said Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49). "I'm not sure what Brian could have done differently, to tell you the truth."

BY THE TIME votes were posted to the State Board of Elections Web site Tuesday night, the bitterness between Moran and McAuliffe had been reduced to a sideshow. Deeds ended up with almost as many votes as both of his opponents put together. Political analysts voters rejected McAuliffe's circus-barker image and Moran's negative campaign. Deeds, by contrast, won voters by positioning himself as the moderate Democrat who could take on the Republican candidate.

"McAuliffe really got into the heads of the Moran high command, and they started to behave differently," said Cordel Faulk, director of communications for the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. "They stopped talking about issues and turned their attention to attacking McAuliffe. And that just didn't work."



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NEWS



Civil rights stories were shared at the "Tea & Talk" at Charles Houston Recreation Center on Monday.

Recalling Civil Rights Movement

"Tea and Talk" reveals need to record recollections.

BY ERICA KICAK-VANDERHOEVEN
GAZETTE PACKET

"This is a wonderful day in Alexandria's evolving history," said Jim Henson at the "Tea & Talk's" Sharing Alexandria's Civil Rights Stories event on Monday, June 8. The tea was held for Alexandrians to share their experiences with the civil rights movement in Alexandria, particularly experiences involving Parker-Gray High School and Charles Houston.

In all, 33 people attended what is intended to be the first of many such community activities for arts and history at the Charles Houston Recreation Center. Another such tea is planned for the fall. In attendance were Alisa Carrel, the director of the Office of the Arts in Alexandria, Cheryl Anne Colton, the cultural arts administrator of the Office of the Arts, Louis Hicks, the director of the Alexandria Black History Museum, as well as many who played a role in the history of Alexandria. Members of the Stakeholders Advisory Group for the Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial Public Art Project also participated.

The program began with details about the public art project for the Charles Houston Memorial to be placed in front of the Charles Houston Recreation Center, the site where Parker-Gray High School used to stand. A nationwide competition will be held to determine the design of the memorial, which will commemorate the legacy of Parker-Gray as well as Charles Houston. The memorial is planned to be

unveiled in April of 2011.

As a timeline of civil rights in Alexandria was read, there were frequent interjections of events of significance that were not mentioned and details and stories specific to Alexandria's history.

Although the tea began with old friends greeting one another, there was concern over a pressing issue: recording the civil rights history of Alexandria while there were still people that could remember the events firsthand. Ferdinand Day suggested that the city should pay to have people's experiences recorded by a professional, saying, "We need a story about how the city came together to transform the entire city. To me to look back over the years and the shameful things that occurred, it is enlightening to me to see how far we have come. We must stop and tell that story."

As the afternoon progressed, people recalled the protests, the churches, major "firsts" for African Americans within the city, and the "Secret Seven."

"It's worth telling for white folks and for black folks," said Day.

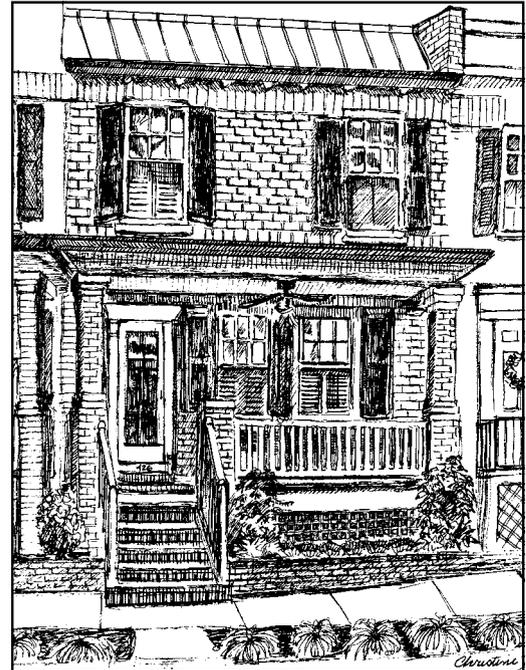
One of the only regrets that those in attendance had was that neither the mayor nor any city council members attended. If they had been, they might have been able to help determine how a recording of Alexandria's story could come into fruition.

Still, Jim Henson had this message for those who did attend the "Tea and Talk:" "I commend the people who came out, but I also appreciate the people who came before to make it possible for us to be here."

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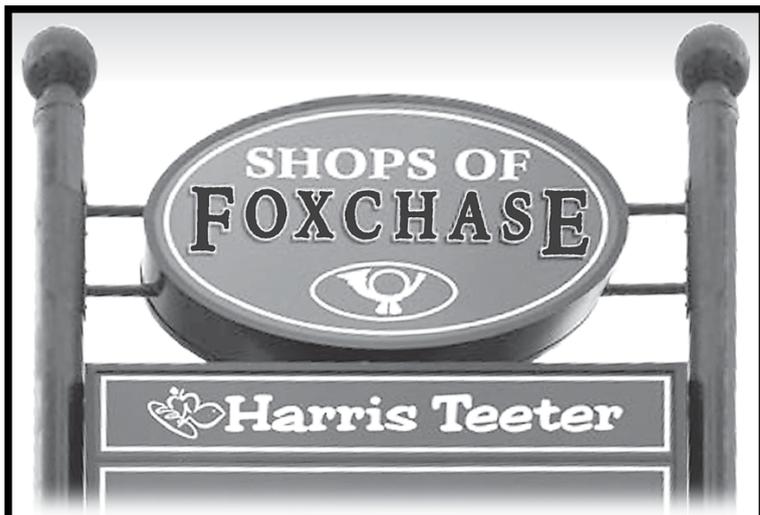
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NEWS

New Middle School Model Approved

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steps further. All students now have Individual Achievement Plans from the start of middle school that lays out their path to high school.

"The teams were an effort to create smaller schools, but it wasn't complete," said School Board member Charles Wilson. In the new model, students in the different schools will stay with the same teachers, guidance counselors, principals, and other students from sixth through eighth grade. Also, students in different grades may have classes together. For example, advanced sixth grade students might have classes with seventh graders who are doing grade level work and also with eighth graders who are behind.

The multi-age classes are a point of concern for middle school students and parents alike. Timothy mentions the multi-age classes as his second largest concern, after the possibility of not being able to have classes with friends in a different school. He worries that "Eighth graders might resent sixth graders" in their classes, which could lead to tension and bullying.

SOME CRITICS of the plan say that it is too big of a change, especially to be happening so quickly. "If we waited a whole year planning, there's a whole grade we would lose," said Superintendent Morton Sherman, who initially encouraged the adoption of the Middle Years IB Program.

Middle school teachers will be required to do some training over the summer and during the next school year to learn how to interconnect their classes. Sherman considers the program to be "a framework for existing curriculum, not a curriculum in itself. Students have already chosen their classes for next year and those choices will remain intact. The schools will continue to offer Talented and Gifted (TAG) classes.

Wilson believes that although "we can't make it perfect" and "we don't have every specific answer and every specific detail spelled out yet" the change will help improve SOL scores and decrease the number of students that drop out once they reach high school. "Ten percent of kids are going to do well no matter what the structure is. Ten percent of kids will fail no matter what the structure is. But eighty percent would benefit" from the smaller school structure of the middle schools.

The majority of the School Board agreed with Wilson, with the new plan being passed with eight votes. Sheryl Gorsuch was the only "no" vote. "I wanted to make sure we had quality implementation," said Gorsuch. While she is "not opposed to the small school concept", she worried that "expectations were not in line with reality." Still Gorsuch wants to make clear that "though I voted against it, I will be actively supporting the implementation next year."

PARENTS ARE also a bit skeptical. "How can you



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After learning about the middle school reorganization, Timothy Bender started a petition opposing the proposal.

make the classes smaller when you have the same number of students and the same number of teachers?" said Tim's mother, Rhodessa Bender. "I don't think they were being very forthcoming with us."

Dr. Larry Golemon, also a sixth grade parent, put together a 46-page document titled "A Parent-Teacher's Guide to Small School Research" that details the ideas behind small learning facilities, its benefits and its drawbacks. He summarizes his work by saying that the success or failure of the program depends on its implementation, "on whether or not the plans were comprehensive and collaborative." The information was made available to other parents, so that they would be better informed so they could draw their own conclusions.

Assistant Superintendent John Porter, a former high school and middle school principal, supports the new plan for the middle schools. "Smaller settings with closer contact and relationships with teachers and other adults will help make those transitional years [of adolescence] easier", said Porter, who went on to compare the new middle school model to the concept of having ninth grade students get used to high school in the smaller Minnie Howard setting.

The Middle Years IB program will be "cost neutral," meaning that any new expenses will be met using federal money and stimulus funding. The only major change will be the division into smaller schools and the personalization of the program, but Wilson said, "Sixth grade is a big change anyway. The biggest change [for incoming middle school students] is graduating from fifth to sixth grade."

Non-Profit Receives \$50,000 Bequest

Rebuilding Together Alexandria was a recipient of \$50,000 from the estate of Catherine Joan Cole. A long-time Washington area resident, she worked in public relations, serving as the publicist for the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program from 1983 to 1997 and at the Hecht Company for

more than 20 years. In 1995, she was voted Woman of the Year by Washington Women in Public Relations. She was married for 60 years to Dr. Hugh Cole, a prominent military historian. During the last years of her life, Cole cared for both her husband and her daughter until their deaths, and

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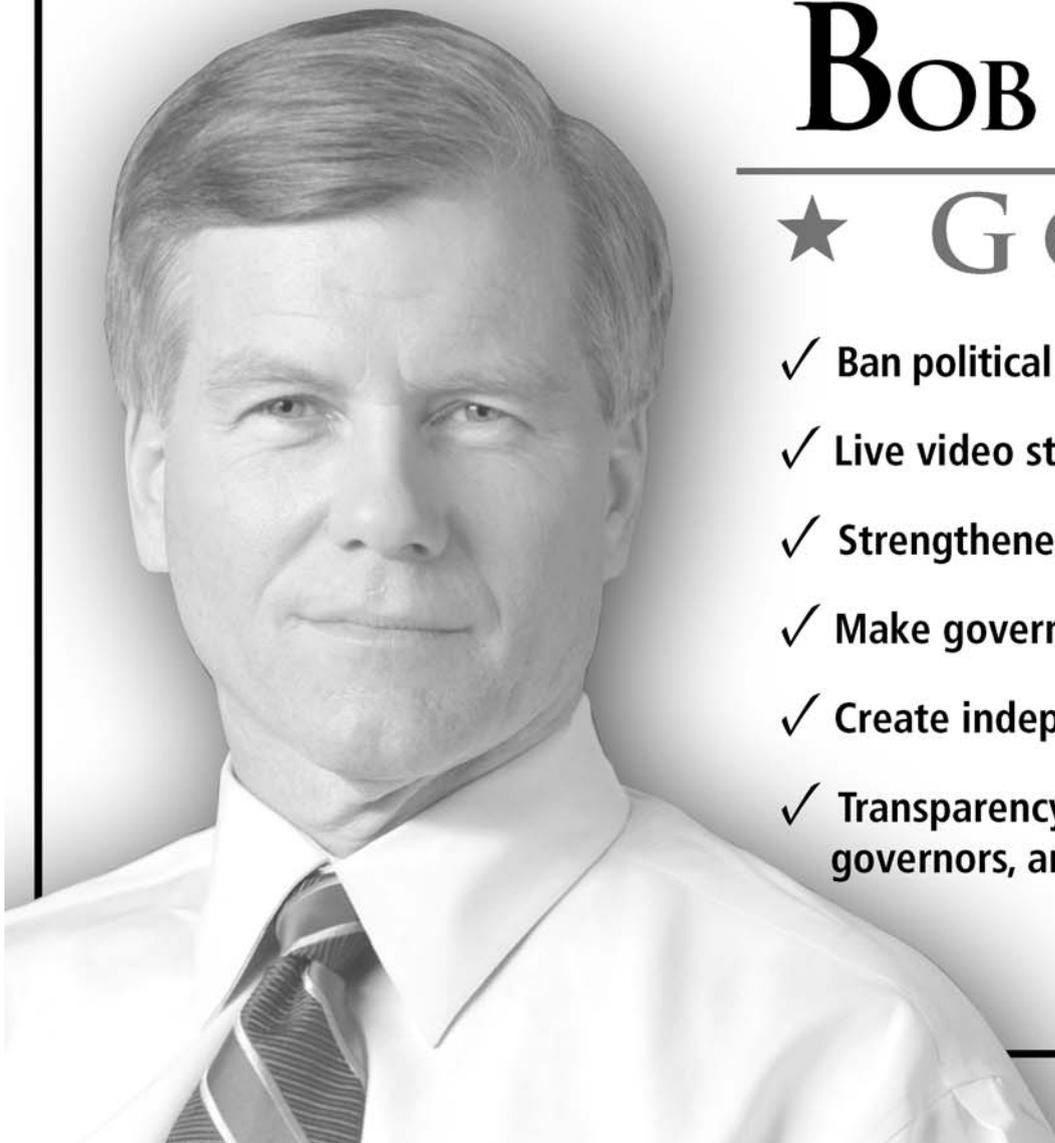
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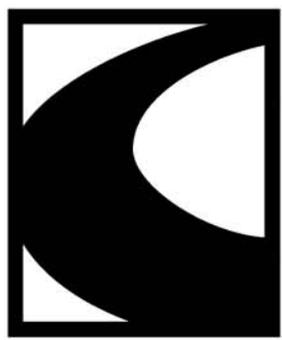
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SATURDAY/JUNE 13

The Alexandria City Council will hold a public hearing at its meeting on Saturday, June 13, at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall, (301 King St.) to receive comments on a proposal to move City Council and School Board elections from May to November, beginning in 2012.

