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'Little Women'

Marmee (Clare Cahill), Jo March (Emily Whitworth), Amy March (Vannessa Blake), Meg March (Deborah Kamara) and Beth March (Jenna Kamara) rehearse for Mount Vernon High School's presentation of "Little Women" by Louisa Mae Alcott. The shows will be May 5, 6 and 7 at 7 p.m. and on May 8 at 3 p.m.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE



Emily Whitworth as Jo March waits for a reply from her Aunt (Amber Hügee).

Closing the Proffer Loophole?

Hyland to call for review of levying impact fees on developers.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
THE GAZETTE

The next time a line of cars snarls traffic on Richmond Highway, consider the humble impact fee. It's a way that the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors could have forced Wal-Mart to pay for a left turn lane that would have eased the massive gridlock that's developed at King's Crossing since the big-box store opened last year.

But that's not what happened.

Since 1989, the county has had the authority to levy impact fees, but the Board of Supervisors never took advantage of that power. Yet when the board considered whether or not to adopt such a system, the elected officials determined that they wanted to go with the current proffer system rather than try to create a hybrid system with both. In other words, supervisors agreed, the county would use either a proffer system or impact fees. Not both.

"I think if we tried to do both, we would have ended up with a classic battle with our development community," said Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D).

NOW, THE GRIDLOCK created at the new Kings Crossing Wal-Mart has reopened the Board of Supervisor's long-standing decision against seeking impact fees. Because the scope of the development was under the threshold for requiring a rezoning or a special exception, Wal-Mart was able to proceed with construction as a "by-right" development. That meant that no demands could have been placed on



Back-ups in the left-turn lane at the new Wal-Mart at Kings Crossing clogs south-bound Route 1 traffic.

the developer under the proffer system. And supervisors didn't consider issuing an impact fee to force Wal-Mart to pay for a left turn lane in the south-bound

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Hyland Attracts Most Small Donors

Mount Vernon district supervisor has raised more than \$150,000 in the last four years.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
THE GAZETTE

Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D) has far more small donors to his campaign than any other candidate running for the Fairfax County board in 2011.

According to the Virginia Public Access Project, 1,234 small donors — defined as those who give \$100 or less to a campaign — gave Hyland money from January 2008 to March 30, 2011. No other district supervisor has attracted even

half that number of small donors in the same time period.

Fairfax County Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), who has nine times as many constituents as Hyland, has received 967

small donations over the last four years.

Those who collect a large number of small donations usually do

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Task Force Envisions Mount Vernon's Future

Hyland's task force committees complete their recommendations.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

The Visioning Task Force, appointed by Supervisor Gerald Hyland last year, divided into eight subject-area committees and recently released recommendations to improve the area's quality of life.

**SECOND
IN A SERIES**

The committee reports are available at the Office of the Supervisor at the Mount Vernon Governmental Center, by contacting the office

through the Internet, or by calling the Supervisor's Office at 703-780-7518. They will soon be available through the local libraries.

Here is the second in a series highlighting the recommendations of the following committees:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

- ❖ Fully fund the staffing, equipment, training needs of the Mount Vernon District Police Station.
- ❖ Fully fund the staffing, equipment, and training needs of the fire and rescue service and emergency medical services of the Mount Vernon area Fire and Rescue Department.
- ❖ Fully fund the Emergency Management Department to maintain the County's emergency preparedness and disaster management capabilities.
- ❖ Locate mental health detention and treatment facilities in the southeastern

area of Fairfax county.

- ❖ Locate judicial services of Fairfax county to the southeastern section of Fairfax county to serve the Mount Vernon, Lee, and Springfield areas.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

- ❖ Do not renew the County's current Islamic Academy lease of the old Mount Vernon High School building on Richmond Highway. Use the building for post-secondary training from the high school level to graduate level and beyond.
- ❖ Seek alternative means to finance school construction and renovation in addition to the present practice of bond sales. Consider as one alternative the establishment of a meals tax, authorized by a ballot Referendum.
- ❖ Establish a unified electronic information system for all county and school system offices to enhance

citizen access to county and school system communications.

- ❖ Restructure the delivery of education to prepare our students to be competitive in the global marketplace. This would include but not be limited to: teaching students to use technology in solving complex problems; understand different cultures; use project-specific techniques to enhance skill development in subjects such as math, science, ecology, etc., and emphasize teaching techniques which improve a students' ability to solve problems and think critically. Particular attention in a revised enriched curriculum should be paid to learning real life applications to problem solving.

BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- ❖ Establish mass transit options on the Route 1 Corridor.
- ❖ Improve and expand entertainment options in the District.
- ❖ Establish a Potomac River Water Taxi.
- ❖ Improve development opportunities on the Route 1 Corridor to enhance the area as a destination ("promote a sense of place and community") while improving transportation flow.
- ❖ Improve and expand the Mount Vernon area as a tourist destination; integrate historic sites, motel, hotel, restaurant, entertainment venues into an overall marketing strategy.
- ❖ Provide for alternative business development incentives to assist in financing development and redevelopment opportunities such as, but not limited to: public-private partnerships such as Tax Incremental Financing (TIF), Community Development Authority (CDA), and to streamline and expedite the planning and zoning processes.
- ❖ Expand the funding and staffing of the Southeast Fairfax Development Corporation (SFDC), to assist Route 1 Corridor revitalization and reinvestment.
- ❖ Authorize a new transit-oriented development study to evaluate the worth of increasing the distance between mixed-use developments and a mass transit center.
- ❖ Use Magnetic Levitation Trains as one alternative to relieve traffic congestion and stimulate economic development.



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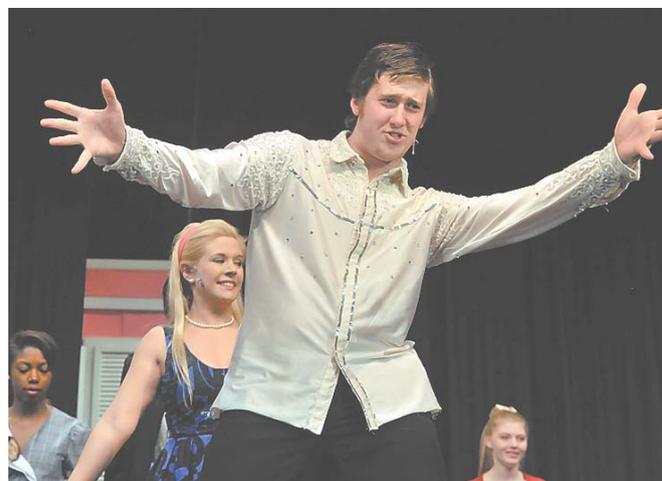


Madeline Weisblatt in the role as Kim MacAfee.

It's 'Bye Bye Birdie!'

Students at West Potomac High School are performing "Bye Bye Birdie!" May 4, 5, 6 and 7 at 7p.m. in the Springbank Theatre. Thespian Troop 1899 is also hosting a concurrent food drive for United Community Ministries.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE



Graham Dickerson as Conrad Birdie.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

- ❖ Replace substandard retail centers between commercial nodes with high density market-rate housing.
- ❖ Encourage and coordinate new higher density developments surrounding major transit stops and hubs.
- ❖ Take the necessary steps to create a civic or town center.
- ❖ In the Route 1 Corridor require

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Justine Dorney Scott

Surrounded by her loving family, Justine Dorney Scott, 84, died on May 1, 2011 after a long illness. She was known as "Dusty" to the many friends she made moving around the world as an Army wife, and her husband of 61 years was the man everyone knew as "Scotty", the late Lt. Gen. Willard W. Scott, Jr., who was the 52nd Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After moving 33 times, and raising seven children along the way, Dusty and Scotty lived for many years near Mount Vernon in Alexandria, where Dusty was an avid gardener and active member of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association and Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Dusty was devoted to her husband, her family and the military. Always wearing a signature flower in her hair, Dusty worked for years ensuring military families were supported in time of need. She was especially involved with Army Community Services and the Red Cross. Her work was recognized with the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1986. For many years, Dusty was an Army Arlington Lady, assisting families whose loved ones were buried at the National Cemetery. She and her husband considered their time at West Point, from 1981 through 1986, as the highpoint of their lives.

Originally from New Rochelle, N.Y., Dusty met Scotty while he was a cadet at West Point, and they were married in 1948. She is survived by Mary Starnes of Springfield, Va., Elizabeth Raveché of Forked River, N.J., W. Warren Scott, of Sydney, Australia, Catherine Rosenshein, of Montclair, N.J., Susan Shanahan, of Honolulu, Hawaii, Margaret Scott, of New York, N.Y., and Ann Marie Kilkelly, of Hanover, Pa., 25 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am on Monday, May 9, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway, Alexandria. Dusty will be buried next to her husband at West Point on Tuesday, May 10.

BULLETIN BOARD

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ONGOING

The Mount Vernon Farmers Market will be held on Wednesdays instead of Tuesdays for the 2011 market season. The market will open on May 4, 2011 in the parking lot of the Sherwood Library located at 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane in Alexandria. The hours will remain the same, 8 a.m. until noon. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/FarmersMarkets/ or call 703-642-0128.

