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In Concert
Residents cool their toes in the water fountain as they listen to the Alexandria Citizen's Band at Market Square on Friday, July 16.

Members of the Alexandria Citizen's Band perform.

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Revenues on Parade

Demand that host organizations kick in half the cost of parades stirs concern.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Paying for Special Events

EVENT COST TO THE CITY

Alexandria Birthday	\$86,523
George Washington Parade	\$33,173
St. Patrick's Day Parade	\$29,185
Farmer's Market	\$26,642
Outdoor Concerts	\$22,549
Scottish Christmas Walk	\$21,024
Obama Campaign Rally	\$17,790
Chiralagua Festival	\$17,209
Memorial Day Jazz Festival	\$14,762
One Love Festival	\$8,589
Art on the Avenue	\$8,349
Earth Day	\$7,581
Festival for the Arts	\$6,020

SOURCE: Fiscal Year 2008 numbers from the Office of Management and Budget

Everybody loves a parade. But nobody wants to pay the bill. That's the dilemma facing city officials and parade organizers at the dawn of this new fiscal year, a time when the Scottish Walk and the St. Patrick's Day Parade are facing steep new fees from the city and facing existential questions about the future. Each side would like the other to shoulder more of the burden, and neither side wants to be stuck with the responsibility of paying the tab.

"Twenty years ago, [former mayor] Chuck Beatley said to me, 'You take care of the parade and the city will take care of the rest,'" said Pat Troy, owner of Ireland's Own pub and long-time organizer of the annual Irish parade. "Now they're doing everything they can to shut me down."

Troy is not alone. Campagna Center president Karen Hughes also received a bill for the cost to the city for last year's Scottish Walk. According to a plan adopted by City Council last year, organizers of special events in the city were responsible for 30 percent of the cost to the city. That meant Troy was hit with a bill for more than \$8,000. And the Campagna Center had to pay \$6,000.

"For us, it's not about the money because we have the resources to pay this," said Karen Hughes, president of the nonprofit organization on South Washington Street. "The real question for us is should we pay this? Is this part of our mission?"

"I think 30 might be fair, but 50 percent is too high."

— Councilman Frank Fannon

That question has become more pointed this fiscal year, which started earlier this month. Now the percentage of cost recovery for parade organizers has increased to 50 percent. That means Troy and Hughes

will each be responsible for half the cost of emergency medical staff, traffic control, barricades, trash collection and inspection of food being served. That's a lot of overtime pay. Hughes estimates her nonprofit organization designed to help children learn will

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A Public-Private Jefferson-Houston?

Alexandria officials flirt with deal to use developer money to rebuild school.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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There's no plan, at least yet. No blueprint has been created, and no contract has been signed. School Board members and City Council members haven't even signed a memorandum of understanding yet. But efforts are slowly moving forward to explore the possibility of creating a public-private partnership that would use developer money to fund the construction of a new

school at the current site of the long-troubled Jefferson-Houston School.

"The jury is still out on this," Councilman Rob Krupicka explained to members of the Upper King Street Neighborhood Association this week. "If it's not this, it's going to come from your tax dollars."

Dramatically rising enrollment figures have created a crunch in Alexandria, and School Board members are eager to see a new school at the site within the next three to five years. Jefferson-Houston is the only school in the city that has more capacity than students, the result of years of failing test scores and neighborhood parents choosing to send their children to other schools. Now school officials and city leaders are considering a plan they say would be unprecedented in Alexandria although it's been tried

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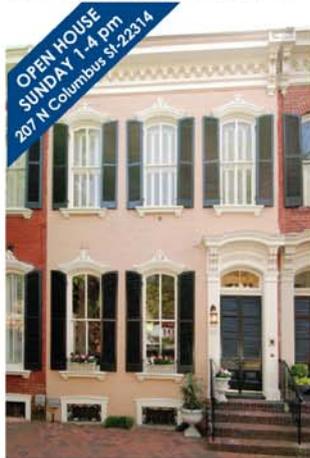
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BRAC Firetrap

How safe is that giant new building rising over the intersection of Seminary Road and Shirley Memorial Highway? According to Alexandria Mayor **Bill Euille**, one major consideration has been ignored by the Army during construction of the new Washington Headquarters Service. He raised the issue this week during a meeting at the South County Government Center in Fairfax County between local, state and federal officials on changes mandated by the Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

"There's no provision to address access for fire-fighting services," Euille told the panel. "That's something that should be a concern to everybody."

The meeting was called by U.S. Sen. **Mark Warner** (D-Va.) in response to growing concerns regarding movement of tens of thousands of Army personnel from Crystal City to Fort Belvoir. More than 6,000 of those employees will move to the Washington Headquarters Service at Mark Center on Alexandria's West End. Planning for the project has been stalled after a proposal to construct a ramp through a nature preserve were rejected. Now it's back to the drawing board, and officials for the Department of Defense say they aren't willing to pay for any more traffic studies.

"I think this is a matter of national security," said Del. **Charniele Herring** (D-46), whose district includes Mark Center. "And I think the Secretary of Defense should look at this as a matter of national security."

Federal Money

Speaking of Fort Belvoir, Alexandria officials are eager to get federal money to help offset the burden that will place on the city streets. But the flow of money is being held up, in part, by Department of Defense requirement that traffic would have to double before significant federal resources are committed to a project. If Defense Secretary **Robert Gates** were to declare the potential traffic nightmare at the Mark Center campus of Fort Belvoir a matter of national security, as Herring suggested this week, the city might be able to get funding for additional traffic studies as well as a more comprehensive traffic management plan.

"The Department of Defense does not know how to do a traffic management plan," said Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks**.

When Del. **Bob Brink** (D-48) suggested that money for transportation planning needed to come from the federal government because the state was cash-strapped, Warner joked that he was waiting for revenues from privatizing the state-owned liquor stores to fill the gap.

"That and drilling off the coast," added state Sen. **Dick Saslaw** (D-35).

"What could go wrong with that?" asked Euille.

West Nile Found

Don't look now, but those mosquitoes in the back yard could be carrying West Nile Virus.

This week, the Alexandria Health Department announced that mosquito collections in Cameron Knoll and Angle Park tested positive for West Nile Virus, marking the first reported activity in Alexandria this year. The collections were done on July 6 by the Environmental Health Division.

"West Nile Virus is a mosquito-borne disease that is endemic to this region," said Environmental Health Manager **Bob Custard** in a written statement. "Residents can play an important role in this effort by getting rid of mosquito-breeding areas around their homes."

Health officials recommend taking the following steps: empty birdbaths, get rid of old tires, clean roof gutters, turn over wading pools, repair dripping faucets and drain water from grill covers. People can also avoid mosquito bites by avoiding outdoor activity at dusk, using insect repellants and checking window screens.

"We urge city residents to be proactive in their efforts to eliminate mosquito breeding habitats," added Custard.

So far, no human cases of West Nile Virus have been reported in the city of Alexandria.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



Jackson Dundon with dad Jimmy, mom Kristin and the Lorraine Aprile Salon staff.

'Cut-a-thon' Benefits Jackson Dundon

The Lorraine Aprile Salon raised \$3,500 with its "Cut-a-thon" fundraiser Sunday, July 18, to support Jackson Dundon. Several months ago, local Alexandria couple Jimmy and Kristin Dundon discovered that their 2-and-a-half-year-old son has an inoperable brain tumor.

According to Kristin Dundon, "Jack completed chemotherapy treatment at Children's National Medical Center and is now receiving radiation therapy at Mass General in Boston, Mass. He continues to show remarkable improvement and gives us great hope."

Those unable to attend the event are welcome to send donations to: The Jackson Dundon Recovery Fund, c/o Kerry Donley, 609 N. Pickett St., Alexandria, VA 22304.

The Lorraine Aprile Salon is located on South Fayette Street; it was opened in 2003 by British owner and stylist Lorraine Aprile.



Stylist Lorraine Aprile cuts Jackson Dundon's paternal grandmother Christine Milhon, the boys call her "Mommaw."



The children selling lemonade and lollipops are Ilya and Gray McCulloch (brothers), Ruby Dankmyer, and Claire Ekard. Also are Jackson Dundon, his mom Kristin and Jackson's cousin, Nicholas Danshaw. Over \$200 were raised through lemonade sales.

The Mortgage Market

Getting a loan isn't as easy as it used to be. That's by design, with the global financial meltdown caused in part by loose rules that allowed lenders to give loans with little or no proof it could ever be paid off. Now the pendulum has swung sharply in the other direction, and lenders are operating under strict new guidelines. Republican Councilman **Frank Fannon**, who is a mortgage broker by day at SunTrust, says the new guidelines are too restrictive.

"They need to loosen up a little," said Fannon. "So we can make some common-sense loans."

Case in point — Fannon said he recently had to turn down a loan for an individual with a credit score of 699. Because the guidelines required a credit score of 700, Fannon had to reject the loan. If he had more flexibility with the guidelines, he said, banks would be able to issue more loans. Fannon predicted that loosening some of the restrictions and allowing more flexibility would prevent property values from eroding even more, which he said was a situation created by the reduced number of people able to buy homes because they can't get loans.

"Our industry has changed so much in the last few years," he said. "Some of the new guidelines were necessary, but some of them are just too restrictive."

Stepping In

Back in March, Fairfax County accused former Alexandria-based RPJ Housing executive director **Herb Cooper-Levy** of submitting forged zoning documents in order to secure financing for a multi-family affordable housing facility located near the Huntington Metro station. Cooper-Levy was initially placed on administrative leave, and he has since stepped down from his position as director of the Arlington-based development corporation.

Now, newly installed executive director **Eric Bonetti** has hired a Washington-based firm to provide management consulting services for the troubled nonprofit, which was founded in 1978 by a Presbyterian minister to help offer affordable housing opportunities. This week, Bonetti announced a new contract with Urban Investment Partners Management, which currently serves more than 3,000 multi-family housing units throughout the Washington region.

"We are pleased to have been selected by RPJ to improve and refine their management operations," said UIPPM president **David Zweig** in a written statement. "We look forward to working with RPJ's executive team and board of directors on this very important assignment."

"Over the coming months, we will continue to expand and enhance the services we offer to our residents," Bonetti said in a written statement.

Turnover on King Street

Walking up and down King Street can be depressing, what with all the empty storefronts. With businesses such as Embellishments of Alexandria closing their doors, some are concerned that the city's main thoroughfare is losing some of its luster.

Perhaps the sluggish economy is to blame. Some say that rents on King Street are unsustainably high. Others say a glut of restaurants is pushing out retail locations, leading to an imbalance that may already be choking revenues. Whatever is causing the rapid turnover on King Street, experts say it's a trend that won't be changing anytime soon.

"My prediction for the coming year is turnover, turnover, turnover," said **Chris Campagna** of Tartan Properties. "That's what I expect to see."

Campagna told members of the Upper King Street Civic Association that Alexandria has a bad reputation for making startup difficult, making it a "location of last resort." Coupled with the relatively high rents along the King Street corridor and the sluggish economy, Campagna said the near future is likely to be a turbulent.

"I'd expect to see more stores like Embellishments closing their doors," he said.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

AdAl Adds Flair to Old Town

Season-Smith Wesley makes jewelry and raises awareness.

BY GRACE POWELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Five years ago, Season Smith-Wesley did not know a thing about making jewelry. Even after she took a beginner earring and necklace class at Michaels, Smith-Wesley admitted, "I still didn't know what it was." Yet she practiced. "I got better and better."

Now King Street passersby can find Smith-Wesley sitting behind the desk of her new shop AdAl, with dozens of her own exotic handmade necklaces, earrings, rings and bracelets on display.

Smith-Wesley thinks of her son, Addy, when she creates jewelry. When Addy was two years old Smith-Wesley and her husband noticed slight changes in his development. Addy began "slowly losing the worlds he had gained like, daddy, bye bye, and thank you," she said. Addy was diagnosed with autism when he was four.

So Smith-Wesley started creating jewelry to ease her mind. And when the economy turned bad in 2008, she gave her creations to family and friends as Christmas gifts. Best friend, Isha Yilla, remembers when she received one of those gifts.

Yilla was having a tough year. "Everything was going wrong," she said. Yet, her eyes lit up when she opened Smith-Wesley's gift, a beautiful necklace and earring set. "It matched my tone and my spirit," Yilla said. "I don't think she knew how much it meant to me."