Discuss State Issues. 10 a.m. to noon. Del. Kristen J. Amundson will be holding Community Office Hours at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Anyone from the community is welcome to come discuss state-related issues, and no appointments are necessary. Call 703-619-0444 or DelAmundson@Amundson.org

SUNDAY/JUNE 14

Community Green. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The American Horticultural Society is hosting its first annual Community Green at the Society's headquarters at River Farm in Alexandria. Admission is \$10/adult, \$5/child. Call 703-768-5700, ext. 112.

MONDAY/JUNE 15

Alexandria Democratic Committee Monthly Meeting. 8 p.m. At Minnie Howard School, 3801 W. Braddock Road. Call 703-549-3367.

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Duncan Book Discussion Group Meeting. 7 p.m. At the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Discussing the book, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Contact Ruth at 703-838-4566.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 17

India's Poorest Children Talk. 4:30-6:30 p.m. Anita Edgar, founder of charitable organizations that care for India's poorest children, will speak on the continuing programs of El-Shaddai Charitable Trust. At Commonwealth Baptist Church, 700 Commonwealth Ave. Call 703-740-7994; El-Shaddai Charitable Trust: www.childrescue.net; or Mindful Hands: www.mindfulhands.com.

Green Workforce Forum. 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street. A panel of industry experts will lead discussions on ways to work in the new "green" economy. RSVP by June 12, 2009 to Dennis McKinney, Evelyn Quiles, or TD Mitchell at 703-838-4316.

Code Compliance Walk. 8-10 a.m. Hume Springs and Lynhaven community members walk the areas of Hume Springs and Reed Avenue to identify any quality of life issues and/or code compliance matters. Meets at McDonald's, 121 W. Glebe Road. Call Capt. Eddie Reyes, 703-838-6360, ext. 1509 or eddie.reyes@alexandriava.gov.

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India's Poorest Children Talk. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Anita Edgar, founder of charitable organizations that care for India's poorest

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Laurie and Tom Field's family join them at the reception at Joe Viar's. They received one of the two Julia Johns Awards for 2009.

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1872 Society Pays Tribute

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The award was established to recognize and honor individuals who embody the same spirit as the founder, Johns, and have made a significant contribution in the advancing of healthcare for the community of Alexandria. This year's honorees were Laurie and Tom Field and Janet and her late husband Carl von Sternberg.

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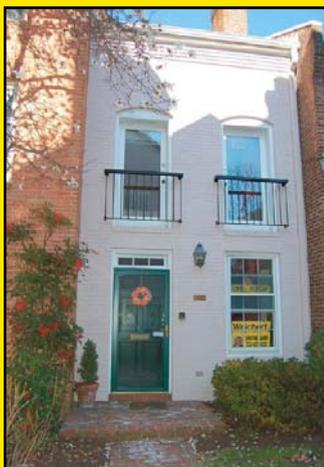
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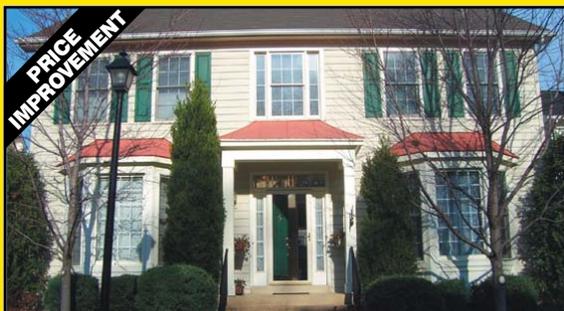


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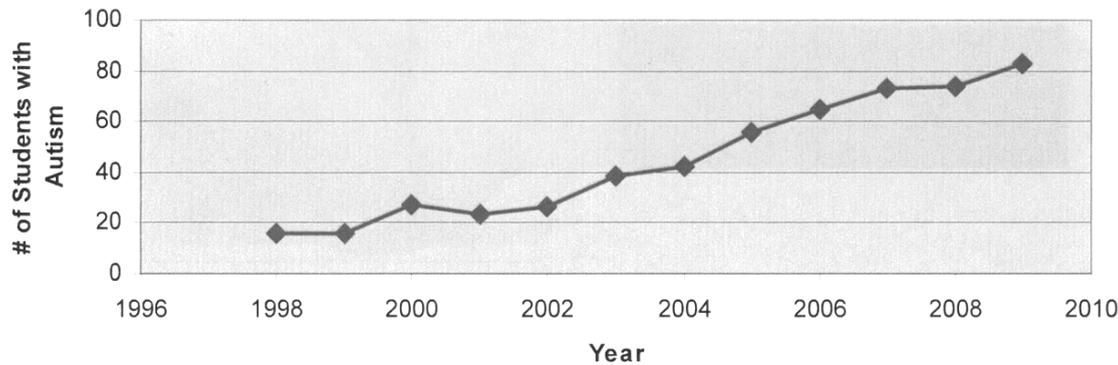


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Rise in Autism in ACPS from 1997-1998 School Year to 2009-2010
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Student Autism Rates Rise

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with autism benefit by being in a regular classroom, to better improve their social skills.

So far, Alexandria schools have prepared for the rise in autism by hiring two city-wide autism research specialists. Sarah DiGioia, who works out of John Adams Elementary School, is the specialist for the primary grades, and Deborah Hammer, who works out of Hammond Middle School, is the specialist for the upper grades. Next year, the schools plan to add more teachers specifically for students with autism and also to add self-contained classes for students with autism in more of the city schools, but the specific numbers have not been decided yet.

Currently, there are self-contained classes for students with autism only at Cora Kelly and John Adams elementary schools and also one at Hammond Middle School.

IN THE COMING SCHOOL year, more self-contained classes for students with autism will be added. The school system will be hiring two more teachers and two more paraprofessionals specifically to work with students with autism, using funding from the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act provision to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The schools will also be shifting from teachers for students with learning disabilities to teachers for stu-

dents with autism. The shift is in part because of the increase in the number of students with autism in the city and also because the city has changed the ratios of special education students to teachers. For students with more severe autism, the new ratio is to have six students per teacher and three students per paraprofessional.

Alexandria offers a unique opportunity for students with autism: Wesley McCune's music class. McCune, who has been working with students with autism for 20 years, began using the music of Bach when he taught students with autism. The results have been better than he'd hoped for. "I thought that the curriculum I'd developed would take me a whole year to get through and I was very surprised to discover that by the middle of October the children could already do what I'd hoped they'd be able to do by June," said McCune. The music seems to have helped some of the children to open up more as well. McCune said, "There's much more eye contact now with me. They're much more involved in what we're doing." McCune has received grants for his work and research, which might be used for more technology and training. He plans on delving further into the works of Bach with his classes next year. Two of his students will be moving on to middle school, but with the rise in autism, he expects that he'll have more new students with whom he will hopefully continue this year's success.

NEIGHBORS

Taylor Run

The Northern Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union turned out in large numbers (over 150) to eat crabs, elect officers, and hear a talk from Kent Willis, executive director of the Virginia ACLU.

There was a very lively Q&A session; ACLU members are especially good at that activity.

SOME GOOD NEWS

A bill overturned the Board of Elections ban on campaign buttons in polling places. ACLU had long worked on this denial of free speech.

Virginia became the 22nd state to pass a bill objecting to the federal ID law passed but not implemented by Congress in 2005. Taking the place of drivers' licenses and all other identity cards, it would require the total overhaul

of DMV procedures and pool background information from all sources.

RIGHT TO PETITION

Ten percent of voters in Colchester County signed a petition unseating three members of their Board of Supervisors. A district court judge not only denied the petition; he fined them \$80,000 for presenting it.

An ACLU-sponsored bill passed the General Assembly declaring such fines illegal, but the original petitioners are still in court trying to recoup their \$80,000.

VOTING RIGHTS RESTORATION

Virginia and Kentucky are the only two states in the U.S. which permanently deprive convicted felons the right to vote unless they make a personal appeal to the governor. Few manage that procedure.

ACLU formed a coalition to work on this problem. The Senate passed a bill automatically restoring the right after a sentence was served. It failed by two votes to get out of committee and onto the floor.

A STARTLING REPORT

The State Police formed what they called a fusion center to assess the threat of terrorism. They produced a secret 215-page report which ACLU obtained and leaked.

It used racial and demographic stereotypes rather than facts to predict terrorism activity. Richmond and Norfolk, for example, it declared dangerous because they contained black colleges.

AL QAEDA IN VIRGINIA

Most surprising was the statement that there had been 414 encounters with Al Qaeda here. No specifics or evidence were given.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2009

We salute the 109 members of the Class of 2009 who graduated Saturday, June 6. Here are just a few of their accomplishments, both as individuals and as a group.

Academics

- ◆ Accepted by 133 colleges and universities in 20 states, the District of Columbia, and England.
- ◆ Academic honors program offers and academic scholarships, including:
 - One National Merit Scholarship Finalist
 - 15 National Merit Scholarship Commended Scholars
 - One National Achievement Finalist
 - Three National Achievement Commended Scholars
 - 23 inducted into the Cum Laude Society
 - More than one third of the class received scholarship or merit aid
- ◆ 107 enrolled in 28 Advanced Placement courses - a total of 98 percent of the class.
- ◆ Participated in such prestigious programs as the Presidential Classroom; Virginia Governor's Schools; the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium at Georgetown University; the College Chemistry Experience at the Catholic University of America; and Model OAS, Model UN, and Model Judiciary.
- ◆ Recognized by the Alexandria Historical Society for excellence in the study of American History.
- ◆ Placed second in the State Economics Challenge Competition and contributed to winning the Virginia Mathematics League Regional Championship.

Community Spirit

- ◆ Conducted a blood drive for the local chapter of the American Red Cross.
- ◆ Helped prepare more than 15,000 sandwiches, helped collect more than 2,000 food items for the Salvation Army, delivered toys, wrote letters to wounded soldiers, and raised money for local people in need.
- ◆ Hosted a Special Olympics soccer tournament.
- ◆ Participated in international causes in Romania and the Dominican Republic.
- ◆ Contributed to the school's sustainability and recycling efforts, and maintained our section of Eisenhower Avenue for the Adopt-a-Highway Program.

Athletics

- ◆ 25 students participating in their sport next year at some of the country's top colleges and universities.
- ◆ Earned All-American status and Academic All-American status in wrestling, swimming, softball, field hockey, girls lacrosse, and boys lacrosse.
- ◆ Recognized as Athlete of the Year by the Alexandria Sportsman's Club in softball, field hockey, girls lacrosse, and boys lacrosse.
- ◆ Led the field hockey team to an undefeated season, and both field hockey and girls lacrosse won the league, tournament, and Virginia State championships.
- ◆ Led the baseball team to a co-IAC championship.
- ◆ Set new school records in track and field, swimming, and girls lacrosse.
- ◆ Earned the Virginia State Champion individual medal for boys golf.
- ◆ Many individual athletes named to All-State, All-Met, and All-League teams for their performances throughout their high school athletic careers, including two All-Met Players of the Year in field hockey and girls lacrosse.

The Arts

- ◆ Received a rating of excellent for the fifth straight year as a Level 4 wind ensemble at the Virginia District X Band Festival.
- ◆ Received a rating of excellent as a Level 5 string orchestra at the Virginia District X Orchestra Festival.
- ◆ Nominated in four CAPPIES categories, including Featured Actress, Featured Actor, Lighting Design and Creativity, putting each in the top five out of 61 productions.
- ◆ Won first place at 2009 Best of the Independent Schools Art Competition.
- ◆ Recognized in the silver performance category for vocal and piano at the Rotary Music Competition.

The members of the Class of 2009 have distinguished themselves in all areas of school life and in our community. As they leave us to attend some of this country's finest colleges and universities, we salute them for a job well done. We know that they will use their talents to become respected and worthy citizens of the global community that awaits them. Best wishes and congratulations!



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NEWS

Garden Party

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra celebrated its 6th Annual Garden Party at the historic home and garden of Ann and Mark Kington, the boyhood home of Robert E. Lee. Rain was in abundance, but so was the generosity of the Symphony's patrons, as more than \$52,000 was raised through sponsorships, tickets, and auction items. U.S. Sen. Mark R. Warner and Lisa Collis served as honorary co-chairs of the fundraiser; Donnan C. Wintermute chaired the event.

Proceeds from the Garden Party support the ASO's educational programming and concert operations for its 2009-2010 Inspired by Nature season. Further information is available at www.alexsym.org or by calling 703-548-0885.



A quartet of symphony musicians' greet guests at the annual garden party.



