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Alexandria Hospital Foundation Chair Joe Viar opens the Julia Johns awards ceremony at his home.

1872 Tribute

The 1872 Society's 17th Annual Membership Reception brought forth members from Mt. Vernon and Alexandria to pay tribute to the 2009 Julia Johns Award of Distinction honorees. The awards are named after Julia Johns who led a group of women who brought the Alexandria Hospital into being on Dec. 12, 1872.

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.

Gincy Carosi received special recognition for her work with the 1872 Society and the TWIG.



Wendi shares a moment with her dad Tom Fields before the award presentation.



Michael Summers and Cork Colburn.

Deeds, Indeed

Voters cite Post endorsement and ability to beat GOP as key factors.

By JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE GAZETTE

said Gorin, who works for the National Association of School Psychologists.

Just minutes after gubernatorial candidate Terry McAuliffe and his family finished voting at their home precinct in Spring Hill Elementary School, Susan Gorin walked through the door.

Gorin, like McAuliffe, is a McLean resident with a home near Tysons Corner. She and the former Democratic National Committee chair live so close to each other that they are likely to get stuck in the same traffic jam on any given weekday afternoon.

But Gorin voted for state Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), whose home county in central Virginia is so rural, it doesn't contain a single stoplight.

"I am in education and the teachers' union endorsed Deeds. The Washington Post endorsement [of Deeds] also impressed me,"

TERRY MCAULIFFE may be a Fairfax County resident and former Del. Brian Moran used to represent part of the jurisdiction in the Virginia House of Virginia Delegates. But Deeds beat both candidates statewide and in Fairfax County to become the Democratic Party's nominee for governor this week.

"Wow. ... No one could have imagined what we accomplished here tonight," said Deeds to his supporters at a victory party in Charlottesville on election night.

Across the commonwealth, Deeds received about 49.73 percent of the vote to McAuliffe's 26.43 percent and Moran's 23.84 percent. Just under 20 percent of the primary ballots were cast in Fairfax County, where Deeds, win

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Wagner Wins Easily

Former Virginia Secretary of Finance Jody Wagner easily won the Democratic Party's nomination for lieutenant governor over political consultant and Arlington County resident Mike Signer in a primary June 9.

She will face current Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling (R), who is running for his second term, in November's statewide general election.

Wagner, a Virginia Beach resident, received 74.21 percent of the vote overall in Virginia to Signer's 21.3 percent. Russell County Supervisor Jon Bowerbank, who dropped out of the race May 18 and endorsed Wagner, still appeared on the ballot and received 4.48 percent of the vote statewide.

Wagner, a veteran of Gov. Mark Warner and Gov. Tim Kaine's administrations, performed better in Fairfax County than she did statewide. In the county, where approximately one fifth of the statewide votes were cast, Wagner received 78.42 percent of the vote to Signer's 17.74 percent and Bowerbank's 3.83 percent.

Signer, who was also a member of the Warner administration, performed slightly better in the City of Fairfax than he did in the statewide vote. The Arlington County native received 24.31 percent of the vote to Wagner's 71.86 percent. Bowerbank also garnered 3.81 percent of the vote in the city.

A few Democratic activists said
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State Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25), from Bath County, won the Democratic gubernatorial primary June 9, pictured here in Oakton on the day of the primary.

Deeds Wins Primary

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ning about 49.31 percent of the vote, enjoyed the same level of support he saw statewide.

"I have supported Creigh for six months but I am as surprised as anyone to see the amount of support he got up here," said state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-35).

In the City of Fairfax, where Petersen lives, Deeds won 53.42 percent of the vote.

In the aftermath of primary, both Moran and McAuliffe endorsed Deeds and encouraged their supporters to throw their support behind the Democratic nominee.

VOTER TURNOUT in the election, at 9.2 percent, was slightly higher in Fairfax County than the rest of Virginia, where approximately 6.3 percent of registered voters participated in the primary overall.

Though any registered voter, including Republicans, could vote in the primary, Fairfax County registrar Rokey Suleman said he expected participation to be low.

"Historically, Virginia and Fairfax have low primary turnout," said Suleman.

Areas like the Mason District and Vienna, where competitive

Democratic delegate races were also taking place, tended to have higher turnout and could have driven up participation overall in the county to higher than the state average.

THE NEW DEMOCRATIC nominee will face Republican candidate and former Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell for the second time in a general election this fall. McDonnell beat Deeds by just 323 votes in the 2005 attorney general race, the closest election in the history of Virginia.

In that election, Deeds carried Fairfax County four years ago by a healthy margin of 57 percent to McDonnell's 42 percent. McDonnell said he intends to close that gap of support between him and Deeds in Fairfax, where approximately one in seven Virginia voters lives.

"I will make sure people know I am the original Fairfax resident and I intend to spend a lot more time up here," said McDonnell, who grew up in the Mount Vernon area.

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they were concerned about how little voters seemed to know about the lieutenant governor primary candidates.

"I felt like there was not enough information about that race," said Janet Wynovich, a Springfield resident who voted in the primary.

Reston resident Debra Steppel,

a Wagner volunteer, said she was able to convince approximately 15 undecided voters to back her candidate outside the polling station at South Lakes High School.

"The voters are very uninformed about that race," said Nelson Henderson, who was passing out information about the Democratic Party outside Sangster Elementary School on primary day.

A 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.



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



Jean McGuinness talks with friends in the dining room.



Nick and Gincy Carosi.



Vicki and Fabrici Vasques.



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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New Hope Housing's Volunteer Coordinator Chris Bramante (far left) with volunteer award recipients Ruben Matos, Ann Darden, Casey Kilcoyne, Patricia Snyder, Margaret Meyer, and Eric Ashley.

New Hope Honors Volunteers

New Hope Housing celebrated the contribution volunteers make to the lives of homeless families and individuals with a reception and awards ceremony on Wednesday evening, June 3, at Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church's historic Hollin Hall.

Executive Director Pam Michell thanked the volunteers for the many ways they help individual residents in New Hope Housing shelters and post-shelter housing programs, for their support of agency operations, and for their role in building community awareness of homelessness and the programs of New Hope Housing.