Yilla's reaction inspired Smith-Wesley to branch her designs outside of the family circle. She opened AdAl Jewelry Designs in Woodbridge in 2009. This year she moved the shop to Old Town and opened on June 26.

"Old Town is very historical, so you can't just put any business there," Russell Niblett said. Niblett is the manager at M & M Fine Arts and Antique shop, next door to AdAl.

Niblett said the owner of the two buildings was impressed with Smith-Wesley's designs and thought she'd be a great addition to King Street. "There's no other shop like hers," Niblett said.

Smith-Wesley's jewelry is inventive. "I would grab things you wouldn't even think you could make jewelry out of," she said. One time she took pieces of fabric meant for a designer outfit and stitched it into glass leaves for an earthy cerulean blue necklace.



PHOTOS BY GRACE POWELL/GAZETTE PACKET

Season Smith Wesley

Smith-Wesley's outgoing personality is reflected in her bold designs. "You kind of especially have to have that personality of 'I want to stand out,'" Smith-Wesley said. "Individuals can find bridal pieces or customize jewelry to switch up colors. She also sells hand bags and scarves. Many of her designs are African inspired."

Smith-Wesley was born and raised in Liberia until she moved to the U.S. when she was seven. Her parents worked three jobs to live a middle class life in a country with extreme poverty and extreme wealth.

"My jewelry has to have a cause behind it," Smith-Wesley said. Her family wants to give back to the Liberian community. Smith-Wesley and her sister, Eva Sahr, are moving their event planning business to Liberia.

Their family will also provide resources for Mission of Hope for Disable, a home for individuals with disabilities in Liberia. Smith-Wesley said people with disabilities in Liberia are often dismissed. Children may receive only a spoonful of rice per day.

Smith-Wesley uses her jewelry to raise awareness about various disabilities by sponsoring Autism Awareness events and research. "It's not about just being rich, I have to have something to give back to."

She also hopes and prays that Addy will one day get his voice back. "This is why every day we're pushing and kicking and going to educate, it's up to me to educate."



One of Smith-Wesley's latest designs

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association's 74th annual business meeting on June 29 during the 2010 PIAVA/DC Convention and Trade Fair, June 27-29, at the Williamsburg Lodge, Williamsburg. More than 350 independent insurance agency personnel from Virginia and D.C. attended the association's annual convention.

PEOPLE

Goodbye 'Tel Aviv,' Hello Alexandria

Denise Rocha recently moved to Old Town after reporting in Middle East.

BY GRACE POWELL
GAZETTE PACKET



Denise Rocha

Denise Rocha, moved to Old Town almost a month ago. She spent Fourth of July at the National Mall in D.C. and felt especially patriotic. After living in the Middle East for six months, she understands the importance of having a voice.

When Rocha's friend, Michael Miller, an independent security consultant, received a scholarship to study in the Middle East last year, she decided to tag along.

At the time, she worked as a broadcast journalist in Wisconsin and welcomed the opportunity to travel. Rocha told her editor she wanted to freelance report in Israel. "They gave me a camera, a

tripod and said go."

She found Tel Aviv surprisingly modern and hip. "It's a mixture between New York, Paris and L.A.," she said, "The diversity of

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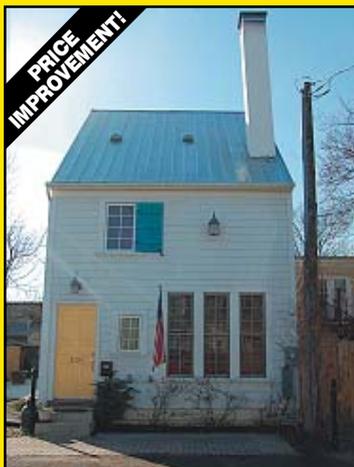
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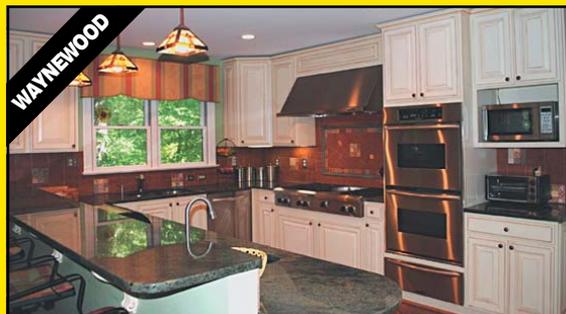
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Fred Parker accompanies Mr. Spoons in a little performance.

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Bob Lorenson prepares for a wine tasting at The Virginia Shop.



Windsor of Old Town employee Caroline LeVere prepares for Christmas in July.



Bradley Zimmerman, from The Kilted Nation, is always ready for Christmas.

Christmas in July Yields Very 'Cool' Event

BY GALE CURCIO
GAZETTE PACKET

Fay Carter had a vision. As the owner of The Christmas Attic, she wanted to see “magic and wonder” and she didn’t want to wait until December.

After a very busy weekend along Union Street, it appears that her vision has paid off. Christmas in July brought in hundreds of people to shop and dine. On Fridays, there were parties along the block. Both Santa and the Grinch stopped by over the weekend. Both adults and children had lots of activities to keep them busy.

“We had a fantastic event,” said Carter. “Every day seemed to be like a different event.”

Friday evening was all about the partying and strolling — lots of happy smiling locals and many visitors. The Grinch added a fun touch to the stores that stayed open. Even though it was very hot, people were enjoying the festivities — and Union Street.

“Saturday was a family day with children and parents, locals and many visitors from the extended area. Families brought their children for a day of fun on Union Street. They met Santa and the Grinch, shopped for their Christmas ornaments, made cook-



PHOTOS BY GALE CURCIO

Firehook employees Kunle Oyejide and Indira Torrentes are ready for Christmas in July.

ies & crafts [at Union Street Public House], listened to a Christmas story & shopped a bit.

“Before the store opened its doors Saturday morning we had customers waiting to come into Mystique,” said Elizabeth Mandros, owner/designer. “The entire day was back-to-back customers interested in our fine jewelry designs and featured in-house designer trunk show Alberto Parada.

“Every Saturday Mystique offers complimentary jewelry cleaning which also brought in many visitors that had not been in our store who live in Old Town Alexandria. Our complimentary jewelry cleaning is not just a simple cleaning but a full in-



Parker Ellis decorates a cookie with his mother at Union Street Public House’s cookie decorating and ornament making session.

spection of the jewel for damage or loose stones, then a quick buff, an ultrasonic bath and the final hot steam to bring a piece looking like it’s brand new, customers are amazed and happy.

“Having owned my store for 19 years on The Strand overlooking the waterfront I feel that this was an event that brought out Old Town as a community enjoying our town together.”

Ginny Barlow, owner of Encore, was pleased with the event, and said, “I cannot thank Fay or any of you enough for the fantastic job you all did in this promotion. I thought it was so wonderful and so well done for our very first Christmas in July. We played Christmas music and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and despite the wicked heat, I saw so many smiles and heard many giggles over the silliness of it.

“I am so thankful for the brilliant idea and with this economy the way that it is, we needed that little bit of spark to boost everyone’s morale. Encore had a very good weekend and I hope we are able to continue doing special promotions in the future.”

Hooray for Books! employee Patrick Hunter read Christmas books at the Firehook Bakery on Sunday, and gave his perspective on the weekend. “Though the weather was hot, hot, hot. children of all ages and families of all kinds let their thoughts turn to snowmen, Christmas bells and snowflakes — all cookies shapes being sold at the Firehook Bakery on Union Street in Alexandria for Christmas in July.

“In addition to Santa’s favorite holiday delight, the crowd was treated to some favorite holiday stories courtesy of Hooray For

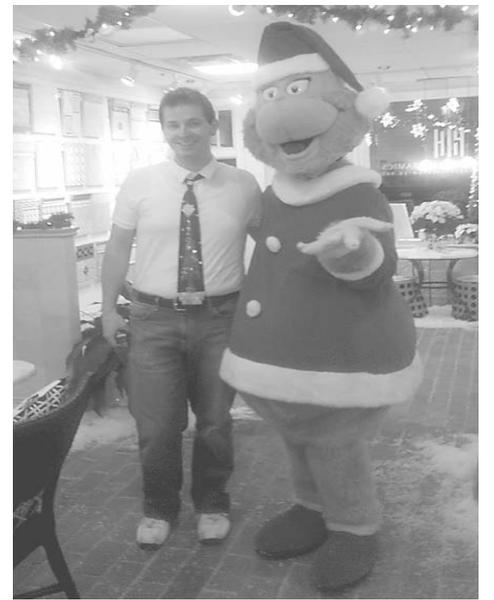


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Even ‘The Grinch’ stopped by to make an appearance.

Books! storytellers.

Children were entranced by Bear fighting sleepy eyes and stifling yawns during the holidays in “Bear Stays Up for Christmas;” a duck who had been nice all year, until he eats all of irresistible cookies that he left out for Santa in “Have you been Naughty or Nice?;” a certain someone with a heart two sizes to small in the perennial favorite “How the Grinch Stole Christmas.” With such good stories, good cheer and good cookies, the story time mood was anything but grinchy; resembling more the festive mood of the Whos as they awaken on Christmas Day.

“While the weather didn’t call for any type of precipitation, the revelers were treated to something spectacular falling from the sky as they exited Firehook — bubbles. Next door to Firehook, Ben & Jerry’s window bubble machine was in full operation helping to add a touch of magic to the air and the afternoon. And just in case you want to know, as of Sunday, July 18, there are only 159 days left until Christmas.”

Participants will be meeting later to evaluate the event, but it appears as this point that Christmas in July is likely to become an annual event in Old Town, Alexandria.

Gale Curcio is an independent writer and public relations consultant in Mount Vernon.



Betty Sullivan and colleagues from Architectural Ceramics threw quite a party on Friday night.

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School officials and city leaders are considering a plan that would allow a developer access to the site in exchange for funding construction of a new facility.

Working Out Funds for Rebuilding

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At a Glance

in other jurisdictions across the country.

“Some have been successful,” said School Board member Helen Morris. “Others have been failures.”

THE IDEA HAS been gaining traction since late last year, when budget officials began trying to find solutions to ever-growing revenue shortfalls. School Board members were first briefed about the idea last July, and City Council members were formally presented with the concept a few months later. During a budget retreat in November, Deputy Superintendent Margaret Byess outlined the possibility as a tool for increased revenue to pay for one of three new schools that were needed because of rising enrollment. Because the current school site is next to the King Street Metro, Byess explained, the land is so valuable that it would give city officials considerable room to negotiate.

“It’s a fabulous property,” said Byess during the 2009 budget retreat. “It’s eminently suitable for a public-private partnership.”

Ideally, everybody would walk away from the deal a winner. The city would get to keep all the land, which has been used by the public-school system for more than a century. In exchange for the cost of constructing a new school, a developer would gain access to a prime piece of property and a long-term lease. But many Upper King Street Neighborhood Association members said Tuesday night that they would rather see the city pay for a new school than accept increased density that would inevitably come with a public-private partnership at the site.

“I think it’s fair for some of our members to ask why the burden should fall on this neighborhood and this neighborhood alone,” said Trey Hanbury, president of the neighborhood association. “Jefferson-Houston always comes in last, and the proposal, by asking us to bear all the burdens of dense development, seems no exception.”

JEFFERSON-HOUSTON

Students: 229
Licensed staff: 58
Black students: 71 percent
Hispanic students: 14 percent
White students: 9 percent

SOURCE: Alexandria City Public Schools

MANY NEIGHBORHOOD residents say the school never recovered from a controversial 1999 re-districting plan that shifted much of the elementary school’s West End student population to the recently built Tucker Elementary School. In its first year, the newly reconfigured school went from having 50 percent of its students

living in poverty to 77 percent. Enrollment spiraled downward at the school in the next few years, reaching about half of what it was before the map changed. During one six-year period the school had five different principals.

“The school has obviously gone awry,” said former Jefferson-Houston Principal Blanche Maness in 2006 after her election to the School Board. “The leadership hasn’t stayed, and we know that’s part of the problem.”