Vicki and Fabrici Vasques.



Party chair Donnan C. Wintermute and Michael Fogarty announce the start of the live auction.



Former U.S. Sen. John Warner arrives in time for the auction.



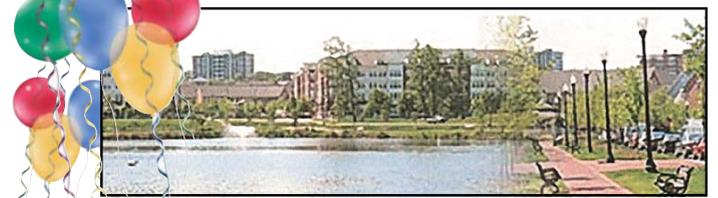
Party host Mark Kington talks with Fred and Tristi Lowther.



Garden party hostess Ann Kington greets guests in the entrance hall.

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OPINION

Teen Safety in the Summer

Washington Regional Alcohol Program's tips for keeping teen drivers and passengers safe.

Proms and graduation season is upon us. Most schools have organized events that deter drinking and driving around these joyous times, although there have been tragic exceptions in recent years.

Two years ago, on June 14, 2007, four young women died in on the Beltway in Springfield; two of them had graduated earlier in the day from West Potomac High School, and police reported that alcohol was found in the car.

The summer continues to be the most dangerous time of year for teens and drinking and driving. WRAP's top tips for parents to deter underage drinking and drunk driving this summer include:

- ❖ Talk. Parents can have a significant — if not most significant — impact as to whether their teens will engage in risky behaviors including the use of alcohol. Talk openly to your teen about alcohol.

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- ❖ Provide structure. The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse found that teen children of “absentee parents” were four-times more likely to abuse substances than children in structured homes.

- ❖ Host a party. Host a teen party in your own home following guidelines of no drugs or alcohol. Ask another parent to help chaperone; when a guest leaves, do not allow them to return; make your presence known; and if you suspect that a guest has used alcohol or drugs, contact their parents.

- ❖ Instill self-confidence in your teen by talking with them about peer pressure. At some point, your teen will be offered alcohol. As the National Institutes of Health points out, teens prefer quick “one-liners” that allow them to dodge a drink without making a big scene.

- ❖ Lay down the law. In Virginia, it's a crime to possess, transport or purchase alcohol if you're under 21. A new law went into effect

last year ensuring that teens convicted of driving after consuming virtually any amount of alcohol will lose their driver's licenses for a year.

- ❖ Even if you know your teen won't drink alcohol, make sure he or she also knows how to avoid getting in a car driven by someone who has been drinking.

- ❖ Beware of your civil liability. In most cases, it's unlawful for parents to allow their children's friends to consume alcohol in their home. If these same “friends” are later involved in a crash, the providing parents may be responsible for injuries, property damages and wrongful death. These same parents may also face criminal charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

- ❖ Be a role model. Parents, themselves, should be good role models by making sure their behavior is appropriate. Use alcohol moderately, serve as a responsible host and never drink and drive.

- ❖ If you suspect that your child is drinking, intervene. Talk to your child and obtain qualified professional help if necessary.

For more, see www.wrap.org.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

May Elections Are Valuable

To the Editor:

There are two compelling reasons why moving city council elections to November would diminish the role of informed citizens in choosing Alexandria's elected leaders. First, if elections are held concurrently with national and state elections, discussion of local issues will undoubtedly be muted by intense media scrutiny of more photogenic races. The singular focus on Alexandria's governance during the May election cycle is good for the city.

Second, Alexandria is a bedroom community to Washington D.C. and Tysons Corner with most registered voters working in D.C., Tysons Corner or Maryland. These voters may not have time or the inclination to learn about the issues and choose not to vote, which explains the low voter turnout of about 20 percent in local elections. However, moving the elections to November will increase turnout marginally by including party-line voters who create local coattails for national and state candidates. This may be time-honored politics, but does it make for quality local government?

Regardless of the reasons why off-cycle voting was originally

adopted it is a positive force. And don't believe it if someone tells you that few other jurisdictions have local elections outside the national cycle. In fact, at least 28 neighboring cities have elections outside of November, the majority occurring in May. These are in Fairfax County, Prince William County and Prince Georges County and include Vienna, Haymarket, Occoquan, Quantico, Dumfries, Berwyn Heights, Brentwood, Capitol Heights, Cheverly, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, District Heights, Eagle Harbor, Edmonston, Fairmount Heights, Forest Heights, Glenarden, Hyattsville, Landover Hills, Laurel,

Morningside, Mount Ranier, New Carrolton, North Brentwood, Riverdale Park, Seat Pleasant, University Park, Upper Marlboro.

Bob Martins
Alexandria

School Plan Too Hasty

To the Editor:

I am surprised that the Gazette has been such a mouthpiece for the ACPS plan to convert Alexandria middle schools into five

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Student Art



Alshun Taylor with a pen and ink drawing. T.C. Williams High School art students' 12th annual exhibition was on display at the Del Ray Artisan Gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Ave. last month.



“Untitled” by Chloe Maratha. Acrylic



Fireflies by Eliza VanZoeren. Oil paint on canvas.

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Invasive Plant Removal Day Dodging poison ivy and putting up with the drizzly skies last month, volunteers removed over 20 tightly packed 2 cubic foot bags of the invasive plant Garlic Mustard along Holmes Run from Van Dorn Street southward almost to the Bicentennial Tree. Through volunteers, the City of Alexandria was able to accomplish the annual Garlic Mustard removal work that the Horticulture Section has paid workers to do for the past six years. City funds were unavailable this year.

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smaller schooling units aspiring to the International Baccalaureate (IB) program. To date, you have not explored the character of the districts rapid-fire PR campaign — which stifled community debate, dissent, and alternative models— and you have ignored the traumatic effects upon students and teachers as this hasty conversion is forced upon them. In addition, your readers are unaware of the close-mindedness of ACPS staff and most of the Board to learn from 20 years of research about small school conversions — which has been shared with them — and their lack of response to IB’s studied ineffectiveness in closing the achievement gap around race and class. The School Board members (except for one, thank goodness) bought the ACPS staff proposal hook-line-and-sinker on June 4, without any adjustments or corrections, and despite clear evidence of parental dissatisfaction — voiced at one PTA meeting that none of them attended — over the haste of the process. What could have been a carefully planned, year-long conversion that involved the entire community in shaping school names, themes, curricular variations, and flexible teaching schedules, has instead been foisted upon the community a top-down, corporate restructuring of our children’s learning experience.

The grandiosity of the plan — to provide a “world class education” to all Alexandria children — serves instead to mask its likely intent as a longer term funding strategy. Either we will see a huge bond proposal after the federal stimulus money runs out, or the School Board will finally secure federal Title I dollars for some of the schools. In just a few years, the IB program will be too expensive to maintain in all five schools, so ACPS computers will adjust enrollments so that the majority of them become Title 1 populated and funded, while the other one or two are kept as islands of elite IB learning, which serve as magnet schools that meet Title 1 sanctions requiring district “choice.” In the end, the promises of an international circle dance that delivers “world-class education” to all Alexandria children will most likely devolve into a Title 1 two-step, which keeps pockets of elitism around race and class protected in the district. Given the window of opportunity that was here for community-based and equitable reform of the Middle Schools, the Board has chosen instead to allow ACPS staff to drive this silver bullet-train right past us, and on tracks that have not been well-laid.

Larry Golemon
6th grade parent,
the school formerly known as
“GW” Alexandria

Support
May Elections

To the Editor:

On May 5 the citizens of Alexandria elected new leadership to serve as their voice on local issues over the next three years. The new City Council takes office on July 1 and the next few weeks are an opportunity for incumbents and new members to work together in the best interest of the city. This is not a time to forge new policy.

The current issue at hand is the timing of the City Council election and moving it from May to November. For years this has been a topic of conversation and has yet to be resolved. On the heels of an election that yielded unexpected results to some, this issue has emerged as a priority by the current Alexandria City Council.

Alexandrians voted for a more balanced City Council in order to gain fresh perspectives and ideas. Pushing through political legislation during a lameduck session isn’t putting the citizens of Alexandria first.

The existing Alexandria City Council is holding a public hearing on Saturday, June 13 at 9:30 a.m. at City Hall (301 King Street) to hear your opinion on moving City Council elections from May to November beginning in 2012.

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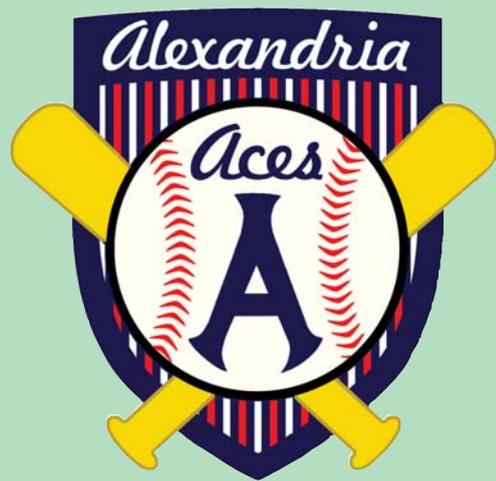
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OPINION



Jackson 20 wins the People's Choice Award for their crab balls.



Del Merei Grille was the winner of Kids' Choice (hot dogs) and Best Dressed Restaurant. Table theme was outdoor camping complete with tent and fishing gear.

Cooking Up a Fundraiser

Carpenter Shelter held its 7th Annual Cook-off at the Birchmere last month. Guests were treated to taste samples of food from over a dozen local restaurants and then choose their favorite. Proceeds from the event benefit the shelter.

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Here's what you can do to get involved:

1. Contact Alexandria City Council members by phone or email to let them know you support May elections. You can find all current city council members contact information on the city Web site at www.alexandriava.gov/Council.

2. Speak in person on June 13 to share your opinion. You may register in advance to speak by calling the City Clerk at 703-838-4550 or come and register that day.

Following the public hearing, the Council will take action on the proposed ordinance.

You will read and hear opinions leaning both ways on this issue. I want you to keep in mind that Alexandria isn't alone holding May local elections; at least 28 neighboring cities have elections outside of November, the majority occurring in May. These are in Fairfax County, Prince William County and Prince Georges County. There are good reasons to separate local politics from national and state level campaigns and I hope you will show your support for continued May City Council elections.

Frank Fannon IV
Alexandria City Councilman-elect

Reasons For Change

To the Editor:

We had hoped to be in attendance at this Saturday's public hearing on this issue. However, business has taken us out of the City. We so want to be on record in support of moving the elections

of Mayor, Council and School Board from May to November. We believe this is an important move to make because:

- ❖ The turnout for May elections is abysmal;

- ❖ People are accustomed to voting in November;

- ❖ The City of Alexandria, like many governments, is in a bad financial state. Why are we wasting money on all these elections while staff and services are being cut? Consolidate the elections!

- ❖ This move will also take the time of election away from the same time as the final work on the City budget. Finalizing the budget is a more worthwhile expense of time and effort!

We hope that the May and members of Council will consider our plea to move the elections when they undertake this matter on Saturday, June 13.

Richard and Ann Dorman

Stop Chasing Windmills

To the Editor:

Stop wasting our diminished trove of tax dollars trying to punish the railroad for using its long-standing transfer station to offload ethanol from tank cars into trucks.

Instead, challenge those who are the driving force behind this quixotic quest to explain why there is zero concern when this ethanol is blended with gasoline and then taken by trucks to gas stations in every neighborhood in Alexandria where it's transferred into underground storage tanks.

If the city council wants to have our city attorney be really productive, have him find and then seek

restitution from the develop-at-any-cost city officials who allowed an elementary school and an entire community to be built near an existing railroad transfer station.

Who are these asleep-at-the-switch people and what were they thinking when they approved placing a new, dense development so near the railroad transfer station in the first place?

Jim Roberts
Alexandria

Oppose Election Date Change

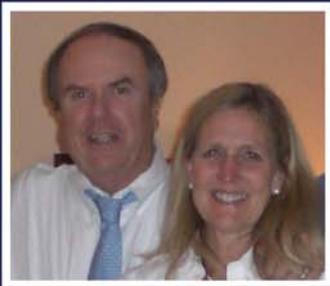
To the Editor:

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 re-

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\$775,000
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Classic Colonial façade with magnificent interior featuring glass walled

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1210
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See our top quality construction, open floor plans and magnificent site in the heart of Alexandria's Seminary area. This home is now almost complete and is awaiting your finishing touches! Special financing is available! Open Sun 1:30-4:30pm. I-395: Exit Seminary Rd East, R Pickett St, bear right onto Pegram St.



7501
Park Terrace Dr
\$1,300,000
Stunning!

Inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright's Prairie style, this 1.13 acre property sits on a bluff

overlooking acres of parkland with seasonal river views! Heart of redwood features, large room sizes, high ceilings and expansive glass window walls capture the natural beauty of grounds. Off GW Pkwy, 3 miles from Old Town. (Adjoining 1.18 acre available for \$975,000). Open Sun 1-4pm. S GW Pkwy, R Morningside Ln, R Park Terr Dr.