Award recipients included Ann Darden, named the Kyle Randall Volunteer of the Year, and Casey Kilcoyne, the Allie McConnell Youth Volunteer of the

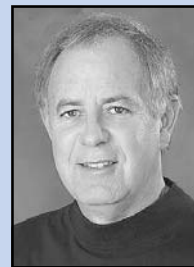
Year. Ruben Matos was honored for his work tutoring residents at Mondloch House Shelter, and Patricia Snyder for her many years of service to Max's Place residents. A team of six professionals from Leadership Fairfax's Emerging Leaders Institute was honored for a project exploring the benefits of social media for New Hope Housing; Margaret Meyer and Eric Ashley received the award for their team.

New Hope Housing serves homeless men, women and children through innovative shelter, transitional and permanent supportive housing programs in south Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church, and Arlington County. In the past year, New Hope Housing assisted 822 individuals, including 138 children, in one or more of its programs.



Bob Beatty Award

The Fort Hunt Sportsmen's Association, local youth sports supporters since 1963, awarded the Bob Beatty Award to a local athlete on March 14 at Mount Vernon Country Club. Barrett Gess, 11, was presented the award for his accomplishments in athletics, scholastics and his contributions to the local community. Barrett received the plaque and a \$100 gift certificate. He is pictured with his dad, mom and grandmother.



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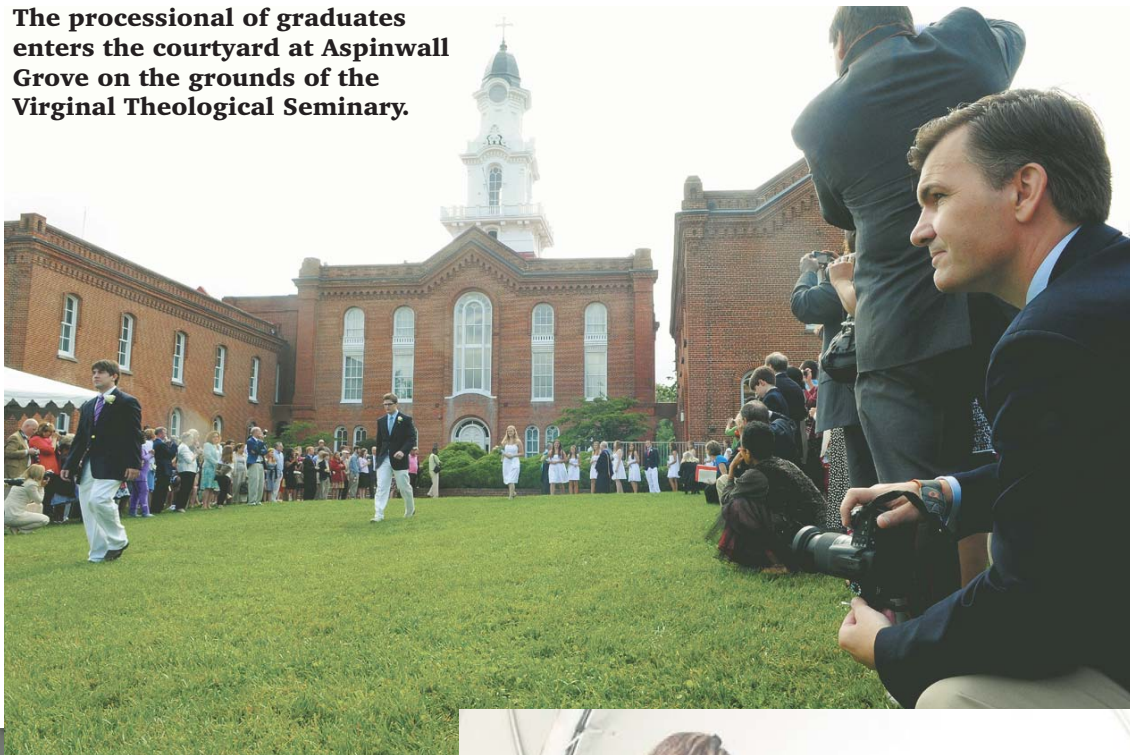


