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## Farewell TC, Hello Future

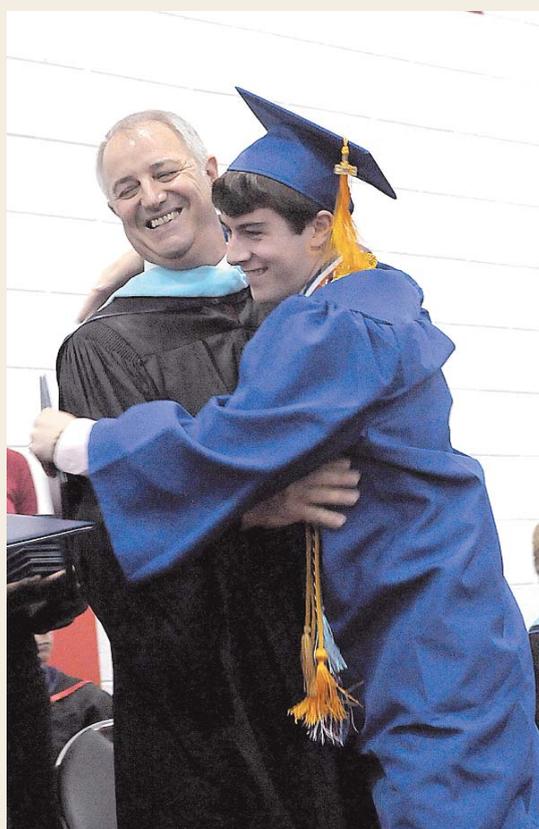
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Selina Johnson and Abby Keller sing the National Anthem.



Senior class sponsor Maria Muhtadi-Roach stands with the graduates at the entrance of the gym.



Receiving his diploma from school principal William Clendaniel, Daniel Ackerman gives him a hug.

## One Murder, Three Cases

Two men plead guilty to murder of taxicab driver; another waits for competency hearing.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

For months, prosecutors have been piecing together a complicated narrative of the January murder of a taxicab driver near the Braddock Road Metro. According to evidence they were prepared to present in court this week, a 16-year-old secured a handgun used by an 18-year-old triggerman who fled the scene of the crime in a car driven by a 20-year old accomplice. But in the days leading up to the trial, two of the defendants took a last-minute plea agreement, and the third requested a compe-

teny hearing.

"We've had a busy week," admitted Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Krista Boucher.

Joshua Moore, an 18-year-old Maryland man, pled guilty to first-degree murder on Friday. Jamal Berry, a 20-year-old Alexandria man, also pled guilty to second-degree murder late last week. And although the trial for 17-year-old Akeem Chappell had been originally scheduled for Monday, the public defender secured a delay in the case and instead submitted a motion for a competency evaluation. Within the next few weeks,

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## New Board Faces Old Challenges

Special-education problems and high dropout rate to lead agenda.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Two new members formally joined the Alexandria School Board Monday night during an installation ceremony, with Clerk of Court Ed Semonian formally swearing in all

nine members. They join the elected body during a challenging time for the city's public-school system. Last year, the Virginia Department of Education issued an audit showing that the city's special-education programs are out of

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**Power Shifts West**

Del Ray has been such a power center in Alexandria that many people jokingly refer to the city's political leadership as being run by the "Del Ray Mafia." But the new City Council, which took office this week, represents a subtle shift in city's political dynamic. Del Ray lost two members, with Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson stepping down after not winning reelection. Meanwhile, the West End gained two new members, with former

Mayor Kerry Donley and Alicia Hughes taking office. And Old Town added one of its own, with Frank Fannon being sworn in as a new member of City Council. Although all of the City Council seats represent the entire city, constituents often look to their neighborhood representative for action at City Hall.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

**Logo Takes National Honor**

**Alexandria woman wins t-shirt design for Army Ten-Miler.**

Julie Socher entered the Army Ten-Miler T-Shirt Design Contest for three years with no expectation of winning. But that all changed now as Socher's winning design will be featured on more than 30,000 t-shirts worn during the race.

The contest received more than 100 nationwide entries and the winner was decided by a worldwide online vote. Socher, who graduated from the Art Institute of Washington, says it was an honor just to be considered as one of five finalists. But her design took her to first place, beating competitors from New Jersey to California.

Socher explains her logo incorporates the spirit of the Army, running and D.C.'s role as host to the race. "I wanted to incorporate the Pentagon because after 9/11 it just felt right," she said.



**Julie Socher**

A native to the metropolitan area, the 27-year-old works as a graphic designer for the Army's Material Command Department on



**Julie Socher's design.**

Fort Belvoir. Socher's job supports the Army's media needs and she describes the logo contest as a creative outlet aside from her normal work routine.

"I'm surrounded by Army pride every day," said Socher, "it's an honor to support the Ten-Miler and the men and women in the Army."

Socher lives in Alexandria with her dog, Roxy, and cat, Bob. In her spare time she loves to dabble in photography, especially for live music. Her first place winnings in the contest include a \$1,000 cash prize.

"My mind tells me to put it in savings," Socher said. "But there's always room for more photography gear or a small vacation."

But mostly, Socher is just excited to have her logo on 30,000 shirts, running across the nation's capital for a good cause.

— ANSLEY LABARRE

**Two Suspects Plead Guilty in Murder**

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the Circuit Court will decide whether a teenager with a severe learning disabilities is competent to stand trial for second-degree murder in Alexandria.

"Cognitively, there may be no more complicated a task than determining whether or not to accept a plea offer," wrote public defender Melinda Douglas in the June 29 motion. "Despite counsel's efforts, there is probable cause at this time to believe that Mr. Chappell does not possess the substantial capacity to understand the proceedings against him."

**COURT DOCUMENTS** in the three cases reveal the story of a botched robbery that ended in the Jan. 17 murder of a 50-year-old Yellow Cab driver named Khalil Siddiqi. In one text message prosecutors were prepared to enter into evidence, Chappell tells Berry that he has some "snow." According to an affidavit filed as part of a February search warrant, Berry responded by telling Chappell that his brother can "cook on Friday."

"When questioned about this, Jamal Berry said that Akeem Chappell had in fact ob-



**Jamal Berry, 20, is facing 13 years to life in prison.**



**Joshua Moore, 18, is facing 28 years to life in prison.**

tained some cocaine and that he had told him that he had a 'brother or cousin' in Maryland who could 'cook' the cocaine into 'crack cocaine,'" wrote Alexandria Detective Thomas Durkin in the affidavit.

On the evening of Jan. 31, Alexandria officials stopped Berry and Chappell on Janeys Lane and arrested the two for robbery and murder. When Berry's white 2001 Buick was searched, officers found a Glock 0.45-caliber semiautomatic handgun. Three days later, Moore was arrested and charged with robbery and murder in the case. Dur-

ing two different preliminary hearings earlier this year, prosecutors began using testimony to sketch the broad outlines of their theory of the case.

"He wasn't about to give up any money," Durkin said in court, characterizing Berry's interview with the homicide detective.

**A NATIVE** of Pakistan, Siddiqi was working late to pick up some extra money on the Saturday before the presidential inauguration. Yellow Cab records indicate that he had already picked up several fares on the night of Jan. 17 before receiving a final call at 11:37 p.m. from Moore summoning the taxi to the 300 block of Buchanan Street. Siddiqi accepted the call and turned his meter on at 11:45 p.m.

Meanwhile, according to testimony from detectives who investigated the case, Moore, Berry and Chappell were already waiting for the arrival of the taxi in Berry's Buick, which was parked along the side of the street. When the taxi arrived, police officials testified, Moore got out of the parked Buick and approached Cab 82. But according to testimony presented during a prelimi-

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# New School Board Faces Old Challenges

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compliance with federal laws. This year, the department released another finding that the city's dropout rate is the highest in Northern Virginia.

"We have been complacent in the past because most of our students were doing OK," said Helen Morris, one of the two new members of the board who was sworn in to office this week. "But we've reached a place where we are not going to accept that any more."

According to an on-site review of the city's special-education program in last spring, state officials with the Virginia Department of Education found six areas where the city is out of compliance with federal regulations under the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Since then, School Board members have struggled with what kind of actions might be necessary to address the problem. Now, with new members assuming office, the direction of the city's special-education policy might be taking a different direction.

"We have to hold principals accountable," said Mimi Carter, a new member of the School Board who was sworn in the week. "I think their pay should be tied to implementation of the IEPs."