9380
Mt Vernon Cir
\$3,500,000
Private Waterfront Estate!

Stunning value! Majestic Colonial custom designed

to capitalize on panoramic water vistas from all four levels and dramatic riverfront swimming pool! Abundant superlatives include: Over 9,400 total sq ft, 4 levels, 5 BRs, 5.55 BAs, 7 fireplaces, stunning 2 level MBR suite, custom built-ins, dock with power lifts, the list goes on & on! Price slashed over \$200,000 to expedite sale!



8642
Braddock Ave
\$399,500
Huge Value!

This large rambler features four bedrooms, three full baths, an expanded kitchen, hardwood floors,

a full basement, large deck and covered parking. Prime location on triple lot near Mount Vernon estate. It needs a little TLC, but at this price, who cares!



9304
Allwood Drive
\$679,000

"Green" House!
Expanded and updated, this spectacular home features uniquely bright, open floor

plan, soaring cathedral ceilings and updated kitchen and baths. Expansion was done with carefully selected natural materials to minimize environmental impact. Prime location on large lot in the heart of Mount Vernon's nicest neighborhoods. "One of a kind" home!



9500
Ferry Hall Court
\$1,450,000
Dream Home!

Builder's loss is your gain! Originally priced at almost

\$2,000,000 - just reduced another \$300,000 to create a once in a lifetime opportunity! Stunning model offers the best of everything: open floor plan, high ceilings, 6BR, 6.5BA, 3 finished levels, top of the line kitchen & baths, 3 car garage and more!



4307
Sheridan's Point
\$854,000
Georgian Colonial!

Large Price Reduction! Classic updated Colonial in prime Mt

Vernon location. Home has a combination of location, size and features typically only available in \$1,000,000+ homes! Three finished levels, open kitchen/family room, stunning master suite, two bonus rooms on lower level and dramatic sun room overlooking private fenced yard. Just off the GW Pkwy - easy commute to DC!



4003
Belle Rive Terr
\$4,800,000
Riverfront!

Prime Mt Vernon location with the most breathtaking river views you have ever seen!

Over 11,000 sq ft with five bedrooms including main level river view master suite with enormous luxury bath and huge closets. Extensive balconies, deck and roof deck capitalize on the majestic setting high above the Potomac River.

STRATFORD LANDING!



8826
Camden Street
\$899,500
Gorgeous Setting!

There's nothing like it on the market today - fabulous new

Wakefield Home custom designed for this half acre lot overlooking acres of natural conservation land. Bright and open floor plan, high ceilings, granite countertops and two car garage. Pre-construction sale allows for maximum customization.



Brambly Lane
\$865,000
FREE FINISHED BASEMENT with BATH!
\$50,000 VALUE!
Pre-construction special makes this new luxury home available at a price

that is simply incomprehensible! Popular Stockton model with high ceilings, open floor plan, 4BR, 3.5BA, energy conserving features, oversize garage & more! (Picture of different model for illustration purposes only.)



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OPEN SUN. 1-4



1014 DALEBROOK DRIVE
Waynehood - \$659,900

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www.WaynehoodRealtors.com
Anita D'Antonio 202-460-1809
Elke Kohler 703-967-7633



OPEN SUN. 1-4



7957 BOLLING DRIVE
Wellington - \$999,900

10K CLOSING COSTS FROM SELLER! Custom designed and built! Grand 2 story foyer, 4Br/3.5Ba, gourmet kit w/wine cooler, den + office, custom closets. Prof landscaping w/fenced yd, brick patio. 2 car gar. Potomac & bike trails.

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Anita D'Antonio 202.4601809



624 S PITT ST
Old Town - \$1,299,000

NEW YORK LOFT-STYLE TH. Starting with the custom front gate & patio w/grape & wisteria arbors, you know this totally renovated home is special. Two 2-story atrium, skylights, state of the art kit including wine refrig & slate floors, MBR w/dressing/exercise rm, French doors in 2nd Br, sep stairs to 3rd Br. Outdoor Japanese garden, parking and too many custom features to mention. A must see!

ReneeSellsAlexandria.com
Renee Reymond 703.507.5330



NEW LISTING!
OPEN SUN. 1-4



6639 MORNING VIEW COURT
Alexandria - \$335,000

OVER \$15,000 IN UPGRADES! Beautiful 3 level, 2Br/2.5Ba Townhome in Landsdowne. Bamboo flrs main lvl, fresh paint thruout & new carpet. Updated bath & vaulted ceilings in Br. Finished FR w/full bath. Fully

fenced rear yd & deck. W/D. Pool & Tennis. Minutes to Springfield METRO.

Connie McKeen 703.866.8118



Just REDUCED!



1111 NEAL DRIVE - \$585,000

I am spacious, well-maintained with a terrific lot and looking forward to updates of your choice.

Both homes have hardwood floors, 5 bedrooms, Fireplace, 5 finished levels, great floor plan & are located just minutes from Old Town right off GW Parkway in a wonderful neighborhood. Close to shopping, Ft. Belvoir, DC, Pentagon and the bike path.

The Kohler Team Heidi 703.609.7367 or Elke 202.967.7633

COLLING- WOOD ON THE POTOMAC



1100 NEAL DRIVE - \$679,900

I am also spacious, have many updates & renovations, new kitchen and baths, front porch, 2 car garage & deck.



804 PENDLETON STREET
Alexandria - \$330,000

LAND — JUST LISTED! Buildable 2,342 square foot lot in desirable Old Town location. Original plans were for a 2,600+ square foot home on 3 levels with 2 private parking spaces approved by the City of Alexandria BAR for house shown in picture. RB zoning allows some mixed use. Call for details.

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2509 HUNTON PLACE
Alexandria \$619,900

STONEGATE FABULOUS! Jefferson model, 4 lvls, 3Br/2.55Ba, eat-in kitchen next to FR, sep dining room, hardwoods, extra high ceilings, Palladian windows w/plantation shutters, custom window treatments, brick patio off huge LL rec room, deck off LR, 2 car garage. Many upgrades. Shows better than a model!

Rose Mary Cousins 703.627.0404



OPEN SUN. 1-4

1915 DUFFIELD LANE
Alexandria / Belle Haven - \$565,900

Move right into this pristine, spacious 3 lvl brick garaged TH in conv Belle Haven on the Green. 3BR/3.5BA's, 2 FP's, new kit/baths, lux Mstr BA, fin low lvl w/built-ins, full BA & storage. Outdoor Patio. DIR: from GWPkwy S, R on Belle Haven Rd, R on Ft Hunt, L on Woodmont, R on Duffield.

Kim Muffler 703.282.7739



NEW LISTING!

7195 FAIRFIELD COURT
Alexandria - \$299,000

LIKE NEW 3 LEVEL TOWNHOUSE in convenient Woodstone, minutes to METRO, Belvoir & DC. 2BR, 1 full BA, 2 half BA with room to expand! Hardwoods, new AC, updated Kit & Baths. Lower level recreation room plus tons of storage. Fabulous deck & private fenced yard. Move right in!

Kim Muffler 703.282.7739



1819 DUFFIELD LANE
Alex / Belle Haven on the Green- \$560,000

Turn key 3 lvl TH w/garage backing to woods. 3-4Br/3.5Ba, open flr plan, new granite & SS, Kit opens to DR & LR w/FP, tree room & tiered patio. Updated thruout. \$40K in extras not included in price!

Suzanne Backus 703.338.3594
Francena Alvarez (Owner Agent) 804.690.1618



7701 KIRKSIDE DRIVE
Alexandria - \$532,000

5Br/3Ba home offers beautiful landscaping, lge deck off the DR to view the lush mature trees. Granite, SS & eat-in area completes the kit. Hdwd flrs thruout mail lvl. MstrBr suite includes a dressing room. Family room w/FP on LL.

Catherine.Foltz@longandfooster.com
Catherine Foltz 703.626.6914



Price Reduction!

2181 JAMIESON AVE, #410
Carlyle Towers - \$449,900

1,165sq ft of space. Foyer, lg kit. Enclosed balcony off LR & 2nd Br. Separate DR. Hallway to owner BR. BRs have ensuite baths & lots of closets. W/D. Parking. Storage.

Jery Beamer & Brian Hong 703.929.5764 www.brianandjery.com



Price Reduction!

8443 PORTER LN*
Stratford Landing - \$534,990

Bright & sunny 2Br/2Ba up, 2Br/1Ba lower w/FR, hwd flrs, large foyer, Euro kit cabs, ext MstrBr, large lot w/mature trees, screened porch, brick patio, pond in front, tandem 2-car gar.



Price Reduction!

8315 MAGIC LEAF RD*
Springfield - \$494,880

Move in condition for this 4Br/2.5Ba 2-car gar Colonial in serene wooded setting. Huge unfin w/out base, beautiful deck off FR w/ Sunsetter retractable awning.



RENTALS

- 2335 Glendale Terrace \$1,295**
Huntington Duplex 2Br/1Ba
Ellen Young 703.930.7616
- 7943 San Leandro Place #105C \$1,400**
Sequoyah Patio Home 2Br/1.5Ba 1 Pkg
Susan Batchelder 703.919.8359
- 5901 Mt Eagle Drive #212 \$1,400**
Montebello Hi-Rise 1Br/1Ba
Mike Lekas 703.927.9895
- 525 Bashford Lane #525-3 \$1,600**
Harbor Terrace Garden 2Br/1Ba 1 Pkg
Sheryl Lambson 703.217.7012
- 12106 Green Ledge Court #16 \$1,650**
Heights at Penderbrook Garden 3Br/2Ba/2FP
Brian Hong 703.929.5764

RENTALS

- 2546 So Arlington Mill Drive #D \$1,950**
Windgate of Arlington TH 2Br/1.5Ba
John Randolph 703.307.4182
- 1054 Paxton Street \$2,200**
Brookville Detached 4Br/2Ba
Louise Devers 703.795.9944
- 8043 Tanworth Court \$2,400**
Davenport Park Townhouse 4Br/3.5Ba 2 Pkg
Connie McKeen 703.626.4417
- 8548 Barrow Furnace Lane \$2,500**
Lorton Valley 4Br/3.5Ba/1FP
Sheryl Lambson 703.217.7012
- 5902 Mount Eagle Drive #1608 \$3,000**
Montebello Penthouse 4Br/3Ba 1Gar Pkg
Norma Stratton 703.966.0756



51 SKYHILL ROAD #303
Alexandria- \$318,000

WOW . . . Big, bright and private, 3Br/1.5Ba condo in the treetops. Nicely renovated kitchen, with granite counters and stainless appliances. Meticulously well-maintained, freshly painted, new carpets throughout. Walk to

King St METRO to commute or take the free trolley to Old Town.

Pat Garrity 703.298.2287



OPEN SUN. 1-4

819 DUKE ST
Old Town Alexandria- \$665,900

STUNNING TOWNHOUSE - Wonderful renovated 2 bedrooms/2 baths Historic brick TH with Gourmet Kitchen, Hardwood floors, separate DR, exposed brick wall, great closet space, beautiful patio and off street parking! Charm throughout!!! All this and

walk to all that Old Town has to offer - shops, King St METRO, restaurants & more. DIR: from King Street: South on Washington, Right on Duke to 819 on the Right.

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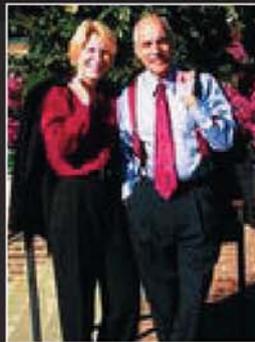
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JUST LISTED

1414 Cameron Street
\$689,500 | Old Town Alexandria
Vintage three bedroom row home just three blocks from King Street shopping, dining and metro. Tall ceilings, spacious rooms, hardwood flooring, living room with fireplace, inviting foyer lit by skylight, sleek renovated kitchen. Enjoy a peaceful and private back garden area and two cozy porches!

Liz Bucuvalas | 703.626.8400



CHARMING DEL RAY

114 Hume Avenue
\$699,000 | Del Ray
Historic plaqued, charming 1925 colonial with front porch that has been thoughtfully expanded with a rear two story addition. Center hall foyer, four fireplaces, four bedrooms, three and a half baths, pine floors and large rooms. Finished lower level with game room & storage. Screened porch with hot tub, deck, fenced yard and garage.

Sherry York | 703.625.3377



TOP FLOOR PENTHOUSE!

5250 Valley Forge Drive #805
\$290,000 | Wapleto
Top-floor, penthouse corner unit with stunning eastern & southern exposure. Private 400 square foot terrace plus 2 balconies! 1,374 sq ft, 2 BR, Den, 2 BA, 2 separate entrances into the unit, parking space #39 immediately outside the side condo entrance. These top floor units with the terrace rarely come on the market! Condo fee includes all utilities.

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NEW LISTING

6612 Nettles Lane #26K
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Ann Lockwood | 703.299.8643



CRAZY ABOUT CARLYLE!

2151 Jamieson Avenue, Unit 2101
\$835,000 | Carlyle Towers
Large 3 bedroom, 3 bath + powder room! Beautiful sunset views, bamboo floors, 2 glass enclosed balconies. Kitchen has breakfast room, spacious 17' dining room, main foyer, 2 garage spaces, 2 storage spaces. Master with sitting room and bedroom 3 is a separate suite with full bath. www.CarlyleTowers2-2101 MLM1606@aol.com.