Since that time, the School Board members took a series of drastic measures. The first was hiring Kimberley Graves to lead the school, providing a measure of stability. Then, in October 2007, the School Board voted to indefinitely suspend the elementary school’s arts focus. Last year, the school added sixth-grade classes for the first time — part of a three-year plan to create a hybrid between an elementary school and a middle school. Last month, Jefferson-Houston Principal Kimberley Graves announced that the school has been officially approved as a candidate for the International Baccalaureate Primary Year Program.

“These are schools that share a common philosophy — a commitment to high quality, challenging, international education that Jefferson-Houston believes is important to our students,” said Graves in a written statement. “We are so very excited about this opportunity and look forward to continuing the journey to implement the International Baccalaureate Program.”

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Firefighters from the District of Columbia march in this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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Raining on Their Parades

FROM PAGE 1

be responsible for scraping together \$10,000. If Troy held the same scale parade next year as he put on this year, the bill would be \$15,000.

"I think 30 might be fair, but 50 percent is too high," said Republican Councilman Frank Fannon, a member of the Ballyshanners, who voted against the budget this year. "One thing that might be able to save us money is if we had volunteers working the side-streets instead of overtime police officers."

FOR NOW, Hughes has taken the cost of the Scottish Walk out of the operating budget of the Campagna Center and moved it into a separate account. That way, she says, people who give money can be confident their money is going to the mission and not to the parade. To pay for this year's parade, Hughes plans to seek corporate sponsors and the help of the St. Andrew's Society. Looming over

it all is a branding problem for the nonprofit organization.

"People walk away from the parade and think it was something the city put together," said Hughes. "Every budget cycle is a time to rethink this policy, I would strongly encourage the City Council to rethink this."

Troy said he's been able to pay down about one quarter of his bill for this year's parade, and he'll be able to pay the rest after next month's Irish Festival. In a meeting with city officials earlier this month, Troy offered to cut back the scale of the parade by half, starting the event from Alfred Street instead of West Street. That would eliminate the need to shut down Route One, which Troy said would drastically reduce the anticipated bill for next year.

"Some of these police officers are getting \$70 an hour in overtime, and I think that's outrageous" said Troy. "I think we're really getting a raw deal from the city."

A Public-Private Jefferson-Houston?

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NOW, AFTER YEARS of kicking the can down the road, city officials have come to the conclusion that the facility isn't worth saving. The original 1970 structure is old and falling apart. Although the open-pod design of the classrooms was trendy when the building was constructed, the layout of the building is now considered noisy and lacking natural light. Ultimately, School Board members have concluded that rehabilitating the building would not be as cost effective as building a new one.

"We cannot renovate the school," said Morris. "It would be throwing money at a really bad site."

That leaves a critical choice that must be made by the end of this year: Should the new building be paid for by a developer who has access to part of the site or should the government fund the building with increased taxes and loans? Last month, City Council members and School Board members held a joint work session to consider the issue although council members stopped short of endorsing the idea. Another joint work session on the issue is expected in October.

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Tolls and a Transportation Fix

Could the links add up to \$20 and more per trip? And why won't Virginia issue bonds if it can collect that kind of toll revenue?

As someone who pays more than \$10 to drive round-trip the entire length of the Dulles Toll Road and then Greenway to Leesburg on my way out to Hillsboro, I am forced to recognize that commuters and others will pay to drive on congestion-free roads.

Leaving my office in Alexandria, however, I could soon have the choice to pay to drive in the High Occupancy Toll Lanes on my way around the Beltway, then a possible future choice to pay either the basic rate or an upgraded rate to drive on the Dulles Toll Road, followed by the choice to drive on the Greenway or to take Route 7 out into outer Loudoun. Could that add up to \$15 or more each way? (Already during rush hour, it costs \$5.25 each way on the Greenway, \$4.55 off peak; and it's \$1.75 on the Dulles Toll Road.)

Toll lanes are also on the drawing board for 395 and 95, places where effective means (slug lines) are in place to gather enough (three) people in a car to qualify as "High Occupancy," the current qualifier for using the existing HOV lanes. You can't buy your way onto those lanes at this point.

Choosing all the tolls would be well beyond most people's means in anything but an emergency. But others will be able to consider the cost a business expense, or will be able to value their own time highly enough to pay the freight.

The real concern is that we aren't using the future tolls to create funding for the broad transportation initiatives that we need to thrive

economically. The current model of public-private partnerships allows private companies to collect and keep all the tolls virtually forever (50 years) in exchange for building these particular roads.

But knowing that the revenue stream is out there, Virginia could issue bonds and contract the building of the roads and toll lanes, thereby using any surplus revenue to continue to improve the commonwealth's transportation infrastructure.

Once you admit that you're going to charge tolls, really significant dollar amounts of tolls, you don't need a public private partnership to make transportation improvements happen. You can manage contractors and use the revenue stream to keep Virginia moving. The commonwealth seems only to be able to stomach high tolls when the

EDITORIALS

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money is going to a private company, not when it might go to the public good in the future.

Still one can only hope that 20-30 years from now the idea of rush hour and congestion — that we will each climb into a car one person at a time and drive on the same roads to work at the same time every day — will be as inconceivable as dial-up access to the internet.

Then all those extra lanes might be wide open with little toll revenue coming in.

And we can only hope that whoever is writing the contracts for these public private partnerships has the best interests of the Commonwealth at heart and isn't shifting the risk of that sort of innovation away from the private sector while leaving them to reap the profits without sharing.

Maybe in 50 years, the separate HOT Lanes will serve to separate bicyclists from skateboarders from pedestrians as old roadways become the recreational areas of the future, much as unused rail lines and former tow paths.

— MARY KIMM,

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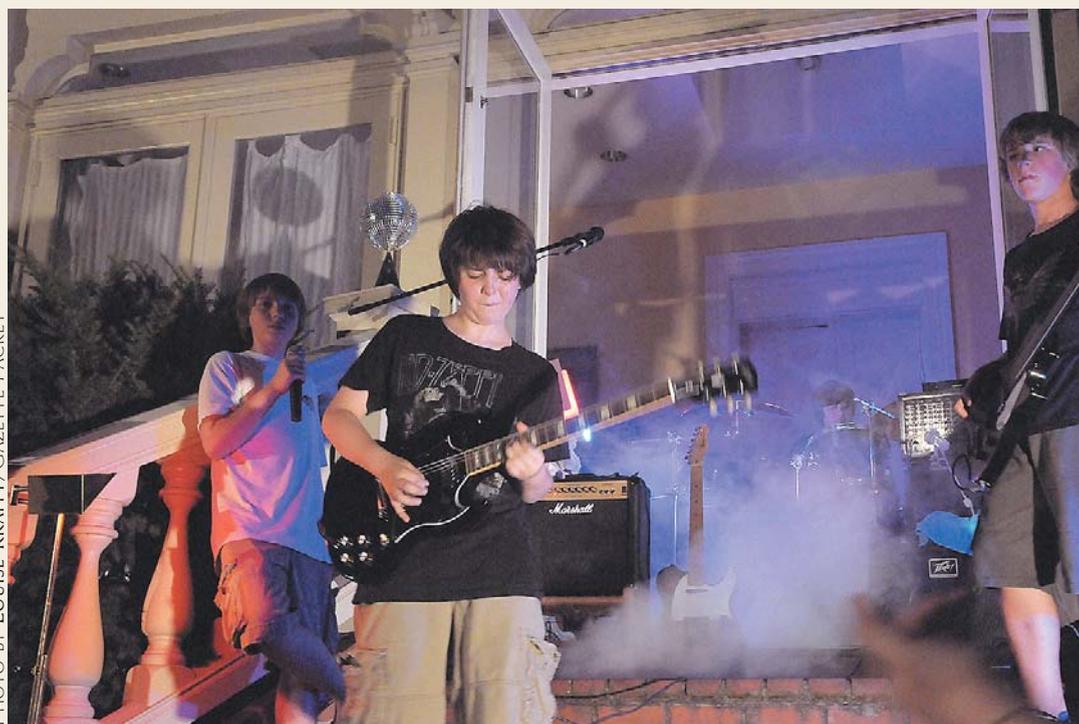


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Spacious LR/DR combo, crown molding, walks out to deck. Tile floors, white cabinets, pantry storage. Baths w/italian tile, master luxury bath w/soaking tub. Lower level features rec/rm w/ceramic tile & gas fpl. 1-car garage. Foreclosure.

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1226 OAKCREST ROAD
\$699,900 | Aurora Hills / Arlington

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\$799,000 | Bethesda

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1250 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
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Open Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00!



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\$719,900 | Old Town Alexandria / 22314

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Helping Elders To Age in Place

BY JANET BARNETT
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

“Senior Services of Alexandria is one of the city’s best-kept secrets,” some of our clients and supporters say. We want to be more visible to the community, and we certainly don’t want to keep secrets; so we thank the Gazette-Packet for inviting us to tell you how we help our city’s elders.

The mission of the non-profit Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA) is to “foster independence and self-sufficiency so that seniors within the City of Alexandria can age with dignity.” We have earned the community’s trust during our 42 years of faithfully fulfilling that mission.

Our 23-member board of directors oversees the executive director and a small, full and part-time staff with an \$850,000 annual operating budget. You can find our office in Old Town at 700 Princess St., on the mezzanine level.

Our primary clients are men and women age 60 and over, but more and more, we are working with adult children who need help with caring for aging parents, especially those who live out of town.

How do we help seniors? We provide Meals on Wheels and access to transportation jointly with the City of Alexandria and the Ronald M. Bradley Foundation. We also offer daily money management services and companion care placements. Last year, we served over 2,500 clients in all our programs, with the assistance of approximately 250 volunteers.

FOR MORE THAN 35 years, Senior Taxi has provided discounted curbside service to and from medical appointments and grocery and drug stores. Caring SSA reservationists assist seniors in arranging rides in Alexandria Yellow Cabs and ensuring that passengers are picked up and taken home promptly. Often, reservationists build relationships with seniors just by talking on the phone. One of our clients who has moved away will call now and then to chat with one reservationist “just to hear his voice.”

Likewise, for seniors and others who are disabled, DOT Transportation — the DASH bus system’s counterpart for people with disabilities — provides safe, reliable

curbside taxi service in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. In cooperation with Diamond Transportation and White Top Cab companies and the City of Alexandria, SSA reservationists diligently schedule rides for clients. This means efficiently managing adjustments and cancellations. In addition to offering a high level of personal service, a record of the trips scheduled, departures and arrivals are carefully documented in each day’s manifests.

WHAT IS MORE essential and comforting than a nutritional meal? Meals on Wheels is a life-sustaining program that allows seniors who are unable to go out to shop — or have difficulty preparing meals — to stay home, because their meals are delivered. I am so proud that, in partnership with the city government and over 200 volunteers, we are able to provide meals to nearly 100 clients every Monday through Friday.

For the past two years, we have been able to deliver meals on holidays through the generosity of the Ronald M. Bradley Foundation. Mr. Bradley was concerned that homebound seniors might go hungry on Thanksgiving, Christmas and other holidays; so his foundation covers the costs of meals on all federal holidays. Again, loyal volunteers donate their free time to deliver these meals, which are really delicious and a bit more special because of their holiday motifs.

Also, through our Daily Money Management Program, SSA helps seniors with writing checks to pay bills, balancing bank accounts and resolving financial problems. Some issues are easily addressed, such as late fees or understanding increases in billings, while others are more serious and require interpretation to parse credit reports or identify inappropriate charges. We do not offer financial advice, but we refer clients to a number of professional institutions that can help them.

Our counselor also offers help to resolve Medicare and Medicaid issues. We work closely with the city’s Office on Aging to aid our



\$1 Million Pledge The Twigg, the Inova Alexandria Hospital auxiliary, has pledged \$1 million for the hospital’s Project 2010, an \$84 million construction and renovation plan. The \$1 million gift will go toward construction of a new 24-bed post surgical center. From left: Twigg Past Presidents Starlet Zarek, Kathy Hirsch, Janet Hawkins, Debbie Homburger, Seema Nawaz, Anita Carson (not pictured); and Christine Candio, CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Get Back to Living Life — Pain Free

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO, CEO
INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Patti was an avid skier and hiker before her hip began giving her problems. You can imagine what an inconvenience this was for a 60-year-old grandmother who was known for being an active senior. She began reading self-help books, conducting online research and doing special exercises to improve the mobility in her hip joint but nothing seemed to help. Finally, she had enough of her hip interfering with her lifestyle and decided she needed to do something. After meeting with John Albrigo, MD, Medical Director, Joint Replacement Program at Inova Alexandria Hospital, she had her hip replaced.