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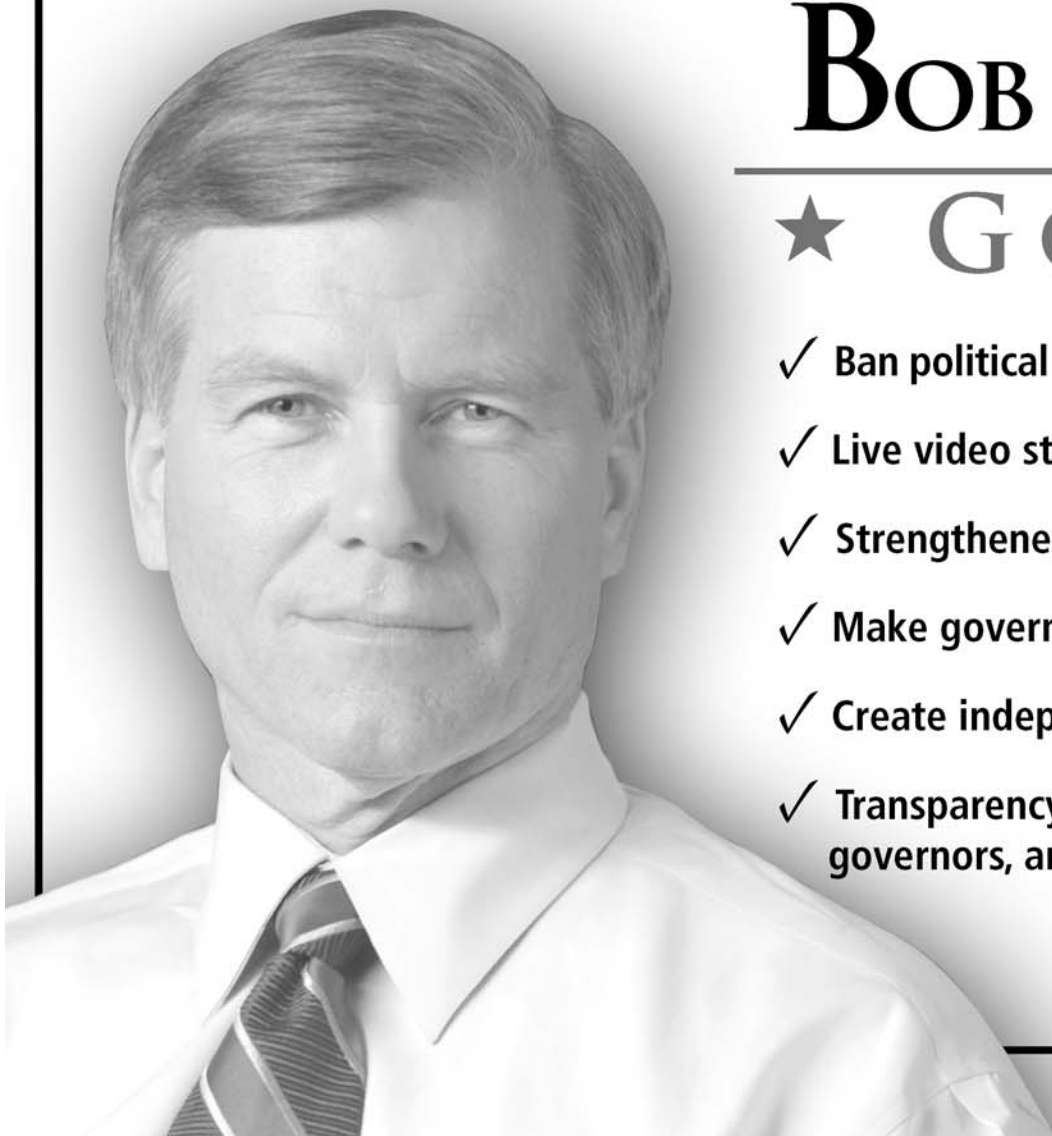
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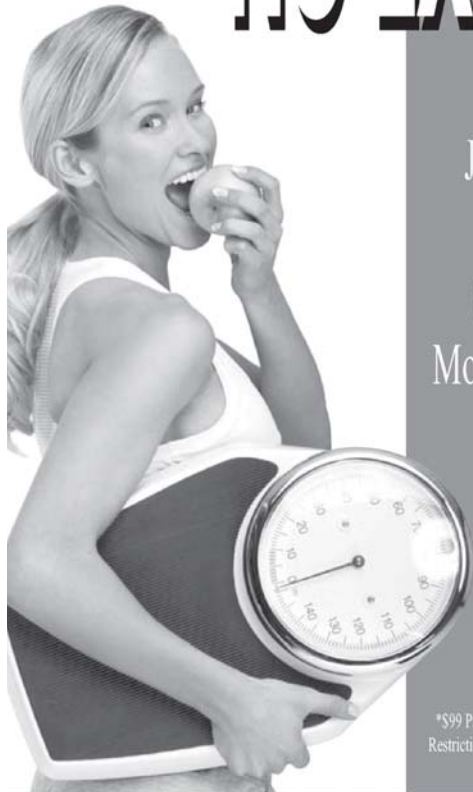
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PEOPLE



Sugar-Filled Celebration Ft. Hunt Elementary parent Julie Lowe (left) designed a confectionary display to celebrate the retirement of art teacher Kathlyn Avila, cafeteria manager Shirley Lowe, and principal Carol Coose. Lowe, who operates a business called **For the Love of Cupcakes**, used photos of the three honorees to create special cakes picturing them in retirement: Coose is surfing, Avila is painting, and Atkinson is at her pottery wheel. Since those three cakes could hardly feed the entire school, Lowe masterminded the decoration of 500-plus cupcakes baked by the PTA.

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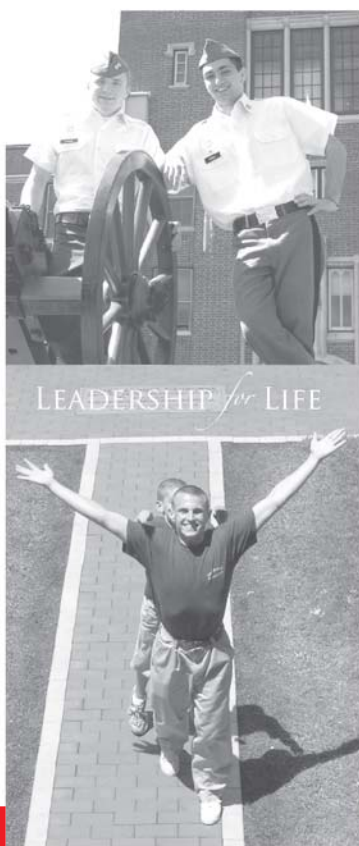
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Girl Scout Earns Bronze Award

BY KRISTEN MCCARTHY
THE GAZETTE

Earning the bronze award in Girl Scouts is a commitment and a responsibility. Not only does it require 30 hours of time, but it also involves dedication from a caring individual.

April Krenke, a member of Girl Scout Troop 446 at Wayneswood Elementary, earned her bronze award by assembling birthday party supply boxes for use by United Community Ministries. The boxes consisted of items that could be used to host a birthday party, including cake mixes, candles, paper napkins, paper plates, utensils, frosting, sprinkles, hats and goodie bags. Each box had its own theme, ranging from princess to car decor. The original plan was to make 20 boxes of birthday supplies. However, due to the response that she received from donations, the number increased to 30 boxes. "We're going to have enough stuff for 30 boxes. Our original goal was 20," said April's mom.

The community played a contributing role in helping April complete her project. Wayneswood Elementary allowed her to display posters advertising her project so that others could contribute. "We wouldn't have half the stuff if it weren't for Wayneswood. They let me put up a poster and a box in the hallway for donations", said April. The Krenke family's parish, Good Shepherd Catholic Church, allowed her to set up a donation box during church events so that she could collect more items for her project.

The greatest challenge of the project was finding boxes to contain all of the items for each birthday gift. Hollin Hall Pastry Shop helped April to complete the project by donating 10 cake boxes.

April's inspiration to create this project came from



April Krenke

her love for birthdays and desire to help the community. With the state of the current economy, many people have had to cut back on certain things, which include birthday parties for children. The motto of her poster was: "Not everyone can afford a birthday party, but everyone deserves one." Her favorite part of the project was being able to help someone in need.

She worked on this project for two months. All of her work finally paid off when she delivered the boxes to UCM on Sunday, June 9. April also received her bronze award on Sunday at Aldersgate Church. Her mother expressed how she felt about the choice of this project and the amount of work: "I think it was the perfect project for her because she does love birthdays and birthday parties. When we first talked about this project, she started asking questions about families and why they couldn't afford birthday parties at this point in time because of the economy. She had to understand the importance of continuing to be a kid," she said.