Marie Louise Meyer | 703.836.2080



ARE YOU LOOKING...

2181 Jamieson Avenue, Unit 811
\$349,900 | Carlyle Towers
...for a one bedroom condo? Are you hoping to purchase a "best buy"? We have what you are looking for! This pristine unit in move-in condition includes hardwood floors, granite and marble, plus an enclosed sun room, eat-in kitchen, one and one half baths, washer and dryer, garage parking, extra storage and all of the Carlyle amenities!

Teddy Marchant | 703.402.0501



SUNNY FARMHOUSE COLONIAL

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!

Bonnie Rivkin | 703.598.7788



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!

8708 Bradgate Road
\$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.

Rachel Carter | 703.851.4207



CRAZY ABOUT CARLYLE!

2121 Jamieson Avenue, Unit 1603
\$668,500 | Carlyle Towers
180 degree views - end unit with lots of light! 2 garage spaces, storage. Custom French doors to glass enclosed balcony, many built-ins! Eat-in kitchen has rare window and lots of storage. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Dynamic, bright and open floor plan; crisp and white! www.CarlyleTowers2-1603 MLM1606@aol.com.

Marie Louise Meyer | 703.836.2080



CRAZY ABOUT CARLYLE!

2151 Jamieson Avenue, Unit 607
\$795,000 | Carlyle Towers
3 bedroom, 3 fulls baths, large, bright, open floor plan with 38'+ glass enclosed balcony with access from 3 rooms! Sunny east view of fountain & park. Wood floors! Large 19' eat-in custom kitchen with Subzero & pantry, expanded master, crown moldings. 2 Storage bins. Almost 2,000 square feet! www.CarlyleTowers2-607 MLM1606@aol.com.

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PRIVATE CONTEMPORARY

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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THE BEST OF OLD TOWN

414 Franklin Street
\$4,450,000 | Old Town Alexandria

This landmark Old Town property, circa 1780, originally served as a tavern and it is historically documented that George Washington spent his very last Fourth of July here! Sited on almost a one-half acre of beautifully landscaped gardens with swimming pool, this wonderfully charming four bedroom plus four and a half bath residence boasts original wide plank floors, five fireplaces, original hardware and a recently renovated kitchen with large family room addition. The brick carriage house includes a guest suite, game room plus two car garage. Just reduced to \$4,450,000.

Donnan C. Wintermute | 703.518.6156



REDUCED & RENOVATED - OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!

1203 Essex Manor Court
\$1,340,000 | Wellington
 New hardwood floors, carpet and neutral paint. Over 6000 square feet with high ceilings, 5 bedrooms, study, library, 4.5 baths 2 car garage, 1/2 acre, kitchen with granite, island, breakfast room. Sun room with music room overlooking deck and yard. Finished lower level in law suite, recreation room, hobby room, wine/storage area. Wayne-wood Elementary, 2 blocks to bike path. Dir: From Old Town: S on Geo Wash Pkway, R Morningside Lane, L Admiral, L Essex Manor.

Phyllis Patterson | 703.518.6158



CLASSIC COLONIAL

1005 Danton Lane
\$925,000 | Waynewood
 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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NEW PRICE!

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ALMOST AN ACRE!

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\$1,195,000 | South Alexandria
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SCHOOLS



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Burgundy Farm Country Day School's Class of 2009 with Middle School Head Nancy Kaplan (left, second row) and teacher Joel Christenson (left, third row) gathers prior to the graduation ceremony on June 4.

Class of 2009 Graduates from Burgundy Farm

Burgundy Farm Country Day School's eighth grade Class of 2009 graduated on June 4. The 31 students will attend a range of secondary schools, including private, public, and parochial schools

The following is a list of schools where the graduates were accepted: Bishop McNamara High School, Edmund Burke School, Episcopal High School, Flint Hill School, Georgetown Day School, Gonzaga Col-

lege High School, Maret School, The New School of Northern Virginia, Potomac School, Sidwell Friends School, St. Anselm's Abbey School, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, The Field School and Westtown School in Pennsylvania.

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16 Rosecrest Ave.



2181 Jamieson Ave. #1105

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6 W. Caton Ave.



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SCHOOLS

Choosing the Right School

Adapted from the National Association of Independent Schools. For more, visit the Parents' Guide from the National Association of Independent Schools at www.nais.org/go/parents.

START EARLY

Public schools take in new children all year round. But not independent schools. Most schools' admissions and financial aid timelines are like colleges; applicants start the process almost a year before they plan to attend.



Learn the deadlines — for both admission and financial aid — by checking websites. Call individual schools if you have questions. The entire process will be easier

on your family if you know the deadlines, keep track of them carefully, and give yourself plenty of time to meet them.

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Start by working with your family to determine your ideal educational community. Ask yourself whether the school would be: small or large; day school or boarding school; coeducational or single-sex; traditional or progressive; source of special programs; representing a diverse community;

and/or sensitive to your child's special needs.

CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES

Call potential schools to request admissions literature, and examine their Web sites. Then compare what you read there with what you're looking for in your ideal school. Among the questions you should ask yourself about each school:

Basic Facts: How many students does the school have? Where is it, and how does the location affect your transportation needs? For high schools, what are the graduation requirements? What percentage of students enter college, and what kinds of colleges do they attend? Is the school accredited, and if so, by whom?

Educational Quality: What is the school's mission, and does its philosophy appeal to you? Does it have a particular educational focus? Is the atmosphere competitive? Nurturing? Or what?

Beyond the Basics: What types of learning experiences are available—in class, on the playing field, in extracurricular activities, and in community service? Do the school materials discuss parental involvement?

Costs: What is the tuition? Are there extra charges, such as for books, lab fees, transportation, and so on? What are the

school's financing options? What is the financial aid application process? When are the deadlines?

SIX CONSIDERATIONS

Location. Size, both (a) average class size and (b) overall number of students in the school. Educational philosophy; ask questions such as, how are classes actually taught? How are expectations conveyed? **Curriculum:** core courses as math, the humanities, and science are taught, and is there a strong interdisciplinary emphasis? **Faculty:** see where the teachers went to college, whether their degrees match with what they teach, and whether they have advanced degrees in the subjects they teach. **Facilities.**

THE OPEN HOUSE: Although the majority of open houses occur in the fall, some schools have one right after the first of the year. Most schools list open houses in the admissions section of their Web sites; if you can't find the information there, call the admissions office. Check to see if you need to register or if you can just drop in. Also find out if there will be a formal welcome at the open house and what time it will occur. This brief presentation is an ideal opportunity to hear how the school head and admissions director speak of the school.

School Search Timeline

AUGUST: Finalize schools that you plan to inquire about.

SEPTEMBER

- ❖ Request admissions and financial aid material by phone or online.
- ❖ Review admissions materials to determine which schools to visit.
- ❖ Keep a calendar of pertinent deadlines for admission and financial aid and procedures, such as when schools start taking reservations for individual tours and interviews.
- ❖ Register for standardized tests—the SSAT or ISEE (for middle school and high school).
- ❖ Review the test Web sites to learn procedures and see sample questions; consider whether you want to buy a test-preparation book.
- ❖ Call to schedule individual tours, interviews, class visits, and "shadow days." Ask elementary schools about their test schedules and how to make an appointment.

For more see

OCTOBER

- ❖ Visit open houses.
- ❖ Call to schedule tours, interviews, class visits, and school-based tests if you haven't already.
- ❖ Attend information sessions and take tours.
- ❖ Finalize school(s) to which you will make application.
- ❖ Take standardized test.

NOVEMBER

- ❖ Follow through on activities you may not have completed, such as scheduling tours, interviews, class visits, and standardized or school-based tests.
- ❖ Continue to watch for open houses you may want to attend.
- ❖ Start lining up teacher recommendations.
- ❖ Start working on applications, financial aid forms, student questionnaires, essays, etc.

DECEMBER Complete any remaining applications, questionnaires, etc. Most application materials are due in January or early February.

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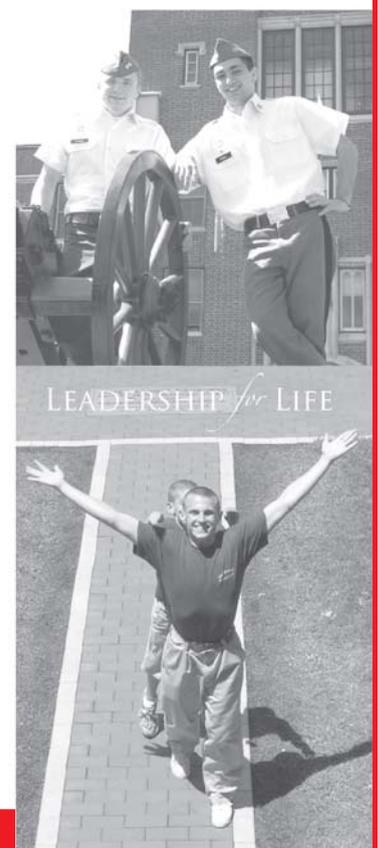
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Old Town Boutiques Celebrate Summer

Stores offer shopping extravaganza June 26-28.

BY STEVE HIBBARD
THE GAZETTE

The 21 independent stores in the Old Town Boutique District are celebrating summer with three days of special sales, gifts and events, June 26, 27 and 28.

Known for its one-of-a-kind, locally owned boutiques, the Old Town Boutique District offers a charming shopping and strolling experience that is an alternative to corporate chain stores and retail centers. The stores are different enough that they complement each other.

Events and discounts include Olive Oil tastings at La Cuisine, free lemonade and lip scrubs at Bellacara, candle design and personality match consultations at The Christmas Attic, free design consultations at Red Barn Mercantile, 25 percent off all summer baby wear at Apple Seed, and 25 percent off all Red, White and Blue at Diva Boutique.

"I think the beauty of Alexandria is the fact that many of the stores are privately owned and not chain stores, so you do find these pleasant surprises in the items you see," said Gossypia owner Amanda Lasker. Gossypia, which means "cotton" in Latin, specializes in eclectic clothing, turquoise and silver jewelry, Latin American folk Art, such as mini-nativities, Day of the Dead objects.

"I think the strength of our city is in the private stores. You tend to find more different things," she adds.

Alicia McCaslin, manager and buyer of Hysteria, says the advantage of choosing a boutique shop is that the owner has already "edited" the merchandise for its customers.

"I mean, we're doing a lot of the legwork



PHOTOS BY MAHAM AYAZ/THE GAZETTE

The Hour, 1015 King St.

of bringing these items so you don't have to do the research," she says. "We're using our eyes to select great gifts, or clothing or home items."

Hysteria, of 125 S. Fairfax St., offers contemporary women's clothing, accessories and jewelry with items like Royal Highnies, MZ Wallace bags and Jack Rogers sandals.

"There's a spirit here that's very unique for retail," said Victoria Vergason, owner of The Hour, which offers cocktail glassware and jewelry. "You can come to my store and get glassware, then you can go across the street and get some fancy underwear."

The Hour, at 1015 King Street, celebrates the art of the cocktail hour with the rebirth of cocktails. "It's bringing back the '40s, '50s and '60s flair but with a modern twist," she says.

She carries vintage cocktail glassware, handmade black lacquer trays, and designer collections. "My idea is to show the next generation how to throw glassware and

21 Participating Merchants

- ♦ **Apple Seed**, 115 S Columbus St, 703-535-5446, www.appleseedboutique.com
- ♦ **Bellacara**, 1000 King St, 703-299-9652, www.bellacara.com
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- ♦ **Little Monogram Shop**, 106 N Columbus St, 703-549-3777, www.thelittlemonogramshop.net
- ♦ **Mint Condition**, 114 S Royal St, 703-836-6468, www.shopmintcondition.com
- ♦ **Monday's Child**, 218 N Lee St, 703-548-3505, www.mondaychildofalexandria.com
- ♦ **Mystique Jewelers**, 211 The Strand, 703-836-1401, www.mystiquejewelers.com
- ♦ **Periwinkle**, 1557 Potomac Greens Dr, 703-519-5242, www.periwinkleshop.com
- ♦ **Pink & Brown**, 1212 King St, 703-684-1050, www.pinkandbrownboutique.com
- ♦ **Red Barn Mercantile**, 113 S Columbus St, 703-838-0355, www.redbarnmercantile.com
- ♦ **Stanton Gallery**, 121 S Royal St, 703-299-3055, www.stantonjewelry.com
- ♦ **The Christmas Attic**, 125 S Union St, 703-548-2829, www.christmasattic.com
- ♦ **The Full Cup**, 218 N Lee St, Ste 206, 703-836-9441, www.thefullcup.com
- ♦ **The Hour**, 1015 King St, 703-224-4687, www.thehour.com
- ♦ **The Shoe Hive**, 115 S Royal St, 703-548-7105, www.theshoehive.com
- ♦ **Treat**, 103 S St Asaph St, 703-535-3294, www.shoptreat.com

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To learn more about the Old Town Boutique District or to join its mailing list, visit www.OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com.

