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## Shhh! History Being Made

Remembering segregation and defiance on 70th anniversary of Alexandria's civil-rights protest at library.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

The year was 1939. Virginia was harshly segregated between black and white — at the water-fountain, in the classroom and even at the library. That bothered Samuel Tucker, a 26-year-old African-American lawyer who decided to organize against the longstanding practice of segregation. Tucker, an Alexandria native, recruited 11 young black men to participate in a sit-in protest. He instructed them to dress well and behave respectfully as they entered the whites-only library, selected a book from the shelf, sat down and began reading.

When the day of the planned sit-in arrived, Tucker alerted members of the press who were there to chronicle the event. He planted a photographer to wait outside to snap a picture of the cops dragging away the well-dressed men. He even made sure he had a runner to provide updates from the library to his law office at the intersection of Princess and Alfred streets. But only five of the 11 recruits showed up.

"My brother was supposed to be there that day," said Ferdinand Day, former School Board chairman. "But he overslept."

The five men were arrested by the Alexandria Police Department and taken to the police station, which was then located on the Fairfax Street side of City Hall. Instead of being arrested for violating Jim Crow segregation laws, the five were charged with disorderly conduct. Flash forward 70 years, when City Attorney James Banks was attending an anniversary commemoration of the protest at the Barrett Branch



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During last week's reenactment, the police escort the five civil-rights activists out of the library where they are arrested and taken to jail.

Library. Banks speculated that the city chose to issue charges of disorderly conduct to avoid a direct confrontation on the issue. Although the judge chose to postpone the case indefinitely, Banks said he could see a scenario in which the incident could have become as groundbreaking as Brown versus Board.

"It's an interesting thought experiment," said Banks, the city's first African-American city attorney. "Alexandria could have been at the center of the civil rights movement."

**ALTHOUGH THE SIT-IN** protest is widely known in Alexandria, it's not generally included in the an-

nals of civil-rights history. Perhaps this is because the German invasion of Poland later that month overshadowed the civil-rights struggle. Maybe it was because the protest happened in August, when many people were likely out of town or not paying attention. Whatever the reason, Alexandria's 70-year-old protest seems to be a well-kept secret.

"We like to call it the most famous civil-rights event you never heard of," said George Combs, branch manager of the library's local history collection. "It happened and then seems to

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## Lifelong Dream

City manager selects Earl Cook as the city's next chief of police.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

From his childhood home in a public-housing complex known as "the Berg," Earl Cook would look out across the street and see officers buzzing in and out of the old Alexandria Police Department headquarters. According to family members, Cook's attraction to the force began at an early age — the allure of grit and determination from the men in blue who acted as role models and friends. That childhood fascination led to a 30-year career in the department in which Cook became the city's first black police

captain and now the city's first black police chief.

"I think he was impressed by the big boots and fancy uniforms," said Keith Spinner, Cook's uncle. "More than anything else, he was impressed by the idea of public service."

A native of Alexandria, Cook is a 1973 graduate of T.C. Williams High School. As a junior in high school, he was a member of the famous football team immortal-

ized in the movie "Remember the Titans." During a Tuesday afternoon press conference announcing Cook's appointment, Mayor Bill Euille pointed out that

**"He's a role model, a mentor and a strong leader but most of all well-respected and caring leader who will give you the shirt off his back."**

— Mayor Bill Euille

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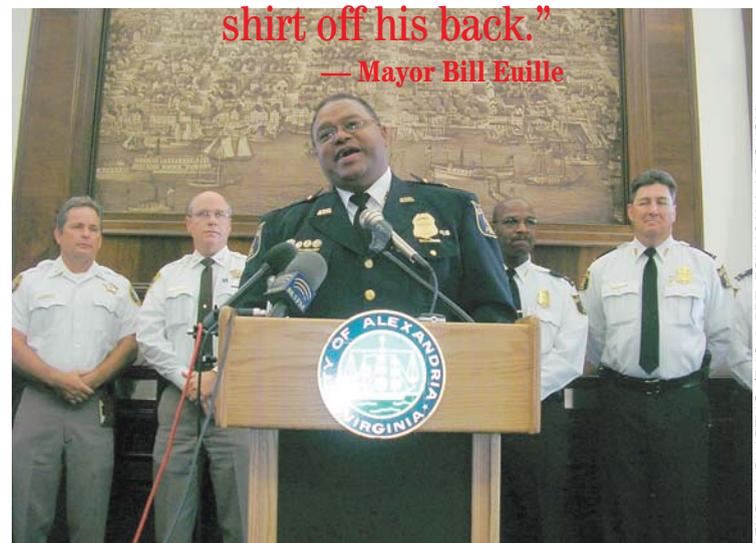


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Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook at Tuesday's press conference.

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# Meade Memorial To Celebrate 140 Years

## Local Episcopal church links faith and history.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**D**uring a three-week-long celebration in September, Meade Memorial Episcopal Church will observe its 140th anniversary in the Alexandria Community. Meade is partnering with Christ Church to commemorate their diverse histories and converge once again through faith.

Fifty former slaves founded Meade in 1869 after departing from a service in Christ Church. They established their independent place of worship on North Alfred Street, and Meade has not moved from its original location. Father Collins Asonye, rector of Meade Memorial, acknowledges the original parishioners left to find their own connection through faith.

"They were seeking self-identity with their own struggles," said Asonye.

Asonye explains that 140 years later, the demographics of the two churches have remained staunchly divided. He estimates Meade's parishioners are 99 percent black and those at Christ Church are 98 percent white. Meade's birthday celebration involves Christ Church as a result of their entwined histories, but also presents the opportunity for a collaborative future between the two Christian institutions.

"We are trying to highlight the common mission that brings them together," said Asonye.

Asonye emphasizes the importance of understanding the past to move forward in the future and so Meade is employing the research of a team of historians to emphasize the significance of its congregation's 140-year history.

Christ Church Historian Julia Randle works on the team and is familiar with the intricate past of Meade Memorial and its continued service to the black Episco-



PHOTO BY ANSLEY LABARRE/GAZETTE PACKET

**Father Collins Asonye stands at the altar of Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, which is celebrating its 140th anniversary next month. The cross at the altar is made from beams that once supported the structure of the original church.**

pal community. As a parishioner to Christ Church for 29 years, Randle commends Meade for its use of resources to continue its independent service to the black community.

Randle says her institution has been very mindful of Meade's journey including the details of the celebration. The activities will begin Sept. 13 and continue during each weekend through Sept. 27,

## Schedule

- ❖ Sunday Sept. 13, 10 a.m.: Celebration mass at Meade Memorial
- ❖ Sunday Sept. 13, 4 p.m.: Jazz concert at the Lyceum
- ❖ Friday Sept 18, 7 - 11 p.m.: DJ at Meade for local youth.
- ❖ Saturday Sept 19, 3 - 7 p.m.: Picnic at Fort Ward Park
- ❖ Sunday Sept 20, 5 p.m.: Joint service starting at Christ church and ending at Meade, followed by a cocktail party with historian speakers.
- ❖ Sunday Sept 27, 10 a.m.: Thanksgiving service at Meade Memorial.

including a variety of worship services as well as a picnic, jazz concert, and cocktail party. All events are open to the public in a celebration of faith and community. For both churches, it is important for the Alexandria community to observe the extensive and committed heritage of Meade.

"The odds were against them, and they survived," said Randle. "It was pure and simple survival to minister the gospel to its people."

# Year of the Cat

## Tracy Simmons organizes birthday party for T.C. Williams class of 1977.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**B**ack in 2007, when the T.C. Williams High School's class of 1977 gathered to celebrate its 30th reunion, Tracy Simmons had an idea. What if she could gather a bunch of her former classmates together for a 50th birthday party? Simmons, who does marketing for the National Trust for Historic Hotels, organized a 50th birthday party for the class at Mango Mike's.



**Tracy Simmons**

### How did this come about?

Well, when we had our 30th anniversary I told people when we saw each other again we're going to have missed our 50th birthday. Then we started thinking about how it would be fun to get together. And it sort of grew from there. So we decided to throw ourselves our own 50th birthday party so we could commiserate together. We just decided that we were all going to throw ourselves our own party. So we got together at Mango Mike's and sang "Happy Birthday to us."

### What was the celebration like?

We went to Mango Mike's on Duke Street because it's in Alexandria and it was convenient to everybody because about 75 percent of the graduates are still in the area. We wanted to go to Mango Mike's because we thought it would feel like going on a little vacation because it's all Caribbean

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## Cambodian Culture

**Bonavy Chhim, stretches her plumage as she waits for the final dance, the Peacock of Pailin Dance, during Cambodian Community Day at Ben Brenman Park on Sunday, Aug. 23. The festival is co-sponsored by the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities, the Cambodian Community Day Committee, Western Union and the Cambodian communities of the Washington, D.C. Metro Area. More photos at [www.connectionnewspapers.com](http://www.connectionnewspapers.com), click on Gazette Packet.**

# Little-Known Protest Could Have Become Landmark Case

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have passed out of the consciousness of most Alexandrians.”

The anniversary offered a way to remind people about the landmark event. So librarians worked with city officials for months to put together an anniversary celebration of the protest. The program featured relatives of those who were arrested, civil-rights songs, speeches and a re-enactment of the arrest featuring third-grade students from Samuel Tucker Elementary School. As Vice Mayor Kerry Donley pointed out, it was fitting that the event honoring a sit-down protest would draw a standing-room only crowd.

“They were just trying to read, and they didn’t even do anything wrong,” said Andrew Stabile, a Tucker student who portrayed one of the cops arresting protestors. “It makes me kind of ashamed.”

For the children, it was an opportunity to learn about Jim Crow segregation by participating in a re-enactment of it. For the city, it was a way to shine a spotlight on a significant moment that’s been all but lost to history. And for those who remember that day 70 years ago, it was a way to honor the participants of the sit-in who put themselves in the crosshairs of an all-white police department at a time when segregation was an unquestioned premise of southern life.

“They didn’t know what was going to happen,” said Dorothy Turner, whose brother was one of the five men arrested. “My brother



**Eugene Thompson, first director of the Alexandria Black History Museum delivers the keynote address.**

## The Sit-In Five

- ❖ William Evans, 19
- ❖ Edward Gaddis, 21
- ❖ Morris Murray, 22
- ❖ Clarence Strange, 21
- ❖ Otis Tucker, 22

didn’t even tell my father about it because he was afraid he might not let him be part of it.”

**NEWSPAPER COVERAGE** of the original event was spotty, even though Tucker made a point of alerting editors about the event beforehand. The Alexandria Gazette ran a brief four-paragraph story that afternoon about the arrest. The story explained that five “colored youth” were arrested after they ignored a request to leave, and referenced an earlier attempt

by Tucker to work with a retired African-American Army sergeant named George Wilson who was trying to get a library card.

“The library has been used by white persons only since it was donated to the city by Dr. Robert S Barrett several years ago,” the Gazette reported in its afternoon edition. “However, action was taken by a colored resident to secure library privileges, and his petition to secure a writ of mandamus compelling the librarian to issue a card is now under advisement of the Corporation Court.”