Cuccinelli: GOP Attorney General

Two Fairfax County representatives to face each other in November.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
GAZETTE

Burke resident Kevin Morse has been an engaged Republican voter for years. As an active member of his homeowners association, Morse keeps up on policy issues before the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Virginia General Assembly. He attends meetings with his local elected officials and asks questions about specific issues, like those related to transportation and the Dulles Rail project.

But Morse had never attended the Republican Party of Virginia's statewide convention until last weekend. This year, he was motivated to drive to Richmond and participate in the event so he could support his local state senator, Ken Cuccinelli (R-37), in a bid to become the Republican Party's nominee for attorney general.

"I think he has been a great state senator. I don't always agree with him. But if he disagrees with you, he tells you. He doesn't try to smooth things over," said Morse.

CUCCINELLI, a Centreville resident and Northern Virginia's only Republican state senator, easily won his political party's nomination for attorney general at the Richmond Coliseum May 30. His opponents, former federal prosecutor John Brownlee and former Arlington County School Board member Dave Foster, threw their support to him at the conclusion of the first ballot count.

During the convention, former Attorney General Bob McDonnell, who faced no opposition, was also officially named the Republican candidate for governor.

Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling easily defeated challenger Patrick Muldoon for his re-election nomination. Pat Mullins, a former Fairfax County Republican Committee chair, was elected head of the statewide party over Bill Stanley.

With approximately 7,000 delegates, the 2009 convention was the largest for Virginia Republicans since the early 1990s.

Fairfax County, alone, had over 1,600 people register and 1,200 people show up to participate in Richmond. Last year, between 600 and 700 Fairfax County residents registered to be delegates and even fewer attended the state convention, said Anthony Bedell, chair of the Fairfax County Republican Committee.

"Republicans are tired of getting pushed around in Fairfax County," he said.

Like Morse, several Fairfax County residents who don't normally attend conventions came to Richmond primarily to help Cuccinelli secure the nomination.

"Ken has been very instrumental in mental health issues and I wanted to support him," said Springfield resident Addison Smith, who has not attended a Republican convention since former Gov. Jim Gilmore was nominated.

Cuccinelli hoped to get the support of approximately 70 percent of the Fairfax County delegates, though ballots at a convention are not counted on a one person-one vote basis. Instead, the votes are weighted based on how many Republican voters participated in a recent statewide election.

Fairfax County leans Democratic but it is also the

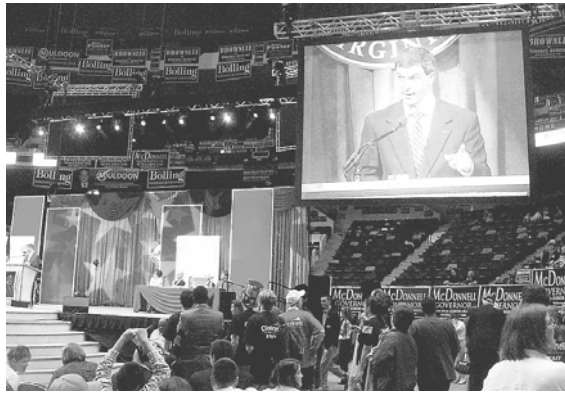


PHOTO BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/ GAZETTE

Fairfax County state Sen. Ken Cuccinelli (R-37) accepted the Republican Party's nomination for attorney general at a statewide convention in Richmond May 30.

most populous locality in the Virginia and so also has the largest number of Republican voters. Bedell said it is awarded 1,200 convention delegate votes, about 10 percent of the overall delegate votes in the commonwealth and more than any other jurisdiction.

"We are, by far, the largest delegation filing in the state," he said.

Virginia Republicans typically decide their contested statewide nominations through a convention, rather than a primary election.

Some activists said a convention format fires up the base and give candidates momentum headed into the general campaign season. Conventions also tend to benefit disciplined and well-organized campaigns, like Cuccinelli's, that can convince people to travel hundred of miles and possibly sit through several hours of voting.

But conventions also limit participation. Last year's Democratic primary in the 11th Congressional District drew 24,575 voters, more than three times as many people as participated in the convention from the across the entire commonwealth.

"This is kind of neat but there is the inconvenience of it," said Morse of the convention.

SINCE ONLY the very motivated participate, conventions also tend to produce more conservative candidates, which some complain are not as appealing to the general electorate.

Cuccinelli, for example, is more outspoken on social issues than most other Republicans holding elected office in Fairfax County. During his convention speech, he mentioned his strong support for gun rights and a state constitutional amendment that defined marriage as between a man and a woman.

"I have been the most aggressive pro-life leader in the Senate," said Cuccinelli, whose wife home-schools several of their seven children.

Some Democrats said Cuccinelli's chances of winning a general election against the Democratic nominee for Attorney General, Fairfax County Del. Steve Shannon (D-35) are poor because of the Republican's stances on issues like abortion and guns.

Even though the Republican represents Fairfax County, he does not appeal to Northern Virginia voters in general. He won his 2007 re-election campaign by less than 100 votes in his western Fairfax County district, they said.

"I would be very surprised if he won. He barely won in a district drawn to be heavily Republican," said state Senate majority leader Dick Saslaw (D-35), who represents Fairfax County and the City of Alexandria.

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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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

It's About Priorities

To the Editor:

I join the many Mt. Vernon residents speaking out in opposition to reduced speed limits on Richmond Highway. There are many transportation improvements that need to be made, and should have already been made, in the corridor. Impeding traffic flow, especially when there is no proof it will increase pedestrian safety, is certainly not one of them.

In a recent letter to the Virginia Secretary of Transportation, Dels. Kris Amundson (D-44) and Mark Sickles (D-43) and state Sen. Toddy Puller (D-33) endorsed several measures I have been speaking out about, including improved signs and signals. I believe that we must go further, implementing needed improvements like sidewalks, medians, and pedestrian islands that allow people who must cross the highway a safe place to walk and stand.

While I am glad to see that our local delegation is finally putting effort into supporting these common sense ideas, I am disappointed that this effort has come so late.