TUESDAY/MAY 10

Living Well in Fairfax County. 10:30 a.m. Join residents of Southeastern Fairfax County to learn about services and resources that are available to residents in the Mount Vernon community. At Sherwood Regional Library. RSVP to 703-303-4060.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 18

Restoring Shad to the Potomac River. 7:30 p.m. A presentation by the Friends of Dyke Marsh with speaker Jim Cummins of the Interstate Commission on the Potomac River Basin. At Huntley Meadows Park Visitors' Center, 3701 Lockheed Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-768-2525 or visit www.fodm.org.



A new look for the summer, a maxi-gown and hand-crocheted jacket by Ralph Lauren brought applause from the sold-out audience.



Vivian Baxter and Lena DiVittorio say hello to all the guests at their table.

Fashionable Fundraiser

Proceeds from the April 9 luncheon and fashion show at Aldersgate United Methodist Church will benefit United Community Ministries and Rising Hope.

Thirteen vendors set up booths in the hallways of the church on Fort Hunt Road. Silk scarves, handmade teddy bears and stuffed animals, crocheted sweaters, jackets and hats, counted cross stitch needlework, crocheted jewelry, accessories, personalized gifts, home decorations and more were on display and available for sale before lunch.

The luncheon was a buffet of salads and sandwiches donated by the members. After lunch Ed Burgess and Kathy Powell accompanied by Jean Baptiste alternated singing songs from "South Pacific."

A fashion show was presented by Bloomingdales featuring new ideas for spring and summer clothing. The show was narrated by Bloomingdales Personal Shopping Service Manager Effie Elkorek.



Cathy Powell sings "I'm Going to Wash that Man Right Out of My Hair."



Aldersgate's tenor Ed Burgess sings "Bali Hai" as an opening song in the medley from South Pacific.

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Students at Burgundy Farm Country Day School will perform "Into the Woods" on May 5, 6 and 7. Above: Yasmine Zakout, Barbara Peisch, Kent Jenkins and Liam Albrittain.

Performing 'Into the Woods'

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE



Kent Jenkins and Barbara Peisch.



Director Deborah Ives talks with Little Red Riding Hood (Marguerite Chapman) about blocking a scene.



Cinderella (Chloe Borden) scrubs the floor as Brian Bailey, Zoey Pellowitz and Priya Vohra prepare for the ball.



In the woods, the trees sway and sing: Dara Summey, Anya Cunnane, Jacob Bulir, Johnny Patterson, Ryan Wigodsky, Ella Ainsworth, Ellen Chapman and Vincent Tran.



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Alex/Hollindale \$568,500
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room w/conveying pool table & beautiful wet bar. Lovely screened porch & deck overlook a private & serene setting backing to woods. Great location: 3 mins to GW Pkwy, 8 mins to Old Town (N) and 10 mins to Ft. Belvoir (S). This is a Gem!!



Alexandria/Wessynton \$825,000
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Alex/Riverwood \$709,900
3712 Carriage House Court

Superb price on this lovely 4BR, 2.5BA Colonial in prestigious waterfront community of Riverwood. Quiet cul-de-sac & backing to Mt. Vernon Estate. This home has been freshly painted, hdwd flrs refinished on

upper level & new carpeting on main level. Updated kitchen & baths plus sun rm & breakfast rm addition. Partially finished basement & 2 car garage. This is a great home! Five minutes to Ft. Belvoir.



Alex./Westgate \$624,900
9010 Volunteer Drive

Beautiful traditional colonial w/2 car side garage in fabulous Mt. Vernon location. It is classy! Over .5 acre landscaped corner lot. Stunning sun-room addition. Hardwood flrs main & upper levels. Family rm w/gas FP off

kit. Wood FP in living rm. Lovely kitchen w/corrian counters & large picture window facing scenic backyard. Sweet front porch. Large unfin bsmt: ample storage.



Alexandria Hollin Hall Village \$514,900
1501 Alexandria Avenue

Beautiful 4BR, 3BA Brick, Split level home in Hollin Hall (Waynewood Elementary) w/lovely landscaping. Vaulted ceiling in living and dining areas.

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Alex./Woodland \$599,000
3232 Woodland Lane

Lovely 5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on a spectacular .48 wooded lot in prestigious Woodland Park. Stunning sun room addition in 2006. Cherry cabinets & corian counters in large remodeled kitchen and updated baths, freshly painted interior

and newer energy efficient replacement windows. Spacious double carport with ample storage. Community boat ramp for water access. 5 mins to Ft. Belvoir, 15 to Metro & Old Town, 25 to Natl Airport & 30/35 to Pentagon/D.C.