Although the protest received minimal coverage locally, a photograph of the arrest accompanied a front-page article in the Chicago Defender about the incident. Under a photo caption reading “It’s a Crime to Use This Library,” the

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**Third grade students for Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School re-enact the August 21, 1939 sit-in at the Alexandria Library on Queen Street.**

Defender explained that the protest was being viewed as a “test case” in Virginia. It also included a description of the court hearing in which the police officers testified about their arrest.

“Were they destroying property?” asked the Tucker.

“No,” responded the officer.

“Were they property attired?”

“Yes.”

“Then they were disorderly only because they were black?”

**ACCORDING TO THE DEFENDER**, the officer admitted in court during Tucker’s cross-examination that the only disorder in question was because the men were members of “the Race” and that the library was for white people. City Attorney Armistead Boothe requested a continuance, and Judge James Duncan delayed the case several times before postponing the trial indefinitely. The next year, the city responded by building the Robert Robinson Library for blacks, which was not as well stocked as the white library.

“This was not a satisfactory solution for Samuel Tucker,” said Audrey Davis, curator of the Alexandria Black History Museum. “He didn’t want separate but equal, and so he used to often say he would walk past it and feel disappointed.”

Today, the building that once housed the Robinson Library is the Alexandria Black History Museum. The city has a black mayor, a black library director, a black city attorney and, this week, a black police chief. And the concept of racially segregated schools is so foreign to elementary students that explaining the Jim Crow era to children takes patience and creativity — even at a school named after Samuel Tucker.

“They don’t understand it at all,” said Tina Jobkar, a teacher at Tucker Elementary School who worked with the students to prepare them for the re-enactment. “But dressing up as the participants and acting it out really helped them understand segregation.”



**Relatives of William Evans, Otto Tucker, Edward Gaddis, Morris Murray, Clarence “Buck” Strange and Samuel W. Tucker stand to be recognized at the program.**

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## ONGOING

**The City of Alexandria** has mailed 2009 Vehicle Personal Property Tax bills to all vehicle owners residing in the City. If one did not receive a personal property tax bill by Sept. 15, contact Personal Property at [vehicletax@alexandriava.gov](mailto:vehicletax@alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-3901. Or contact the City's Treasury Division at [payments@alexandriava.gov](mailto:payments@alexandriava.gov) or call 703-746-3902. Taxpayers who have had a change of address or disposed of a vehicle and have not previously reported this change to the City should contact Personal Property so that an adjusted bill can be provided for them prior to the Oct. 5 due date.

**The City of Alexandria** is announcing a **Call for Artists for the Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial**, which will be located at the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. The City will conduct the search for qualified applicants through a Request for Qualifications. The anticipated installation date of the Charles Hamilton Houston Memorial is April 2011. Artists

interested in applying to the RFQ are encouraged to register with the City of Alexandria's e-procure system at <http://eprocure.alexandriava.gov/bso>. Applications may be submitted online, by postal mail or in person. The deadline for applications is Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. Three finalists will each receive an honorarium of \$2,000 to submit a complete proposal. All inquires regarding the RFQ should be directed to Dominic Lackey, City of Alexandria Procurement Department, by calling 703-838-4946, ext. 600, or e-mailing [dominic.lackey@alexandriava.gov](mailto:dominic.lackey@alexandriava.gov).

**Late-Night Hang-Out.** Every Thursday and Friday nights from 9 p.m. to midnight. At Charles Houston Community Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Basketball league games, card tournaments, table game tournaments, DJ music. For young adults, 19 years and up. Call 703-838-4814.

**NAACP, Fairfax County Branch.** 7 p.m. Meets on second Tuesday of the month at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Call 703-591-4488 or send email to [info@naacp.org](mailto:info@naacp.org).

**The Wright to Read program** will celebrate 30 years in Alexandria this September. Wright to Read volunteers or students from 1979-2001 may contact Leigh Hoyer at [lhoeyer@campagnacenter.org](mailto:lhoeyer@campagnacenter.org) or 703-549-0111 ext. 101.

## AUG. 27-31

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## SATURDAY/AUG. 29

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## TUESDAY/SEPT. 1

**Planning Commission Public Hearing.** 7:30 p.m. At Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4666.

## WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 2

**Transportation Commission Meeting.** 7:30 p.m. The Department of Transportation & Environmental Services invites residents to discuss transportation project funding for Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)/Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) grants and the City's Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). At Sister Cities Conference Room 1101, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Contact [www.alexandriava.gov/transportationcommission](http://www.alexandriava.gov/transportationcommission) or Sandra Marks at 703-838-4411 or [Sandra.Marks@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Sandra.Marks@alexandriava.gov).

**"In Our Own Voice: Living with Mental Illness" Presentation.** 6-7:30 p.m. Program offers insight into the hope and recovery for people with mental illness. Presenting are Wilson Burse, NAMI's Northern Virginia Ambassador to the African-American community and mental health advocate Clarence Johnson. Free. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street. Call 703-838-4356. [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).



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## POLITICS

# Seeking a Third Term in 45<sup>th</sup> House District

David Englin has become a source of frustration for Republicans.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Something about Del. David Englin (D-45) makes Republicans uneasy. Some say he's an interloper who rose into town in

2003 and launched a political career before establishing roots. Others say he's an exaggerator who oversells his role in the legislative process. Whatever his reputation is among opponents, Democrats say Englin is a hard-working member of the Virginia General Assem-

bly who deserves to be returned to Richmond for a third term.

"I'm thrilled that David Englin drives the Republicans crazy," said Susan Kellom, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "He's got great ideas, and when the Democrats get 51 votes

in the House of Delegates then it will be much easier for his bills to get through."

When Englin issued a press release earlier this year announcing his intention to seek a third term in the Virginia House of Delegates, Republican chairman Chris Marston responded with a point-by-point rebuttal. Englin described himself as a "leader who knows how to overcome the partisan rancor in Richmond;" Marston responded that Englin is a "partisan attack dog." Englin said he had a reputation as being a "leader who knows how to deliver progress;" Marston responded that only four of Englin's 15 bills passed this year. Englin took credit for delivering legislation to "ban smoking in Virginia bars and restaurants;" Marston responded that Englin's bill was incorporated into a different bill, and that "no one who follows the General Assembly would credit Englin with any useful contribution to this effort."

"David claims credit for creating the earth," said Marston. "He's quick to claim credit for things he didn't actually accomplish."

**ENGLIN RESPONDED** to attacks against him with a sense of fatalism. The arena of politics can be difficult, he said, and elected leaders have to have thick skins. Nevertheless, he took issue with Marston's press release as being full of falsifications and mischaracterizations. He pointed to Republican constituents who relied on him for constituent services as evidence of his ability to be bipartisan. And he said that more of his bills would be successful if Democrats were in control of the House of Delegates.

"Chris Marston is trying to tear me down in order to get a Republican elected," said Englin. "I'm not going to apologize for being a Democrat with a backbone."

As to the charge that he didn't make a meaningful contribution to the smoking ban, Englin scoffed at this allegation. He pointed out that Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine joined him in a January press conference in Arlington to support the bill Englin had already filed with the clerk's office. He also pointed out that part of the negotiated settlement leading to the passage of the bill was that the final version should be carried by a Republican in the House, and that his original bill was very similar to the final version introduced by Del. John Cosgrove (R-78). Ultimately,

## David Englin, 35

Born on a United States military base in Germany, David Englin has lived in Alexandria since 2003.

Raised by a single mother, Englin is a graduate of the United States Air Force Academy and Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. He joined the Air Force at the age of 17 and was deployed to the Balkans shortly afterward to participate in counter-genocide and peacekeeping operations. On Sept. 11, 2001, Englin was on duty at the Pentagon when the building was struck by terrorists who had commandeered American Airlines Flight 77.

In June 2005, Englin beat out five other Democratic rivals to be the party's choice to replace former Del. Marian Van Landingham, who had held the seat since 1981.

In November 2005, he received 64 percent of votes against Republican Chris Gregerson.

In November 2007, Englin received 61 percent of the votes against Republican Mark Allen.

He is currently vice president of Live Wire Media Relations in Old Town.



Englin said, he will trust voters of the 45th District to make a determination about his record.

"I make no apologies for being a strong Democrat," said Englin. "At the same time, it can be difficult trying to make transformational change when you're in the minority."

Englin said a number of his initiatives have been stymied by the Republican majority, including a rental assistance program to help people transition out of homelessness, a plan to eliminate the state food tax and a tax credit to encourage jobs in the renewable energy sector. When asked about his biggest successes over the last four years, Englin mentioned a bill that gives gays hospital visitation rights and the successful passage of the bill banning smoking in restaurants. He also said that he considers the defeat of a bill that would have gutted the powers of the Air Pollution Control Board a major victory.

"I'm not the kind of person who is going to give in without a fight," said Englin. "And I think the conservative Republicans are threatened by that."

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# A Star Is Born

New chief of police inherits the department and its ever-changing uniform.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

One of the legacies Earl Cook has inherited from his predecessor is a single star. That's one of the subtle changes that former Chief David Baker made to the uniform, replacing the eagles that former Chief Charles Samarra used to wear on his epaulets. Now Cook will be faced with keeping that change or making one of his own.

"I could wear a parrot on my shoulder if I wanted to," joked Cook. "Although I don't think that will happen."

After being appointed chief in 2006, Baker changed the background color of the shoulder patch identifying the Alexandria Police Department from a light blue to a darker shade. He also rearranged the insignia worn on the uniforms epaulets. When the former chief inherited the department from Samarra, the chief's uniform had an eagle and his deputies all had clover leaves. But Baker wanted to create an executive position that would serve as second in command. So the chief started wearing a single star to designate his role as chief, giving

Cook a set of eagles to identify him as executive deputy chief. The other two deputy chiefs kept the clover leaves.

"Most chiefs will come in and want to make some kind of a change to the uniform," said Michael Kochis, president of the police union. "It's a way for them to put their stamp on the department."

After Sheriff Dana Lawhorne was elected in 2005, he abandoned the insignia with the word "Sheriff" in favor of wearing four stars on each epaulet. Lawhorne also changed the undersheriff's insignia from silver clover leaves to gold eagles. Former Undersheriff David Rocco got special permission from the sheriff to wear a pair of handmaid silver eagles that had once belonged to Gen. George Patton.

"In the law-enforcement community, there does seem to be quite a bit of chatter about what people wear although I've never really been caught up in that," said Lawhorne. "I wear four stars because my brother gave them to me."

When the Alexandria Police Department was first created in the summer of 1870, officers



An original badge from the 1870 Alexandria Police Department.

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had to pay for their own uniforms. According to an act passed by the city's Board of Alderman and Common Council, each "policeman and of-

ficer shall wear a badge in the form of a star, made of block tin, not less than two and a half inches in diameter, and numbered in the centre (sic), which said badges shall be furnished at the cost of the city, and be delivered up by all persons using the same when their official connection with the police force cease." Over the years, the uniform has changed from a long overcoat to the modern-day outfits worn today. In 1997, the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors recognized the department as "best dressed."