According to Dr. Albrigo, nearly 1 million older adults have a joint replacement surgery each year, but the average age is declining because of the active lifestyle that many like Patti lead.

You or someone you know may be considering joint replacement surgery after exhausting other treatment options for a damaged or arthritic joint. If so, all Inova hospitals can provide you with the experts needed for this procedure.

As knowledge and technology advances in orthopedics, we find newer and better ways to fix ailing

joints. There are several types of hip and knee replacement options available for patients seeking this treatment.

Advances in orthopedic techniques have come as technology has improved. Our operating rooms at Inova Alexandria Hospital are equipped with high-definition technology to provide surgeons with a more detailed view of the joint area. And, with partial completion of the Project 2010 expansion, our operating rooms have been upgraded with more minimally invasive equipment to help patients recover more quickly.

We provide all of these resources, along with physical therapy and rehabilitation, to help our patients get back to living the life they desire without joint pain.

Patti, who we mentioned above, didn’t miss a beat after her hip replacement. After some physical therapy, she is once again hitting the slopes and the trails. She even started a new hobby you may see her practicing her figure eights on a local ice rink this winter.

To learn more about joint replacement at Inova Alexandria Hospital, and other Inova hospitals, attend one of our upcoming lectures by registering at inova.org/asktheexpert or call 703-750-8800.

up as we have taken a boat ride to see the Nationals play, gone to a Greek restaurant and saw the Rockettes at the Verizon Center. Her world has gotten larger ... and so has mine.

I care about this young lady I didn’t even know two years ago. And I take a lot more interest in educational issues in Alexandria that will affect her and other kids like her. I have seen her challenges up close and want to help her along.

Have you thought about being a mentor to a child who could really use some personal attention

and someone to show them the wider world? The Alexandria Mentoring Partnership has quite a few programs, each with a different goal, age group and set of activities.

Learn about mentoring by emailing loralei.coyle@alexandriava.gov. If you are a current mentor, please “re-up” and continue to play a very positive role in a child’s life.

**Louise Kenny
Loralei G. Coyle**
Alexandria Mentoring
Partnership Coordinator
Alexandria

LETTER

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vocabulary in the primary grades significantly affect the opportunities she will have and the choices she will make as she gets older. The confidence she gained through her reading skills impacted how she sees herself and the world sees her.

I enjoyed the give and take with my student and the relationship so much that I continued it after the school year and evolved my role into mentoring as well as tutoring. Mentoring expands my student’s world. I have seen her eyes light

PEOPLE

Rotary Installs New President, Board

By JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Rotary Club of Alexandria installed its 83rd president on July 13 as Gayle Spur was formally presented the club gavel at the Induction Day meeting at Belle Haven Country Club.

"I am looking forward to continuing the success the club has seen under Drew's guidance," Spur said after being congratulated by outgoing president Drew Carroll. "The Rotary theme this year is 'Building Communities, Bridging Continents' and we will continue to make a difference in communities worldwide in disease prevention, maternal and child health and literacy projects."

In his final remarks as president, Carroll highlighted the club's many achievements, including the Summer Relief Day at Alexandria Hospital, the Open World Team hosting of a team of professionals from Ukraine, Christmas giving at the Ladray Hi-Rise and Annie B. Rose House, the Breast Cancer Walk and the club's signature fund-raising event, Taste for Giving. Taste for Giving revenues, combined with funds from the club's Alexandria Day Nursery and Children's Home Foundation, enabled the organization to award grants to 25 Alexandria nonprofits last month.

Other officers inducted at the meeting were: Stuart Matthews, sergeant-at-arms; Peter Knetemann, secretary; Lee Duncan, treasurer; Ray Petniunas, vice president, and John Woods, vice president.

New directors include Gordon Peyton, Karen Hughes, Daniel Fannon, Thomas C. Roberts, Jr. and



PHOTO BY LARRY ALBERSON

Outgoing Alexandria Rotary president Drew Carroll, left, turns over the gavel to Gayle Spur at the chapter meeting July 13 at Belle Haven Country Club.

Edward Stark.

Outgoing district governor Horace McCormack was in attendance to thank the Alexandria club for its generosity in donating more than \$115,000 to the Rotary International Foundation and spoke about what it means to be a Rotarian.

"It is truly an honor to serve in this organization," McCormack said. "How we think about mankind, how we reach out to support mankind — that is what we are about."

A retail marketing executive and graduate of Stephens College and Florida State University, Spur ended her first meeting as president with a quote from Mohandas Gandhi: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."

Spur is the third woman to lead the Alexandria club, following Katherine Morrison in 1999 and Loretta Sebastian Willis in 2003.

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- 2. Tai chi group at 10
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The Alexandria Harmonizers performed at Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Alexandria Harmonizers Sing In Philadelphia for Fourth of July

The Alexandria Harmonizers and Miss America joined forces to lead Fourth of July ceremonies at Independence Hall in Philadelphia. With a statue of Thomas Jefferson and a large replica of the Declaration of Independence as backdrop, Virginia and Pennsylvania were joined once again in a full-voice Celebration of Freedom.

Miss America 2010, Caressa Cameron, of Fredericksburg, Virginia, a former Miss Virginia and Miss Arlington, performed the National Anthem. The Alexandria Harmonizers, fresh from their 5th place win at the International Chorus Contest of the Barbershop Harmony Society, sang "The Stars and Stripes Forever" to begin the day's televised festivities that featured dignitaries, military units, and youth performers. The popular Independence Day parade followed, winding through Philadelphia's historic district.

Under Master Director Joe Cerutti, the 100-man

Alexandria Harmonizers Chorus won their bronze medal in competition among 27 groups from the United States, Canada, and Great Britain.

With a total of 16 international contest medals including four gold medals, the Harmonizers have taken the name of Alexandria beyond the city limits in landmark performances in the Nation's Capital, Carnegie Hall, Disneyland, and Canada, on the Internet, and in television broadcasts for the Kennedy Center Honors, Wolf Trap Galas, and America's Got Talent.

Chartered in 1948, the Alexandria, Virginia Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA, Inc) is a nonprofit, 501(c)(3) organization supported in part by the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Activities and by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

For more information, visit the online web site www.harmonizers.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Seminary Valley

Just back from a great trip to Athens and Mykonos with the whole family and my sister Elisa (who hails from Edgewood, N.M.) in a pre-celebration of a birthday that ends with a "0". If you are still looking to plan an overseas vacation, we can't recommend Greece enough. We really were not affected by demonstrations or strikes and pretty much had the new Acropolis Museum to ourselves. Don't let the news reports deter you. We had a lovely time!

The pool in Mykonos was almost as nice as our own Dowden Terrace pool right here in Alexandria. We celebrated the 4th there and watched a lovely (if brief) parade of

patriotic youth march down an adjacent street. One memorable entry included Misses Kaylee Zack and Tori and Katherine Atkinson drenched in red, white and blue body paint.

A big congratulations to neighbor Stephanie Clayton, who received Scholarship Fund of Alexandria's annual Patron Saint Award for her many years of exemplary service as a member of the SFA's Board of Trustees and as Chair of the SFA's Spring Gala. A 1985 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, Stephanie has raised untold thousands of dollars for T.C. seniors needing some financial assistance while they pursue their post-high school education.

Stephanie and her dog, Eddie are a fixture in our neighborhood; you can usually catch them on an early morning walk.

And a well-deserved shout-out to the Cox sisters, Abby and Colleen, who have broken some Dowden Terrace swim team records early in the summer swim season. Colleen demolished the record in the 11-12 50-meter freestyle race, and Abby erased the record in the 15-18 Girls' Individual 100-meter medley.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Aug. 9 for one of our neighborhood's signature gatherings. The Neighborhood Night Out will take place at 6:30 p.m. at Polk Elementary School. This is a great way to

enhance awareness of neighborhood crime and also catch up with your neighbors. See you there!

If your vacation is over and you are looking for a local diversion, look no further than Green Springs Garden Park on Little River Turnpike. The park, which is also a historical site, offers numerous programs to children and adults. July and August feature chocolate, tea and fruit tastings and garden strolls and tea. Tours of the historic home are also available. Call 703-941-7487 for more information. Fees and reservations are required for some events.

— MIA JONES

OBITUARIES

Linda A. Friedrich

Linda A. Friedrich, age 58, died on July 19, 2010 in Worcester, Mass. Ms. Friedrich was deeply involved in local and national foster care organizations, and was a past president of Virginia Foster Care as well as a past vice president of Virginia Day Care.

She was born in New London, Conn. to the late Alfred and Florence Friedrich, and lived in several states before becoming a longtime resident of Alexandria. She is survived by her daughter Amy Friedrich Serr, son-in-law David Serr, and grandchildren Desire, Noah, and Elijah, all of Worcester, Mass.; her sisters Ellen (Romeo) Doria of Oxnard,



Calif., Paula Friedrich of Alexandria, and Cindy (Alvin) Glatkowski of Duck, N.C.; uncle Harry (Dean) Friedrich of Rickman, Tenn.; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Memorial contributions to foster care and adoption organizations are encouraged. Services will be on Friday, July 23, at Mercandante Funeral Home, 370 Plantation Street, Worcester, Mass.

Josephine 'Jo' Dearborn

Josephine "Jo" Dearborn died in London on Dec. 1, 2009. She had moved there to be with her daughter after living in Alexandria for over 50 years. She was born in San Diego, Calif., but spent most of her life on the east coast. Jo attended Friends Select School in Philadelphia for high school. For one year she went to the University of Arizona where she became a Kappa, but she transferred to Smith College where she received her degree in Political Science. Jo married Carroll 'Cal' Dearborn in 1946 and they moved to Virginia shortly afterwards. She worked as a buyer at Garfinkels in Washington and for Acacia Life Insurance until her daughter was born. In 1966 she went to work for the Library at Virginia Theological Seminary. They offered to send her to Library School at the University of Maryland, she accepted, and on completing the degree, became the full time cataloguer for the Library. She oversaw the change from card index system to computer during her time there, a career of 28 years. Jo was very active at



Immanuel Church on the Hill where for a time she was president of the Women of the Church and a member of the Vestry. She was also president for a time of the Northern Virginia Kappas. She enjoyed sewing and painting and was a devoted mother and grandmother.

She is survived by her daughter Victoria Dearborn, son-in-law David Forster, granddaughter Josephine Forster and her beloved dog, Jasper.

There will be Memorial Service for Jo at 3 p.m. on July 29 at the Seminary Chapel, Virginia Theological Seminary, Alexandria.



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Alexandria Film Fest Seeks Entries

The fourth annual Alexandria Film Festival, scheduled for Nov. 4-7, is soliciting entries from U.S. and international filmmakers. Three cash prizes will be awarded to top films at the Festival: Best of Show (\$500), Jury Prize (\$300) and Audience Award (\$200). Accepted film genres include narrative features, documentaries, shorts, and animation. Deadlines for entries are: Regular Deadline: Aug. 1; and Late Deadline: Aug. 15. Regular fees are \$35 for feature-length films and \$25 for shorts. Discounts are available for those who enter by the Early Bird Deadline; late fees apply to those who enter by the Late Deadline.

The Film Festival will again partner with Withoutabox, the film industry's premiere online service platform, to accept online film submissions. To submit films online, visit www.withoutabox.com/login/7816. All online submissions will receive an entry fee discount.

This year's Festival is led by Pat Miller, Chair of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. "Last year's Festival attracted 158 film submissions from 14 countries," said Miller. "This year, we will be involving a larger panel of judges to include previous attendees, film enthusiasts, filmmakers and film and video professionals. Not only will this provide us with critical input, it will broaden our support base."

The Alexandria Film Festival is sponsored by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts and the Office of the Arts. For more information or to obtain entry forms and submission guidelines, visit www.alexandriafilm.org. For additional information, call the Alexandria Commission for the Arts at 703-746-5588 or aca@alexandriava.gov.

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Good 'Company' at Theatre

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE GAZETTE

Swirled with a rich amount of sweetness covering an acid base, sourness is blended away into a good natured, high-spirits Little Theatre of Alexandria revival of the Stephen Sondheim musical, "Company." Don't fear, Sondheim's music and lyrics have lost none of their bite and the George Furth book still presents marriage as a rough plod.