In addition to tying salaries of administrators to implementation of special-education Individual Education Programs,



Monday evening in the auditorium, the newly elected ACPS school board members were sworn in by Clerk of the Court Edward Semonian.

commonly known in the school system as IEPs, Carter said she would like to see pay-for-performance create accountability elsewhere in the system. One place she would like to start is the new "individualized achievement plans," which were recently created for students failing in one or more subject area in an effort to combat the dropout rate. Carter said she would also like to see salaries of administrators tied to improvements made by students at risk of failure.

"At this point, I don't see any other way," she said. "If nobody is accountable, we are just going to keep on having the same old

problems."

After being sworn in, each member thanked family members and campaign supporters for their support. They pledged to work together and to consider the children when considering changes to policy. Some read from prepared statements while others spoke extemporaneously. The ceremony offered light-hearted anecdotes about late-night meetings and serious reflections about the importance of the role public education plays in a democratic society.

"You must be the change you want to see in the world," said School Board Chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts, quoting Mahatma

Gandhi. "I believe that we can be that change."

With the annual reorganization meeting scheduled for later in the week, talk after the ceremony turned to who would become the next chairman of the board. Traditionally, the leadership position rotates to a new member each year. But board members decided to give Folkerts a second term, also retaining Gorsuch as vice chairwoman.

"We've had a good year," said Charles Wilson, who nominated Folkerts for a second term during the organizational meeting. "We are on a roll, and I want to keep the momentum going."

## Rocky Start to Council Term for Independent

Registrar rules Hughes is eligible to vote in Alexandria; prosecutor considers felony charges.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

The ascension of Alicia Hughes to the Alexandria City Council has become a sort of Rorschach ink-blot test, with widely varying perspectives indicating as much about viewers as the subject. To some, Hughes is an interloper who breezed into town and displaced hard-working Democratic incumbents that have been part of the city's political system for years. To others, she represents a victory of hard work and determination — winning a seat on the council after challenging incumbents on their support of an asphalt paving plant and a federal court appeal now being considered in Richmond.

Since her surprise victory in May, detractors have been on the offensive. First, she was attacked for being a federal employee who was endorsed by a political party. Then she was criticizing when civil court records that showed she was late paying rent for her West End apartment. Last week, Registrar Tom Parkins held a hearing after three Alexandria voters filed a formal complaint asking for "a full inquiry into her residency and eligibility to hold office."

"I believe all of this is politically motivated," said Hughes, an independent whose candidacy was supported by Republicans. "It's an abuse of the system and a waste of resources."

After an hour-and-a-half hearing, Parkins ruled that Hughes is eligible to be a registered voter in the city. But the registrar limited his ruling to whether or not she is currently eligible, setting aside questions about when she filed her statement of candidacy in March or won a seat on council in May. After the hearing was over, the three Alexandria voters who filed the formal complaint said they still had questions about whether or not Hughes lied about her residency on her statement of candidacy.

"The question of whether or not she is currently a legally registered voter has been answered," said Ronald Rigby, a prominent member of the Alexandria Democratic Committee who was one of the three who filed the formal challenge. "But there's still a cloud over Alicia Hughes, and if I were her I'd want to have all of these questions answered."



Alicia Hughes

"I believe all of this is politically motivated. It's an abuse of the system and a waste of resources."

— Alicia Hughes

### COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY

Randy Sengel has been charged with answering the question of whether Hughes lied on her statement of candidacy by indicating that her residence was in Alexandria rather than the Baltimore property she has owned since 2006. Under Virginia law, providing false information to the registrar is a criminal offense punishable by a \$1,500 fine or a decade in prison. Sengel, a Democrat who is up for reelection this year, said he doesn't know when he might reach a decision on the issue.

"I'm not going to put a timeline on making a decision," said Sengel. "I'm working as fast as I can."

Meanwhile, supporters of Hughes have launched a counteroffensive of their own — charging that Democrats have engaged in a smear campaign designed to discredit

### Timeline

- MAY 1, 2008:** Hughes registers to vote in Alexandria.
- MARCH 3, 2009:** Hughes files a statement of candidacy for the City Council.
- MAY 5, 2009:** Hughes wins a seat on the City Council.
- MAY 15, 2009:** Hughes registers her car in Virginia.
- MAY 27, 2009:** Hughes receives an Alexandria sticker for her windshield.
- JUNE 12, 2009:** Three Alexandria voters file a formal complaint against Hughes, requesting "a full inquiry into her residency and eligibility to hold office."
- JUNE 17, 2009:** Hughes changes her principal residence status on Maryland tax records from her Baltimore property to her Alexandria address.
- JUNE 25, 2009:** Registrar Tom Parkins ruled that Hughes is currently eligible to be a registered voter in Alexandria.

Hughes before she takes office. Republican Chairman Chris Marston dismissed the allegations against Hughes as baseless, describing Sengel's investigation as a routine consideration that he would have to give any formal complaint. Others blamed the leadership of the Alexandria Democratic Committee for leading a whisper campaign against Hughes since her surprise victory in May.

"I'm really disappointed in the Democrats," said Howard Woodson, a former chairman of the NAACP and a longtime Democrat. "I think it's time for new leadership in the Alexandria Democratic Committee."

**Dash Bus Art Contest Winners**



DEBBIE ELNAHAS/THE GAZETTE PACKET

Fourth-graders Hatem Elnahas and Anissa Ashraf, with art teacher Ms. Shelton, at James K. Polk Elementary School are winners in the 50th Anniversary Dash Bus Art Contest that was open to all fourth-grade City of Alexandria students. They designed a poster with the theme "DASH bus helps the community." The winning artists received a goodie bag of school supplies and a T-shirt awarded in March at the Viola Lawson Lobby at Alexandria City Hall.

NEWS BRIEFS

**Connector To Close July 6**

As part of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project, most of the Eisenhower Avenue Connector will be closed to traffic, bicycles and pedestrians from noon Monday, July 6, through September to allow deck replacement work on the Capital Beltway Interstate 95/495 Bridge above the Connector. Vehicle traffic from Eisenhower Avenue to the Inner Loop of the Beltway will be allowed.

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were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Approximately 806 motorists passed through the checkpoint in the West bound lanes of the 5700 block of Duke Street. Seven arrests were made for Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). Forty-one summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses and four criminal arrests were made.

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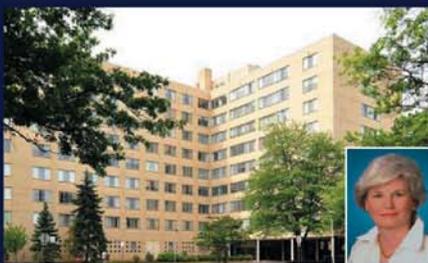
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# NEWS

## Two Plead Guilty

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nary hearing in the case, the two accomplices had second thoughts.

"Akeem said that he didn't know what [Moore] was going to do, but he had a feeling he didn't want to be a part of it, so he asked Jamal to roll out," said Detective Robert Hickman. "He said that Jamal started driving off and got around the corner. And at that point, they heard a pop. He said that right at that point Josh called Jamal on his cell phone and asked him to pick him up around the block."

**INVESTIGATORS STARTED** by tracking down the cell phone used to call Siddiqi to Buchanan Street, which led them to Moore. Records from that evening showed a number of calls between Moore, Berry and Chappell. And tracking information from the cell towers indicated all three suspects were within a mile of the murder when it happened. By the end of the month, police had all three under surveillance.

On the last day of the month, police officials were ready to move in on three suspects in the case.

On the evening of Jan. 31, Alexandria officials stopped Berry and Chappell on Janey's Lane and arrested the two for robbery and murder — using two marked cars and two unmarked cars to prevent the car from driving away during the arrest. Within 20 seconds of searching the car, officers found a Glock 0.45-caliber semiautomatic weapon. Three days later, Moore was arrested and charged with robbery and murder in the case.