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- County workers are being given a raise **THIS** year.
- Many teachers in Fairfax have had to take second jobs to pay their bills and provide for their children, which takes time away from their ability to do extra-curricular work (like sponsoring clubs or mentoring) for FCPS.

Please give back to our hard-working teachers this week: E-mail your School Board members and tell them to make those who educate, love and protect our children their priority in this year's budget!



schoolboardmembers@fcps.edu

Fairfax County Federation of Teachers

Envisioning Mount Vernon's Future

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sidewalks, pedestrian crossings, and refuge areas; create streetscapes for safe, pedestrian-friendly areas and bike lanes.

- ❖ Revise County telecommunications policies to provide for adequate public input in the location of cell phone towers; require assessment and use of Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) technology as an alternative to extend cell phone service without the use of cell phone towers where feasible and publicly supported.

- ❖ Inventory and make public the location and status of existing industrially zoned land; encourage industrial development where practical.

- ❖ Encourage the inclusion of affordable and workforce housing in residential housing revitalization projects.

- ❖ Expand the role and authority of the Fairfax County Planning Commission in revisions to the Comprehensive Plan, and in the Bond release process when proffers and other development conditions are at issue.

- ❖ Include Class A office buildings in Route 1 Corridor planning; establish a system of incentives to encourage developers to commit to this type of commercial office development.

- ❖ Relax the Comprehensive Plan (CP) restrictions on commercial development in residentially zoned areas to encourage the development of

larger more cost-effective parcels by developers.

- ❖ Begin now to plan for mass transit from Huntington Station to Fort Belvoir.

- ❖ Increase density entitlements in commercial areas to encourage mixed-use development.

- ❖ Promote the use of up-to-date storm water controls by creating incentives for private property owners to install and maintain them.

- ❖ Promote the recognition and integration of historic sites, recreation sites, and commercial facilities in land use decisions.

- ❖ Encourage attractive land use planning enhancements in the north and south Gateways into Mount Vernon District.

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Riders start their engines in front of Roy Rogers Restaurant.

Poker Run Benefits Capital Hospice



John Einbinder prepares for the day's ride.

More than 50 motorcycles converged in the parking lot by the Belle View Roy Rogers last Sunday. It was time for the 3rd Annual Charity Poker Run Bash.

Coordinated by Jim "Trigger" Todd, the event raises money for Capital Hospice Point of Hope Camp, a retreat for children, teens and adults who have experienced a recent loss.

After registering for the event, the group headed west for Madigan's Waterfront in Occoquan. From there, the riders headed to Tim's Rivershore Restaurant and then onto the Thirteen Twenty Club II.

The final destination was Kilroys Restaurant and Sports Bar in Springfield where riders presented their final poker hand in hopes of winning one of the poker hand payouts.

— GALE CURCIO



PHOTO BY GALE CURCIO/THE GAZETTE

Del. Scott Surovell and Supervisor Gerry Hyland attend the grand opening for the new HomeGoods store.

HomeGoods Opens On Richmond Highway

BY GALE CURCIO
THE GAZETTE

Shoppers were in line early Sunday morning, May 1 as they waited for the opening of the new HomeGoods at 7844 Richmond Highway. It replaces the A.J. Wright that has been located there for the past few years.

The store offers furniture, rugs, lamps, kitchen and dining, bedding and bath, kid's décor, toys, and more.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated 24,000 square-foot store was held at 7:45 a.m. but there were already a couple of dozen people waiting in

line. Veronica Iriarte happened to be the first shopper in line, so Store Manager Judith Freeman asked her to cut the ribbon. Employees lined the entrance, clapping and welcoming shoppers as they handed them HomeGoods shopping bags.

Prior to the ribbon cutting, HomeGoods presented a \$5,000 check to Herb Lea, on behalf of United Community Ministries (UCM). The Back Porch of UCM is located in the same shopping center. Supervisor Gerry Hyland and Del. Scott Surovell were also there to support the grand opening.

For more information, visit www.homegoods.com or call 703-704-9161.

Hollin Hall Automotive Celebrates 50th Anniversary

BY GALE CURCIO
THE GAZETTE

Fifty years ago, Ruth Harvey and her husband opened a gas station on Fort Hunt Road. Her son, Tom Harvey, now owns and manages the business, but Mrs. Harvey (as she is known to her customers) is still front and center at the cash register just about every weekday morning.

Over the years, it has been a Gulf station, a Shell station, a Texaco station — and now, Hollin Hall Automotive is an independent gas station.