Fashioned by director Joanna Henry, "Company" is an evening not unlike the recent capping of the BP oil gusher; good news after so many struggles. Henry's concept is without gimmicks or highly abstract theatrically. She finds the positive and emphasizes the cute to soften the sharper edges of these city-dwelling neurotic characters by casting actors with excellent singing skills, good comedic timing and a comfortable manner.

The musical is built around a sequence of scenes depicting the bumpy, non-romantic parts of marriage through the eyes of Robert, a 35-year-old bachelor. The scene is set as Robert is about to be celebrated with a surprise birthday party given by five affluent couples, who are his best friends. He also considers the prospects of commitment to any of his three current, very different girlfriends.

Edgy sharpness of "Company" is most compelling with the standout performance of Karen Jadlos Shotts an acerbic grumbler; a woman of a certain age who can arch an eyebrow and sling verbal taunts with the highest accuracy. Whether within the ensemble or solo, the attention gravitates to her; her expressions of disdain, her "I've seen it all" gestures give Shotts a mesmerizing energy. She nails the anthem "The Ladies Who Lunch," about the foibles of women with a scolding, worn voice; a drink in hand splashing about.

A first-rate singing performance by Patrick McMahan as Robert centers the evening. McMahan presents a handsome easy charm giving a reason for others to care about him and want to find him a wife. Yet when he delivers several of his solos standing center stage, more non-verbal clues would be ef-



From left: Ronnie Hardcastle, Karen Jadlos Shotts, and Patrick McMahan star in "Company."

fective to show deeper emotions whether for caustic themes or the longing for love ("Someone is Waiting" and "Marry Me A Little"). When he has second doubts about his stewardess girlfriend staying over rather than flying out, this reviewer wanted to hug the poor girl and shoe him away.

There are joyous musical highlights through out the production; the delightful work of Corinne Baker, Christina Matula and Maureen Reed in an Andrews Sister's type rendition of "You Could Drive A Person Crazy" with its cloying adorableness. Sara Jane Lilley's melt-down as a bride on her wedding day performing (I'm Not) "Getting Married Today" is a combustible treat as she builds energy wending her way through tongue-tying lyrics about her fears of marriage. The ensemble does nicely-tuned, well-timed, full throated versions of production numbers; "Side by Side by Side" and "Being Alive" with its poignant, "I'll always be there, as frightened as you to help us survive."

With a well-calibrated orchestra under the musical direction of Christopher A. Tomasino, the unseen orchestra of keyboards, reeds, horns, bass and percussion is on its marks blending together with the

actors to present a rich musical evening. Choreography by Kay Casstevens while simple was effective. The women gave off easy fun in their gyrations; the men often appeared uncomfortable.

The set (MYKE) with Ken and Patti Crowley's lighting provide a whiff of the urban with scenes isolated in various areas of the stage. The city location is depicted by projections of black and white skyscrapers within two large frames at disorienting angles at the rear of the set.

"Company" first opened in New York in April 1970 winning six Tony Awards including Best Musical. In May 2002 it was part of The Kennedy Center's production of Sondheim musicals. A 2006 New York production won the Tony for Best Revival of a Musical.

Where and When

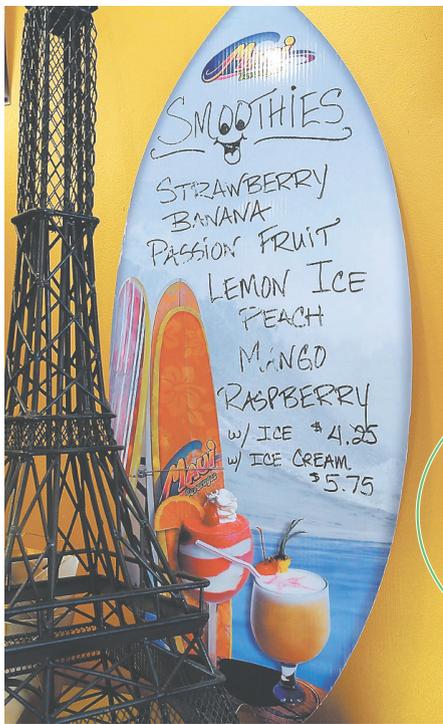
Little Theatre of Alexandria production of "Company" continues through Aug. 7 at 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria. Performances are Wednesday-Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$19-\$22. Call 703-683-0496 or log on to www.thelittletheatre.com.

McLoone's Pier House Opens at National Harbor Place



McLoone's Pier House at National Harbor has opened for business. Located in the National Harbor Plaza, the menu includes warm Lobster Roll, Kingston Grilled Wings, Crispy Calamari, Sunset Salmon, Pistachio Encrusted Halibut as well as zesty salads, a raw bar, comfort foods, and a selection of grill items.

While designing McLoone's Pier House, Tim McLoone, founder and president of McLoone's Restaurants, expressed his desire to take full advantage of the water view that this property offered. With a Sunset Countdown Clock prominently displayed over the bar, each night they take a moment to celebrate this ritual. McLoone's Pier House is open seven days a week for lunch and dinner with weekend entertainment at the Piano Bar. It is located at 141 National Harbor Plaza, Building E, in National Harbor, Md. Reservations can be made by calling 301-839-0815.

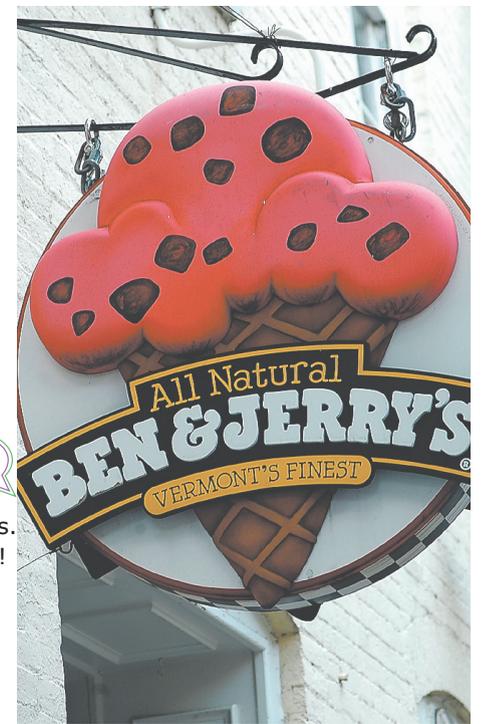


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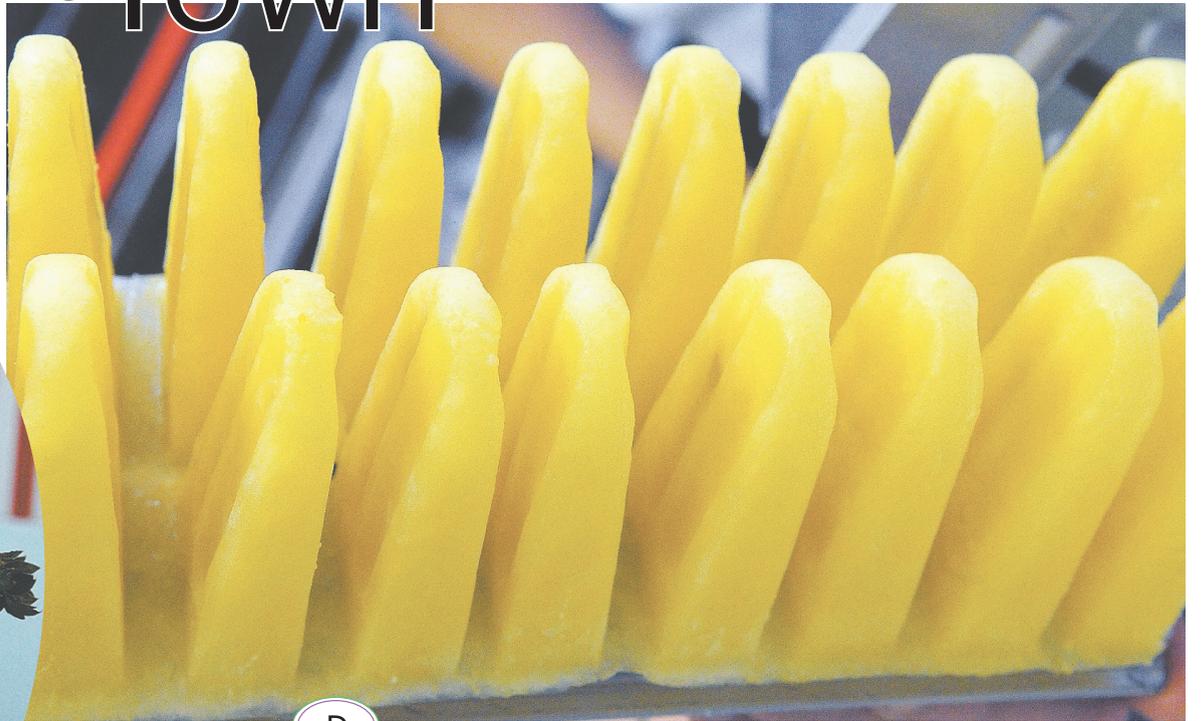
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Talk of the Town

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I-Scream The Wanderer remembers that just yesterday the ground resembled a huge snow cone. Now, in only a few short months, the pavement is sizzling HOT and The Wanderer is darting from shade to shade screaming for relief. He has found it in the form of freezing cold, delicious, ice cream. Invented, he believes, in Alexandria.



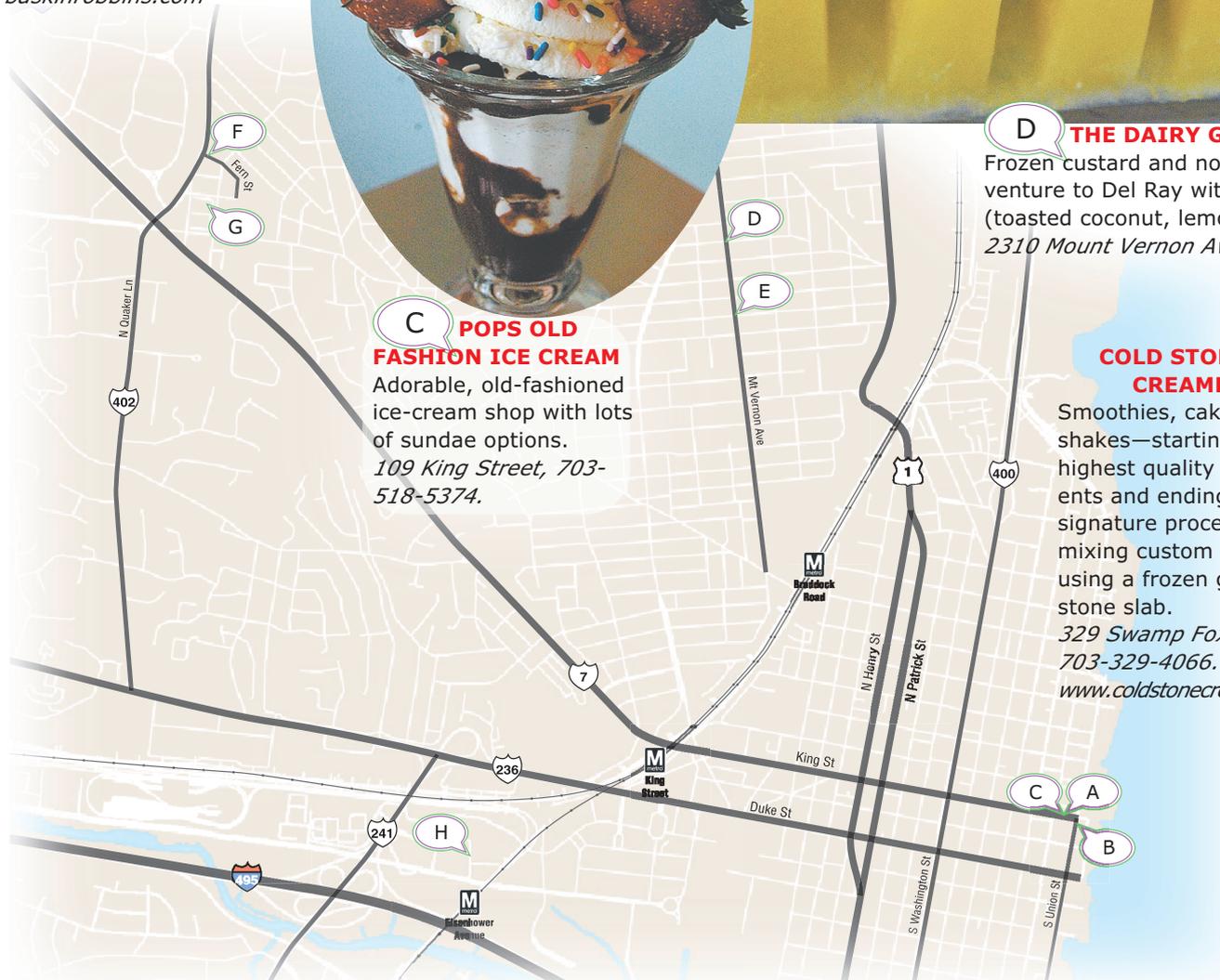
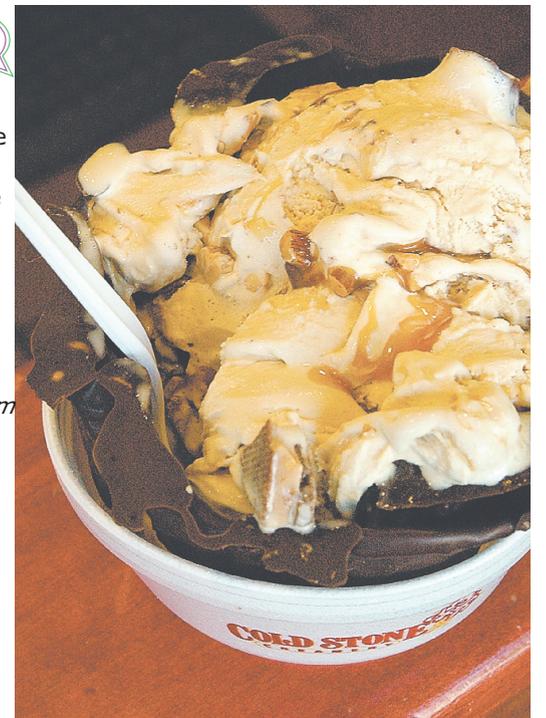
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ENTERTAINMENT