RAMMY Award Winners for Best Restaurants

More than 1,400 of the metropolitan Washington's restaurant glitterati gathered at the Omni Shoreham Hotel for the 27th Annual Restaurant Awards Gala, The RAMMYS. The "Oscars" of the restaurant community, The RAMMYS celebrate and honor the best restaurants, chefs, sommeliers, and hospitality employees of Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia. From a slate of finalists representing a wide range of styles, cuisines and neighborhoods, Robert Wiedmaier, chef/owner of Washington, D.C.'s Brasserie Beck and Marcel's, took home the 2009 Chef of the Year honors and Alexandria's Restaurant Eve, guided by the hand of chef/co-owner and 2007 Chef of the Year Winner Cathal Armstrong, emerged as 2009 Fine Dining Restaurant of the Year.

RAMMY Honorees:

- ♦ **Chef of the Year:** Robert Wiedmaier - Marcel's/Brasserie Beck/Brabo Tasting Room & the Butcher's Block, Wash., D.C.
- ♦ **Fine Dining Restaurant of the Year** — Restaurant Eve, Alexandria, VA
- ♦ **Upscale Casual:** Rasika, Wash., D.C.
- ♦ **Rising Culinary Star:** Anthony Chittum - Vermilion, Alexandria, VA
- ♦ **Best New Restaurant:** Cork, Wash., D.C.
- ♦ **Power Spot of the Year:** Central Michel Richard, Washington, D.C.
- ♦ **Neighborhood Gathering Place:** The Liberty Tavern, Arlington VA
- ♦ **Hottest Restaurant Bar Scene:** Co Co. Sala, Washington, D.C.
- ♦ **Pastry Chef of the Year:** Kate Jansen - Willow, Arlington.
- ♦ **Associate Member:** Belair Produce Inc./Watermark Foods
- ♦ **Wine and Beverage Program:** CityZen, Washington, D.C.
- ♦ **Restaurant Employee of the Year:** Juan Francisco Lopez - Marcel's/Brasserie Beck, Washington, D.C.
- ♦ **Restaurant Manager of the Year:** Ryland Johnson - Zola, Washington, D.C.
- ♦ **Your Favorite Restaurant:** (voted by online/newspaper ballot): Teatro Goldoni, Washington, D.C.
- ♦ **Duke Zeibert Capital Achievement Award:** Dimitri Mallios
- ♦ **WHERE MAGAZINE Visitors' Choice Award:** The Prime Rib
- ♦ **2009 RAMMY Honorary Award:** Billy Martin's Tavern

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

ONGOING

The Third Annual Alexandria Film Festival is soliciting entries from U.S. and international filmmakers. The festival will be held Sept. 24-27 at the George Washington Memorial Masonic Temple. This year, the Film Festival is partnering with Withoutabox, the film industry's premier online service platform. To submit your film online, visit www.withoutabox.com/login/7816. All entries submitted through Withoutabox will receive an additional discount. For more information or to obtain entry forms and submission guidelines, visit www.alexandriafilm.org. Call 703-838-6348.

THURSDAY/JUNE 11

Guided Walk. 6:45 p.m. Native Ferns, an Introduction. Free. With The Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society. Indoor lecture at 7:30 p.m. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.
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

Great Waves Free Admission. 5-7 p.m. At Great Waves at Cameron Run Regional Park. Enjoy burgers and hot dogs at 1959 prices in the newest pool shelter picnic area. At 4001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria.

Lox & Vodka Performing. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Mt. Vernon Nights Summer Concert Series at Grist Mill Park. Lox & Vodka, blend traditional klezmer with jazz, folk of contemporary flavors. Free concerts. At Grist Mills Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469).

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

Lantern Tours. 7-10 p.m. Tour Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., by candlelight with a costumed guide to see how guests experienced the historic tavern and hotel before the advent of electricity. Cost is \$5 per person, ages 5 and up. Call 703-838-4242.

SATURDAY/JUNE 13

2nd Annual Patriot 10K Race/ 3K Family walk for Polio Eradication in the World. 8 a.m. Starting and ending at Fort Hunt Park along Mt. Vernon Parkway. Race is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mt. Vernon. Call 703 360-1999 or 360-9162 for details and registration.

Establish an Herb Garden. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Workshop at Green Spring Gardens. Fee is \$50. At 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173

Take in the Blooms. 9-11 a.m. Come to Huntley Meadows Park and take a plant ecology hike with the naturalist. See the buttonbush, swamp rose, and lizard's tail all in full bloom. Reservations are required. The cost is \$6 per adult. Call 703-768-2525 to reserve. At 3701 Lockheed Boulevard in Alexandria.

Break A Board-a-Thon. Noon. Virginia Martial Arts

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Institute fund-raiser 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

Film and Gospel Concert. 5-8 p.m. "Come Walk in My Shoes" Film and Gospel Choir Concert. Part of the Juneteenth Film and Music Celebration. At MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. To purchase tickets online (\$25), visit: www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org or call 703-838-6348.

Arlandria-Chirilagua Festival. Noon to 7 p.m. Outdoor concert, Central and South American cuisine, music and crafts and the Reithoffer Carnival. At 24 West Reed, Alexandria, in the field next to the Cora Kelly Rec Center.

Tickets are \$5 advance purchase/\$10 at the door, children under 12 free. All access pass that includes unlimited carnival rides for adults are \$15/\$20 at the door, for kids \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door. Call 703-684-5697, ext. 310.

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. Admission is \$10 per adult (\$8 for AHS members) and \$5 per child aged 3 to 12 (under 3 are free). Call 703-768-5700 ext. 112 or visit the AHS web site at http://www.ahs.org/river_farm/09/community_green.htm.

Washington Revels Summer Solstice Festival Day. 1 p.m. Spend the day singing, dancing and picnicking with the Washington Revels. Those wanting to perform may sing in the chorus, act in a mummies' play, learn and do a Morris dance, or play in

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Farce Fares Well at Little Theatre

Gomez Stages Second Cooney Romp.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

Roland Branford Gomez is well known for staging a wide variety of shows at the Little Theatre of Alexandria from gentle comedies to major musicals. This month he returns to the works of a master of the British farce and those who enjoyed his production of "Run For Your Wife" four years ago will want to catch the new production of the even funnier "It Runs In The Family" which plays through June 27.

THE FARCE is another in the many written by an author well known in London's theater district but whose name is not very familiar to theatergoers on this side of the Atlantic. He is Ray Cooney, who has made a very good career out his ability to take a fairly out-



The cast of "It Runs In the Family" now playing at the Little Theatre of Alexandria.

landish situation and add layer after layer of complication while keeping the story clear for the audience to follow.

Gomez has the benefit of a very skillful cast but the production is notable for the director's ability to bring that cast together as a unit, working together in fine ensemble form and at a very high energy level. As a result, the two-and-a-

half-hour performance rushes by so fast you may come away thinking it is briefer than all that.

Mark Lee Adams kicks it all off as an English doctor rehearsing a speech he's about to give which he believes will elevate him to the chairmanship of his hospital's practice and might even bring a knighthood his way. With mere minutes to go till his introduction,

a nurse from his past shows up to tell him that a son was born from their liaison and the boy, now 18, wants to find his dad. Not good timing, this.

Throughout the evening's furious festivities, it is Adams' attempts to keep the powers that be within the medical community (as well as his wife) from knowing of his indiscretion from the past that drives the plot. Lies pile on top of lies as he desperately tries to keep things straight.

FARCE FREQUENTLY involves many complex relationships and this one is no exception. Populating the doctor's world are: Jeffrey Clarke, as a colleague onto whom he deflects suspicions about the parenthood of the boy who (in the person of Jimmy Day) shows up in green-spiked hair and a studded leather collar; Margaret Bush, as the former nurse; Jim Howard, as a con-

Where and When

"It Runs In The Family" continues through June 27 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street. Performances are Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - \$18. Call 703-683-0496 or log on to www.thelittletheatre.com.

stable who turns out to be the uncle of another colleague (Brian Clarke) who is rehearsing a Christmas show for the hospital patients and staff;

and, a very funny John Shackelford as a confused patient who may see the confusion more clearly than anyone.

The fun all transpires on an impressive set of the doctors' "common room" designed by Robert Gray in his first effort at LTA in three years. His is a welcome return as he had provided some marvelous designs in the past and this new one doesn't disappoint. Indeed, on opening night the mere sight of the set when the curtains parted was enough to generate the first ovation of the evening.

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Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway, and edits Potomac Stages, a Web site covering theater in the region (www.PotomacStages.com). He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.

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the band. Festival Day "Mini-Revels" performance at 5:30 p.m. At Fort Hunt Park. Go to www.revelsdc.org or call 301-587-3835.

TUESDAY, JUNE 16

How to Benefit from the Economic Stimulus Plan. 8:15-10:15 a.m. Panel discussion at the South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Room 22, Alexandria. Breakfast provided. \$15/early registration, \$20/late registration. RSVP to Rachel at 703-360-5008 or info@sfdc.org.

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Room 112 of the Hollin Hall Senior Center in Alexandria. Features a presentation entitled "Footnote.com: Your Gateway to the National Archives or Rummaging through Our Document Attic." The program will be presented by Jan Gavin Taylor. The Hollin Hall Senior Center is located 4 miles south of Alexandria just off Fort Hunt Road at 1500 Shenandoah Road in Alexandria. Free and open to public. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

Free Web chat with Dr. Keith Sterling, chief of interventional radiology at Inova Alexandria Hospital. 8 p.m. This is an online question and answer session about minimally invasive treatments for varicose veins. Call 703-504-3840.

THURSDAY/JUNE 18

Silent Auction. 6-9 p.m. To benefit the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria.

"The Fine Art of Jazz," an exhibition highlighting the names and faces



THURSDAY/JUNE 18

Peruvian Concert. 7-9 p.m. Free. By the acclaimed ensemble Alma Folclorica del Peru. Lead guitarist Juan Huaracaya and singers Nancy Carbajal and Estrellita de Amazonas will join Adrian Leyva, Gregorio Segura, and Jaime Milla on guitar, keyboard, and violin. At Fort Ward Park Amphitheater, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-883-4686 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

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.

Museum presents an illustrated lecture by historian C.R. Gibbs on the African Peoples in Texas. At 902 Wythe Street in the historic Parker-Gray community. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 20

Skatefest 2009. 2-7 p.m. At Wakefield Skate Park. For ages 5-50. The preliminary rounds of the skateboard competitions will be held on Friday, June 19 at Wakefield Skate Park from 4-7 p.m. Sponsored participants will ride along a check pointed route through the Wakefield Skate Park. A festival and 4 event Skateboard Competition will follow. Fund-raiser for Children's Hospital National Medical Center. At 8100 Braddock Road, Annandale. To sign up for SK8 For A Cause and the Skateboard Competition, visit www.skatefestfairfax.com, visit Fairfax Surf Shop (3936 Old Lee Hwy, Fairfax) or call 703-425-5400.

FRIDAY/JUNE 19

Alexandria Citizens Band. 7:30 p.m. concert. Jack Dusek, interim conductor. At Market Square, Old Towne Alexandria. Call 703-339-6643 or go to www.band.alexandria.va.us.

The Secret History of Juneteenth. 7-8:30 p.m. The Alexandria Black History

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LETTERS

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tain 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) 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 either 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 Council-
woman-Elect



PHOTO BY PAUL KADEL, CHINQUAPIN RECREATION CENTER

Remembering Mary Ann Fath

George Fath, Alexandria, flanked by some of his children and grandchildren, cut the ribbon and placed a dozen red roses on a new park bench dedicated May 6 in memory of his late wife, Mary Ann Fath. The bench is located at the City of Alexandria's Chinquapin Recreation Center. The bench was donated to the city in memory of Mary Ann Fath by friends who used the Chinquapin pool with her. Standing behind Fath are, first row, left to right, all from Alexandria are: Barbara Seaman, head of the bench fundraising effort; son Vincent Fath, and daughters Micheale Fath, Marie Fath, and Dennise Fath. Second row, left to right, are: grandchildren Stephanie Nasta and Ed Payton, and family friend Rod Swank. Mary Ann Fath, who died May 25, 2008, was an almost-daily user of the Chinquapin pool for more than 20 years.

Where Are City's Priorities?

To the Editor:

It is absolutely incomprehensible to me, who has lived in Alexandria for the last 24 years, that the City Council continues to be incapable of prioritizing our funding needs. For openers, if you look at the parks lately you will see that all of them need to be mowed. The reason they are not is that Parks and Recreation had to fire a couple of their personnel because of the economic turn down. This just happens to be one of a number of funding cuts that the City had to adopt during the FY 2010 budget process. At the same time the City has decided to initiate a Waterfront Plan and the Department of Planning is spending literally millions on consultants to do it. The Planning Department has a ridiculously large staff, yet they have to hire consultants to do their work.

Why are we initiating this plan during this terrible economic downturn? What's the hurry? This plan could be deferred indefinitely and no one would know the difference. All we citizens want for the taxes we pay is to have our streets and parks look pristine in addition to having top notch Po-

lice and Fire Departments. What we don't want is poor trash removal, unmowed public lawns, trashy looking newspaper boxes and sandwich boards all the way down King Street that we continually bump into.