"The basic colors are very similar today to what they were 50 or 60 years ago," said Amy Bertsch, spokeswoman for the Office of Historic Alexandria. "That's a gray shirt with blue pants. Some minor changes have been made to the shoulder patches, but the basic uniform remains the same."

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# OPINION

## Sherman: 'I Have Never Liked NCLB'

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



I have never liked the No Child Left Behind act; in fact, I have often made fun of it by calling it No Child Left Untested. Yet, as much as I dislike the implementation of the plan, I applaud its intent: all children can learn. What is missing is the expectation and belief that, with support and resources, all children can learn now. All children, regardless of race, socioeconomic status, English language proficiency, and special needs, can learn at high levels today, as long as we don't give up on them.

What I don't like about the NCLB act, which went into effect in 2002 under President Bush, is that it became a testing manifesto, not a learning imperative. We allowed state legislators, who had good intent, to move from assuring high levels of achievement for all students to one of making sure that all students could pass tests. The assumption is that the tests measure what students know. Big assumption! Beyond the tests themselves is the timetable

of expectations. Not until 2014 are all students expected to pass the tests. Children who entered Kindergarten in 2002, who will graduate from high school in 2014, are the ones expected to learn at high levels. The other graduating classes are expected to learn, but we will not expect all of them to learn. It is not until 2014 that 100 percent of students must make the grade.

There has been too much distraction from the core issues. Many of our students across this country aren't learning, and by delaying the high expectations for each student until 2014, we have received and sent the wrong message. A certain percentage of our students are not dispensable each year.

If we really believe all students can learn, then by when do we mean that? This year? Next year? How do we assess their learning? What are we going to do about making this imperative real? The civil rights issue of this generation is not just access, but achievement for each and every student.

I ask ACPS staff and the Alexandria community to join me and the School Board in being

honest, direct, and caring in these questions. Only by working together as a community can we assure high achievement for all. We ask parents to support their children's learning by reading to them every day, talking with them over dinner, reducing the amount of television they watch. We ask the community to work with us to be vigilant that students are in school, not in shops, that they know from you that a high school diploma is the minimal expectation for graduation, and that in this still emerging 21<sup>st</sup> century, education is the key to success.

Our ACPS educational family needs to commit to all students learning at high levels. We may not have all the answers, but let us begin with the belief and commitment to make a difference starting day one of this school year to help all students learn in ways and at levels once thought unimaginable.

If ever there were a place in America where we can meet the important and lofty goals of NCLB, it is here in Alexandria. If ever a time, it is now. We must say to each student: This work that we are doing in class is important. You can do it. I won't give up on you until you learn it. That is our promise to students.

**The Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Premiere Hotel in Vienna overflowed with LEGO displays and more than 3,600 visitors by mid-Saturday afternoon, Aug. 22. Eight-year-old Daniel Brooks of Alexandria and his creation, "Attack on Power Miner Headquarters."**



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## Feats of Engineering



**Nautilus Research and Recovery Ship by Joshua Brooks, 11, of Alexandria.**



**Gary Brooks, 44, of Alexandria, and father of Joshua and Daniel with his creation of the Pyramid of Amanishak, Kingdom of Kush. From the Johnny Rocket adventure series.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### About Those GWMS Trees

To the Editor:

The Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities loves trees. We are proud to have the responsibility of managing our City's urban forest. Earlier this summer, a master plan was adopted with a goal of maintaining a tree canopy cover of 40 percent. However, as with most living things, from time to time trees get sick. This is brought about by normal stresses of the environment, weather conditions, tree diseases, human intervention, and age.

An important factor in any tree discussion is safety. Tree failure can be catastrophic, when several tons of wood can suddenly crash down. Recently, we had to take down several large oak trees at the George Washington Middle School. Problems with these trees were initially identified by maintenance staff, and the City Arborist was dispatched to assess the situation. He observed that a third or more of the canopy of several trees were dead. It was decided that removal was the best option. Decision factors were public safety, and tree health and longevity. This removal work was ordered on Aug. 14.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities manages more than 17,000 street trees

and thousands more located in parks and on school sites. The department conducts thousands of tree inspections each year. The decision to take a tree down is relatively rare and is made with careful consideration. In this case, the trees were located on a school campus, and one near a playground, so we were particularly cautious. Replanting of trees at the middle school site will occur in the fall and next spring.

The department is here to serve the community, and we understand, appreciate, and thank citizens who help us watch the urban forest.

**Jim Spengler**  
Director  
City of Alexandria  
Recreation, Parks, and Cultural  
Activities

### Fix What's Broken

To the Editor:

Fixing our broken health care system is far too important to be derailed by myths and scare tactics perpetrated by special interest groups trying to block progress on health care reform.

You may have heard the outrageous claim that health care reform will get rid of Medicare. In

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fact, for people in Medicare, health care reform will protect your choice of doctor, keep your premiums fair, hold down your health care and prescription drug costs, eliminate waste, fraud and abuse, and improve the care you receive.

We cannot afford the status quo. If we do nothing to fix health care, people in Medicare will see their prescription drug costs continue to skyrocket, finding a doctor could become increasingly difficult and fraud and wasteful spending will continue to drive up health care costs and cause poor care.

So here's the choice we have: buying into dangerous and costly myths about Medicare that will leave millions without the medications or treatments they need, or fixing what's broken.

Throughout this debate, AARP pledges to help you find the facts about what health care reform means for you and your families. To get the facts about health reform and learn about the latest myths and scare tactics, go to HealthActionNow.org.

**Carol Downs**  
Alexandria

**UNDER HEALTH REFORM:** If you lose your job and your income is very low, you'll have help paying your premiums. Once COBRA runs out, you'll be able to get insurance without exclusions for pre-existing conditions, and insurance companies will not be allowed to cancel your insurance if you get sick.

If we pass health reform, we'll "end the shameful era in our nation's history when we discriminated against people for no other reason than that they were sick. A decade from now, we will look back in wonder that we once lived in a country where half of all personal bankruptcies were caused by illness, where Americans lacked the basic security of knowing that if they lost their jobs they wouldn't have to sell the house to pay for the medical treatments to keep them alive," says Jonathan Alter of Newsweek. He's absolutely right.

Health care reform isn't as scary as the status quo. Our current health care "system" is truly frightening. Other civilized nations have solved this problem. So can we.

**Karen W. Tyson**  
Alexandria

### What's In It For Me?

To the Editor:

People who have good health insurance coverage through their employers might ask, "Why should I support health reform? What's in it for me?"

**TODAY:** You probably got a paltry raise this year. The reason it was so small is that your employer had to pay more for your health coverage. The price of insurance is going up four times as fast as wages. You actually got a big but invisible raise if your employer maintained your health coverage.

Suppose you lose your job. If you can afford to pay the whole premium (including what your employer paid), you can keep your insurance through COBRA for 18 months.

Otherwise, bad stuff happens. If you get sick without insurance, you have to pay all the bills yourself. (If you're destitute, you'll be able to get some minimal care through Medicaid.) If you're still without a job after COBRA runs out, you have to go into the individual market. If you have any pre-existing conditions, they won't be covered. If they're really serious, you may not be able to get insurance at all. If you get sick, the insurance company can raise your rates or drop you entirely.

### Job Well Done

To the Editor:

*The following is an open letter to Ray Brown of the Alexandria Streets Department.*

Dear Mr. Brown:

I want to thank you for your prompt and pleasant response to my request to have the eroded road surface of King Street over I-395 patched. It has made driving that stretch a much more pleasant experience. The time frame and type of patching work happened as you promised. You raised my trust in city government a couple notches. It is hard to believe it took 36 years to have this section fixed. I guess you were the person needed to make it happen. I appreciate your communications throughout the project. Job well done and greatly appreciated. I am glad to know that the other areas we discussed are in the pipeline for repair.

**Carolyn Griglione**  
Alexandria

### Fair Housing For All

To the Editor:

We all have equal rights in fair housing — I would hope so...

But recently that has not been

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case where someone seems to be excluded from obtaining a town

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# OBITUARY

## Virginia Warren Hahn

Virginia Warren Hahn, a longtime Alexandria resident who was active in volunteer work for a number of organizations in the city, died Aug. 17 at ManorCare in Arlington after a brief illness. She was 83.

Mrs. Hahn told a family member shortly before her death that when she retired from the CIA in 1982 after 30 years at the agency, she wanted to do volunteer work

— but the right way. “I knew that too many people committed to volunteering without putting in the required time,” she said. “You couldn’t count on those people, however well-meaning they were. I was determined not to be one of them.”

Among the organizations Mrs. Hahn did volunteer work for were Christ Church, Meals on Wheels, and the Talking Book Service of

the Alexandria Library. She became involved in the 1980s with the latter, she said, because she learned to appreciate talking books after caring for her mother, Ruth Nesbitt Ticknor Warren,

“She was so sharp and dedicated and loyal,” said Loni McCaffrey, supervisor of the Talking Book Service. “I knew I could count on her being here every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. She knew everything so well, and I depended on Virginia

a lot. I came here in 1995, and she was already an invaluable resource.

“What made her extra special was that she would take things upon herself. For instance, because our patrons are either blind or visually handicapped, so rarely do we ever get to meet them. But she would get to know them through their book selections. When new books came in, she took a really personal interest. She say, ‘I’ll bet Mr. Regan would like this one,’ and then she would send him the book.”

At Christ Church, of which she was a longtime member, Mrs. Hahn was active in the Senior Adult Ministries, and was particularly known for her work with the gift shop. Sunny Nolan, a longtime chair of the board of the gift shop, said Mrs. Hahn “was like a rock for us.”

“When the gift shop relocated to its present space in 1987, Virginia became a member of the gift shop board and was encouraged to continue as its volunteer coordinator,” Mrs. Nolan said. “Her commitment to this vital role was beyond belief, and without her tireless effort we would have had far fewer active volunteers staffing this important mission. In addition, every Friday found her on duty in the gift shop, come rain or shine.”

In May, Mrs. Hahn received the Annie B. Rose Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alexandria Commission on Aging. The commission gives the award to city residents “whose exemplary achievements span a lifetime of public service.”

This commitment to volunteer work reflected Mrs. Hahn’s philosophy about retirement — she saw it as a time to do more, not less. Mrs. McCaffrey marveled that Mrs. Hahn was able to balance her volunteer work with a passion for physical fitness: She continued a regimen of twice-daily workouts at the Alexandria YMCA well into her 80s.

“One time, I asked Virginia if she would be attending a function on



**Virginia Warren Hahn**

a Sunday morning,” Mrs. McCaffrey said. “And this small, petite, white-haired woman answered back, ‘No, I’ve got to go to the gym.’”

Mrs. Hahn was also an avid gardener, a voracious reader and a devotee of British comedy shows, which she watched regularly on public television.

Mrs. Hahn was born in Asheville, N.C., in 1926. Her father, L.B.D. Warren, was an Army officer, and the family moved frequently. When he was transferred to the Washington area in the early 1940s, she spent one semester at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington, then graduated from Southern Seminary in Buena Vista, Va., in 1944.