Rambling Garden Party at The Athenaeum on Aug. 1

The Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association is hosting a fundraising 'rambling garden party' at its headquarters, The Athenaeum, in Old Town Alexandria, on Aug. 1 from 4 to 6 p.m. The event will take place in the historic Athenaeum and its walled courtyard as well as the two adjoining historic properties — the house and garden of 207 Prince Street and the garden of 119 S. Lee Street — which are seldom open to the public.

Staged throughout the locations of the party will be performances by well-known local musicians ranging from the contemporary roots of Dulcie Taylor to the jazz/rock/blues of Sol. The performers, all members of the Songwriters' Association of Washington, are donating their talents to the fundraising event of the Athenaeum. Many of the performers have participated in the Athenaeum's Second Thursday Music concert series.

The funds raised through this event will support the arts exhibitions, performances and other programs in the Athenaeum gallery as well as the preservation and maintenance of the historic building.

Admission to the rambling garden party is \$100 per person. More information is available at www.nvfaa.org or by calling 703-548-0035.

The Athenaeum Gallery is located at 201 Prince Street. It is open Thursday, Friday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m., and on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m.

Q&A WITH TWIG MURRAY

Q: What will the garden party be raising funds for?

A: Most people refer to us as The Athenaeum because we're a beautiful Greek revival building; we have an art gallery. We are the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association. Our mission is to preserve the building. It's historically significant; we are totally privately funded; we are one of the few historic buildings open to the public not supported by public funds. The funds will help keep The Athenaeum in great shape and support the arts events in the building.

Q: What advantages or special features does holding the party at the Athenaeum offer?

A: The Athenaeum is open to public, so people can come anytime. This party is also going to be held in our building and courtyard, plus an incredibly beautiful historic house next door at 207 Prince Street, owned by Patricia Montague; it's a significant house seldom opened to the public. The party will be in their garden and house; behind that house there will be a party on the garden of that property. You can go in these spectacular, seldom



Sol



Dulcie Taylor



Bob Gramann

For further information or questions, contact Twig Murray (twig@twigweb.com) at the Athenaeum, 703-548-0035 or visit www.nvfaa.org.

open to the public private properties ... Seven performers doing wonderful performances throughout the party, in different places, in the Athenaeum and balconies overlooking the gardens. Everyone who comes is getting six or seven different mini concerts, quite well known and quite impressive; all performers are donating their time.

Q: Is there a particular style of music these performers will have?

A: A wide variety of styles. Some people who do contemporary, some who do country. One guy who's not only an accomplished guitarist, is also a guitar maker who hand-builds guitars, he's gonna be on hand with a bunch of his guitars, not only performing but giving demonstrations. We're gonna have jazz, folk, etc. We're also having a magician who will be wandering around performing magic tricks.

Q: What is the Fine Arts Association hoping overall to accomplish with this party?

A: One of our missions is to let people know the Athenaeum is part of the com-



Carol Gaylord & Bruce Katsu

munity, open to the public; people can rent the building, to increase awareness is also important. We're kind of on top of the world in every regard except financially, we wanted to buckle down and make a fabulous party with special things, so people feel that whatever they pay for their ticket, they got a lot for their dollar.

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Who do you know whose vision and energy has improved life in Alexandria? Living Legends of Alexandria is seeking nominations in order to recognize Alexandria's Living Legends throughout 2011.

Nomination Categories:

- (1) Those 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.
- (2) Those demonstrating exemplary service to the city over an extended time (ten years or more) especially service on Boards, Commissions, Committees or Service Organizations that improve the quality of life in Alexandria.

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.

See www.AlexandriaLegends.com or call 703-625-2330 for a nomination form to explain why you consider this person a Living Legend. Send your nominations no later than November 15 to Living Legends, P.O. Box 10485, Alexandria, VA 22310.

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ONGOING

Children enter a world of fantasy and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during Mount Vernon's storytelling session, "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon," held every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Storytelling sessions will take place in the Hands-On History Room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center. "Washington Builds a Barn" is the theme for August's storytelling sessions. During the 20-minute session, children learn Aesop's fables and listen to stories about George Washington's life! The storytelling program is recommended for children ages three to eight. Parental supervision is required. "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; youth ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

Tea Dances. 1 to 3:15 p.m. Group class from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Latin and Swing music. \$11/person. At the Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, 2nd Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 21

Summer Dance and Fine Art Program. Saturdays. Cost is \$350 for 10, two-hour classes. Students study dance for one hour followed by a one-hour fine arts class. For children ages 3 to 9 divided into three age groups. Contact Virginia Britton, Director, The Alexandria Ballet, at 703-379-8997 or 703-568-4425 or visit www.thealexandriaballet.com

NOW THROUGH AUG. 10

Zenergy's Summer Yoga for Teens. Tuesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. At Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Cost is \$10/class. Drop in anytime. Bring a yoga mat and water (mats are available for \$10). Contact instructor Susan Doyle at zenergy.yoga@cox.net or call 703-933-1986.

THURSDAY/JULY 22

Djesben. 7-9 p.m. Free. Djesben includes a trio of multi-instrumentalists whose diverse backgrounds guarantee to delight with a variety of styles: jazz standards, bebop and bossa nova, as well as original tunes influenced by music from around the globe. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.
SummerQuest Dance Party. 11 a.m. Free. Put on your dancing feet and come ready for ribbons, rhythm shakers and lots of fun. This free event is open to children ages 2 and up. At Barrett Branch Library, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1703.

FRIDAY/JULY 23

Janine Wilson Band (Roots/Rock). 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Wammie Award winning roots/rock vocalist Janine Wilson sings "impassioned vocals that, while powerful, never overpower the songs." Wilson weaves tales of love, heartache and more than a little mischief. At Grist Mill



SATURDAY/JULY 24

Bebe and Cece Winans Concert. 7 p.m. tickets are \$5 to \$68. Live on the Plateau at National Harbor, a 4,500 seat outdoor concert venue, National Harbor, Md. For tickets, visit www.etix.com or call 800-514-3849.

Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

SATURDAY/JULY 24

Soldier-Led Walking Tours. 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free. A Union Civil War soldier will give guided tours. Visitors will learn about Fort Ward's construction and a soldier's life in the Defenses of Washington as they explore the Officers' Hut, the preserved walls of the fort, and the restored Northwest Bastion during the 90-minute tour. At Fort Ward, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call Fort Ward Museum at 703-746-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

SUNDAY JULY 25

"Wag and Wash." 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Charity Dog Wash to support the American Red Cross of the National Capital Region. Bring your well-trained dirty dogs for a personalized wash, rinse and towel dry. Proceeds go to the programs and services of the American Red Cross. \$15 suggested donation. Hosted by Your Dog's Best Friends, 2000-A Jefferson Davis Highway (US Route 1) in Alexandria. Call 703-549-8300 or infoalexandria@usa.redcross.org.

Main Street Community Band. 7:00 to 8 p.m. Free. A concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or www.nps.gov/gwmp and go to "News and Fun Things to Do."

Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Free. French hornist Jay Chadwick and friends. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

Sweet Summer Music Tea Program. 1-3 p.m. \$27. Enjoy sweet summer music as you sip tea. Local musician Jody Marshall will delight you with the unique, mellow notes of the hammered dulcimer. Ms. Marshall will play and tell us the story of this traditional stringed instrument that has traveled the world and goes back to early America. A full English tea is included in this program. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring

Road, Alexandria. Call 703-941-7987 to register. Visit www.greenspring.org.

Burlesque-A-Pades. 7:30 p.m. \$29.50. Burlesque-A-Pades brings together a collection of the nation's most in-demand burlesque performers for a glittering and intimate one-night-only affair. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

Open Studio. 1-5 p.m. The studio artists at Convergence will host an Open Studio. More than eight artists in residence welcome the public to their studios for the day. Original pieces will be for sale for \$100 or less. At the Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria (across Crestwood Drive from the Gallery at Convergence.)

JULY 26-30

Alexandria Debate Camp. Daily 3 to 5 p.m. Geared toward students ages 11-14 (rising 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th graders). Taught by Elizabeth Denning, founder and director, a rising senior at TJHSST. To be held at Sherwood Regional Library, Conference Room #1, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. To register, email: debatelife@ymail.com.

JULY 27-29

Lyceum's History Camp for Kids. For children ages 5-7. Clio's Kids mini-camp introduces children to American history and life in historic Alexandria through artifacts, storytelling, singing, crafts, old-fashioned games, and visits to nearby historic places. Clio's Kids runs from 9 a.m. to noon. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. Cost is \$105, which includes snacks and souvenirs, and advance registration is required. To register, call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 28

Learn to Dance Salsa. 7 p.m. Ballroom and Latin dance lessons for beginners. No partner necessary. Six-week course is \$75/person; drop-in is \$14. At Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868 or visit www.dancelioudmila.com.

Writer Misha Crews. 7:30 p.m. Will discuss her book, "Homesong." Hosted by the Friends of Duncan Library. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Book Discussion. 6-7:30 p.m. \$12. Expand your gardening knowledge in a friendly, social setting. Join us at Green Spring to discuss, The Gardener's Year by Karel Capek. Books will be available at Green Spring Gardens at time of registration. Pre-registration required, book included. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 to register. Visit www.greenspring.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 29

18th Century Dance Class. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the dances of Jane Austen's time — danced by Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. Cost is \$30/series or \$12/class. Singles or couples are welcome. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Reservations are

requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242.

The Full Cup Girl's Night Out Women's Health Event. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Featuring Dr. Marla Gebaide from Centreville Chiropractic Center who will a discussion on women's health that tie into wearing the proper fitting bra. At 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 206, Old Town Alexandria. RSVP to lindsey@thefullcup.com. Space is limited. Visit www.thefullcup.com.

Reverie Jazz Trio. 7-9 p.m. Free. The Reverie Jazz Trio will perform early jazz standards and forgotten favorites in a style reminiscent of a bygone era while bringing back the great melodies and emotion exemplified by the great jazz and blues music of the 1930's, 1940's and early 1950's. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 30

The Reunion Music Society Jazz Orchestra. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. Led by NOVA's Professor of Jazz Studies Herb Smith, this orchestra will be performing selections from jazz notables such as Duke Ellington, Charlie Bird and Miles Davis along with songs from Broadway shows. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances.