Over the course of the following months, detectives and prosecutors worked together to build a case against the three individuals — piecing together cell-phone records and interrogation evidence to construct a narrative of how the three had worked together during the robbery that yielded \$40 and a cell phone. Eventually Moore agreed to a plea deal for first-degree murder and robbery, which could carry a sentence of 28 years to life in prison. Berry pled guilty to second-degree murder, which could carry a sentence of 13 years to life in prison. "We're happy to finally have

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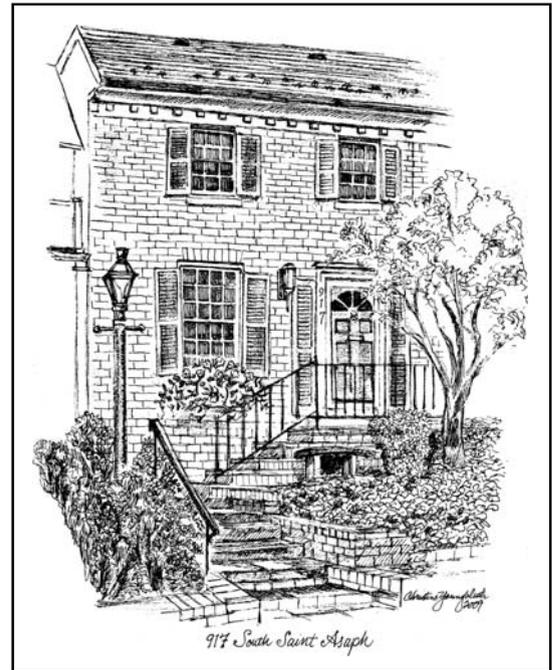
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# OPINION

## Ashamed of Leadership

To the Editor:

On May 5, we experienced a historic election in Alexandria. For the very first time, we elected an African-American woman to the City Council who is not a Democrat. She is new to our city. She is a young, single woman, with great and new ideas minus political baggage. She has demonstrated greater concern for young Alexandrians through her community involvement than many people who have lived here for decades. We are talking about City Councilwoman-elect Alicia Hughes. While we are not surprised at the citizens of Alexandria for embracing her and giving her a chance to prove herself as a good public servant, as a lifelong Alexandria Democrat, we are personally ashamed of the leadership of the Alexandria Democratic Committee ["ADC"] and the party cronies who seek to punish and humiliate Alicia for the crime of winning a local election. Go find a new hobby.

Instead of focusing on what Democrats have done to lose our way, regrouping and learning lessons of what not to do next time, our ineffective leadership seeks only to try to smear Alicia Hughes' name. If anyone thought that she was unfit to serve, they should have made that point before we voted. That's the appropriate time to wage a campaign and throw dirt if you think you have it. We have had our election now and picked our people. The results have been certified. It is time to get on with governing, with bringing everybody together to make Alexandria a better place. There are serious problems going on in this City. By trying to tear down Alicia Hughes, the leadership of the ADC is not helping to solve our problems. Instead, their racist behavior is dividing us. The ADC needs new leadership.

Clearly, Alicia's crime is being black, winning a seat on City Council and not asking permission to run from people who think they own Alexandria. Clearly, they don't and we must stand up and ignore them. If you want to know who these people are, just pay attention to the sore losers who are contesting her voter registration, trying to get the Commonwealth's Attorney to prosecute her and saying mean things about her around town before she has taken a single vote on Council. Add to that list the family members of losing candidates and a losing candidate quoted in the paper.

I will not call names, but I prom-



## Adventures In Music

The ASO's annual Children's Arts Festival sold out on last month, with the more than 900 children and parents coming along for Adventures in Music.

Children were able to play with instruments ranging from hand bells to cellos in the instrument petting zoo, creating an amazing cacophony of sound in the lobby of the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Art Center. Outside, kids crowded the art tents — creating their own guitars and drums out of balloons, rubber bands and cardboard boxes. Children and their parents also got help from the Del Ray Artisans, The Art League and the Torpedo Factory with drawings, paintings and screen printings.



For upcoming events, and information about the 2009-10 season \$5 youth matinee tickets, go to [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org).

The concert was packed as Maestro Kim Allen Kluge, dressed as the Hobbit Frodo, told the crowd that "Little people can do big things," and led the orchestra through selections from "The Lord of the Rings," "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," and Bugs Bunny's "What's Opera, Doc?" Student artwork created a splash of color projected in the darkened hall. Kluge also walked the children through a mini music class — singling out each type of instrument and describing a little about each so students would understand a bit more about what they were hearing.

ise you that Alicia is not the first non-perfect politician in Alexandria and she will not be the last. Unfortunately, I only remember Alexandria Democratic Party leadership collectively ganging up on and trying to wage media campaigns against our less than perfect black leaders. ADC, black people make up a large part of the Democratic base in this city and we do not take kindly to you trying to tear down our leaders. If you continue trying to hurt our newly-elected black city councilwoman, more than anything else, you will hurt the Alexandria Democratic Party, because as a race of people, we do not forget. For your information, there are far more African-American Democrats that vote than the ones who show up at ADC

meetings and these people have minds of their own.

**Dorothy Turner**  
President  
Alexandria Black and Hispanic  
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## Public Housing Is Too Concentrated

To the Editor:

Concentrated poverty created by concentrated public housing is a key factor in the crime that persists in Parker Gray. Ask just about any homeowner in the neighborhood whether the two are related and they will say they are. Asking two white neighborhood ad-

vocates and two black city officials, Mayor Euille and ARHA Board Member Melvin Miller, to comment on the issues raised by the recent murder of a wanted criminal reinforces the purported racial divide on the issue in Parker Gray. I will submit that no racial divide exists. It exists only in the minds of people like Mayor Euille and Melvin Miller who long ago left the neighborhood for enclaves of the city where crimes of this nature are not common. As a former Parker Gray homeowner, I can attest that my former neighbors — black, white, Latino and others — are concerned about rising property taxes, concentrated

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# Two Plead Guilty

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some closure," said Kyle Summers, general manager of Yellow Cab. "But we are still devastated by the needless loss of life."

**THE LAST-MINUTE** request for a competency hearing surprised prosecutors, who were ready to set a trial date for Chappell. Since they approached Chappell with a plea deal on June 25, prosecutors and the public defender have met with the defendant three times at the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home for a total of eight hours.

It was during these meetings that the public defender began having doubts about Chappell's ability to understand abstract legal principles concerning second-degree murder.

"In particular, Mr. Chappell has not expressed an understanding of how he could be found guilty of felony murder without proof that he participated in perpetrating the crime," Douglas wrote. "Moreover, Mr. Chappell's comments indicate a misunderstanding of the likely

outcomes of either a guilty plea or a trial."

School records entered into the court record show that Chappell has difficulty understanding speech and language, performing in the first percentile of aptitude tests. His Individual Education Program requires that he receive group educational counseling, vocational instruction, tutoring and counseling by a therapist to address insecurity and low self-esteem. Since his arrest in January, the Northern Virginia Juvenile Detention Home has documented a series of incident reports showing the teenager has lashed out at staff workers with aggressive behavior and abusive language. Meanwhile, the court is set to make a determination on Chappell's competence by mid-July.

"His inability to understand concepts or reason abstractly have furthermore impaired his ability to assist his attorneys in his own defense, in that counsel are unable to effectively communicate about the propriety of various choices," Douglas wrote.

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Nancy and Mark Williams talk with Dave Bracken at the festival.

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Katherine Forsyth and Maeve Bracken perform with the 50 Man Machine.



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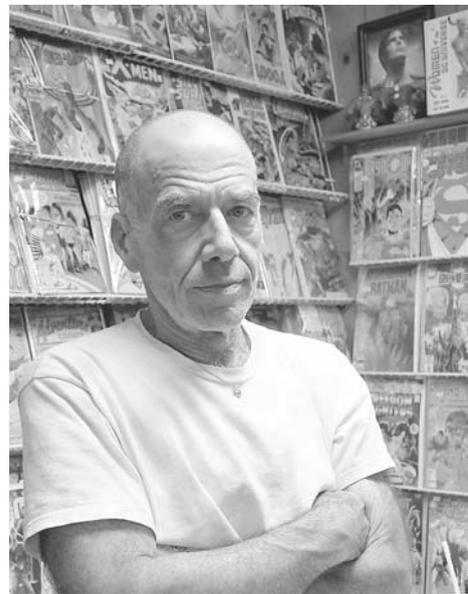
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Jessica Hammonds and Chris Gardener relax in space at Sacred Circle.



Sister Jamie Paula sorts through books at Pauline Books & Media.

# Black History Museum Opens Jazz Exhibition

By JAMES DENISON  
THE GAZETTE

The Alexandria Black History Museum opened a new exhibition June 18 which features a series of black-and-white photographs of various well-known jazz musicians from the Kansas City area. The 50 por-

traits, collectively entitled "The Fine Art of Jazz," are the work of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Dan White, who spent almost 20 years working on the project. Museum Director Louis Hicks notes that the facility has been "working very closely with Meade Memorial [Episcopal] Church to create a series of jazz-related exhibitions" at the museum, and that "The Fine Art of Jazz" is a part of that ongoing effort. Hicks cites the influence of local musician Courtney Brooks, who helped forge a relationship between the museum and the D.C. Blues Society before his death, and as well as the "wealth of music in the area" as factors that led to an increased interest in jazz on the museum's part, and, eventually, to the decision to bring the jazz exhibit to the museum.