Take the consultant money and provide it to those departments that need it, especially those who have had to lay off workers. This Council always wants to take the easy road. In this case they have raised our real estate taxes in addition to a raft of other taxes. So what we are ending up with are parks and streets that are going to look lousy while we are paying higher taxes for it. Welcome to the People's Republic. Next time vote the rest of them out!

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
Alexandria

Focus on Budget

To the Editor:

Supporters of keeping Alexandria's local elections in May have suggested that the elections attract voters who care about local issues. However, if these supporters of May elections really cared about local issues they would support moving the elections to November so that our City Council and Mayor can focus on

the City's budget. One of the top priorities of Council is to pass a budget by early May; however during this critical budget season, which affects our city more than any other action, Council members must divert their attention to campaigning instead. These local advocates should be more interested in having additional budget sessions and hearings so they can provide input on how our tax dollars are spent rather than having additional campaign rallies.

Kelly Thomasson
Alexandria

Avoid Confusion

To the Editor:

Moving the May Election to November for the City Council and School Board would affect the character of our City. The May election is a historical moment with its own singular importance.

The local election should remain separated from the long list of candidates in November elections. That may confuse voters.

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

Assemble Picnics

To the Editor:

Prompted by the May 14 Farmers' Market article: One of the Washington-based bus tour lines that routinely comes to Alexandria might feature a summer Saturday morning stop at the Market Square Farmers' Market for visitors to assemble their own picnic breakfasts to be enjoyed at picnic tables across Royal Street in the courtyard. Vendors who sell ready-to-consume items such as orange juice, coffee, muffins and ham sandwiches might have a balloon tethered above their stalls as a beacon. A volunteer could offer trays improvised from small, shallow cartons obtained from Safeway or Giant. In the absence of bus visitors, local people might like picnic breakfasts.

Sally Hunter
Alexandria

'Portraits of Success'

To the Editor:

It was truly inspiring to see more than 500 citizens, political figures, business and community leaders at the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's annual Spring Gala on May 9. They were there not only to help support the Scholarship Fund, but also to honor, as we

do each year, our "Portraits of Success" — recipients of Scholarship Fund awards who have achieved notable success in their chosen fields.

This year's Portraits of Success included: Tacheka Monique Bailey, T.C. Williams Class of 1999, a U.S. Public Health Service Officer; Marie Bangura, T.C. Class of 1996, who overcame severe injuries and is now an Institutional Review Specialist for the U.S. Department of Education; Sarah Fulwiler, T.C. Class of 2002, now a Special Education Teacher at T.C.; Sean Kumar, T.C. Class of 1997, an attorney; and Bruce Milton, T.C. Class of 1991, a successful videographer.

Every year, as it has for more than two decades, the Scholarship Fund helps T.C. graduates like those featured in our Portraits of Success go on to live their dreams of achievement. Few communities in the country have resources like this available. It's easy to see why so many in this city generously support the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. We thank you all very much.

While we certainly do have much to celebrate, the Scholarship Fund's mission and purpose are more important than ever before.

The cost of post-secondary education has skyrocketed in recent years. At the same time, high school dropout rates have climbed to an alarming level. Recent articles in the Washington Post have highlighted these troubling developments. One reported that tuition hikes have resulted in part from dramatic reductions in state funding to public colleges. George Mason University's state aid, for example, has been cut about 62 percent over the last 10 years, according to the article. Another reporter chronicled a growing number of students who have had to forego their preferred college choices due to financial limitations — a situation affecting even middle income and seemingly affluent families in the current economic climate. And while many students are struggling to pay for college, a growing number of others, regrettably, are not completing high school. A recent Washington Post editorial noted that nearly nine percent of Virginia public high school students in the class of 2008 had dropped out of school. That number was even higher in Alexandria.

Over the past 24 years, the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria has helped clear some of these obstacles to higher education for our community's students. Since its inception, the Scholarship Fund has provided more than 3100 T.C.

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Museum Employee Receives History Award

Civil War historian Wally Owen honored by Northern Virginia organization.

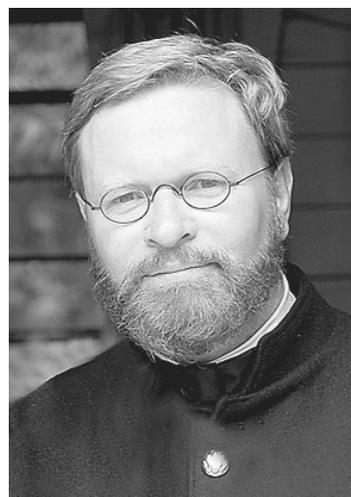
The Northern Virginia Association for History presented Wally Owen, assistant director of Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, with the Joseph L. Harsh Award at a luncheon on Saturday, May 2, in Fairfax. The annual honor is named for the founding president of the Northern Virginia Association for History and former chair of history at George Mason University, and is presented in recognition of significant contribu-

tions to history and historic preservation.

A native Alexandrian, Owen is a Civil War historian respected for his research, lectures and publications, including the book "Mr. Lincoln's Forts: A Guide to the Civil War Defenses of Washington." Co-authored with B. Franklin Cooling, this book about the Union forts protecting the Federal capital during the Civil War is being republished with updated information later this

year. Owen is also a member of the 1971 T.C. Williams High School State Championship football team made famous by the movie "Remember the Titans."

His professional experience includes curatorial work for the National Archives, and cultural assessment studies for Civil War sites throughout Northern Virginia. Owen has served as assistant director and curator of Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site since 2002.



Wally Owen, assistant director of Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site

Elizabeth 'Buff' Walke Celebrates 100 Years

Former long-time resident of Alexandria, Elizabeth "Buff" McDonald Walke celebrated her 100th birthday on May 24. Walke wishes all friends to know that she is in good health and can still touch the palms of her hands on the floor. She lives with her daughter, Sali Walke, and divides her time between homes in Saco, Maine and Palm Coast, Florida.

Walke received her early education in Harpers Ferry, W.Va. and in Boston, Mass.

Following graduation from Hillsdale College, Michigan, she became an elementary school teacher, teaching first in Big Island,

Va., then in Mount Jackson, Va., and later in Alexandria. She married Commander Richard Walke, U.S. Navy, of New York City, in 1945. Residing in Alexandria, they had one child, Sali Walke. Widowed in 1960, Walke continued to reside in Alexandria until 1978, at which time she moved to Maine at her current address.

Her favorite pastimes have included enjoying the beach in Maine and traveling to different places in the Americas and Europe.

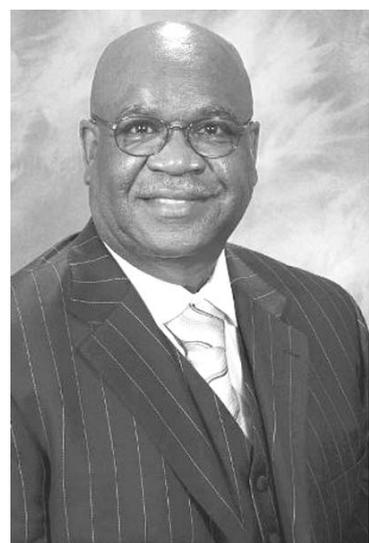
Her family included her father, Dr. Henry T. McDonald, who, from 1899 to 1944, was president of Storer College in Harpers Ferry, a school founded immediately following the Civil War to educate

African-American teachers (closed in 1955), and was a leader in the effort to establish Harpers Ferry National Park. Her mother was Dr. Elizabeth McDonald who taught languages at Storer. Her siblings: Mrs Francis Caywood (deceased) of Hartford, Conn.; Mrs Marian Durkee (deceased) of Alexandria; and Lieutenant Commander Frank McDonald, U.S. Navy (Retired) of Portsmouth, Va.

Although Walke has lived in many places, she often speaks with special fondness of Alexandria and its people. She would love to hear from friends. Her addresses are 356 Ferry Road, Saco, Maine 04072 and 50 Osprey Circle, Palm Coast, Florida 32137.



Elizabeth "Buff" McDonald Walke



Ministry Degree

Lee Earl of Alexandria received a doctor of ministry degree from Ashland Theological Seminary in Ohio during the commencement ceremony on June 6.

Festive Fund-raiser

PHOTO BY JERRY VERNON/GAZETTE

Meredith Wade (front), Nora Partlow and other supporters enjoy the festivities at the annual Fiesta Cinco De Mayo fundraiser. The event, held at Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, offered regional flavors, drinks, salsa dancing, silent auction and a raffle as a fund raising program to benefit the Arlandria Health Center located on Glebe Road in Alexandria.

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graduates with over \$6 million in scholarships. On May 28, the Scholarship Fund will be honoring the T.C. Class of 2009 scholarship recipients, who, collectively, will receive more than \$360,000 in funds for higher learning this year.

The Scholarship Fund's staff also advise scores of T.C. students and their parents every year on how to navigate the complicated maze of financial aid forms and programs, so they can take full advantage of other available financial resources. Indeed, for every dollar of scholarships awarded by the Scholarship Fund each year, our students also receive an additional \$6 to \$8 of financial aid from other sources, on average.

But our students must remain in high school in order to achieve the promise of higher education. The Scholarship Fund works to address this issue, too. Through targeted outreach to our schools — even elementary schools — the Scholarship Fund helps students form the vision and expectation that they can and will remain in school and pursue post-secondary education. Additionally, countless T.C. students see others just like themselves featured in the "Portraits of Success" which adorns the walls of the Scholarship Fund office. Many of those honorees overcame poverty, English language limitations and other challenges to have promising careers in medicine, law, journalism and many other fields. In that way, our Portraits of Success help inspire T.C. students to see that they, too, can attain similar successes.

We at the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria are proud of what we do, and gratified by the generous support our community provides. But to continue to advance our important mission, and to build on our successes, we need your help more than ever.

As our students make the most of the opportunities we provide and get ready for college, let's make sure they have both the vision of achieving higher education, as well as the financial resources to get there. With your help and support, T.C.'s hallways from one end to the other will be lined with Portraits of Success.

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'Sense of Anticipation' Greet's Aces' Second Season

Alexandria's baseball team kicks off second year with "long term potential" in mind.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Being one of just three players back for a second season of Alexandria Aces baseball, right handed pitcher Max Knowles from University of North Carolina-Wesleyan noticed a different vibe in the dugout almost as soon as he stepped foot in the dugout at Four Mile Run Park a few weeks ago.

Just like the year before, the Aces' inaugural season in the Cal Ripken Senior Collegiate Baseball League (CRSCBL), Knowles was presented with a clubhouse full of new faces and names to learn. But this time around, despite having just completed his sophomore year in college, Knowles is a grizzled veteran.

"Coming back, it's a little more of a leader role because people are asking you questions about the coaching staff and how things are run," said Knowles. "There's always that awkwardness the first week or so when it's a new team, but I would say there's less nervousness this year."

The same could be said for the entire Alexandria Aces franchise as it enters its second season providing Alexandria with a



Pitcher Kent Worthington and the Alexandria Aces kicked off their second season in the Cal Ripken Senior Collegiate Baseball League this past weekend.

collegiate wooden bat baseball team. While the struggling economy has minor league teams of all kinds anxious about how families will choose to spend their disposable income this summer, team president Pat Malone and the rest of the franchise can point to last season's inaugural campaign in which the Aces drew more fans than all but one team in the CRSCBL.

MALONE, who was a member of the Washington, D.C. Baseball Commission during

the 1980s and early 1990s as they tried to bring a Major League Baseball franchise to the area, came up with the idea for the Aces franchise back in 2006.

Alexandria had been without summer baseball since 1983, when the Class A Alexandria Dukes left town to become the present day Potomac Nationals. The 15-year lapse didn't seem to affect the enthusiasm and reception the Aces received from the community, though. Last summer, the team drew close to 3,000 fans for their 21 home dates,

and Malone thinks that number will only grow once Alexandrians realize there's quality baseball at an affordable price literally in their backyards. The Aces play at recently renamed Frank E. Mann Field in Four Mile Run Park next to Cora Kelly Recreation Center.

"We see the long term potential of the Aces in Alexandria and we're starting to build a following," said Malone. "We have a sense of anticipation that we didn't have. Last year nobody knew about us and we were reintroducing the city to wooden bat baseball."

THERE WEREN'T many that knew about Knowles when he arrived in Alexandria last summer. He was coming off a freshman season at UNC-Wesleyan in Rocky Mount, N.C., in which he pitched just 16 innings, amassing a 1-1 record.

But he "worked on some things" over the summer with the Aces and closed his sophomore season as his college team's No. 3 starter with a 5-2 record. That gets down to the crux of why the Alexandria Aces and the seven other teams from around the area that make up the CRSCBL exist.

Now in his second season as manager of the Aces, Eric Williams thinks the best part about the league is watching college kids come in for the summer, get acquainted with some new teammates and philosophies, and then use those experiences to further their own games.