The unavoidable fact is that there have been no meaningful improvements to Route 1 between the Beltway and Fort Belvoir in a long time, with stretches running through our district looking like they did back in the 1960s. Mt. Vernon has suffered with a lack of infrastructure investment. Now the plan to widen and improve our section of Route 1 has again been delayed another 10 years.

We've seen transportation improvements to the north of us, south of us, and west of us. Yet Mt. Vernon's stretch of Route 1 is not on the VDOT projects list, or even on the list of federal projects funded with stimulus money. It is past time for action.

Yes, funding is tight; it always is. Still, surrounding parts of Fairfax and Prince William

County have enjoyed state investment. Our leadership supported these efforts — but what about Mt. Vernon? We deserve the same attention as other parts of the state.

Some politicians are saying that only by raising taxes can we get the improvements we deserve. Yet any drive down the Route 1 makes it clear that our businesses are in trouble. Increasing the burden on these struggling businesses is not the solution. We are all in this together, and if they fail, the rest of the county will be left with the bill. Likewise we cannot add to the tax burden of homeowners.

I believe Mt. Vernon can get the improvements that are long overdue by prioritizing our state spending and growing our tax base by helping local business. I believe we can revitalize the corridor by encouraging investment and public-private partnerships. I believe we need effective leadership to make sure we finally get our fair share. Only by working together — and applying sound business principles — will we succeed. When we streamline government, cut waste, and fund our priorities, we can get Mt. Vernon growing again. It is about time.

Jay McConville
Alexandria

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JROTC Students Receive Awards

Mount Vernon High School's annual JROTC awards presentation was held on Thursday May 14. The Kate Waller Barrett Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) presented two awards at the ceremony. Regent Nancy Valley (back to camera) presents the Patriotism Medal to Cadet Yesida Campos.



Regent Nancy Valley with JROTC medal winner Cadet Laterrly Hall.

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Old Town Boutiques Celebrate Summer

Stores offer shopping extravaganza June 26-28.

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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 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 said.

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 of bringing these items so you don't have to do the research," she said. "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



MAHAM AVAZ/THE GAZETTE

The Hour

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 said.

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 trays and napkins together to be able to have your own parties at home."

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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 of 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.

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.

CALENDAR

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



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.

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 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.

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.alexandriacommissionforhearts.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 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 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.

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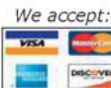
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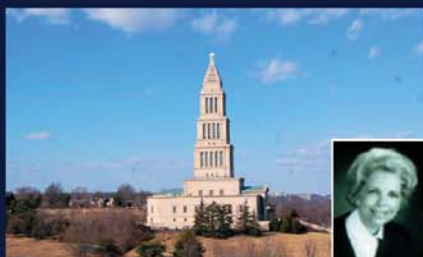
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Auditions for "Beauty & the Beast" June 10, from 7-9 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre, 125 S. Old Glebe Road, Arlington. Teens and adults ages 15 and older. Go to www.encestage.org. Performance dates: July 24-Aug. 2, Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays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

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

"Lucy's Playlist" will perform June 11-14 at 8 p.m. at Signature Theatre. Backstage Gala is June 13. At 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington, in the Village

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

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

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

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

Theater of the First Amendment presents the 9th Annual First Light Play Discovery Program Professional Weekend on Saturday, June 13. Featured works will be "The Bay of Fundy" by Sherry Kramer at noon, "Refugee Blues" by Wendy L. Anderson at 3 p.m., and "24, 7, 365" by Jennifer L. Nelson at 6 p.m. on the George Mason University campus in Fairfax. For more information: www.theaterofthefirstamendment.org Admission is free.

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

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- ◆ Academic honors program offers and academic scholarships, including:
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 - 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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Mount Vernon Country Club Dominates Links Scene

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SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon resident Linda DiVall won the Virginia Senior Women's Stroke Play Championship on June 3. She bested Richmond's Bodie McGurn on the second play-off hole at Virginia Beach's Cavalier Golf and Yacht Club. Both finished with scores of 4-over 142 after the two rounds of regulation play, and both made par on the first extra hole. DiVall won when McGurn failed to get up and down from a greenside bunker on the second play-off hole.

GOLF ROUNDUP

"It was a long and intense day," DiVall said afterward. "Every tee shot out there requires immense concentration to position your ball for your approach shot. You can't lose focus at all."

The title is DiVall's third state senior title. The Mount Vernon Country Club member won the Virginia Women's Senior Amateur in 2003 and 2007. Off the course, she also keeps her focus as president and CEO of American Viewpoint, an Alexandria firm that provides political consulting and polling. In addition, DiVall is the president of the Women's Division of the Virginia State



Mount Vernon Country Club won another piece of silver for its trophy case — the 2009 Women's District of Columbia Golf Association Team Championship. Team players include, from left, Joan Gardner, Linda DiVall, Debbie Simpson, Katie Cox, Susan Podolsky, and Sue Genuario.

Golf Association.

Belle Haven Country Club golfers Mimi Hoffman and Arline Hoffman also played well in the event, tying for fifth and seventh, respectively. Alexandria's Shelley Savage (Army-Navy) also tied for seventh.

IN WHAT has become an annual event, Mount Vernon Country Club's women golfers thrashed the competition in the Women's District of Columbia Golf Association Team Championship. For the ninth time

in the past 10 years, Mount Vernon won the top division in the field of 31 area clubs. Play consisted of twice-weekly matches from April 14 through May 21. The WDCGA flights teams by handicaps into four divisions, although some clubs enter more than one division.

"We played so well this year that we all but clinched the title before the last match," said Mount Vernon member Debbie Simpson. "I think our success grew from the ability of each of us to feel com-



Linda DiVall has won three state golf titles in the past six years.

fortable playing with any one else as a partner."

Each club fields three better-ball teams for each match, so playing well with a partner is indeed important. Golfers call meshing well with a teammate "ham and egg-ing."

Five of the six Mount Vernon team members work full time, although the sixth, a busy mother of two active children, puts in just as many hours working at home. All juggle their schedules to accommodate the weekday matches, a schedule that seems to date from the time when "Mrs. Jones" played "Mrs. Smith."

IN ADDITION to the team league play, the 85-year-old WDCGA sponsors a series of individual tournaments throughout the golf season. Member clubs range from Argyle to Woodmore, and the team competition is the keenest in the Washington area.

Belle Haven Country Club finished second by one stroke in the Division II team competition.