Since its opening, the exhibition,



"The Fine Art of Jazz," are the work of Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Dan White, who spent almost 20 years working on the project

which also includes a number of books on photography and jazz, has proven to be well-liked by all

who have taken the time to give it a visit. "It's been enthusiastically received so far," said Hicks, and

proof of his statement is found easily amongst the museum's guests. "I love it. The pictures are great. The artistry is great. It's very well done," said museum visitor Crystal Williams. "I think it's a great place you could bring children from [local] schools to see, to learn about black history and jazz. It's very educational," echoes Eva Williams.

The portraits will be on display at the museum through Saturday, Aug. 8, when their stay will be capped off by a performance from local artist Aretha Aretha.

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To learn more about the new exhibit or the Alexandria Black History Museum, check out [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or visit the museum anytime from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday at 902 Wythe Street in Alexandria.

## To Go

"The Fine Art of Jazz," an exhibition highlighting the names and faces synonymous with the Kansas City tradition of American jazz, is at the Alexandria Black History Museum at 902 Wythe Street. The exhibition will run through Saturday, Aug. 8. 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](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

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**Summer Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. Free. Pianist and composer Haskell Small. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

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**Alive With History.** 6-9 p.m. Free. History comes to life at the Torpedo Factory as visitors are invited to explore the beginnings of the factory turned art center. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); 703-838-4565.

**Art-Based Mentoring.** 5:30-8 p.m. The SOHO (Space of Her Own) program has scheduled an orientation for prospective adult female volunteers who are interested in providing mentoring to preteen girls on Thursday evenings throughout the school year. At Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

**The Great Zucchini.** 11 a.m. A magic show with laughs. Recommended for ages 2 & up. At Barrett Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4555, ext. 3.

### TUESDAY, JULY 7

**Japanese Storytime (Recurring).** All ages. 10:30 am. Join the global party at Hooray for Books as we present a very special Japanese storytime! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**Pinhole Photography Workshop.** 4-5:30 p.m. Photographers age 10-15 can step inside a camera obscura to explore the simple science behind the art of photography. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) for details.

**Color Mixing as Science and Art.** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Children ages 4-10 are invited to explore the wonders of color mixing, creating a custom palette of tints, hues and shades. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) for details.

### WEDNESDAY, JULY 8

**"An's Insiders View of Today's USO" Luncheon.** 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Hosted by the Springfield/Alexandria Women's Connection. At the Springfield Golf & Country Club. The cost of \$17 includes the luncheon and free childcare. Reservations must be made by noon, Monday, June 6, to 703-569-4670 or 703-876-4780 or email to [SpringWmConn@yahoo.com](mailto:SpringWmConn@yahoo.com). Pamela Horton, an Airport Service Specialist of the USO at Reagan and Dullas Airport, will share heartwarming stories and experiences and talk about today's USO. Nancy O'Meara, will speak about rebuilding her life as a divorced woman and single mother.

**Beat the Heat Summer Studio.** 1:30-3:00 p.m. On Wednesday afternoons artists of all ages are invited to follow a weekly routine of working with a drawing material to begin, followed by an activity with paint or collage and ending with time to work with clay. Visit [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) for details.

### THURSDAY, JULY 9

### FRIDAY, JULY 10

**Don't Step on a Bee Day.** To raise awareness of the bee crisis in the U.S., Buzz Bakery Executive Chef Josh Short will offer his Bumble Bee cupcakes, a signature creation of vanilla cupcake filled with a chocolate center, iced with vanilla buttercream and topped with a bumblebee, for \$2.75 each. At 901 Slaters Lane in Alexandria. Visit at [www.buzzonslaters.com](http://www.buzzonslaters.com) or call 703-600-2899 (703-600-BUZZ).

**Russian Carnival Ensemble.** 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Washington Balalaika Society. New York City group will perform popular Russian, Jewish and Ukrainian tunes as well as classical music. At The Lyceum, 301 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Tickets: \$20. (advance), \$25. (at Door)

See: [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org). Artist reception to follow. Call 703-549-0760.

### SATURDAY, JULY 11

**Wee Ones Storytime (Recurring).** Ages 0-2. 10:30 am. Sing some silly songs and read some fun stories with us as we explore the exciting world around us! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**Something Fishy Storytime.** Ages 3 and up. 11:30 am. Bring your best fishy face and swim over to our storytime corner to get hooked on some of our favorite stories about our finny friends! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

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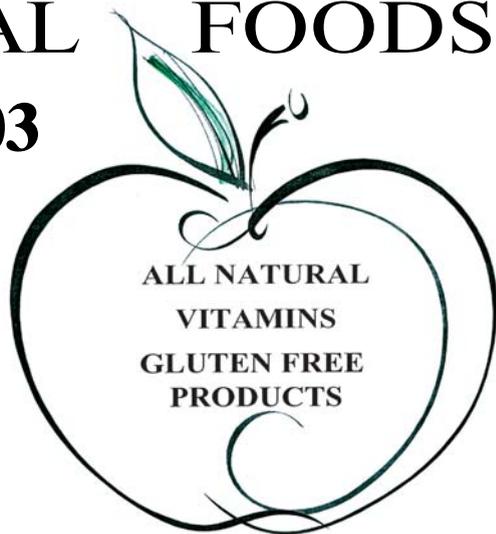


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On one page or less, explain why you consider this person a Legend. Criteria are the creation of something tangible that would not likely exist without that person's vision and dedication—or a minimum of 10 years of exemplary service to improve the quality of life in the City.

See [www.tisaraphoto.com/legends](http://www.tisaraphoto.com/legends) or call 703-838-8098 for a nomination form. **Nominations must include contact info**—name, address, telephone number and email—for the nominator and nominee.

Send your nominations no later than September 30, to [alexandria.legends@earthlink.net](mailto:alexandria.legends@earthlink.net) or mail to: Legends, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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**“Greece Abstracted,”** Betsy Anderson's Solo Artist Show at The Art League Gallery, July 9 – Aug. 3. Opening Reception: Thursday, July 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m. The Art League Gallery (located in the Torpedo Factory Art Center) 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Call 703-683-1780, [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org)

**Fifteen Ceramic Guild artists** present their handmade critter-inspired designs for table and display in a creative array for the "All Creatures Great and Small"-themed juried show and sale at the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery. Cracked glaze raku polar bears roam the shelves and ravens perch on stoneware stems. The Scope Gallery show runs now through July 28 - Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. The gallery is Studio 19, 101 North Union Street Alexandria. Call 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

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**The Artisans United Craft Gallery.** Enjoy the free show, "Summer Delights" during July. Come in and find unique hand-made craft items. Located at 4022 Hummer Rd., Annandale. Call 703-941-0202. The Craft Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Waiting for the World to Begin.** Thomas Drymon will showcase his abstract landscapes from now through Aug. 2 at the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

**Mixed Media Multiplied!**, a showcase of multiple mixed media works by Del Ray Artisans members, runs through July 19. The exhibition will be on view at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Free. Go to [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or call 703-838-4827.

**Open Life Drawing at Del Ray Artisans** — Open life drawing continues on selected Wednesdays from 2-5 p.m. this summer at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. The fee for each session is \$8 for DRA members and \$10 for non-members. Contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or [katherine@katherinerand.com](mailto:katherine@katherinerand.com). Dates, times and directions can be found at <http://www.thedelrayartisans.org/index.htm>.

**Del Ray Artisans Art Camp:** July 27-31 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily. Will include a variety of "green-influenced" projects in different media, including,



### CMDupré: The Mysterious Other

**Exhibition Dates:** now through July 12

**Reception to meet the artist:** July 9, 6-8 p.m.; awards ceremony at 7 p.m.

The Torpedo Factory's Target Gallery will present the 2009 Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year, CMDupré and her solo exhibition titled "The Mysterious Other" from now through July 12. Along with the honor of having a solo exhibition, the artist will also receive an award check of \$1,000. The collection of visually lush oil paintings explores dark areas of human existence including the grasping horror of war. Through her use of a grid pattern, the artist retells historical narratives from different viewpoints while utilizing varied approaches to painting.

The Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center named CMDupré Torpedo Factory Artist of the Year in January of 2009. Visit the web site and click on Target Gallery News, [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org). The gallery hours are Monday through Friday 10-6 p.m.; Thursday 10-8 p.m.; and Saturday and Sunday 12-6 p.m. Located on the ground floor of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street, Old Town Alexandria on the waterfront.

drawing, painting, sculpture, book making and music. All art supplies are provided. Ages: 8-12. Pricing: \$275. Contact: Jen Athanas at 571-332-0181 or [jenathanas@hotmail.com](mailto:jenathanas@hotmail.com). Online registration available at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org).