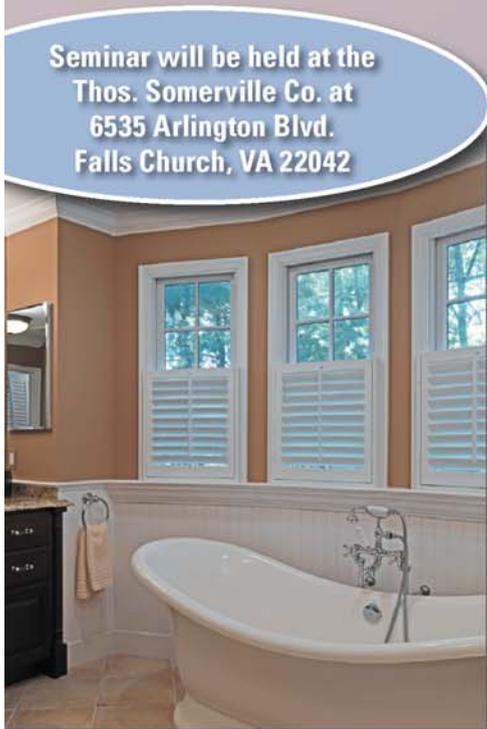
She graduated from George Washington University in 1948 and began working for the CIA a few years later.

Her husband, David Boston Hahn, died in 1957. Survivors include her two daughters, Mary Elizabeth Boston Hahn and Virginia Whitehead Nesbitt Hahn, both of Alexandria, and many nieces and nephews.

A service will be held for Mrs. Hahn on Saturday at 2 p.m. at Christ Church. Her family requests that memorial contributions be made to the church or to Alexandria Library’s Talking Book Service.



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### MILITARY NOTES

**Army Pvt. Tami T. Hansen** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. She is the daughter of Linda Adawe of Alexandria. Hansen is a 1990 graduate of T.C. Williams High School.

**Army National Guard Pvt. Juan Parducci** has graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. Parducci is the son of Juan Parducci and Florentina Chavarria of Alexandria and a 2007 graduate of T.C. Williams High School.

Army Pvt. **John Harold M. Tolentino** has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the son of Wilson D.

Tolentino and Maria Eloisa Tolentino of Dinwiddie St., Springfield. The private is a 2008 graduate of T. C. Williams High School, Alexandria.

Air Force Airman **Sylvester Rahim** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Frances and Alieu Rahim of Alexandria. Rahim is a 2006 graduate of T.C. Williams High School.

**Air Force Airman Kyle T. Swain** graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. He is the son of Calvin Swain of Falkstone Lane, Alexandria. Swain is a 2007 graduate of Quantico High School.

# HOME SALES

JULY 2009  
\$1,600,000 ~ \$475,000

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
310 CHARLES ALEXANDER CT	5	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,600,000	Detached	0.41		COLONIAL PARK
602 CAMERON ST	8	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,500,000	Other	0.06		OLD TOWN
225 ROYAL ST N	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,225,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLD TOWN
302 FAYETTE ST S	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,220,000	Townhouse	0.05		OLD TOWN VILLAGE
116 ALEXANDRIA AVE W	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.15		ROSEMONT/DELRAY
405 HIGH ST	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$1,000,000	Detached	0.43		BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
327 PITT ST N	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$955,000	Townhouse	0.03		PITT MEWS
509 WOODLAND TER	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$925,000	Detached	0.11		JEFFERSON PARK
1300 JANNEYS LN	5	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$925,000	Detached	0.74		NEAR MACARTHUR SCHOOL
4907 JOHN TIGER DR	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$917,500	Detached	0.08		CAMERON STATION
5156 KNAPP PL	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$881,000	Detached	0.08		CAMERON STATION
503 FONTAINE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$880,000	Detached	0.15		JEFFERSON PARK
1122 GAILLARD ST N	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$860,000	Detached	0.29		VAUXCLEUSE
515 WINDSOR AVE E	6	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Detached	0.13		DEL RAY
3507 HALCYON DR	3	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Detached	0.20		BEVERLY HILLS
405 LEE ST S	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLD TOWN
813 CHALFONTE DR	4	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Detached	0.23		BEVERLY HILLS
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1104-1105	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$790,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			CARLYLE TOWERS
130 TULL PL	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$789,000	Townhouse	0.07		CAMERON STATION
54 WOLFE ST	2	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Townhouse			HARBORSIDE
2121 JAMIESON AVE #1-2009	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			CARLYLE TOWERS
602 W TAYLOR RUN PKWY	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$769,990	Detached	0.23		CLOVER
2702 VALLEY DR	5	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$765,000	Detached	0.15		BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
3319 OLD DOMINION BLVD	4	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$761,500	Detached	0.17		BEVERLY HILLS
5187 BRAWNER PL	5	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$759,000	Townhouse	0.04		CAMERON STATION
2151 JAMIESON AVE #1206	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$740,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			CARLYLE TOWERS
423 COOK ST	3	4	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Townhouse	0.08		OLD TOWN
1250 S WASHINGTON ST #705	3	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors			PORTO VECCHIO
3524 SAYLOR PL	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$720,000	Detached	0.49		QUAKER LANE/STERLING
1409 OAKCREST DR	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$715,000	Detached	0.16		DYES OAKCREST
3303 HOLLY ST	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$714,500	Detached	0.19		MOUNT IDA
606 TIVOLI PASSAGE WAY #14	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Townhouse			PORTNER BREWERY
745 FAYETTE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$709,000	Townhouse	0.02		BRADDOCK LOFTS
27051/2 MOUNT VERNON AVE	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$700,000	Detached	0.04		DEL RAY
1401 KENWOOD AVE	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$694,000	Detached	0.16		DYES OAKCREST
405 ARGYLE DR	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$687,500	Detached	0.16		MONTICELLO PARK
1102 DUKE ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$685,000	Townhouse	0.02		OLD TOWN VILLAGE
427 MOUNT IDA AVE E	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$681,000	Detached	0.09		DEL RAY
2920 RICHMOND LN	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$675,000	Detached	0.21		MONTICELLO PARK
206 CLIFFORD AVE	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$669,900	Detached	0.10		EMMA P HUME
810 PITT ST S	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$665,000	Townhouse	0.05		YATES GARDENS
260 MEDLOCK LN	4	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Townhouse	0.03		CAMERON STATION
419 FAYETTE ST	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$655,000	Detached	0.06		OLD TOWN/PARKER GRAY
233 SOMERVELLE ST	4	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$652,000	Townhouse	0.03		CAMERON STATION
269 MURTHA ST	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.04		CAMERON STATION
602 FONTAINE ST	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$649,000	Detached	0.17		JEFFERSON PARK
1717 OAKCREST DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$645,000	Detached	0.11		DYES OAKCREST
413 TENNESSEE AVE	3	4	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$642,000	Detached	0.18		BEVERLY HILLS
313 VASSAR RD	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Detached	0.20		CLOVER
5060 KILBURN ST	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$630,000	Townhouse	0.03		CAMERON STATION
819 DUKE ST	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.03		FARNEY
815 GREEN ST	2	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$624,000	Townhouse	0.04		OLD TOWN HUNTING CREEK
20A HOWELL AVE E	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.07		CAYLOR-SPAULDING
401 NELSON AVE E	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.04		DEL RAY
400 MADISON ST #2104	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$617,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			ALEXANDRIA HOUSE
209 MASONIC VIEW AVE W	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$615,000	Detached	0.14		MOUNT VERNON PARK
2954 VIEWPOINT RD	5	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$614,990	Detached	0.15		CLOVER
2413 DAVIS AVE	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$610,000	Detached	0.13		BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
306 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.02		CAMERON STATION
112 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$592,500	Townhouse	0.02		CAMERON STATION
522 PITT ST S	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$592,500	Townhouse	0.03		THOMAS SHELTON ESTATE
543 SAINT ASAPH ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$581,000	Townhouse	0.02		TANNERY YARD
47 FORT WILLIAMS PKWY	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$578,000	Detached	0.18		FT WILLIAMS PARK
818 BASHFORD LN	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$574,900	Townhouse	0.02		NETHERGATE
1050 ROYAL ST #1050	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Townhouse			WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA
312 YALE DR	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Detached	0.29		COLLEGE PARK
212 HOWELL AVE	3	1	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$565,000	Townhouse	0.07		DEL RAY
2806 CENTRAL AVE	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Detached	0.13		BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
1010 ROYAL ST #1010	2	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Townhouse			WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA
1051 PITT ST #1051	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$560,000	Townhouse			WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA
1719 CRESTWOOD DR	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$558,000	Detached	0.13		DYES OAKCREST
724 UPLAND PL	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$555,000	Detached	0.11		GLENMORE
207 PAYNE ST N	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$552,000	Townhouse	0.02		OLD TOWN
4667 KIRKLAND PL	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Semi-Detached	0.04		STONEGATE
5106 GRIMM DR	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Townhouse	0.03		CAMERON STATION
343 HELMUTH LN	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Townhouse	0.03		CAMERON STATION
722 PATRICK ST S	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$545,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.07		OLD TOWN
1007 DUKE ST	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$542,500	Townhouse	0.03		OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA
828 SLATERS LN #308	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$540,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			OLD TOWN CRESCENT
1115 ANDERSON ST	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.39		LINCOLNIA HILLS
1600 PRINCE ST #214	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			1600 PRINCE STREET
1607B HUNTING CREEK DR #34	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$526,000	Townhouse			OLD TOWN GREENS
3803 COURTLAND CIR	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.03		SUNNYSIDE
342 WEST ST S #29	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			OLD TOWN VILLAGE
1023 RYNEX DR	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$523,000	Detached	0.28		LINCOLNIA HILLS
1613 HUNTING CREEK DR #28	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$521,000	Attach/Row Hse			OLD TOWN GREENS
161 CAMERON STATION BLVD	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.02		CAMERON STATION
3806 CHARLES AVE	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.04		SUNNYSIDE
1115 CAMERON ST #215	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$520,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE PRESCOTT
35 DEL RAY AVE W	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$516,000	Townhouse	0.04		OAK CLUSTER
5050 KILBURN ST	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.02		CAMERON STATION
1105 POWHATAN ST	3	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03		VIRGINIA VILLAGE
918 JUNIPER PL	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Detached	0.22		BELLEWOOD
1023 ROYAL ST N #305	2	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$499,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			OLD TOWN
3009 KING ST	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$499,000	Detached	0.19		OVERLOOK TERRACE
106 SANBORN PL	3	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$495,000	Townhouse	0.05		MT VERNON CT
512 HENRY ST S	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$490,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.03		OLD TOWN
340 WEST ST S #28	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$489,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			OLD TOWN VILLAGE
3171/2 FAYETTE ST	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$489,000	Duplex	0.03		OLD TOWN/PARKER GRAY
487 OWEN ST N	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.25		SEMINARY VALLEY
5314 TRUMAN AVE	3	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Detached	0.15		SEMINARY VALLEY
619 COLUMBUS ST S #619	2	1	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Townhouse			ARCH HALL
210 1/2 ADAMS AVE	3	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Duplex	0.06		DEL RAY

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**4401**  
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\$495,000  
*Special Value!*  
Spacious brick home on gorgeous half acre lot with open floor plan, hardwood floors,

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Camden Street  
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**9411**  
Brambly Lane  
\$975,000  
*Luxury Home!*  
Top quality luxury home is loaded with custom features, including:

exceptionally bright, open floor plan, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen, fabulous large family room, hardwood floors, elegant trim detail and the most spectacular master suite you'll ever find! This home is almost complete and ready for occupancy! Special financing is available.