'Sense of Anticipation' Greets 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 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

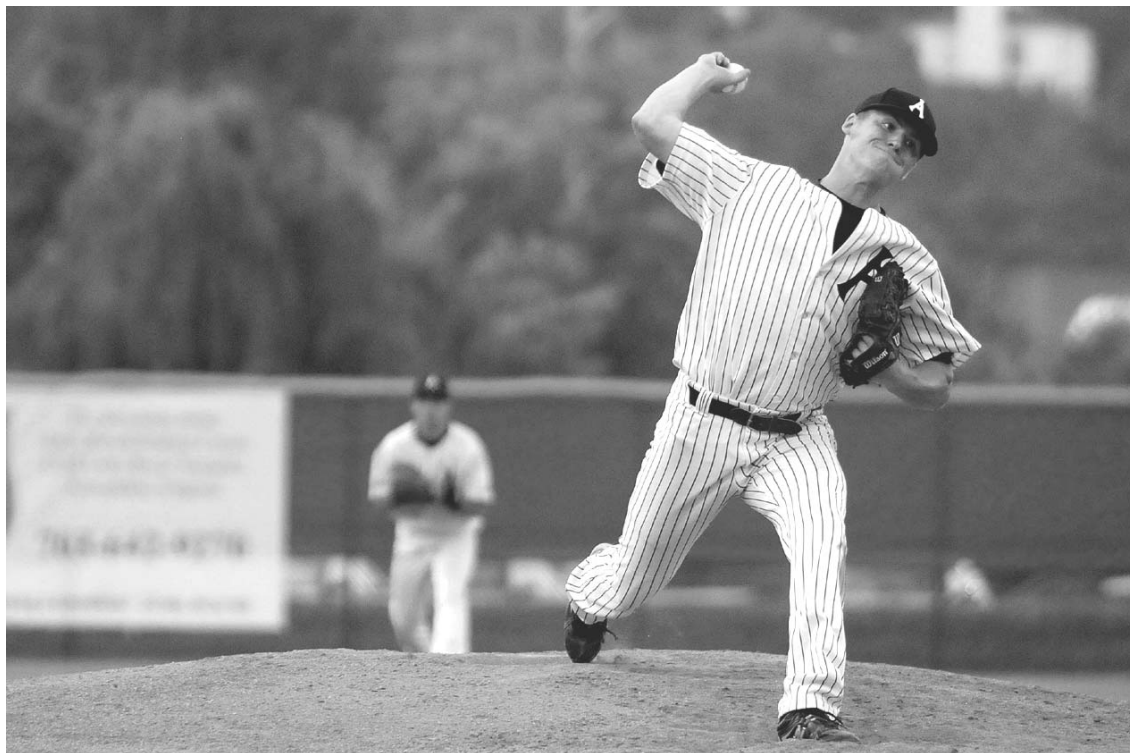


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Pitcher Kent Worthington and the Alexandria Aces kicked off their second season in the Cal Ripken Senior Collegiate Baseball League this past weekend.

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

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Aces Kick Off Second Season

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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

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 doubleheader on Saturday afternoon.

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.

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."



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE

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

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 www.alexandriaaces.org.

"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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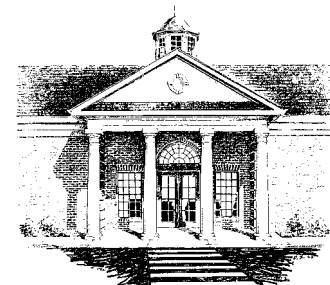
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Making a 'PACT' with Area Camps

Program sends children and teens from shelters and transitional housing to camps with other local young people.

BY JASON MACKAY
THE CONNECTION

Sousan Frankeberger and Ellen Werthmann share an inside joke: Frankeberger does all the work, while Werthmann gets to have all the fun. Or, put another way, Frankeberger raises the money, and Werthmann just worries about spending it.

The philosophy has worked. Frankeberger of Vienna and Werthmann of Clifton co-founded the Fairfax County Park Authority's Parks and Community Together (PACT) program back in 1997 and have since influenced the lives of more than 400 children typically between the ages of 3 and 15.