**The Del Ray Artisans** is accepting entries for Revenge of the Sequel, its September 2009 art show. For this show, the artist is creating the concept and image of a sequel to any movie (underground, mainstream, etc.), play, book, opera, television show, a sequel of sequel, or whatever may lend itself to becoming a sequel. Submission deadline is 5 p.m., Friday, July 24. Show dates are Sept. 4-27. Curator is David A. Kosar, 703-836-5483, [david.kosar@verizon.net](mailto:david.kosar@verizon.net). Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org). The Del Ray Artisans gallery is located in the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2407 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria; call 703-838-4827.

**Gallery West** presents "The Power of Color," a juried show of 2- and 3-dimensional fine art celebrating the qualities of hue and color in affordable, original artwork created by regional artists. The exhibit runs from July 8 – Aug. 2 at 1213 King Street in Old Town Alexandria. A reception will take place on Saturday, July 11 from 6 – 8 p.m. Go to [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com). Phone: 703-549-6006.

**Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery** announces the juried show "Moons, Stars and Sky" now through July 5. The artists join in the celebration of the summer solstice. Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. The gallery is located in Studio 18 of the Torpedo Factory Art Center at 105 North Union Street in Old Town Alexandria on the waterfront. The gallery is open daily from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Thursdays when it is open until 9 p.m.



**Art at the Center**, 25 S. Quaker Lane, Room 16, classes are forming now for adults and children from 18 months and up. For details go to [www.artatthecenter.org](http://www.artatthecenter.org) or call 703-581-5598.

# Emergency Field Day

**“Radio Hams”  
join in national  
deployment.**

The “Field Day” exercise to demonstrate emergency communications, started at 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 27 and ended 24 hours later on Sunday.

Venturing Crew 80, operating under charter from Boy Scouts of America and sponsored by First Christian Church on King St. and co-sponsored by the Mt. Vernon Amateur Radio Club Club, set up transmitting towers and receivers behind the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Cameron Mills Road.

The scouts started their log of contacts made throughout the day. Power to run the receivers was provided by batteries and solar power rechargers. A generator was also on hand. In case of an emergency, electrical power supplies might not be readily available.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to [www.emergency-radio.org](http://www.emergency-radio.org).

Across town at the Lee Center, the Alexandria Radio Club settled in for the duration. Towers were constructed including a new 40-meter loop antenna, receivers inside the Alexandria Fire Department training rooms and outside on the fields along with a special mobile unit.

This annual event, called “Field Day” is the climax of “Amateur Radio Week” sponsored by the ARRL, the national association for Amateur Radio. Using only emergency power supplies, ham operators constructed emergency sta-



**A 40-meter loop antennae was constructed on the field behind the Lee Center.**

tions in parks, shopping malls, schools and back yards around the country. Their slogan, “Ham radio works when other systems don’t”

is more than just words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, internet

or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis. More than 30,000 amateur radio operators across the country participated in last year’s event.



**Ian Keith and Kevin Kellbach take down contact info through their Morse Code transmitters and receivers.**



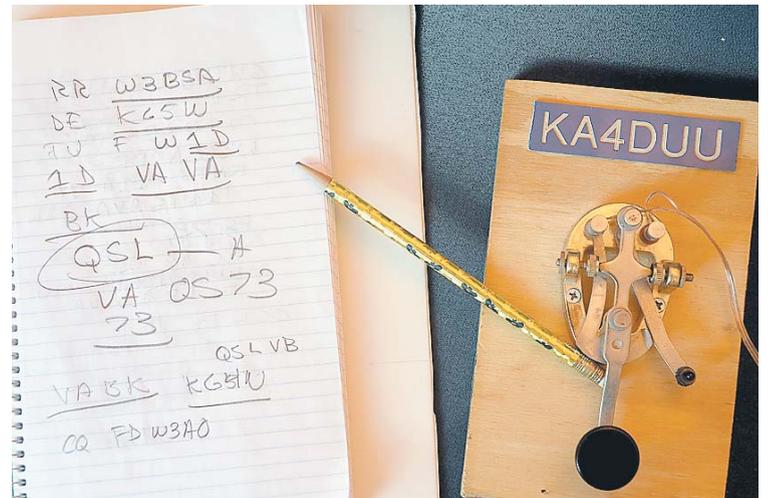
**Bob Morgan and Jim Buchanan**



**Judge Robert Colby talks with Alexandria club member Rick Bunn.**



**The communications tent at Westminster Presbyterian.**



**Contacts were made through Morse Code transmissions as well as voice mics.**



**Alexandria Radio Club President Jack Hranicky.**



**Alexandria Radio Club field day chair, Art Pond.**

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# PEOPLE

## Rockin' for Kathy Wilson Foundation

The Light Horse restaurant was rocking on King Street in May as the Kathy Wilson Foundation sponsored a Rock 'N Roll dance. The local foundation raises money to help children with special needs. Audience members could buy their place in the band for a donation. Liam Bowman won the honor of replacing the band's drummer for numerous songs thanks to both talent and his mom's donations.

Dan Yaeger, the band's lead singer began the evening with "Kansas City" to honor where Kathy and Paul Wilson once lived. The Backyard Blues Band has a distinct philosophy; the band only plays for local charities that all the band members agree upon. They donated their services. The Kathy Wilson Foundation's 2009 grants help with inclusion classrooms, where children with special needs learn beside everyone else. Grants this year went to Abracadabra, Resurrection Pre-school, MOPS and the Network preschools.

"What I loved was seeing the



**Backyard Blues Band members: Melissa Bronez, George Carlo, Ray Bender, Steve Yohay, Dale Ray, Bruce Navarro, Jim Greene, Jim Gahres and Dan Yaeger. For more information on the band visit [www.backyardbluesband.us](http://www.backyardbluesband.us)**

kids dance and sing. It's about time their parents taught them how to Rock 'N Roll." I only hope

their knees ache as much as mine," said Wilson, the foundation president. For more informa-

tion on the Kathy Wilson Foundation visit [www.kathywilsonfoundation.org](http://www.kathywilsonfoundation.org)



**Brigid Schulte dances with her daughter at the foundation benefit.**



**Liam Bowman takes over from the band drummer Bruce Navarro.**

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**Lucia Anna (Pia) Trigiani**, a principal with the law firm of Mercer Trigiani in Old Town Alexandria, has been selected as one of Virginia's 2009 Influential Women. Trigiani is one of 28 women throughout Virginia who was honored by Virginia Lawyers Weekly for outstanding contributions in law, business, healthcare and education and for demonstrating significant impact on their professions, communities and society.



Trigiani currently serves as chair of the Board of Governors for the Virginia Bar Association and chair of the Virginia Common Interest Community Board. In April 2009, Community Associations Institute presented her with the Distinguished Service Award for 10 years of extraordinary contributions to the Institute in government and public affairs. She also was named 2008 Educator of the Year by the Washington Metropolitan Chapter of Community Associations Institute.

**Pamela McVey**, RN, MSN, was named the new chief nurse executive at Inova Alexandria Hospital. McVey has more than 15 years of nursing experience, with



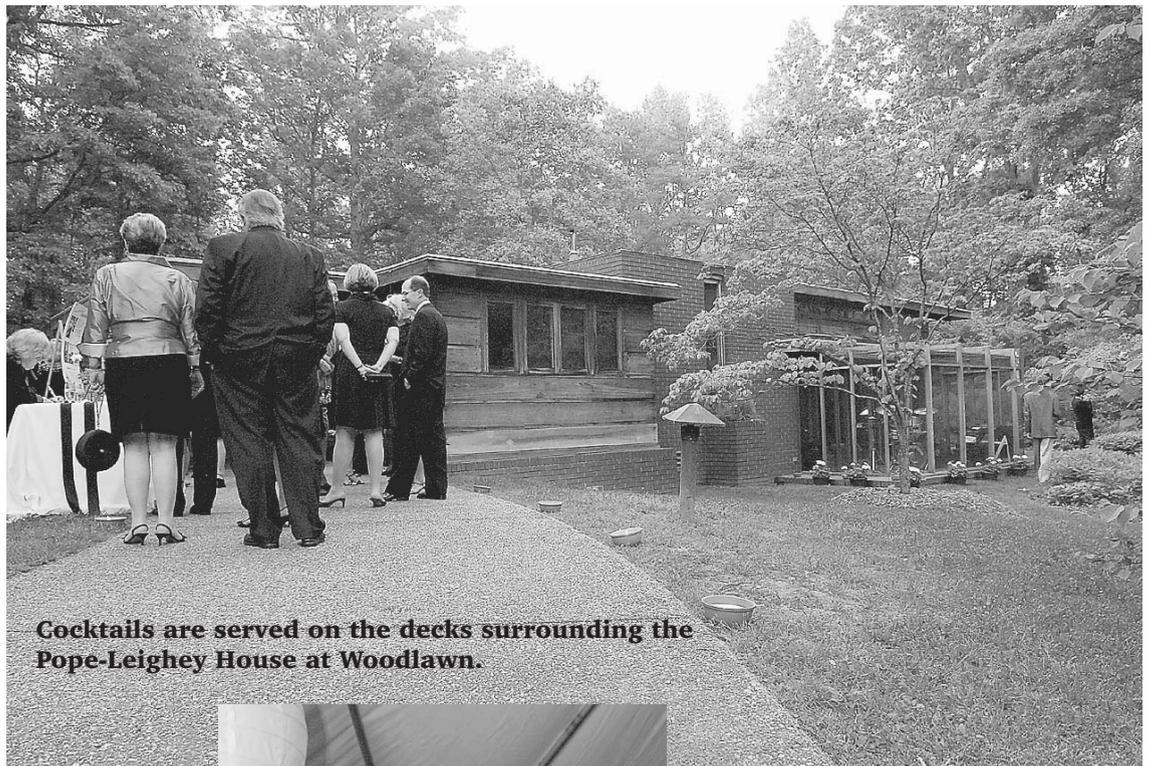
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# PEOPLE



The bidding gets animated as the auction items are announced.