**1210**  
N Pegram St  
\$1,351,500  
*Special Financing!*  
Interest rate as low as 3.78% with just 10% down payment makes Alexandria's most exciting new

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**9304**  
Allwood Drive  
\$639,000  
*"Green" House!*  
Expanded and updated, this spectacular home features uniquely bright, open floor

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**9500**  
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\$1,450,000  
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9511 Mt Vernon Lndg  
\$900,000



7107 Colgate Dr  
\$598,900



6412 Potomac Ave  
\$538,900

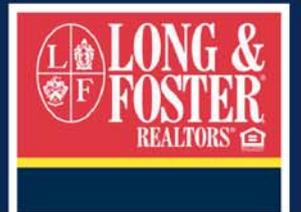


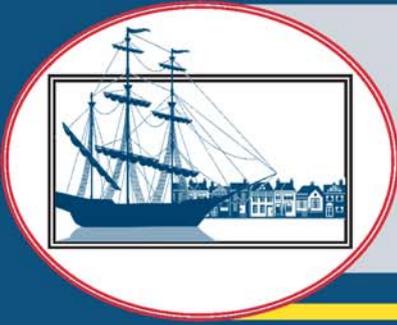
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Kerry Adams  
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**601  
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- \$359,900

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OPEN SUN. 1-4

**1915 DUFFIELD LANE**  
Alexandria - \$545,000

MODEL HOME! Sophisticated yet comfortable 3 level brick garage TH. 3BR/3.5BA w/lux spa-like Master Bath, newly renovated kitchen! Private outdoor patio backs to woods & mins to METRO, OT & DC! DIR: GWPkwy to R Belle Haven Rd, R on Ft Hunt to L on Woodmont to R on Duffield

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OPEN SUN. 1-4

**422 EAST CUSTIS  
AVE**  
Alex / Del Ray -  
\$699,900

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OPEN SUN. 1-4

**1225 13TH  
STREET, NW#312 -**  
Washington -  
\$499,000

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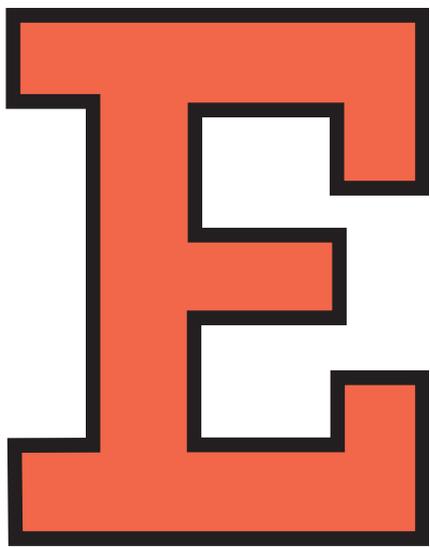
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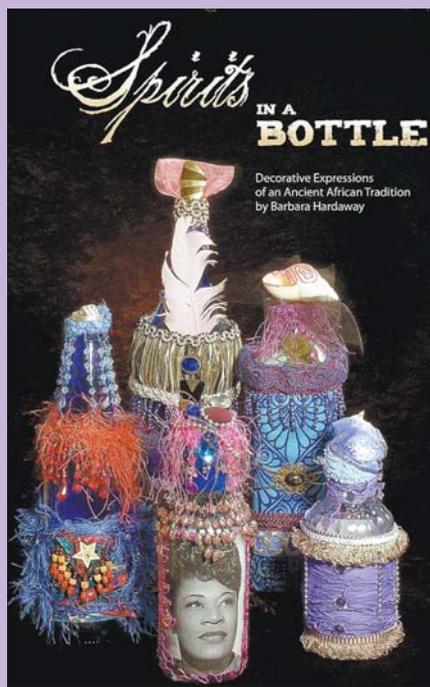
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# Notable Events To Look For ...

## Spirits in a Bottle

THURSDAY/AUG. 27

Washington, D.C., area artist Barbara Hardaway decorated a hundred Arizona Tea bottles for "Spirits in a Bottle: Decorative Expressions of an Ancient African Tradition," an exhibition opening at the Alexandria Black History Museum on Thursday, Aug. 27. This whimsical show pays homage to the 9th- and 10th-century Congolese tradition of adorning the ends of tree branches with colorful bottles that would catch the sunlight. Barbara Hardaway has updated this ritual by festooning her bottles with feathers, fabric, beads, netting, ribbons and seashells, bestowing each with character and panache. In addition, she has designed bottles featuring Ella Fitzgerald, Langston Hughes, W.E.B. DuBois, Marian Anderson, Sojourner Truth, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other luminaries. A free opening reception will be held on Aug. 27 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-838-4356. The exhibition will be open through Saturday, Oct. 3, and suggested admission is \$2. The Alexandria Black History Museum is located at 902 Wythe Street in the Parker-Gray Historic District. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-838-4356.



## The Fish Market Restaurant Re-Opens

The much-anticipated grand re-opening of The Fish Market Restaurant and its new Anchor Bar in Old Town Alexandria, is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 2. A percentage of the proceeds from the grand opening event will benefit the national Multiple Sclerosis Society. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and the party kicks off at 4 p.m. Admission is free. Guests will enjoy various samplings of the new Anchor Bar menu prepared by Executive Chef Cory Fey. The owners are Franco and Noe Landini.

The highlight of the grand opening will include an oyster-eating contest, auctioning off new and old Fish Market treasures and customers will also have the opportunity to be entered in a raffle to win prizes including free food and drink. Nashville superstar David Vincent Williams will be appearing in the Sunquest dining room and party jams will spin in the Anchor Bar by local DJ Lyric.

At 5 p.m., the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Bill Euille will perform an official ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Anchor Bar.

Go to the Web site at [www.fishmarketoldtown.com](http://www.fishmarketoldtown.com), or call 703-683-1135.

## Nominations for Living Legends of Alexandria

**Nominations for the Living Legends of Alexandria - 2010** are due by Sept. 30. Living Legends of Alexandria is an on-going, not-for-profit project to identify, honor and chronicle those making history in Alexandria today. Criteria are: (1) Individuals who have contributed at least one tangible improvement to the quality of the city's life that would likely be missing without this person's vision and energy, or (2) Individuals demonstrating exemplary service to the city over an extended time (10 years or more). Nominees must live or work in Alexandria. Those currently running for or holding political office are not eligible for consideration. The contributions of City employees should be beyond the responsibilities of their jobs. Nominate as many Legends as worthy of consideration. Use a separate form for each nominee. Nomination forms are available at [www.tisaraphoto.com/legends](http://www.tisaraphoto.com/legends) or by calling 703-625-2330. Send nominations to [alexandrialegends@earthlink.net](mailto:alexandrialegends@earthlink.net) or mail to Living Legends, 6408 Hayfield Place, Alexandria, VA 22310.



## Dog Days of Summer

TUESDAY/SEPT. 8

**Annual Doggie Day Swim.** 4-7 p.m. At the Old Town Pool, 1609 Cameron Street, Alexandria. A celebration of the end of the pool season for dogs and their owners. Old Town Pool will remain open for dogs only to swim and play. There is a nominal fee for dog admission. Proceeds benefit the Alexandria Welfare League. Note: Bring your own doggie dish for water. Dog handlers must be 16 or older. All dogs should wear current vaccination tags or proof of vaccinations must be shown. Proceeds benefit the Alexandria Animal Welfare League. Call 703-519-2160.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 12

**Dog Days.** Looking for a great way to beat the heat with man's best friend? The Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority is pleased to announce the return of Dog Days! Visit any NVRPA water park on Saturday, Sept. 12 and let your best friend swim to their hearts' content from noon to 4 p.m. This year's event is bigger than ever, with all five NVRPA water parks open for this great dog swim. Participating parks include Great Waves at Cameron Run Regional Park in Alexandria, Upton Hill Regional Park in Arlington, Atlantis Water Park in Centreville, Downpour Water Park at Algonkian Regional Park in Sterling, and Pirate's Cove at Pohick Bay Regional Park in Lorton. Admission is just \$5 per dog. Dog owners must fill out a liability waiver and your dog must have a current license and rabies vaccination. Visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).



## "Bronx Princess"

THURSDAY/SEPT. 10

**"Bronx Princess" Screening.** 7 p.m. Port of Harlem magazine and the Alexandria Black History Museum will preview the new documentary "Bronx Princess," followed by a short discussion. "Bronx Princess" follows the real-life journey of headstrong 17-year-old Rocky as she leaves behind her mother in New York City to reunite with her father, a chief in Ghana, West Africa. Filmed during the tumultuous summer between high school and college, "Bronx Princess" tells Rocky's coming-of-age story. By confronting her parents' ideas of adulthood, Rocky reconciles her African heritage with her dream of independence. PBS will broadcast the 40-minute TV movie on Tuesday, September 22, at 10 p.m. The Alexandria Black History Museum is located at 902 Wythe Street in the Parker-Gray Historic District. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call the museum at 703-838-4356.



## Good Shepherd Catholic Church

MONDAY/SEPT. 7

**International Festival.** 12:30-6 p.m. Includes live entertainment, children's rides, international food, white elephant sale, beverages, games and more. Tickets must be purchased for some activities. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-780-4055 or visit [www.gs-cc.org](http://www.gs-cc.org).



## "The Musical"

AUG. 27-OCT. 18

**Musical of Musicals ("The Musical!") At MetroStage.** The play is a funny parody of five Broadway composers, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Stephen Sondheim, Kander and Ebb, Jerry Herman and Andrew Lloyd Webber, with the music by Eric Rockwell, lyrics by Joanne Bogart, and book by Rockwell and Bogart. Both Rockwell and Bogart performed in the original New York production that began at The York Theatre Company before moving Off Broadway to Dodger Stages. It has been successfully presented on many stages across the country and in London and has a national Web site ([www.musicalofmusicals.com](http://www.musicalofmusicals.com)). Performances are Aug. 27-Oct. 18, Thursdays and Fridays at 8, Saturdays at 5 and 8:30, Sundays at 3 and 7. Tickets are \$45-50. At MetroStage, 1201 North Royal St. Alexandria. Fully accessible, free parking, great dining. Call 800-494-8497 or go online to [www.boxofficecitetickets.com](http://www.boxofficecitetickets.com). Call 703-548-9044.

# CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

**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](http://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](http://www.alexandriafilm.org). Call 703-838-6348.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 27

**The Jefferson Street Strutters.** 7-9 p.m. Enjoy traditional jazz and American popular songs from the early years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, part of the Thursday Nite Local Spotlight series. At 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Henna Night with Greta Gonzalez.** 6-8 p.m. Moms, Dads, and kids alike are all having some fun this summer by donning Greta's one-of-a-kind designs. Greta's designs run from \$5 - \$20, depending on size. At Spill the Beans, 1900 Elkin Street, Suite 4, Alexandria. Call 703-780-3561.

## FRIDAY, AUG. 28

**Enjoy the fun Music of Billy Otis!** 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Beer and wine available. At Spill the Beans, 1900 Elkin Street, Suite 4, Alexandria. Call 703-780-3561.

**Sin Fronteras Offers South of the Border Performance.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free mariachi performance is part of the Mt. Vernon Nights summer concert series. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial



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Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-7469 after 6 p.m. for cancellation updates.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 29

**Adult Chorus Auditions.** 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. With the Alexandria Choral Society for August 2009, under new Artistic Director, Brian Gendron. All dates by appointment only. For details and/or to schedule, email: [AlexandriaChoralSociety@gmail.com](mailto:AlexandriaChoralSociety@gmail.com)

**Begonias Abound.** 10-11:30 a.m. Want to discover more about this fascinating plant family, the different types and species? Begonia enthusiast Johanna Zinn and fellow Begonia society members share expansive knowledge gained from their many years of growing these unique and versatile plants; providing culture, care, and propagation information. A guided tour of the annual begonia show included. \$12. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or go to

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/)

**Hooray for School Storytime.** Ages 3 and up. 11:30 a.m. Special storytime to celebrate the exciting beginning to the school year. Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com). Call 703-548-4092.

**Book Signing.** "Mind Your Manners! George Washington's Rules of Civility." 1-5 p.m. Author James Henry II will be signing copies of his book. At the Historic Alexandria History Center & Museum Store, 101 North Union Street. Call 703-706-5262.

## AUG. 29-30

**28th Annual Begonia Show and Sale.** Aug. 29 from 9-4:30 p.m. and Aug. 30 from noon to 3:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Potomac Branch of the American Begonia Society. Expand your plant palette; be tempted with splashes of color for homes and greenhouses that last

long after frosts have put our outdoor gardens to bed! The sale offers a wide variety of begonias, including unusual subtropical species. Free. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or go to [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/)

**War of 1812 Historic Weekend Re-enactment.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Visit Carlyle House on Aug. 29 to learn about the events of Aug. 29, 1814. On Aug. 30, visit Pohick Bay Regional Park to see how the Americans fought back at the White House Battery." Call Carlyle House at 703-549-2997 or Pohick Bay Regional Park at 703-339-6104. Visit [www.nvrpa.org](http://www.nvrpa.org).

## THURSDAY, SEPT. 3

**The Trio Hermitage.** 7-9 p.m. The trio consists of Svetlana Nikonova and Varvara Zakharevich of the Washington Balalaika Society, and Zahar Zakharevich of the American Youth Philharmonic Orchestra. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, part of the Thursday Nite Local Spotlight series. At 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 5

**Hollin Hall Annual Sidewalk Sale.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be a variety store, blossom shop, gift store, Hollin Hall Pastry Shop, The Dance Studio, Rooga's Sports.

## SUNDAY/SEPT. 6

**Summer Chamber Music Series.** 3 p.m. Free. Violinist Benjamin Scott and pianist Brad Clark. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

**Free Concert.** At 10:45 a.m. By the internationally acclaimed African Children's Choir. At Centerpointe Church at Fair Oaks, 4104 Legato Rd, Fairfax. Visit [www.africanchildrenschoir.com](http://www.africanchildrenschoir.com) or call 703-591-4284.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 7

**International Festival.** 12:30-6 p.m. Includes live entertainment, children's rides, international food, white elephant sale, beverages, games and more. Tickets must be purchased for some activities. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-780-4055 or visit [www.gs-cc.org](http://www.gs-cc.org).

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## MONDAY, SEPT. 14

**Gadsby's Tavern Museum** will be hosting its fall session of Tavern Toddlers, beginning Monday, Sept. 14, and continuing weekly through Monday, Nov. 16. Because it's never too early for kids to appreciate history, the museum developed this special program for toddlers (walkers through 36 months) and their caregivers. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime on Mondays anytime between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal Street in the heart of Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

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## THEATRE

# It's a Wrap for Keegan Theatre in Arlington

After weekend, company performs across the river.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

This fall, things will come full circle for a theater company that was nurtured right here in Arlington. The Keegan Theatre, which has mounted the majority of its shows in various Arlington venues from the basement of the Mount Olivet United Methodist Church on North Glebe Road to the Theatre on the Run on South Four Mile Run Drive, has announced that they will become the full-time theater company in residence across the river in the Church Street Theatre in the Dupont Circle neighborhood of Washington, D.C.

In the meantime, Arlington audiences have one last chance to sample a Keegan offering without crossing the Potomac. This weekend will be the last of a three-weekend mini-festival of short plays under the title "Acts of Love." The festival is the work of Keegan's "New Island Project" — a unit of the theater company that specializes in presenting its works in a minimal setting. It has used the small black-box facility of the Arlington County Cultural Affairs Division, the Theatre on the Run.

The mini-festival began with a staging of A.R. Gurney's two-character play "Love Letters." Then, last weekend, they offered the world premiere of a one-act play titled "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room" by company member Megan Thrift. Peter Finnegan played a lonely young man downing a few beers in a neighborhood bar about to shut down permanently due to financial hard times. Ashley Faye Dillard was the bar-owner/bar-tender who finds in him a kindred spirit. The play opened to a full house in the 85-seat theater.

The final offering of the three-play mini-festival plays in the Theater on the Run this Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. It is another premiere by a company member, Joe Baker whom Keegan followers have watched grow from a cute carrot topped kid in the first-ever Keegan production to the tall,



Ashley Faye Dillard, Michael Deveney, and Peter Finnegan perform in "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room."



Peter Finnegan and Ashley Faye Dillard perform in "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room."

lanky, long-haired young man he is today. "False Romance: An Intergalactic Farce" is an expanded version of his "When Jason Met Maggala." When it ends its three-night run, Keegan's 12-year run presenting plays in Arlington may also be at an end.

Ever since 2004, Keegan has split its productions between Arlington venues and the Church Street Theatre, an atmospheric brick building built in the mid-19th century as the gymnasium for the college prep Holton Arms School. It was converted into a theater in 1975 and now seats 125 before a stage surrounded by the exposed brick walls. It was here that Keegan began despite its Arlington roots with its very first production back in 1997 because they felt they needed to "introduce themselves" to the greater Washington theater community in a D.C. location. Their "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" was well received and then they followed it with a superb production of Brian Friel's "Translations" in the basement of the Mount Olivet Church.

This was the start of a run that

saw the company mount over 40 productions in Arlington. The Cultural Affairs Division of Arlington County, which has been so instrumental in making Arlington theater-friendly, has supported Keegan over the years and many of the venues the company used have been county owned and operated houses.

The Keegan can be chalked up as another success of the county's Arts Incubator program.



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](http://www.PotomacStages.com)). He can be reached at [Brad@PotomacStages.com](mailto:Brad@PotomacStages.com).

### Where and When

The Keegan Theatre Company's production of "False Romance: An Intergalactic Farce" this Thursday – Saturday at 8 p.m. at Theatre on the Run, 3700 South Four Mile Run Drive just north of Shirlington. Tickets are \$15. Call 703-892-0202 or log on to [www.keegantheatre.com](http://www.keegantheatre.com).

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# FINE ART

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 30

**Illuminations**, an exhibit of painting, photography, gardening, and painted glass, will be on view at the Del Ray Artisans gallery from now through Aug. 30. The works are by members of the DRA Board of Directors who have volunteered in that role for at least two years. Contact curator Jeanne Tiftt at [jldtiftt@cox.net](mailto:jldtiftt@cox.net) or 703-960-3873 for information about the artists or visit the DRA web site, [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org), for gallery hours, directions, and special events related to the exhibit.



## SEPT. 10 - OCT. 5

"The Special Relationship," in the Art League Gallery: Brenda Barthell's Solo Show.

"The Special Relationship" describes the historic, diplomatic, and political connection between the UK and U.S. These paintings, however, represent a personal bond and one that may be familiar to others who have divided roots.

Opening Reception: Thursday, Sept. 10, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Hours are daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sundays, 12 noon-6 p.m.

## SEPT. 1 TO SEPT. 30

**"Creation Sings!!"** a journey through the beauty of nature as photographed by Allen Pearson will be at The Gallery at Convergence, Tuesday, Sept. 1 through Wednesday, Sept. 30. The artist reception will be on Sunday, Sept. 13, 3-5 p.m. Pianist Mary Dart will join Photographer Allen Pearson to present the musical "Journey through Creation's Song". The Gallery at Convergence is located at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria; call 703-998-6260. Gallery hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., by appointment at all other times. Visit [www.allenpearsonsphotos.com](http://www.allenpearsonsphotos.com) or [www.convergenceccf.net](http://www.convergenceccf.net).

## "The Special Relationship" by Brenda Barthell

Workshop and the Corcoran College of Art + Design, has put together a collection of screenprints and related work representing his view of the very best work being done in the region.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 3

**Preview the exhibit, Revenge of the Sequel**, Del Ray Artisans' September Art Show. At the Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Exhibit shows artists depicting their uninhibited and unabashed versions of a sequel. It opens on Friday, Sept. 4, and runs through Sunday, Sept. 27. A reception to meet the artists will be on Friday, Sept. 11 from 7-9:30 p.m. Call 703-838-4827 or 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.

## NOW THROUGH SEPT. 2

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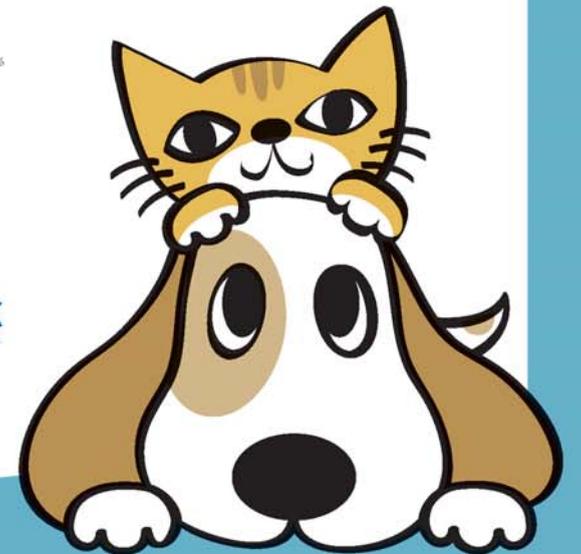


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# SCHOOLS

**Alexandria resident Elizabeth Wiley**, a student at Tabor Academy in New England, will attend School Year Abroad's school in Rennes, France. She will study with approximately 60 other students in an academically rigorous high school and second-language immersion program while living with a host French family. School Year Abroad was founded in 1964 and since its inception has educated over 5,700 students. SYA's goal is to give 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students a deep understanding of another people, their language and way of life through near-total immersion in a foreign culture while providing full academic credit for the year abroad and maintaining a high-level of preparation for admission to competitive American colleges and universities.