SATURDAY/JULY 31

How to Use Herbs. 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Fee is \$5/per workshop; advance registration required. At Lee-

Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org.
National Dance Day. 5 p.m. Wear Red, White, and Blue to honor our nation, with hopes of bringing awareness to the community of how important fitness and dance can be. At Market Square in Old Town Alexandria.

SUNDAY, AUG. 1

Harmony Heritage Singers. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. Women's four-part harmony show chorus performs in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or www.nps.gov/gwmp and go to "News and Fun Things to do."

Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Free. Master class for young musicians 18 years old and under with violinist Elisabeth Adkins and pianist Edward Newman. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

Potomac Harmony Chorus. 7 to 8 p.m. Free. A concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or www.nps.gov/gwmp and go to "News and Fun Things to do."

TUESDAY/AUG. 3

National Night Out — America's Night Out Against Crime. 6 to 8 p.m. Crime Prevention Program. Live Music. Light refreshments. Model apartments will be available to tour. At the Hermitage, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-797-3815 to reserve a seat.



SATURDAY/JULY 31

The Kane Sisters. 8 p.m. The Irish Fiddlers with Edell Fox. Liz and Yvonne Kane, who play Sligo style fiddle, are releasing a new CD. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$20/advance, \$23/door. Visit www.sunspotpro.com or call 1-800-404-9049.

ENTERTAINMENT

Asian Textile Big Seller at Auction

“The Asian textile market is super hot right now, particularly the Chinese market.”

— Pamela Cole, The Potomack Company’s Asian and decorative arts specialist

A crowd at The Potomack Company’s June auction witnessed spirited bidding for paintings, classic toys and furniture as well as a vintage Chinese silk robe that sold for \$14,100.

Elizabeth Haynie Wainstein, president of the Alexandria, auction company, said the large turnout of bidders in the gallery and on the Internet resulted in robust sales of American and European paintings.

“The paintings did well,” said Wainstein, “and we are seeing the Asian textile market showing very strong results right now.”

Two paintings by British artist John Frederick Herring (1795-1865) sold for \$21,150 and \$18,800, and an early 19th century Italian secretary bookcase brought \$16,450. “The Plains” by artist Ralph Waldo Emerson Meyers (American 1885-1948), an oil painting originally purchased by the family that sold it, went for \$10,575.

A highlight of the sale was a Chinese embroidered dignitary’s summer robe that far exceeded its estimate after vigorous bidding. The robe, purchased by the seller’s parents during a trip to the Orient in the early 20th century and carefully preserved by the family for years, sold for much more than the very pleased seller anticipated.

“The Asian textile market is super hot right now, particularly the



This vintage Chinese silk robe that sold for \$14,100.

Chinese market,” said The Potomack Company’s Asian and decorative arts specialist Pamela Cole. “I really feel this is especially true in the Washington area because of the international influence here, and right now the Chinese are interested in buying back their patrimony.

“There are probably lots of Asian textiles that are undiscovered due to the diplomatic community who traveled abroad and collected souvenirs or bought items to give as gifts, and some people probably own gems in their closets without realizing what they have.”

Cole said that in addition to robes, other Asian textiles of value are altar cloths, skirts, jackets, sleeve panels (framed or un-

framed) and anything that appears to have an imperial association.

Following the Asian arts theme, The Potomack Company’s September catalogue auction will feature important Japanese and Chinese works of art. The gallery is actively seeking Asian textiles for its September auction. In addition to selling by auction, The Potomack Company offers private sales, recently selling a diamond ring privately for \$82,000.

The Potomack Company is a fine arts and antique auction gallery located at 526 North Fayette Street in Old Town Alexandria. For information on unsold lots from the previous auction or to consign for future auctions, visit www.potomackcompany.com or call 703-684-4550.



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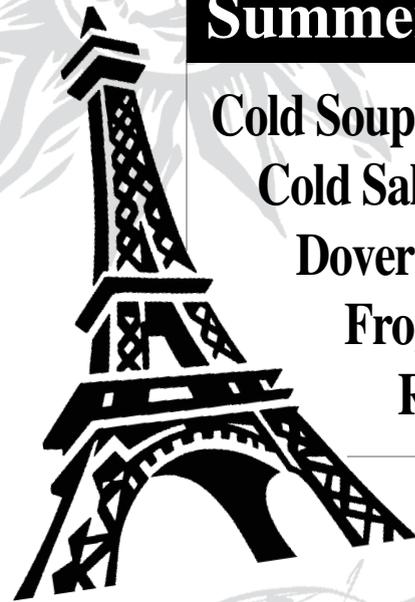
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PEOPLE



Students who were part of the Chesapeake Academy art field trip stand in front of the buildings they painted with their completed paintings. From left: Charlay Timms, Alise Timms, Kenneth St. Thomas, Kurtis St. Thomas (in front), Thema Jackson, Ian Marburger and Jessica Edwards.

Bringing History Alive Through Art

After relocating to Old Town Alexandria three months ago, artist Leisa Collins, noticed a lack of young people involved in the historic and restoration movement and decided to do something about it.

Recently she held the first of a series of free art workshops entitled "Bringing History Alive Through Art" where she helped a team of children to paint their first house portrait of an Old Town historic building.

Collins herself specializes in historic Old Town and has now painted 30 homes or hidden garden originals as part of her series: "The Faces and Homes of Historic Old Town Alexandria – Connecting the Past with the Present."

The seven children participating are 8 – 12-year-old students of Chesapeake Academy in Springfield and the workshop is a field trip that is part of their summer activities. The children first learned historical tidbits about buildings in the 100 block of N. Alfred Street. Then, under the supervision of Collins, they set about creating their own painting of a selected building.

"Each child not only walked away with a piece of art they are proud of," said Collins, "but they also gained a greater appreciation of the architecture of the past and got to see how it relates to the present." All completed art will now be exhibited on an online gallery for children that Collins cre-



Jessica Edwards shows her work.

Details

For more information about upcoming "Bringing History Alive Through Art" workshops for youth, contact Leisa Collins at leisa@leisacollins.com, 703-598-7360 or www.leisacollins.com.

ated to give a forum to youth to display their works.

A native of New Zealand, Collins took up her paintbrush and full-time art career eight months ago after two decades of activities that took her to the four corners of the globe. In that time she and her husband traveled a total of 25,000 road miles first across the U.S. and then all over New Zealand searching for the perfect place to live. They stumbled across Old Town after taking a wrong turn on Duke and ending up at the Potomac end of King Street and decided to make it their home.



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

Off to the Aces The Gazette Packet hosted the United Way of the National Capital Area at Monday night's Alexandria Aces game as UWNCA bid farewell to Del. David Englin and welcomed Councilman Frank Fannon as Campaign Chair for the Alexandria Regional Council. Enjoying the Aces game are, from left, Brandi Lester, Elizabeth Owens, Fannon, Englin, Kimberly Tate and Jane Hughes. The Aces lost 3-0 to the Baltimore Redbirds.



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Summer Baseball

The city opened its summer camp programs as children play baseball at Ben Brenman Park on June 25.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

Claire Niemann, a rising senior at Saint Stephens Saint Agnes School in Alexandria, was one of 45 students from high schools in Virginia chosen to attend the Governor's Latin Academy sponsored by the Vir-



ginia Department of Education and Virginia Commonwealth University. The Governor's School provides an opportunity for outstanding students to continue their study in a unique environment. Students were selected for this program through a statewide exam and teacher recommendations.

The T.C. Williams classes of 1970 through 1979 are organizing an alumni reunion picnic/cookout, "Mighty Titans of the 70s." It will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. at Castle Park in Fort Belvoir. Respond on the link <http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/event.php?eid=126497370694934>.

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PEOPLE

Rocha: From 'Tel Aviv' to Old Town

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New York, the fashion of Paris and the heat of L.A..”

While exploring the city, Rocha worked with UNHRC, The UN refugee agency. Each day she sorted through dozens and dozens of case files. “Each and every file is someone’s life.”

The job could be draining. “After eight hours of reading files, it would just be [emotionally] heavy,” she said. Sometimes Rocha was forced to tell individuals they could not be granted refugee status even though they might have risked their lives to reach Israel.

After reading hundreds of files, Rocha decided she wanted to experience life through the eyes of a refugee. Since many refugees travel through the Sinai Desert to reach Israel, Rocha went to Dahab, Egypt, a city near the desert, for two weeks.

Rocha’s jaw dropped when she drove through the Sinai Desert. The weather was over 100 degrees. The city of Dahab, however, was beautiful. Still, something was missing. “One of the things I said was, ‘where are the women?’”

Many women in Dahab remain hidden indoors. Rocha’s guide, Yassar, invited her to his house for dinner where she met his sister Shimaa. “We just really hit it off,” Rocha said about Shimaa.

AFTER DINNER, Shimaa invited Rocha to her room along with the other women of the house. “It was really special, I got to be included in an all-woman’s world,” she said. With no men around, Shimaa removed her head covering and had fun teaching Rocha how to belly dance.

Rocha said the people in Dahab were overwhelmingly friendly and hospitable. However, she often thinks about the women and won-

“They are just so sick and tired of the conflict. People want peace, but they don’t know how to get there.”

— Denise Rocha

ders, “What if that person had a choice?”

The stories Rocha covered were as diverse as Israel itself. She interviewed the mayor of Jerusalem about the Israeli-Arab conflict. “I always wanted to go deeper, beyond the surface stories,” she said.

Living in Israel gave Rocha insight into the political climate. “Things are a lot more complex than the news paints it,” she said. Rocha said many individuals have mental lists of the personal wrongs against them.

However she was struck by the mindset of young people in Israel. “They are just so sick and tired of the conflict,” she said. “People want peace, but they don’t know how to get there.”

ROCHA WAS BORN in Campina Grande, Brazil. She moved to the U.S. when she was three and traveled back and forth from the two countries.

Rocha and her two sisters lived a happy childhood in Brazil and spent most of their time outdoors. Her grandma had horses, large turtles and a parrot that liked to dance. “I had a lot of freedom,”



Denise Rocha

she said.

Though her family was middle class, Rocha said, “I saw a lot of poverty and I always wondered why do some people do well and others don’t?”

Moving to the U.S. was difficult. “Just adjusting to a whole new world and realizing the other world was so far away,” she said. Yet Rocha worked hard. She read as much as she could and taught herself what she didn’t understand.

In 2008 Rocha began her own TV show with Wisconsin Eye Pub-

lic Affairs Network. She covered stories about civic issue in Wisconsin. “She is exemplary of the great opportunities America offers,” Miller said.

Rocha is happy with her move to the D.C. area. “I think that D.C. really attracts people who are really into making a difference,” she said. Rocha wants to raise awareness on issues such as women’s rights in foreign countries.

When it’s all over, Rocha said she might like to own a llama farm some day. “I’m just quirky like that,” she laughed.

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Native American Totem Poles

By MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA
ACTING CENTER DIRECTOR
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The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' summer programming is off to a fantastic beginning. The emphasis on American arts has our staff and youth fully engaged and working hard at making masterpieces of the projects ranging from Native American dream catchers to feverishly preparing for ACCT (Alexandria City Community Theatre) Motown Summer production in August.

Native American Totem Poles are being created at the Nannie J. Lee Center. Youth and staff are learning about the totem poles and their significance within Native American culture.

Here's a brief history. Totem poles represent a tribe, clan, family or an individual. According to Native American oral history and Legends of America.com, each person is connected to at least nine different animals that serve as guidance throughout life.

Let's take ants as an example. What do you think of when you think of ants other than intrusive and irritating? That's right! You think of lots of them which means in Native American culture: group-minded, in-

dustrious and determined.

Learning about totem poles and how we are connected to animals is yet again a great lesson to be teaching our youth. As many of our beautiful animals face the reality of extinction, it is wise to educate our youth on the importance of providing safe havens for such animals.

Even more proactive is educating youth about their connection with animals and their responsibility of taking care of them, so that animals do not come close to extinction.

IF YOU ARE curious about the animals that guide you throughout life, come by and participate in our Native American Totem Pole Project.

No need to call, just drop by and participate. We have a list of all the animals included in the project and what they represent. We can also use your hands because painting and decorating the poles outside is hard work. Be a boar (which represents fearlessness) and help us with this project.