Cocktails are served on the decks surrounding the Pope-Leighey House at Woodlawn.

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## Wright Night, Wright Place

The lights were turned on at the Pope-Leighey House for the annual little black dress party in May. The fundraiser hosted by the Advisory Board of the Woodlawn/Pope-Leighey House/National Trust for Historic Preservation raises funds for the preservation of the Frank Lloyd Wright House. The party featured a live auction, music by the Not So Modern Jazz Band and modeling by Hysteria. The party also celebrated the 142nd birthday on June 8 of architect Frank Lloyd Wright.



Lisa Chapman and Paul Anderson.



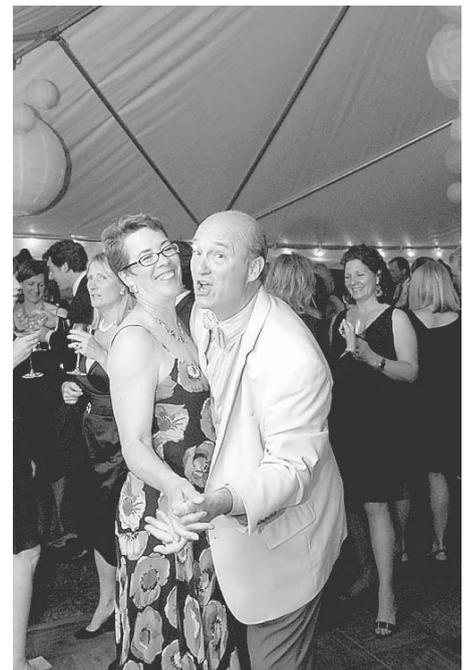
Susan Shaw and Denise Austin



Not So Modern Jazz Quartet clarinet player Mike Ritter.



Co-chairs of the event and members of the Advisory Board of Woodlawn/Pope-Leighey House/National Trust for Historic Preservation: Cindy Connor, Susan Shaw and Beverley Stanley.



William and Linda Moncure dance to the music of the Not So Modern Jazz Quartet.

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many of those years in leadership roles. She most recently served as associate hospital administrator of patient-care services at Louisiana State University Public Hospital, the largest hospital in the LSU system. While in that role, McVey was responsible for the direction of all nursing functions, including the emergency department, intensive care unit, women's and children, and trauma. She also successfully oversaw patient-care functions during hurricanes Katrina and Gustav.

**David Ivey-Soto** of Alexandria was named Secretary of the American Culinary Federation Inc. Board of Directors for a two-year term that



begins on July 14.

Ivey-Soto is CEC, CCA, MBA, managing partner, Chef David Industries, Alexandria. ACF is governed by a board of directors composed of professional chefs from around the country. The board oversees the direction of the organization and works directly with the national office staff to guide organization growth and member benefits.

**ACT for Alexandria**, Alexandria's community foundation, announced that Executive Director Jonelle Wallmeyer was awarded the Social Value Leadership award by Greater DC Cares at their annual Business Philanthropy Summit on June 16 which was keynoted by First Lady Michelle Obama. This award recognizes the creation of 'social value' by a nonprofit executive and the contribution to the social well being of the community he/she serves.

**Tom and Cindy Schneider** of Tom & Cindy and Associates in Long & Foster's Kingstowne office claimed top honors in the "Wall Street Journal/LORE Top 400," a national awards ranking based on calendar 2008 sales results. They have been Alexandria's top agents for eight years specializing in Alexandria, Kingstowne, Lorton, and Springfield. Tom & Cindy & Associates took 72<sup>nd</sup> place on the list of 400 teams nationwide by dollar volume, with \$80.3 million in sales.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Alexandria welcomes experienced real estate agent **Jorge Bohabot** as a sales associate specializing in the Greater Washington, D.C. area. He is fluent in English and Spanish. Bohabot was previously with United Realty and RE/MAX.

An avid athlete, Bohabot competes on the Virginia Masters Swim Team as a freestyler and sprinter.

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##### Legal Notice

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# SPORTS

# Wait a Second, Wood?

Not many college ballplayers are familiar with wood bats; count these two Aces among them.

BY JASON MACKEY  
THE GAZETTE PACKET

There are few pursuits that Landon Joost and Brad Johnson are more equipped to conquer. As members of the Yavapai College baseball team, Joost and Johnson play for one of the few collegiate programs in the country that exclusively uses wood bats.

And this summer, Joost and Johnson have taken that experience and brought it to Alexandria where they've suited up for the Aces. Alexandria plays in the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League, an organization that requires its members to use wood bats.

"We're just more familiar with it, so obviously we know what we can get," Joost said, "... and we'll take what we can get every time."

The differences, Joost points out, are endless. Wood bats have a smaller sweet spot, meaning the area where optimal contact can be made is not as large. And there are also the weight distribution discrepancies. With aluminum bats — or any other type of composite bat that's becoming increasingly more popular — the

weight distribution is such that it feels like the hitter is swinging a broomstick, the wood bat more like a pipe.

Aluminum bats also afford hitters a chance to cover their mistakes. With wood, poor swings are blown up and seen with crystal-clear resolution. With aluminum bats, those mistakes are overshadowed, often, by a chopper that has enough on it to elude an infielder or a jam shot that's just deep enough to drop behind the first baseman.

In other words, the true talent of a hitter cannot be measured by aluminum. Only wood.

"You definitely have to square the ball up," Johnson said. "You have to put it right on the barrel. With metal bats, you can make mistakes, get jammed and hit balls off the end of the bat and you can still hit the ball decently. With wood bats, if you don't put the ball right on the barrel the bat's gonna blow up in your hands."

**"If you don't put the ball right on the barrel, the bat's gonna blow up in your hands."**

— Brad Johnson, Alexandria Aces

**JOOST AND JOHNSON** are two of several Aces who've struggled to adjust to life during the summer. So far this spring the team is sporting a 7-10 record and had lost three straight games before Wednesday night's contest against the Bethesda Big Train, which ended too late for this edition.

Part of the problem, manager Eric Williams said, was that his players' eyes have grown collectively larger

with the assortment of high school fields that the team plays on. Whether it's Four Mile Run Park or Paul VI or Herndon high schools, the fences are of