**Erin Bischoff**, a resident of Alexandria, was awarded Dean's List honors for academic achievement during the spring 2009 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

**The University of Mary Washington** has announced its President's List for the 2009 spring semester. The President's List recognizes outstanding academic achievement at the university by full-time students who attain a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

The following area students are among the 81 students who have been named to the President's List:

- ❖ **Nicholas Wagner**, a junior, of Alexandria.
- ❖ **Lindsey Bechtold**, a senior, of Alexandria.

**Annela Mary Levitov of Alexandria**, a Junior at Gettysburg College, has been placed the Deans' Commendation List for outstanding academic achievement in the spring 2009.

**Brandon William Donovan** of Alexandria was named to the dean's list at DePaul University for the spring quarter.

**John Weaver of Alexandria** received a Bachelor's Degree during the 2009 Commencement Ceremonies of Hobart and William Smith Colleges, held on Sunday, May 17. Weaver, the child of John Weaver, majored in Political Science. The graduate studied abroad in London.

**Kelsey Morrison of Alexandria** was named to the dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Ga. for spring quarter 2009. Morrison is a fashion marketing and management major and is seeking a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree.

**Bianca Velez** of Alexandria made the Dean's List for spring semester 2009 at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

**Laura Whitney Fishburn** of Alexandria graduated on May 23 from Marist College with a Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences.

The following students recently graduated from the College of William and Mary.

- ❖ **Laura Cornwell** from Alexandria with a Bachelor of Arts degree;
- ❖ **Lara Curtis** from Alexandria with a Bachelor of Arts degree;
- ❖ **Rachel Forstater** from Alexandria with a Bachelor of Arts degree;
- ❖ **Kelsey Meiklejohn** from Alexandria with a Bachelor of Arts degree;
- ❖ **Allen Polikoff** from Alexandria with a Bachelor of Arts degree;
- ❖ **Kristin Davis** from Alexandria with a Bachelor of Science degree;
- ❖ **Heather Pasley** from Alexandria with a Bachelor of Science degree.

# BUSINESS NOTES

**David Levine** was named the new director of housing at Good Shepherd Housing. This new position was created due to recent growth and the restructuring of the company's internal capacity. Levine's skill set will aid him in implementing more effective and efficient management of its rental housing portfolio. Through its affordable housing and support programs, Good Shepherd Housing advances its mission to prevent homelessness, provide community support and promote the potential for self-sufficiency.



**David Levine**

Levine has a variety of for- and non-profit work experience, including service on the boards of local homeless services providers. Most recently, he worked at the Montgomery County Coalition for the Homeless, where he oversaw its operations and expanded its low-income housing acquisitions and property management efforts. Before working in the non-profit sector, Levine had 15 years' experience working in finance with Fannie Mae, banks and brokerage firms, including E\*TRADE Financial in Arlington.

Send announcements to the Gazette, by e-mail to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412.

**The Alexandria office of Fresenius Medical Care North America** won a "Center of Excellence" award for achieving the highest standards in dialysis patient care in 2008. While all Fresenius Medical Care dialysis clinics share the company's UltraCare mission of delivering excellent care to patients, the company's annual Center of Excellence awards recognize those clinics nationwide that have delivered the highest levels of quality patient care, based on objective measurements of the patients' status.

**Rebuilding Together Alexandria**, a non-profit that provides free home repair services to in-need residents and non-profit agencies, announces the latest additions to its Board of Directors and staff. Beginning first terms as mem-



**John D. Kling II, DDS**

**John D. Kling II, DDS, of Alexandria** received the Mastership Award from the Academy of General Dentistry during AGD's Annual Meeting and Exhibits Convocation ceremony held in Baltimore on July 11. The Mastership Award is the highest honor available in the AGD. To accomplish this, Dr. Kling completed 1,100 hours of continuing dental education in the 16 disciplines of dentistry, including 400 hours dedicated to hands-on skills and techniques.

bers of the Board of Directors are Boyd Walker, vice president of Walker Real Estate and president of Letterpress Properties; and Chris West, owner of West Landscapes. Chris Thiel became the Board President on July 1.

Adande Lane joins the organization as a Green Capacity Corps AmeriCorps member. pLane will coordinate many of the energy-efficiency projects undertaken by more than 1,000 volunteers, who, year round, repair and renovate Alexandria non-profit facilities and homes belonging to low-income residents, including the elderly, disabled, military veterans, and families.

**Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Alexandria** welcomes Jeffrey Franko as a sales associate. Franko, who serves the Greater Washington, D.C. area, offers buyers and sellers full-service marketing and global resources to meet their goals. He utilizes the company's rapid response system, LeadRouter, which converts online inquiries into automated voice calls sent directly to his cell phone within 15 seconds.

## Calling All Wright to Read Volunteers and Students

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Contact Leigh Hoyer at [lhoeyer@campagnacenter.org](mailto:lhoeyer@campagnacenter.org) or call 703-549-0111 x 101

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Who do you know whose vision and energy has improved life in Alexandria? The Alexandria Gazette Packet is seeking nominations in order to recognize Alexandria's Living Legends throughout 2010.

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, 1607 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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Alma Powell, Mayor William D. Euille and youth from the Alexandria-Olympic Boys and Girls Club join with Jim Almond (area director) in front of the new youth garden.

## Club Named First 'Promise Place' in Northern Virginia

The Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Club has been designated a Promise Place by America's Promise Alliance. A Promise Place is any school, community center, place of worship, business, or organization that provides youth with the Alliance's Five Promises — caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, an effective education, and opportunities to help others — under one roof.

To commemorate the event, Al-

liance Chair Alma Powell, club officials and Mayor William D. Euille joined with children and youth from the club and volunteers from the U.S. Department of State and Alliance staff to construct a new garden on site at the club. This garden project is part of the Alliance's support of President Obama's summer service initiative "United We Serve" and will help provide an educational and healthy foods experience for the

hundreds of young people served by the club. The youth on site helped construct the garden that includes everything from fruits and vegetables to herbs and flowers.

Established in 1936, the Alexandria-Olympic Boys & Girls Club is one of the oldest clubs in greater Washington, D.C.

More information about United We Serve can be found at: [www.Serve.gov](http://www.Serve.gov).



## Regatta Supports Cancer Research

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's National Capital Area Chapter held its second annual Junior Leukemia Cup Regatta on Aug. 15 in conjunction with the Washington Sailing Marina's Summer Sailing School. The event raised more than \$7,800 for the fight against blood cancers, the leading disease killer of Americans under age 20. The event's top three fundraisers were: Sebastian Gill, age 13, who raised \$930; Thomas McNulty, age 15, who raised \$700 and; Margo Wagner, age 10, who raised \$504. For more information about the Leukemia Cup Regatta Series or to register for an upcoming event, contact Loree Lipstein at the National Capital Area Chapter of The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at 703-399-2900, or visit [www.leukemicup.org/nca](http://www.leukemicup.org/nca).

## NEIGHBORHOOD

### Taylor Run

#### SAVE THE DATE:

❖ The Taylor Run Citizens' Association (TRCA) annual Fall Meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Del. David Englin and Vicki Vasquez, candidates for Virginia's 45th House of Del-

egates District, will address TRCA members and field questions from the audience.

❖ The TRCA Fall Neighborhood Party will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25 from 3-5 p.m. Please join us to meet your neighbors and enjoy live music, food, fun for the kids and Halloween celebrations.

#### Legal Notices

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



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

#### OBITUARY

Anne Kerr  
Alexandria, VA

Anne Armstrong Kerr, 78, of Waynesboro, VA, formerly of Madison, NJ, passed away on Saturday, August 22, 2009, as a result of a long and valiant battle with cancer.

She was born in Augusta County, VA, on August 9, 1931, to the late Frank Lightner Armstrong and Doris Beard Armstrong. After living in Madison, NJ, for 22 years, she returned with her family to Waynesboro in 1978. An avid genealogist, Anne spent countless hours researching and collaborating about the Brubeck, Bosserman, Lightner and Armstrong families of Virginia's Shenandoah Valley and Indiana.

In addition to her parents, Anne was preceded in death by her late husband, William P. Kerr, in December 1990.

She is survived by her two sons, Frank A. Kerr of Darien, CT, and Stewart P. Kerr of Alexandria, VA, two daughters-in-law, Catherine Olmsted Kerr and Cynthia Lamons-Kerr, Grandson William D. Kerr and Granddaughters Leslie P. Kerr and Margaret R. Kerr.

A graveside service will be held at 3:00 P.M., on Saturday, August 29, 2009, in Bethel Presbyterian Church Cemetery, 563 Bethel Green Road, Staunton, VA 24401, with Reverend Joel Thornton officiating. The family will receive friends at Anne's Waynesboro residence following the service.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the University of Virginia's Camp Kesem Fund in Anne's name (P.O. Box 4321, Charlottesville, VA 22905). This student run organization provides free summer camp to children who have a parent(s) with cancer.

Friends and relatives are invited to view this obituary and share condolences or memories with the family at [www.reynoldshamrickfuneralhomes.com](http://www.reynoldshamrickfuneralhomes.com). Arrangements have been entrusted to Reynolds Hamrick Funeral Homes & Crematory, Staunton.

#### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020774-06-00  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re  
MACKENZIE DJEDDOUR

The object of this suit is to: For approval of a foster care service plan with the goal of adoption, and for the termination of the parental rights of the unknown father of Mackenzie Djeddour (dob 5/31/07) and/or to enter any other appropriate dispositional orders to protect the health and safety of this child. It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/15/2009 at 1:30pm

#### Legal Notices

##### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021170-09-00  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re  
CHANTE M WALLS

The object of this suit is to: Approve the foster care review plan submitted by Alexandria DHS with a goal of adoption, and terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of Natalie Anderson, mother to Chante M Walls, born 7/28/2007. "Residual parental rights" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with the parent after transfer of legal custody and guardianship of the child to DHS, including but not limited to the right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation and the responsibility for support.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Natalie Anderson appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/29/2009 at 2:00pm

##### ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021170-10-00  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re  
CHANTE M WALLS

The object of this suit is to: Approve the foster care review plan submitted by Alexandria DHS with a goal of adoption, and terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father of Chante M Walls who was born 7/28/2007 to Natalie Anderson "Residual parental rights" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with the parent after transfer of legal custody and guardianship of the child to DHS, including but not limited to the right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation and the responsibility for support.

It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/29/2009 at 2:00pm

#### OBITUARY

Mrs. Audrey A Temucin, 74 died, August 22, 2009. A native of Cleveland, OH, Audrey was the daughter of Eleanor C Sell and Elmer G Naftzger. She was a registered nurse living in Alexandria, VA for 44 years, prior to moving to Trent Woods in 2005. Audrey was active in the Episcopal Church throughout her life, where she was involved in the altar guild, vestry, and sewing groups. Her favorite pastimes included creating all types of award winning needlework, gardening, and most especially being a doting grandmother.