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ALEXANDRIA SPORTS BRIEFS

T.C. Williams Wins Rugby State Title

The T.C. Williams rugby team captured its first-ever state title this past weekend, shutting out Menchville of Newport News, Va., 28-0, on a game played in Alexandria on the Titans' home field. It was the first time that two school clubs would vie for a Rugby State Championship in the two-year-old Rugby Virginia League.

T.C. Williams was led by inside center Abu Kamara, who got the scoring going with two tries in the first half. Down 14-0, Menchville was able to calm the tempo of the game, retain possession of the ball, and make forays near the TC Williams goal line, only to be pushed back by a strong TC defense.

The game entered halftime with a 14-0 score. Menchville battled in the second half to get back in the game. Near the end of the second

half, TC Williams was able to build on its lead and finish the game with two more scores from Brandon Burke at the 61st minutes and another from Kamara in the 63rd minute.

It was the first time that TC Williams won a title as part of the two-year-old Rugby Virginia League. Led by coach Jeff Murphy, T.C. Williams will build on this win with their deep roster, youth, and quality coaching provided by Coach Jeff Murphy.

Youth Track Star

Alexandria resident Bobbie Parham, III, a 9-year-old fourth grade student at Patrick Henry Elementary School shined at a recent youth track meet on June 6. At last weekend's district youth track meet, which included athletes from all over Northern Virginia, Parham took first place in the 100-meter dash and third



The T.C. Williams rugby team celebrates its first-ever state title last weekend.

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FROM PAGE 10 children, will speak on the continuing programs of El-Shaddai Charitable Trust. At Mindful Hands, 211 King Street. Call 703-740-7994; El-Shaddai Charitable Trust: www.childrescue.net; or Mindful Hands: www.mindfulhands.com.

Volunteer Fair. 4-7 p.m. Offers opportunities for older adults. A "Sail into Service" event co-sponsored by Catholic Charities' RSVP program, AARP, and Volunteer Alexandria. Alexandria's Vice Mayor "Dell" Pepper will be guest speaker. At St. Martin de Porres Senior Center, 4650 Taney Ave, Alexandria.

SATURDAY, JUNE 20

Meade Memorial Episcopal Church will sponsor an All-You-Can-

Eat Crab Feast on Saturday, June 20 from 6-10 p.m. at 322 North Alfred Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$45. Call 703-549-1334. Proceeds will be used to fund the church's activities such as the feeding program for the homeless.

TUESDAY/JUNE 23

Workshop for Business Owners. 8-10 a.m. King Street Retail Strategy. Workshop will demonstrate how the best practices of modern merchandising and store planning can be applied to small to medium sized stores and restaurants to increase customer satisfaction and to improve sales. At City Hall, Room 2000, 301 King Street. Facilitated by Bob Gibbs of Gibbs Planning Group Inc.

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In Memoriam

Mrs. Eleanor Massie
May 18, 1941 - June 13, 2001



Mom. It has been now 8 years. Mom it's still so hard to say goodbye, but I truly know you're in a better place.
Love always,
Your devoted son
Billy T. Massie

OBITUARY

Frances Bailey

Frances Real Bailey, 91, died May 31, 2009 in Hilton Head, SC.

She was predeceased by husbands, James A. Somerville, Roger B. Douless, W. Neal Bailey and, daughter Jane Somerville McGhee. Born in McCook, Nebraska, Mrs. Bailey graduated from Texas Tech College in 1938. After graduation, she worked for Farmer's Home Administration where she and Mr. Somerville met and married in 1942. They lived in the Washington, DC area for over 30 years.

She is survived by three children, James (Bobbie) Somerville of Hilton Head, SC, Frank (Lyn) Somerville of Little River, SC and Nancy Somerville Korvin of Rochester, NY.

A memorial service will be held in Hilton Head, SC on a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Red Cross would be gratefully appreciated.

The Island Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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
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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

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

There will be a Special City Council Installation Meeting of the newly elected City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2009. The meeting will be held at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia.

For information, please call (703) 746-4550.

Jacqueline M. Henderson

City Clerk and Clerk of Council

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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

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

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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review Parker-Gray District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2009-0058
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 702 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Alamin & Nadia Negash

CASE BAR2009-0059
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 702 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Alamin & Nadia Negash

CASE BAR2009-0109
Request for approval of demolition at 224 N Fayette St, zoned CRMU/M Commercial
APPLICANT: William Cromley

CASE BAR2009-0110
Request for approval of alterations at 419 N Patrick St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Robert A Grove

CASE BAR2009-0111
Request for approval of alterations at 516 N Alfred St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Gregory Nelson

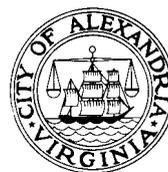
Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 838-4666

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No 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

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



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 10-3-2 (COMMUTER BUS AND HIGH OC-

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CUPANCY VEHICLES LANES) of Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS) and Section 10-3-1242 (PARKING IN SPACES RESERVED FOR PERSONS WITH A DISABILITY) of Article B (RECKLESS DRIVING, SPEEDING, ETC.), both of Chapter 3 (OPERATION OF VEHICLES), Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC); and Section 10-4-44 (PARKING PROHIBITED IN HOV LANE) of Chapter 4 (STOPPING, STANDING AND PARKING), Title 10 (MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The ordinance seeks to enhance compliance with disabled parking restrictions and high-occupancy vehicle ("HOV") lane restrictions by increasing the penalties for violations of the City Code provisions that govern the use of HOV lanes and of parking spaces that are reserved for use by disabled individuals. It increases the fines for HOV lane moving violations, making them equal to the fines imposed by the Commonwealth of Virginia on state-maintained roads. The new fines will be \$125 for first offense, \$250 for a second offense that occurs within five years of the first violation, \$500 for a third offense that occurs within five years of the first violation, and \$1000 for the fourth or subsequent offense that occurs within five years of the first violation. The ordinance also increases from \$50 to \$200 the fine for parking in a HOV lane during the hours when the lane is designated for HOV use, and increases to \$500 the fine for unauthorized parking in a parking space that is marked as reserved for individuals with disabilities.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the 1992 Master Plan (2008 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2008-0008 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2008-0008 to amend the Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan Chapter of the 1992 Master Plan (2008 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, to include the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan.

AN ORDINANCE to grant to Verizon Virginia, Inc., its successors and assigns a franchise, under certain conditions, permitting the grantee to use the public rights-of-way in the City of Alexandria, for the design, construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications system, excluding cable services, in the City.

The proposed ordinance grants a franchise to Verizon Virginia, Inc., to provide telecommunications services, excluding cable services, in the City.

AN ORDINANCE making supplemental appropriations for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2009.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of the supplemental appropriations for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2009.

AN ORDINANCE making provision for the support of the government of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for fiscal year 2010.

The proposed ordinance appropriates funds for the operation of the city government in fiscal year 2010.

AN ORDINANCE approving and authorizing the sale of property owned by the City of Alexandria, located at 322 Westmond Drive in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

The proposed ordinance authorizes the sale of the City owned property at 322 Westmond Drive.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 2-5-33, 2-5-35, 2-5-36, and 2-5-37, in Article C (EMPLOYEE HOMEOWNERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM) of Chapter 5 (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

The proposed ordinance amends the Employee Homeownership Incentive Program to increase the maximum loan to be used at closing on the property from \$5,000 to \$10,000. The ordinance will also make the loans secured rather than unsecured personal loans, and makes two technical corrections related to the allowable purchase price level for the program.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sec-

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tion 2-4-140 of Article S (ALEXANDRIA-CAEN SISTER CITY COMMITTEE), Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), of Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance changes the membership of the Alexandria-Caen Sister Cities Committee from a 17 member committee, with 16 members who are citizens-at-large and 1 member representing the Sister Cities Committee, to a 17 member committee of which all 17 members are citizens-at-large.

AN ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 4584 for the purpose of authorizing the City Manager and Director of Finance of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, or either of them, to accept a bid for the purchase of all or a portion of the bonds authorized under Ordinance No. 4584 as Build America Bonds under the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and irrevocably designate such bonds as Build America Bonds.

The proposed ordinance would amend Ordinance No. 4584 in order to authorize the City Manager or Director of Finance to accept a bid for the purchase of all or a portion of the bonds authorized under the foregoing Ordinance as Build America Bonds, under the provisions of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, and irrevocably designate such bonds as Build America Bonds.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-2-21 (CHANGES IN VIRGINIA STATE-WIDE FIRE PREVENTION CODE), Article B (FIRE PREVENTION), Chapter 2 (FIRE PROTECTION AND PREVENTION), Title 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended

The proposed ordinance removes the amount of specific fire prevention fees from City Code and permits City Council to set the amount of those same fees from time to time by resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Environmental Action Plan (Phase II) for the Eco-City Alexandria Project and Setting the Plan for Public Hearing on Saturday, June 13, 2009.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Final Report of the Affordable Housing Initiatives Work Group and Consideration of Recommendations From the Work Group.

AN ORDINANCE to adopt Section 2-2-1 (NOVEMBER ELECTION OF MAYOR AND COUNCILMEN) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance changes the election of the Mayor and City Council from the May general election cycle to the November general election cycle.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-4 (COMPOSITION, TERMS AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES), Article A (GENERAL PROVISIONS), Chapter 4 (COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance imposes a maximum service period of 10 consecutive years for any member of a board, committee or commission, unless the term of service is otherwise governed by state law, City code or by another document that creates the committee, board or commission. There is a phase in the period for incumbents impacted as of the effective date. The maximum service term may be waived by City Council by resolution.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 2-2-10 (ESTABLISHMENT OF ELECTION DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES), Chapter 2 (ELECTIONS), Title 2 (GENERAL GOVERNMENT) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance changes the locations of two voting places in the City. The Charles Houston Recreation Center would replace the Fire Department Headquarters as the voting place in that district and the Patrick Henry Recreation Center would replace St. Martin de Porres Senior Center as the voting place in that district.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

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Catcher Will Davis (right) talks with a teammate during Monday night's home opener, won on a walk off homerun by Tommy Grandieri.

Aces Kick Off Second Season

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And like Malone and Knowles, he thinks a year under his belt will help everything run that much smoother. This year's roster has 29 college players from as close as nearby Mount St. Mary's College in Maryland and as far away as University of San Francisco in California.

“The organization is a little stronger, a little more put together,” said Williams, who has previously coached high school baseball in the area at Annandale and Lee High Schools. “Just the familiarity with the ballparks and the whole league, and what to expect at different places is better. We only have three guys returning, so the key early on is getting to learn who is capable of doing what.”

In the first week of this new season, Williams has liked the contributions he has gotten from catcher Will Davis (Penn) and power hitters Brad Johnson and Landon Joost of Yashiva, an Arizona school that plays with wooden bats during the college season.

The Aces started this season 1-2 after finishing in fifth place with a 16-24 record. The team has 18 more home games on their schedule. To find out when they are and what sort of promotions the team is offering this summer, go to

Aces Open With a Walk Off

The plan was for the Alexandria Aces to open up their second season in the Cal Ripken Senior Collegiate Baseball League last Friday night with a dedication of their home turf, Frank E. Mann Field in Four Mile Run Park. Mann was a former Alexandria mayor and GM of the Alexandria Dukes back in the 1980s.

But the continual downpour that dominated the region last week wreaked havoc on the Aces' home opener, canceling the game and moving the dedication ceremony inside to nearby Cora Kelly Recreation Center.

But the team more than made up for the scheduling snafu in dramatic fashion Monday night, winning their new home opener, 2-1, over the College Park Bombers after outfielder Tommy Grandieri (Penn) jacked a walk off homerun in the bottom of the 10th inning. Pitcher Kent Worthington threw seven innings of shutout ball.

The Aces improved to 1-2 on the season with the win. They have road games Wednesday and Friday before returning back to Alexandria for a double-header on Saturday afternoon.

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“The biggest thing I'd like to see this season is more people come watch games, bring their families, and just be a part of the experience,” said Malone. “We have a venue where people can see wooden bat baseball at an affordable price and literally get to see future stars today. It's really good baseball, we think we have a great product.”

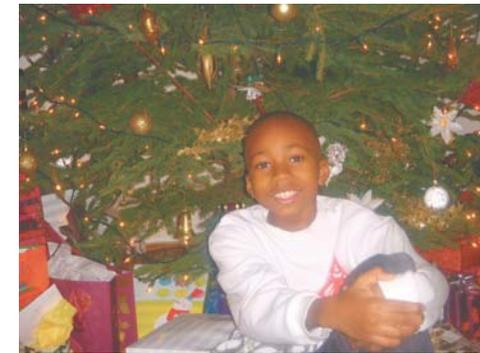
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place in both the 4x100-meter relay and the long jump. He had advanced to the district meet thanks to three second-place showings at an earlier Alexandria city meet. He has now advanced to the State track meet and will represent Northern Virginia as the top male runner for the 9 and ten-year old boys' age group in the 100-meter dash.

Swim Results

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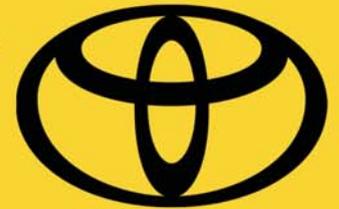
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