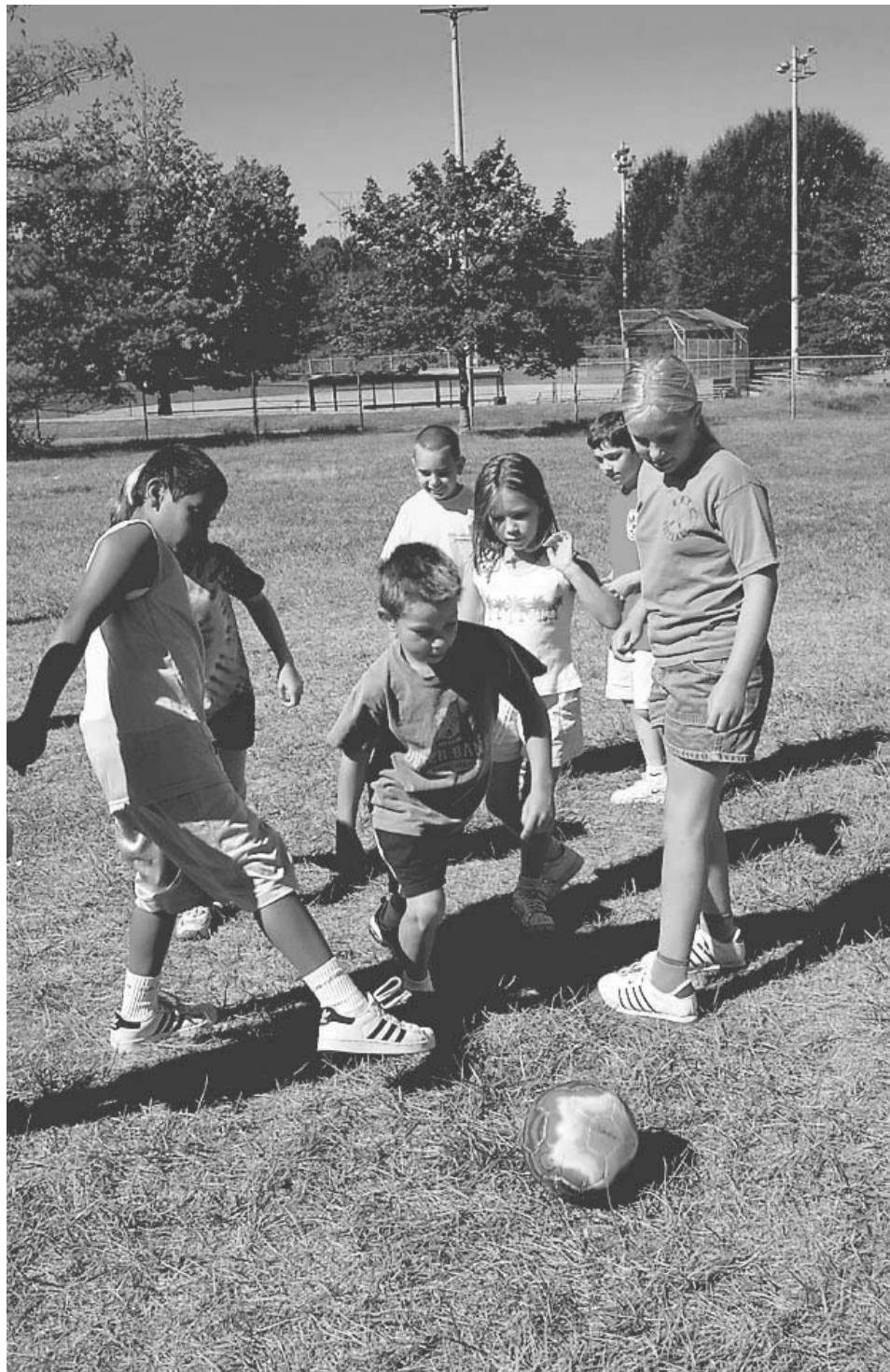


Think of Frankeberger and Werthmann as a sort of Santa Claus with sun-tan lotion and a brown-bagged lunch.

As an FCPA employee, Werthmann spent most of her time coordinating her organization's hundreds of summer camps, which can include anything from mountain biking to zoology to chess camps. She was also aware that the cost of some of the FCPA's camps can be a bit prohibitive, especially to those in homeless shelters or transitional housing.

So Werthmann, always eager to spend a buck or two, contacted Frankeberger, who was more than willing to accommodate on the fundraising end; she already had several donors with whom she had struck up a relationship, only to find that they wanted something tangible to give to, a feel-good cause.

"There's a need to have somewhere



Since 1997, the Fairfax County Park Authority's Parks and Community Together (PACT) program has helped more than 400 needy children and teens attend various summer camps for free.

safe and enjoyable that only our camps can offer," said Werthmann, who works primarily as the PACT program's recruitment coordinator, placing kids with their camps of choice. "For homeless families, there's no way to come up with the extra money."

Added Frankeberger, "We wanted to not only provide children with the opportunity to feel normal because everyone else gets to go to a camp and they don't, but we also wanted to give their parents an opportunity not to worry about what to do with their children.

"It's an opportunity for the parents to take care of other things that are of immediate urgency."

Last summer, 36 children from local shelters were placed in FCPA camps — free of charge. When a child is placed in a camp, complete anonymity is granted. Often, the camp counselors never even find out which campers arrived courtesy of the PACT program and which did not.

The influence of the PACT program

How To Help

The Fairfax County Park Authority's Parks and Community Together (PACT) program is still accepting donations for this summer. Whether it's on an individual basis or a company-wide sponsorship, any donation to PACT helps ensure that needy young people receive a summer experience resembling that of their peers.

Fees for a two-week session start at \$340 for a single child and that number can multiply greatly based on how many campers the PACT program helps and for how long. In 2008, PACT provided 112 two-week sessions for 36 children at a cost of \$35,920.

Contact Sousan Frankeberger at 703-324-8566 or sousan.frankeberger@fairfaxcounty.gov.

stretches all over Northern Virginia. Partners include Alexandria's Mondloch House, NOVACO of Fairfax, Falls Church's Shelter House, Fairfax's Bethany Home, Lutheran Social Services, Northern Virginia Family Services, New Hope Housing and Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services — both of Alexandria.

Transportation to and from the camps must be taken care of by the individual or shelter, and attendees must figure out meals and snacks on their own. Other than that, PACT assumes 100 percent of each camp's tuition.

VICTORIA NEELEY is the executive director of NOVACO and she estimates that an average of seven to nine kids there benefit from the PACT program every year. It's a way, Neely said, for youngsters to get out of the house and spice up the summer a bit.

"It's awesome because otherwise these kids would be sitting at home," said Neely, of Centreville. "It gives them the opportunity to do what their peers are doing, which is enjoying the outdoors. The fact that this is already paid for is just a huge benefit because there either isn't money in our budget or our clients don't have the money to pay for it.

"It's better than the same old routine. Even my kids, they don't want the same old routine. They definitely want to do something different and have an adventure to talk about when they go back to school because they don't go on vacations."

Naomi Collins started work at Alexandria's Bethany House in the spring of 2006 and two weeks later began to panic about what to do with her son and daughter for the summer. After some online research and a few phone calls placed to friends, Collins found out about the PACT program and met Werthmann.

As a result, this summer will be her son's fourth year of attendance — each one more special than the last.

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— Naomi Collins, Alexandria's Bethany House

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Program Helps Children In Transitional Housing

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KATHERINE, a 24-month resident of NOVACO transitional housing for victims of domestic abuse, has sent her two children to PACT programs for the past two summers.

In addition to meeting new friends which they have been able to reconnect with throughout the year, Katherine said the PACT program has enabled her kids to experience certain things that they might not normally have gotten the chance to experience due to the family's current situation.

"I'm a single mom and I cannot take care of everything," she said. "They have a lot of programs, and my kids love those programs. They're learning new things, too. With me working, I cannot take them to museums or anything like that."

"It's awesome because otherwise these kids would be sitting at home."

— **Victoria Neeley, executive director, NOVACO**

THERE ARE no restraints on how many sessions one camper can enjoy. Werthmann and Frankeberger both said that some campers stay the whole summer, some for only one or two sessions. And after some outgrow the point where they would attend a particular camp, there's also a Counselor In Training (CIT) program that's offered.

Fiscal issues are simple as well. Each year Frankeberger sets a goal — this year it was \$50,000 — and tries her best to reach that goal by mailing fliers and soliciting donations from area

businesses.