Also, if you have old, vintage clothes from the '60s and '70s just taking up space in your house please donate them to our center. We are preparing for Magical Motown Production next month.

Please call 703-746-5533 for more information.

Arlandia To Host Health Fair

Junior League of Northern Virginia is sponsoring several Back-to-School Health Fairs in Northern Virginia to provide access to health care for uninsured and underinsured, low income children in need of physicals and immunizations to enter school for the first time.

A Back-to-School Health Fair, where volunteers will provide free health screenings, immunizations, and school supplies, will be held Saturday, July

24, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Arlandia Health Center, 2 East Glebe Road.

Call 703-535-5418 for more information and advance registration.

The fair is open to uninsured school-aged children residing in the city of Alexandria.

The health center requests that families bring immunization records, a health history and any allergy information to their child's appointment. A parent or guardian must be present.

What Senior Services Offers

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seniors to manage "life issues," which enables them to live in the comfort and safety of their homes and community. We also like to work with our clients' accountants, lawyers and care managers.

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Aces Rally Against First-Place Orioles

Pitcher Zimmer allows two earned runs over six-plus innings for victory.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria Aces pitcher Kyle Zimmer appeared to be out of a fourth-inning jam when he induced a two-out groundball from Youse's Orioles batter Harry Slade. Instead, the seemingly harmless grounder, which should have ended the inning, turned into an error and an Orioles run. Two pitches later, the Orioles, playing with house money, added a hit and two more runs.

In a matter of moments, the Aces removed themselves from a 1-all tie in favor of a familiar situation: trailing despite strong pitching. Inept offense and defensive blunders had hurt the team all season. And on July 20, facing the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League's first-place Orioles, Alexandria's new 4-1 deficit seemed like an appropriate time for the Aces to fold the tent and prepare for another loss in a disappointing season.

BUT ON THIS DAY, Alexandria responded like a playoff team, rather than team 10 games under .500.

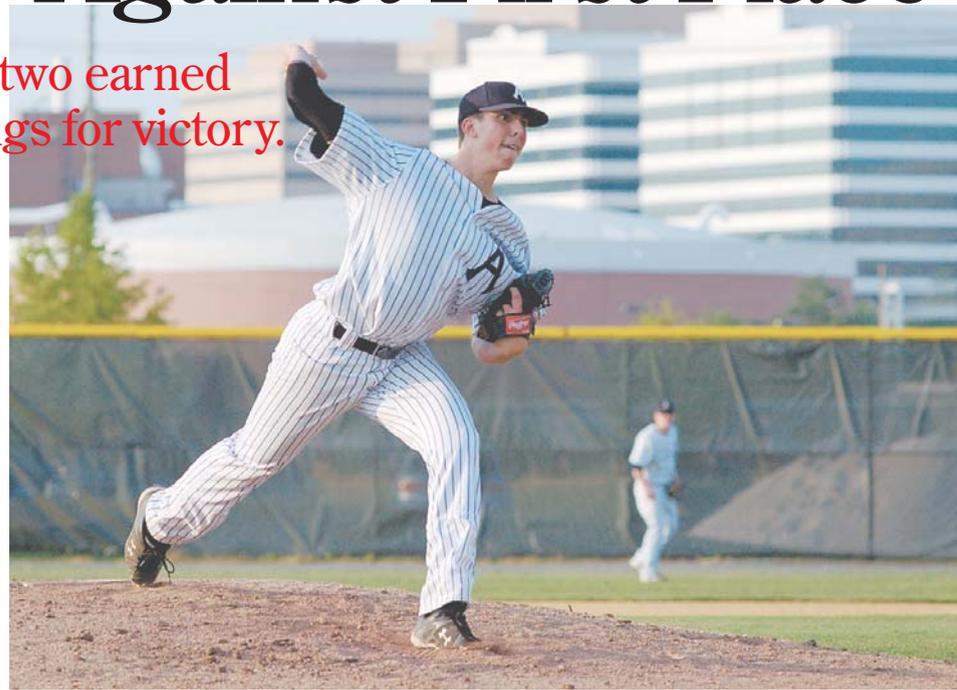
The Aces answered with four runs in the bottom of the fourth to take the lead and Zimmer's strong effort on the mound held up in a 7-6 win over the Orioles at Frank Mann Field. The victory was the Aces' first at home since June 25 and improved their record to 14-24.

"The guys fight. They're not going to lie down," Alexandria head coach Eric Williams said. "We told them going into it, it would be really nice to start spoiling some people's afternoons. They seem to play a different ballgame when we're playing No. 1, No. 2 teams for some reason."

Alexandria beat the second-place Bethesda Big Train 2-1 on July 16. After Tuesday's win over the Orioles, the Aces were tied for sixth place in an eight-team league with the Southern Maryland Nationals.

"You know the standings in the back of your mind going into every game," Alexandria catcher Eric Bainer said. "Whether you're playing the Big Train or [the Orioles], whoever's on top, you like to come out there and play up to the challenge every day."

Zimmer (San Francisco, sophomore) scattered eight hits and surrendered two earned runs over six-plus innings. The right hander



Alexandria Aces pitcher Kyle Zimmer, seen earlier this season, allowed two earned runs in a victory against the first-place Youse's Orioles on July 20.

struck out six and improved to 3-1 on the season with a 1.62 ERA.

The Orioles took a 1-0 lead in the third and threatened to rough Zimmer up for several more runs, loading the bases with one out. But Zimmer worked his way out of the jam, getting Chad Taylor to ground into a 1-2-3 inning-ending double play. After running into trouble in the fourth, Zimmer breezed through the fifth and sixth innings in a combined 23 pitches. He was pulled after allowing a leadoff single in the seventh.

The 6-foot-3, 200-pound right-hander threw 70 of his 106 pitches for strikes and delivered a first-pitch strike to 17 of 28 batters faced. Zimmer has not allowed more than two earned runs in any of his nine outings this season.

"Zimmer's been lights out for us all year," Williams said. "He's kept us in every ball game that he's been in, and if it didn't turn out his way it's because we didn't give him run support or we didn't give him defense. He spots the ball well, he's got a little zip on the fastball. He's got a nice little slider he throws every now and then and he just throws that [split-finger] whenever he

wants to. He commands those three pitches and does real well with them."

Zimmer, whose fastball reaches 92 mph but sits usually at 88-89, said his first year in the CRCBL has been a learning experience.

"It's different playing every day," he said. "During the school year you're just playing

on weekends and maybe one midweek game. It's really mental playing every day and trying to stay in it and come to the park for six hours a day — especially being a

5Q Five questions with Alexandria Aces catcher Eric Bainer

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Parkway Drive, a rock band from Australia. I play drums and I like a lot of rock.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: "Tommy Boy," with Chris Farley. Chris Farley just cracks me up. I've probably seen that movie 1,000 times and it never gets old. You find something every time you watch it that makes you smile, makes you laugh.

Q: Your dad was in the Air Force and is now a UPS pilot, leading to much relocation for your family. What has the experience been like?

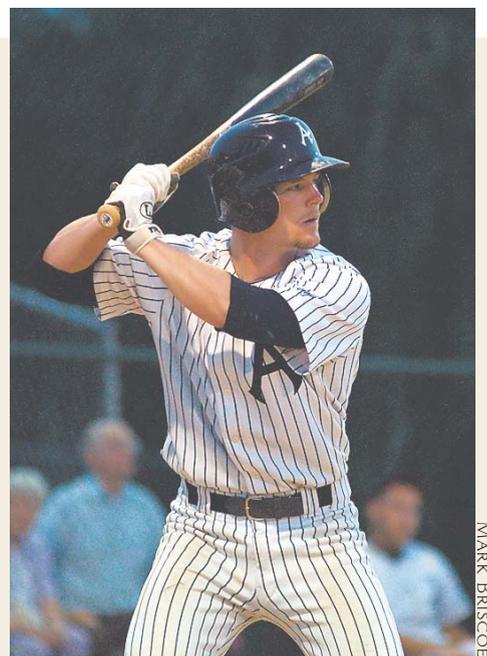
A: It's really humbling in the sense that you can't go into a new place and think everybody's going to respect you. You've got to try to fit your way in and be kind to everybody and try to make friends. It really teaches you how to get along with just about anybody — anybody from any walk of life.

[starting pitcher], not playing every day. You've really just got to try to stay in it, stay focused and try to take every day to get better, even when you're not pitching."

TRAILING 4-1 in the bottom of the fourth inning, Alexandria's Zach Tessier (High Point, sophomore) led off with a walk. Chris Murphy (St. Mary's, junior) followed with a double and Spencer Branigan (Pennsylvania, sophomore) drove in a run with a single. Mike Gragilla (High Point, sophomore) then chopped an RBI double over the head of the Orioles first baseman and David Wood tied the score at 4 with an RBI groundout. Jared Denham gave Alexandria the lead for good with a run-scoring single.

Alexandria travels to face Bethesda at 7:30 p.m. on July 22. The Aces' final home game is at 7 p.m. on July 24 against the Herndon Braves.

"We're still trying to get some points across to some individuals about different aspects of hitting the ball and fielding the ball," Williams said. "We haven't stopped trying to teach them stuff, so we're still taking the opportunity to learn them while we can. It's a matter of whether they're taking the opportunity to listen."



Q: How does Alexandria compare to other places that you have lived?

A: It's similar to south Florida, in terms of the diverse culture and the population and how there's all kinds of different people. I like that about it. You run into people from all different walks of life. It's different with this humidity — even worse than south Florida. It's unbelievable here.

Q: What do like to do in your free time?

A: Listen to music, hang out with the guys and play some Xbox.

— JON ROETMAN

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Our Last Home Game of 2010!



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Come see Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League's league-leading powerhouse left handed pitcher and Alexandria Aces third-year player, Max Knowles, with a record of 5-2, 1.40 ERA, 47 strikeouts, this Saturday, as he makes his final appearance ever on the mound at Frank Mann Field.

MAX KNOWLES NIGHT!

Let's pack the house on Saturday night with a record attendance to give Max a proper Alexandria send off for three great years of playing ball for the Aces!

Join us at the ball park!

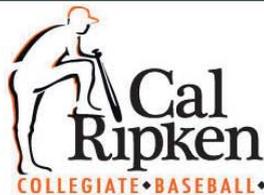
Catch some great wooden bat collegiate summer baseball one last night at Frank Mann Field, win gift certificates to Alexandria's legendary 'The Dairy Godmother,' located right in the heart of Del Ray!

See you Saturday night!

Bring your friend, family and other local baseball fans for what is quickly becoming an Alexandria tradition - Alexandria Aces collegiate summer baseball! Get in on the fun while you enjoy great ball park food from Union Street Public House! We'll see you at Frank Mann Field this Saturday night!

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SPORTS



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Pictured are the National League champion Titans of the Alexandria Girls Fastpitch Softball Program.

SPORTS BRIEFS

New Gunston Boys Soccer Team Forming

A new SFL U16 team will play in the competitive Suburban Friendship League and will be coached by veteran Gunston coach Bill Boger. Tryouts will be held July 29 and Aug. 5 at Grist Mill Field No. 4 starting at 6 p.m. Experienced players born between Aug. 1, 1994, and July 31, 1996, are encouraged to contact Coach Boger as soon as possible at: wbooger@aba.com

Area Agencies Sponsor Senior Olympics

Since 1982, Northern Virginia Departments of Parks and Recreation and Area Agencies on Aging have been sponsoring the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Since that time, participation has increased to more than 600 senior athletes competing in more than 25 indoor and outdoor events ranging from sports to card games to line dancing to board games. Seniors are eligible to compete if they are 50 years of age by Dec. 31 and live in the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church or the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun or Prince William.

The 2010 NVSO competition will take place Sept. 18-29 at more than 10 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Events include track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, pickleball, racquetball, golf, miniature golf, bowling, Wii bowling, eight-ball pool, men's basketball, men's and women's basketball free throw, frisbee throw, shuffleboard, buncos, chess, scrabble, cribbage, duplicate bridge, softball hit and

throw, team line dancing and yo-yo tricks. New in 2010 are bocce and fencing.

Registration forms are available at senior centers, community centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Information can also be downloaded at www.nvso.us. Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Registration fee is \$10, which includes one event; additional events are \$1 each.

Running Club on Sundays

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