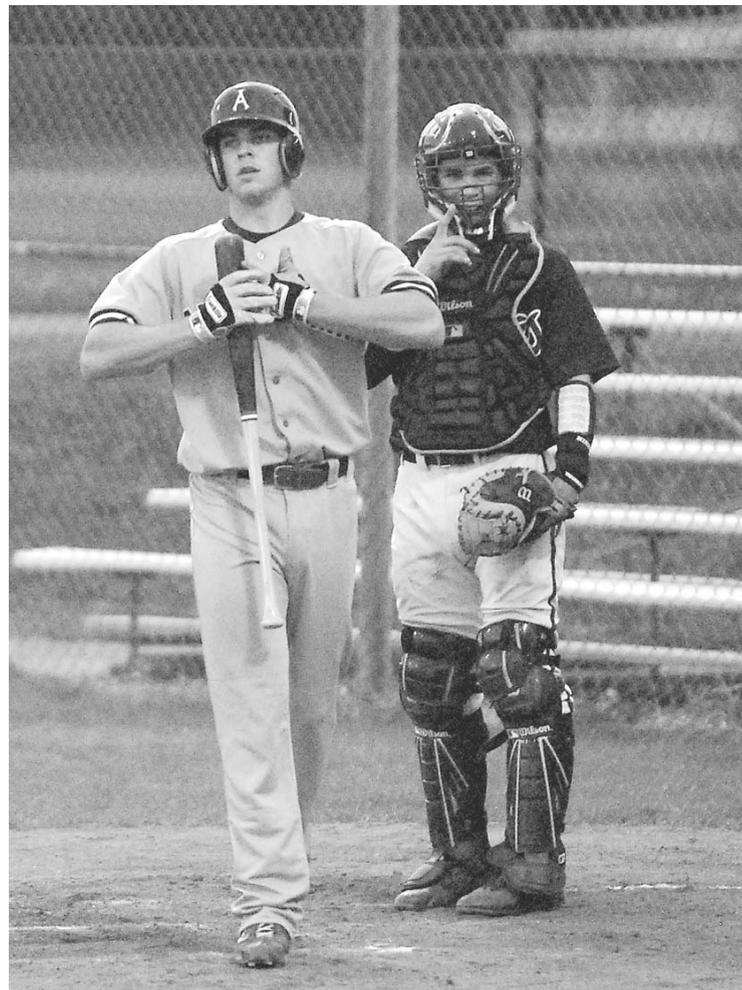


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**Landon Joost reacts to his first-inning strikeout during the Alexandria Aces' 9-2 loss to the Herndon Braves on Friday, June 29. A third baseman, Joost is hitting .200 (7-for-35) this summer.**

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## ALEXANDRIA SPORTS BRIEFS

### Area Little Leaguers Win Title

The Alexandria Potomac Little League's 8-10 Year old squad defeated West Springfield, 12-10, on Sunday, June 28 at Gardziel Field in Dumfries, Va. to become 'Champions' of 2009 Virginia District 9 Fun Tournament.

reduced camp fee. Members of the Titan boys' basketball team, which has won the past four Northern Region championships and the state title in 2008, will be counselors. For more information contact coach King at 410-960-2537 or register online at [www.1on1basketball.com](http://www.1on1basketball.com).

### Divas Make Title Game

The D.C. Divas of the Independent Women's Football League (IWFL), who feature nine players from Northern Virginia and three from Alexandria, advanced to the conference championship after defeating the Pittsburgh Passion, 27-17, last weekend. The Divas travel to Boston to face the Boston Militia on July 11 in the conference championship, with a spot in the July 25<sup>th</sup> IWFL Championship on the line.

The Divas completed their ninth regular season two weeks ago with a 63-0 win over the Philadelphia



COURTESY OF ALEXANDRIA POTOMAC LITTLE LEAGUE

**Bottom row – left to right: Conner Becton, Matt Frame, Jack Walter, Patrick Aitken, Danny Ryan, Ben Anderson; Second row: John Rupert, Kevin Cox, Chris Day, Duncan Hoag, Hunter Baldwin, Charlie Luparello, Charlie Jones; Back row - Steve Luparello, Mike Aitken, Gary Hoag, Barry Becton, Marty Anderson. Not Pictured: Nate Cermak and Reilly Hughes.**

Firebirds last week. The Divas finished the regular season with a perfect 8-0 record. It was the

franchise's sixth division title in 46. seven years, and this year the team outscored its opposition by 305-

## SPORTS

# Working With Wood

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ten shorter all the way around the outfield than what many of the college players are used to.

The shorter fences and the appearance of an easy home run can cause more than a few unnatural swinging habits; an uppercut of a swing or players topping too many balls are generally pretty good indications of swinging too hard.

"I think the guys are just starting to get the concept down that there's more to it than getting here and seeing how far you can hit it," Williams said.

**AT YAVAPAI**, which plays in the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference, Joost and Johnson were used to the desert heat. One-hundred-and-twenty degrees was not all that uncommon and it wasn't very humid.

Here, both have had to adjust to the constant moisture in the air. Not only can it become uncomfortable, it's also something that the duo said can affect their wood bats.

On an unseasonably humid day, the wood bats will retain moisture and become heavier. And when a pitch is coming at 90-plus miles-per-hour, every fraction of an ounce is critical.

From a statistical standpoint, Johnson leads the team with a .268 (11-for-41) batting average, while Joost is hitting .200 (7-for-35). Johnson also leads the team with seven RBIs.

"Some guys have swung wood bats before so they know what they're doing, but for some it's the first time," Johnson said. "So it's taken them a little bit longer to make the adjustments."

Joost, who had a slow spring at Yavapai before erupting this past spring with a .358 batting average and a .731 slugging percentage, said that he loosened his grip on the bat a bit, enabling an exaggerated whipping action to occur when the bat travels through the strike zone.

"It's taken some getting used to," Joost said. "If you're a good hitter, you can take a wood bat, put it in your hands and in a couple of days get used to that."

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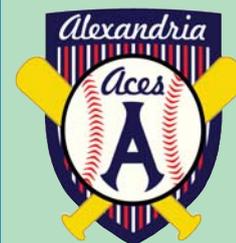
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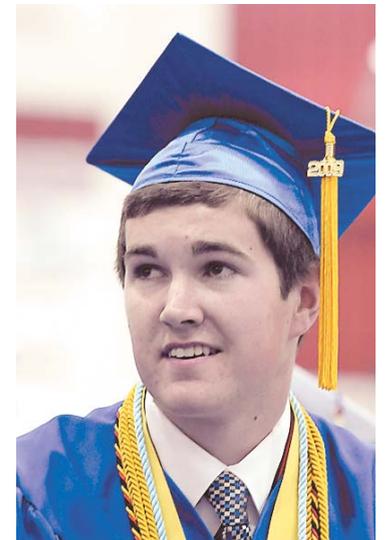
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Sarah E. Noll, the 2009 valedictorian.



Thomas S. Lynam, the 2009 salutatorian.

### SCHOOL NOTES

Bishop Ireton High School won four Cappies for our production of "Romeo and Juliet" at the gala at The Kennedy Center on Sunday, June 7:

❖ **Critics Team** (Emily O'Connell, Meghan Palmer, Emilia Lynch, Gabrielle Kuhn, Anne-Elisabeth Halbert, Carolyn Darville, Sean Crook, Jordan Dively, & Adam Santalla)

❖ **Graduating Critic** - Emily O'Connell

❖ **Featured Actor in a Play** - Andrew Ferguson (Mercutio)

❖ **Ensemble in a Play** - Andrew Ferguson and Jake Gaudet (Mercutio & Benvolio)

The Cappies, "Critics and Awards Program," is a program through which high school theater and journalism students are trained as critics, attend shows at other schools, write reviews, and publish those reviews in local newspapers. At the end of the year, the student critics vote for awards that are presented at a formal Cappies Gala at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

**Alexandria resident Bethany Bouw** was one of 650 students to graduate from Messiah College on May 16 during the College's 100th annual com-

mencement. Bouw graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in accounting.

**Kateryna Bogdanivna Savchyn** of Alexandria, a first-year student at Gettysburg College, has been placed on the Deans' Honor List for outstanding academic achievement in the Spring 2009.

Alexandria resident **Maria Baptiste** received a BS in Business Administration in Marketing in Cum Laude from Seton Hall University.

Three young women from Alexandria will begin vocal studies with Opera Institute at American University, a one-of-a-kind training program that draws participants from across the U.S. and beyond for intensive study with world-class opera professionals from Washington National Opera. The teens — **Hannah Beamon**, 18, **Arianna Geneson**, 18, and **Meredith Henderson**, 17, — competed with more than 100 applicants for spots at Opera Institute, and in participating, they take one step closer to their dreams of becoming a professional singers. Opera Institute training is rigorous and

extensive, and culminates in a rare opportunity to perform on the Kennedy Center's Millennium Stage on July 11.

Alexandria resident **James T. Billings** received a Master of Arts in Strategic Comm and Leadership in May 2009 from Seton Hall University.

Many of 2009's graduating high school seniors received a portion of the record scholarship funds distributed by the Apple Federal Credit Union Education Foundation alongside their diplomas. More than \$62,000 was given to 20 students and nine local organizations that support their own scholarship programs. From Alexandria City, **Princess Osei-Adubofour** (T.C. Williams High School) was a scholarship winner.

The following received a degree from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., at its 164th commencement ceremony on May 11.

❖ **Amy Gareis of Alexandria**, received a Master of Business Administration from the Goizueta Business School of Emory University.

❖ **Dorian Capers of Alexandria**, Va., son of Dr. Patricia A Capers of Al-

exandria, and Rudolf Capers of Lompoc, Calif., received a Associate in Arts from Oxford College of Emory University.

❖ **Rachel Shipp** of Alexandria, received a Master of Business Administration from the Goizueta Business School of Emory University.