In 2008, Werthmann spent \$35,920 that Frankeberger raised. This year, Frankeberger has totaled around \$40,000 for Werthmann to work with, and, by all accounts, the program will have its best summer yet, with an expectancy of 50 to 60 kids, hardly resembling the 1997 total of four.

"Sousan brings it in, and I spend it," Werthmann joked. "But we have been able to help hundreds of children."



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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 '09 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 College High School, Maret School, The

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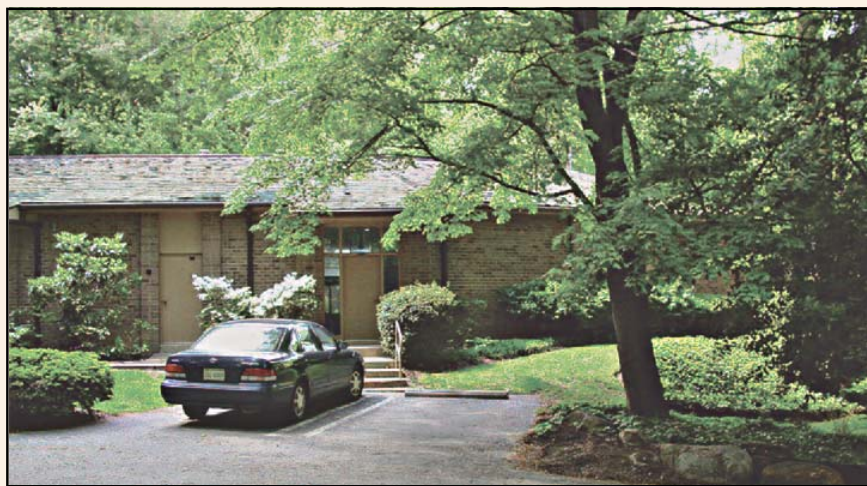
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Deeds Wins Primary

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hind the Democratic nominee. In 2005, McDonnell outspent Deeds \$5.9 million to \$3.1 million in the attorney general's race. And Deeds still came very close to beating McDonnell, which proves he can win a general election against the Republican, he said.

Many Northern Virginia voters also said they were not concerned Deed had lost to McDonnell in a previous statewide race. As a rural Virginian, Deeds would be able to attract a broader base of support to the Democratic Party ticket, they said.

"We need a candidate who has been a part of the Virginia government and is a good match against McDonnell," said Paul Honigberg, a McLean resident who was considering voting for Deeds.

JUST A FEW WEEKS AGO, Deeds was lagging behind McAuliffe and Moran in polls and considered a long shot to win the primary, particularly in voter-rich Northern Virginia.

As of May 27, McAuliffe had raised \$5.7 million to Deeds' \$2.3 million and Moran's \$3 million. Several said the prolific fundraiser would be able to overwhelm the other candidates with staff and advertising.

Moran also had more name recognition than Deeds in Northern Virginia. He had been a local delegate to the state legislature and his older brother, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), is a popular local congressman.

Others said Deeds would also be too conservative for the Democratic primary voters of Northern Virginia.

Deeds had voted in favor of bill that would have allowed people to wear concealed guns in bars, a measure that Gov. Tim Kaine (D) vetoed and the Fairfax County government actively lobbied against this year. The state senator had also voted in favor of changing the Virginia constitution to define marriage as between a man and a woman, thereby limiting same sex partner benefits.

But Fairfax County Democratic Committee chair Scott Surovell said Democratic primary voters were most concerned with picking the person who could beat McDonnell in the fall.

"A lot of people assume that hard-core Democrats are single issue voters like hard-core Republicans and they are not. Democratic Party people tend to vote 'electability' over social policy," said Surovell.

"They may not agree with Creigh's voting record on guns and gay marriage but a lot of Democrats recognize that the rest of the state doesn't think like Fairfax County and Arlington," he added.

Deeds did pick up a lot of support in Fairfax's more conservative, Republican-leaning like Clifton, Fairfax Station and

Newgate South. But one of his largest precinct wins — getting 65 percent of the vote at the Sunrise Valley Elementary School — came in Reston, one of Fairfax's most socially liberal communities.

SEVERAL DEEDS SUPPORTERS said the campaign began to gain momentum and attention in Northern Virginia after The Washington Post editorial board endorsed the candidate on May 22.

"That was definitely a turning point for us. ... I took him around Viva Vienna! [festival] the weekend after the endorsement came out and I was amazed at how many people came up to him and said they were voting for him," said Petersen.

In days leading up to the election, the newspaper also followed up with two more editorial columns praising Deeds, including one admonishing the Moran campaign for being "misleading" about Deeds' record on gun control.

"In a general election, I don't think the Washington Post endorsement makes as

much of a difference. But the people voting in this primary are the type of people who read newspaper editorials and I think it has made a difference," said Rex Simmons, a Fairfax Station resident who was volunteering for the Democratic Party outside a polling station.

"Democratic Party people tend to vote 'electability' over social policy,"

— **Scott Surovell, Fairfax County Democratic Committee chair**

PRIMARY VOTERS

said Deeds support for increasing Northern Virginia's state transportation funding was important.

In 2008, Deeds supported a failed bill that would have raised the gas tax statewide to provide more transportation funding, even though many of his own constituents were unhappy with the decision. Moran did not support the plan, in part because he did not believe it would be politically viable as a time when gas prices were reaching record highs.

"I think Deeds has a better record on the issues like transportation that affect us than the other candidates," said Carolyn Lee Decker, a Fairfax Station resident who voted for Deeds.

Among the runners up, Moran outperformed McAuliffe in Fairfax County, despite losing to him overall in Virginia.

The former delegate won about six Fairfax precincts that directly abut or are very close to the City of Alexandria, which he used to represent. He also performed about seven percentage points higher — for a total of 35.43 percent overall — in those Fairfax County polling stations than overlap with his brother's congressional district.

McAuliffe did not earn more than 45 percent of the vote at any Fairfax County polling station but won about still won about three precincts. His strongest support was found in parts of Herndon, Lorton and Centreville.

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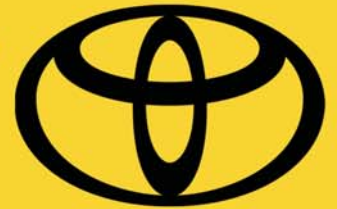
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