Audrey is survived by her husband of 52 years, Dr Oguz Temucin, of the home; daughter, Beverly Purcell and husband Chip, of Glenside, PA; son Rob Temucin and wife Marilee, of Trent Woods, NC; sister Carol Notargiovanni and husband Peter, of Parma Hts, OH; brother, Thomas Naftzger and wife Karen, of Emerald Isle, NC. She is also survived by her 4 grandchildren, Morgan and Samantha Temucin, and Christopher and Lauren Purcell.

the family will received friends 8/25, 2009 at Pollock-Best Funeral Home and Audrey's funeral service was 8/26 at Christ Episcopal Church with Rev. Dr. Peter Stubbe officiating. Burial followed at New Bern Memorial Cemetery.

Those wishing to offer online condolences may do so at [www.pollockbest.com](http://www.pollockbest.com). Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the St Martins Episcopal Church, 140 Southeast 28th Ave. Pompano Beach, FL 33062 (Marked for the Rector's Discretionary Fund), or to the charity of one's choice.

The Temucin Family is being assisted by Pollock-Best Funerals & Cremations.

# Titans Look To Run Past Opponents

T.C. Williams looks to exploit mismatches with spread offense.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams football team has a strong-armed quarterback, speedy receivers and running backs and a spread offense designed to exploit mismatches.

Head coach Dennis Randolph said the team has around 15 players with a 40-yard dash time faster than 4.7 seconds. He also said an offseason conditioning program has helped the Titans, who performed well during summer passing camps.

With one week until its 2009 season opener at Robinson, all signs point to T.C. Williams including a slew of speedsters in the offensive gameplan in an attempt to sprint past opponents — and a losing culture attached to the program since the mid-1990s.

The Titans, who finished 3-7 last year, have not had a winning season since 1995. Will 2009 be different? Randolph said the program's offseason conditioning is one way to change a losing mentality.

All that speed doesn't hurt, either. "In a traditional offense ... you've got one back that does most of the workload. ... We have about eight guys that we want to touch the football during the course of game," Randolph said. "Because of that, we went to the spread offense [in 2008] because the spread offense enables you to get the ball



T.C. Williams quarterback Joe Hargrove carries the football during a scrimmage against Marshall.

6, 145), junior Will Rossi (5-8, 155) and senior Rashad Quarles (6-1, 170).

At running back, senior Charlie Garner (5-10, 165) is slated to be the starter, while sophomore Raquan Brunson (5-8, 150) should also see time.

Right tackle Jay Whitmire (6-6, 290) will anchor the offensive line. Randolph said the junior has received offers from several Division I schools, including Penn State and Virginia.

Senior Luke Dorris (6-3, 275) will be the right guard. Sophomore Aaron Tovosky (6-1 190) is the center after starting last season as a freshman. Senior Shelton Martin (6-2, 260) and junior Anthony Zamora (6-0, 215) could rotate at left guard. Junior Joe Massaquoi (6-4, 230) is the left tackle.

Defensively, T.C. Williams runs a base 4-4. Whitmire, juniors Deontre Sanders (6-0, 230) and Tyrell Dixon (6-2, 200) and senior Dajuan Douglas (6-0, 190) will see time on the defensive line.

The relatively inexperienced linebacking corps will be led by juniors Tevin Isley (6-0, 205) and Damien Benton (6-1, 190).

In the secondary, senior Robbie Carter (5-11, 170) will patrol the middle of the field at free safety.

"He's a physical free safety," T.C. Williams defensive coordinator Mike Gamble said of Carter. "He likes to come up and make plays. He likes to make tackles ... but when the ball's in the air, he's a ball [hawk]."

Senior Darnell Roy (5-9, 165) will play one of the cornerback positions.

T.C. Williams hosts a scrimmage against Centreville at 5 p.m. today. The Titans open their season at Robinson at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 3.

to kids in situations where they're in space.

"... Everybody has somebody that can run a 4.5 or a 4.6. We have two guys that can run a 4.4 [Cortez Taylor, Aziz Coker], three guys in the 4.5 area and we have about 10 or 11 guys that can run a 4.6. In our offensive scheme, we just think we can get a mismatch, no matter who we play."

Seniors Joe Hargrove (6 feet 3, 177 pounds) and John Bray (6-0, 145) entered last weekend's scrimmage against Marshall in competition for the starting quarterback position. Randolph said Hargrove had a stronger showing during the scrimmage, but said he would wait to name a starter.

Hargrove's strong arm and athleticism

would seem to fit well in the Titans offense. While the left-hander likes throwing deep, he said he's not one dimensional.

"Coach Randolph, obviously, he gets mad when I go deep all the time," Hargrove said. "I want to go through my progressions. Over the years, I have developed as a quarterback."

Hargrove said the Titans have better chemistry than last season.

"The past few years ... it's been a team of 'me,'" he said. It should be "a team of 'us.' It's a team game. Spending time together [during the offseason] has helped."

T.C. Williams' top receivers figure to be the seniors Coker (6-4, 190) and Taylor (5-

## West Springfield Edges Out TC in Volleyball Scrimmage

Lady Titans return four players from last season.

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams volleyball team didn't win Tuesday's scrimmage against West Springfield, but Lady Titans head coach Rhea Butler said she was pleased with her team's effort.

T.C. Williams, which has struggled against West Springfield in recent years, won games two and three before eventually dropping the match, 3-2 (25-12, 14-25, 24-26, 25-

22, 15-10), at The Garden. It was T.C. Williams' first game action of the season.

The Lady Titans, who lost seven seniors from last season's team, return four athletes and have three seniors on this year's roster.

"We played pretty well. I was impressed," Butler said. "I felt like our offense was where I wanted it to be for our first time playing a game."

West Springfield closed game one on an 18-2 run and won 25-12. But T.C. Williams bounced back, winning games two and three. West Springfield closed game one on an 18-2 run and won 25-12. But T.C. Williams bounced back, winning games two and three.

Senior outside hitter Miranda Branch, who finished with six kills and five aces,

said it took time for T.C. Williams' veteran players and new athletes to get on the same page.

"After the first game, we got everything together and stuff started working better," she said. "But the fifth game, I think we just lost steam."

West Springfield won a tightly contested game four, 25-22, and scored four of the last five points in game five to close the match with a 15-10 victory.

Six-foot freshman Kate Whitmire, playing in her first varsity action, finished with 13 kills. Butler said the outside hitter will be a key contributor this season.

"I was so nervous," she said. "I had butterflies and everything. During warmups, I couldn't hit. It was really nerve-wracking.

But after the first game ... the butterflies left."

Senior outside hitter Nicole Burdett had nine kills.

Branch, Burdett, junior libero/defensive specialist Abby Wilson and junior middle hitter Natalie Brown are returnees for T.C. Williams.

Sophomore Sophie Siegel, senior Alexis Mitchell and freshman Sydney Trout could see time at outside hitter.

Juniors Rebecca Stone and Meron Hailu and the freshman Trout could see time at setter, while juniors Kate Tackett and Amberle Farthing could see time in the back row.

T.C. Williams opens its season at 7:15 p.m. today at Edison.

# PEOPLE

## Birthday Party for Class of '77

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in there. So we gave each other a lei and had fruity drinks and wore Hawaiian shirts and made it a little mini-vacation. We originally talked about going on a cruise. In fact, I was trying to get everybody to go to Hawaii. But everybody was worried about their jobs, so we just stayed local. Each of us had a piece of key-lime pie with a candle on it.

### How do your classmates feel about turning 50?

Some of them were very depressed about it, although others said they didn't feel any different. A couple of people said they didn't even want to think about it, but then a couple of other people said they didn't feel old. So it was a mixed bag. A few of the people there lost their parents recently, so I think that everybody was trying to support each other a little bit with some of the life milestones. It's hard getting old.

### What was T.C. Williams like in 1977?

It was a huge school. I think the graduating class at the time was about 800. The school system has only been integrated for a few years, so we were part of the first decade of integration. Coach Boone was still there — in fact Boone was my

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### What were members of the class of 1977 up to these days?

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Alexandria City Manager Jim Hartmann, left, formally announces his selection of Earl Cook, right, as the city's next chief of police.

# Cook Appointed Police Chief

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legendary Coach Herman Boone was in attendance at City Hall and recalled that Cook was a cornerback and punt-return specialist for the team.

"I was hoping the mayor wouldn't mention the position I played when I was playing football," said Cook, who has known the mayor for more than 40 years. "Coach Boone is staring at me, and I'll just say it was 100 pounds ago."

**AFTER RECEIVING** a bachelor's degree in history and education from Duke University, Cook returned to his hometown to join the Alexandria Police Department. He began as a police academy recruit in January 1979. After graduating from the academy, Cook worked in patrol and criminal investigations until 1989. Over the next six years, he advanced from sergeant to lieutenant to captain and ultimately to assistant chief. In 2006, he was promoted to executive deputy chief — essentially second in command. Cook has now become the city's top cop after former Chief David Baker resigned earlier this month after being arrested for drunk driving in Arlington.

"We can always do things better," said Cook shortly after being appointed chief. "I think it's important for me to not only expand on what we're doing but to try to be a little more cutting edge in terms of practices."

Cook pointed out that the force faces some important challenges in the coming months. His department will face reaccreditation in the next 10 months as well as the implementation of new records systems. Within the next two years, he hopes to move the entire 500-employee operation into a new \$81 million headquarter-

ters. When asked about the Police Department's longstanding practice of denying access to public records such as incident reports, Cook said he would be willing to review the policy rather than maintaining the status quo.

"I think that's something that's going to have to be under review," said Cook. "I did not disagree with the policy in the past, but I'm open to discussion about it. If we have a better way of doing it or if is going to serve the public better, perhaps we'll change that policy."

**CITY MANAGER** Jim Hartmann considered Cook as one of the three finalists for the position back in 2006. Ultimately, Hartmann chose Baker. But Cook was named executive deputy chief — the first person to hold the title.

"He is a highly respect member of the Police Department and an essential member of our larger management team," said Hartmann. "His promotion is also a wonderful testimony to our police department as a well-run organization that prioritizes succession planning to chart its future."

Euille also grew up in the Berg, and two of the streets at Chatham Square are now named Euille Street and Cook Street in their honor. During his introduction of Cook at Tuesday's press conference, Euille praised Cook, calling him "a very nice person, handsome and so forth." The mayor went on to say that his most prominent feature is a smile that can be seen a block away.

"That's his trademark," said Euille, who has been publicly supporting Cook for the job for the last two weeks. "He's a role model, a mentor and a strong leader, but most of all well-respected and caring leader who will give you the shirt off his back."

**"I think it's important for me to not only expand on what we're doing but to try to be a little more cutting edge in terms of practices."**

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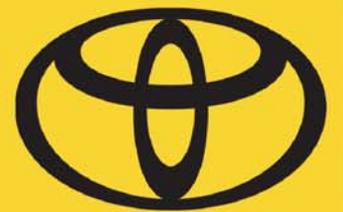
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