**Emily Alice Rabbitt** of Alexandria has been named to the Dean's List at Wake Forest University for the spring of 2009.

**Timothy Hoisington**, a member of the class of 2009 at Connecticut College and a resident of Alexandria, has been named to the dean's list for the 2009 spring semester.

Boston University awarded academic degrees to 5,863 students in May 2009. Receiving degrees were **Joshua N. Nunn**, Master of Science in Computer Information Systems; **Benjamin B. Rhodside**, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; **Alison M. Yates**, Bachelor of Fine Arts-Theatre in Acting; **Hillary A. Underwood**, Master of Criminal Justice in Criminal Justice; **Katherine A. Tyson**, Bachelor of Arts in Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude; **Krista M.**

**McClellan**, Bachelor of Music in Voice Performance; **Andrea L. Petruso**, Master of Science in Business Administration and Management.

**Brodie Pearson** of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Science degree from Wake Forest University during commencement exercises May 18. Vice President Joe Biden gave the commencement address to approximately 1,600 graduates.

Brodie, the daughter of John and Margaret Pearson of Alexandria, is a 2006 graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in Alexandria. She will be returning to Winston Salem, N.C. in August, entering the graduate program at the Calloway School of Business at Wake Forest University pursuing degree requirements for a Master's of Science in Accountancy.

**Cole Youngner** of Hoover, Ala., son of Larry D Youngner of Alexandria, Va., and Velinda J Block of Hoover, Ala., was named to the Dean's List of Emory College, the undergraduate, liberal arts college of Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., for the 2009 spring semester.

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## LETTERS

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poverty in the public housing properties throughout Parker Gray and the safety of all of Parker Gray's residents, particularly our children. I mention property tax because where else in the city would continued crimes of this nature be tolerated in a neighborhood that has so many \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 homes?

When I think of the times I walked home near where the latest murder victim was found, at roughly the same hour of his death, my body shudders. Concentrated poverty and crime are related in Parker Gray. Continued efforts to make the issue one of racial divide serves no purpose. The city needs to start looking at Parker Gray as the unpolished gem it is and release it from the confines of concentrated poverty. It's time for Resolution 830 to go; it's time to disperse public housing across the city, it's time for the city to take full advantage of housing vouchers and it's time for one neighborhood to stop carrying the weight of the city's failed public housing policy. Mr. Miller and Mr. Euille should spend less time being quoted and more time enacting public policies that make Parker Gray a safer place to live, work and play.

make for our children's wellbeing.

Parents might leave their children alone in a vehicle if they want to avoid waking a sleeping baby or getting the child out of and back into a car seat. But a child can get overheated quickly — it only takes 10 minutes for a car's temperature to increase 19 F. Long lines or a broken register can make a quick trip in the store unexpectedly longer; meanwhile, the vehicle is growing warmer. This and countless other safety issues for children in parked or running vehicles are very real and very dangerous. A child should never be left alone in a car.

Parenting can be tough at times, and summer safety issues pose a special challenge. Luckily, there are resources dedicated to helping parents make the season both fun and safe. Visit the Parent Resource Center on SCAN of Northern Virginia's Web site at [www.scanva.org](http://www.scanva.org) — and look for the feature on summer safety. Reading through tips on kids in cars, preventing sunburns, water safety, finding supervision, and other topics in our summer safety section is an easy way to increase your knowledge and prepare for this season. Take time to learn more now, and keep summer the fun-filled time it should be for you and your children.

**Diane Charles**

Executive Director

SCAN of Northern Virginia

**Gerri Madrid Davis**

Former Parker Gray resident

## Prepare for Safe Summer

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 20, yet another child died of hyperthermia when left alone in a parked car. Two-year-old April Knight lived in Kentucky, and at the beginning of summer is already the 13th child in the U.S. to die in a hot vehicle this year.

How can we be sure this does not happen to the children and families in our own community?

The truth is summer may be a fun time of year, but it can present difficult, sometimes dangerous challenges for parents. From inconveniences like bug bites to tragedies like drowning and death, children themselves are often unaware of these issues or too young to understand. Fortunately, many of these accidents are preventable. As parents, babysitters, and caregivers, it's our job to ensure that every child remains safe and healthy in the coming months. Taking a few moments to be aware of these situations is a small sacrifice to

## Correction

To the Editor:

An e-mail letter was sent to you that you printed on June 18, 2009. It was brought to my attention that there were a few lines that I had edited, but apparently forwarded the non-edited edition to you. We appreciate deeply your running our letter. I apologize for not checking to make sure that I submitted the correct edition.

Please note the following and if you would please run a correction it would be appreciated.

The organization "People Against Childhood Cancer (PAC2)" was co-founded by Bob Piniewski and his wife. It is their 14-year-old son that passed a way a year and half ago from cancer not mine. I am just a volunteer with both PAC2 and Cure Search.

Anyone seeking information about "Cure Search" may visit their Web site at <http://www.curesearch.org>

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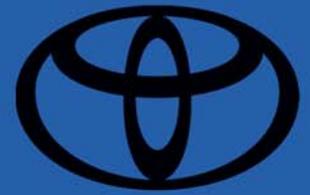


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## ALEXANDRIA/DEL RAY

\$499,900



### Stone Front

This two-bedroom, one-bath, stone front duplex has an updated kitchen and bath, gleaming hardwood floors, new windows, custom blinds, updated HVAC, water heater and electric panel. Fully fenced deep back yard with a deck, patio and storage shed. All this and steps to King Street and Braddock Road Metros, and the shops of Del Ray and Old Town! More photos at jenwalker.com.

**Jennifer Walker**  
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MLS ID# AX7094671



## ALEXANDRIA WATERFRONT

\$950,000



### Dock Your boat!

At your very own boat slip right next to Mt. Vernon Yacht Club! Enjoy the water views from the dining room, master bedroom, porch and balcony! This three bedroom two bath house is the perfect retreat from the stresses of the workday! 4809 Tarpon Lane in Yacht Haven will be open next weekend - July 12th!

**Kate Patterson**  
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## ALEXANDRIA/SEMINARY RIDGE

\$925,000



### True Seminary Ridge Colonial!

Spacious center-hall Colonial conveniently located near schools, 395, 495 & Old Town! Gleaming hardwood floors, spacious rooms AND a finished basement with wet bar make this home a dream! It also boasts four bedrooms and a two-car garage. The wonderful flat backyard is framed by a gorgeous brick patio and mature trees.

**Sue Goodhart**  
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## ALEXANDRIA/DEL RAY

\$649,900



### Traditional English Tudor

Two-bedroom, one-full/one-half-bath home in Del Ray with gorgeous hardwoods. Living room with wood-burning fireplace, office with built-ins. Lower level fully finished with WINE ROOM. Deck, flat lot. Quiet neighborhood, walking ease to events for all in Del Ray.

**Elizabeth Lucchesi**  
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## ALEXANDRIA

\$449,900



### King Street Treasure!

Beautiful hardwoods in this three-bedroom, one-bath home that is conveniently located. Walls of windows flood this home with natural light and a cozy retreat by the fireplace! The kitchen has gorgeous granite counters and Decora light wooden cabinets. Downstairs you'll find a generous finished basement with plenty of storage. Delightful landscaping and brick patio!



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## ALEXANDRIA RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Belle View	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,100	MLS# AX7088833
Fairlington Towne	2 BR/1.5 BA	\$1,450	MLS# AX7092315
Montebello	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,500	MLS# FX7087024
Mt Woodley Manor	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$1,800	MLS# AX7095162
Huntington@Mt Vernon	4 BR/3.5 BA	\$1,850	MLS# FX7089181
The Royalton	2 BR/2 BA	\$2,200	MLS# AX7037878
Carlyle Towers	2 BR/2 BA	\$2,350	MLS# AX7095033
Braddock Heights	3 BR/1.5 BA	\$2,500	MLS# AX7095352
Hollin Meadows	5 BR/3 BA	\$2,725	MLS# FX7089415
Old Town	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$3,150	MLS# AX7086928
Old Town Court	3 BR/3.5 BA	\$3,150	MLS# AX7092856
Potomac Greens	3 BR/3.5 BA	\$3,500	MLS# AX7095513
Alexandria City	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$3,600	MLS# AX7088772
Woodland Park	5 BR/4.5 BA	\$4,975	MLS# FX7090147

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## ALEXANDRIA/OLD TOWN

\$294,000



### Yes You Can

...live in Old Town for under \$300,000. Enjoy walking to all the shops, restaurants and grocery stores as well as the biking/jogging paths along the river. Just minutes to DC, the Pentagon and Reagan National Airport, this one-bedroom condo offers an eat-in kitchen, three French balconies and a pool.

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