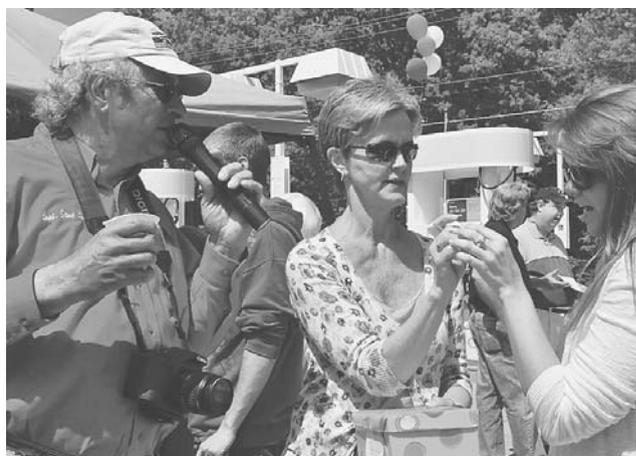
Last weekend, people from all over came for the 50th anniversary with the Harveys and enjoyed a day of eating, reminis-

ing and celebrating.

"We fed over a thousand people and when all checks and monies are in will have raised \$10,000 for the Wounded Warriors Project," said Tom Harvey.

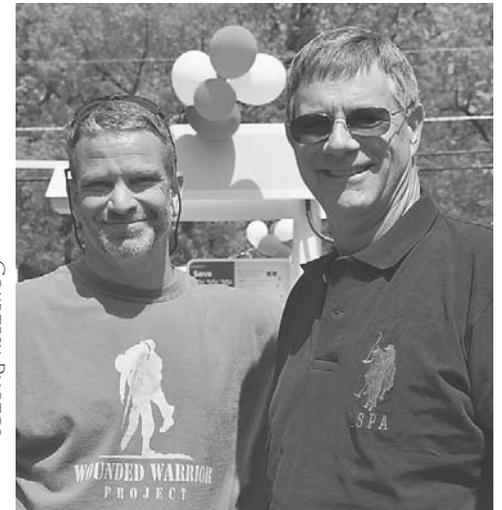
As part of the celebration, they sold raffle tickets to raise money for the Wounded Warriors Project. The Grand Prize (\$1,961 of gasoline) was awarded to Mary (Welch) Colhan; Drew Gruenburg won 30/60/90K major service including all BG flushes; and Marcia Bowker won the 42" flat screen HD TV.

Hollin Hall Automotive continues to provide full-service at self-service prices.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Steve Chaconas announces the winner of the 50/50 raffle after Judy Harvey selects the name.



Jimmy Harvey and Roger Jones.

For the past few years they have been rebuilding the facility into a state-of-the-art automotive service

facility with diagnostic equipment and tools.

Hollin Hall Automotive is

located at 7926 Fort Hunt Road, and can be reached at 703-765-3722 or www.hollinhallauto.com.



PHOTO BY LASHAWN AVERY-SIMONS/THE GAZETTE

Janice Lynch shows off her 1953 MG td during the Britain on the Green car show at Collingwood.

Collingwood Hosts Classic Car Show

The Capital Triumph Register hosted the 14th annual Britain on the Green British car show at the Collingwood Library and Museum on Sunday, May 1. The show was open to all British marques and featured participants' choice judging, food and merchandise vendors, a silent auction and children's activities. The event served as the kick-off to the 2011 driving and show season for the Washington area.



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World Press Freedom Day

May 3 is World Press Freedom Day, a time to remember that in 2010, 44 journalists were murdered around the world to stop them from reporting the facts. In 2011, so far, 16 journalists have been murdered.

The day serves as a reminder to governments of the need to respect press freedom, also serves as a day of reflection on professional ethics and press freedom for those who work in media, a day of support for journalists and organizations of all kinds who are targets, and a day of remembrance for those journalists who lost their lives in the exercise of their profession.

The UN General assembly proclaimed May 3 as World Press Freedom Day in 1993, as a reminder that in dozens of countries around the world, publications are censored, fined, suspended and closed down, while journalists, editors and publishers are harassed, attacked, detained and even murdered.

At the Gazette and Connection newspapers, we are reminded of the importance of press

freedom internationally by the daily presence of Kemal Kurspahic. Of the 50 World Press Freedom Heroes named 10 years ago, who were honored again in Vienna, Austria last September, one is Kemal Kurspahic, managing editor and community editor for the Vienna, McLean, Great Falls, Reston and Oak Hill/Herndon Connections.

In December 1988, Kemal Kurspahic was named editor-in-chief of Oslobodjenje, Sarajevo's 70,000 circulation daily newspaper, the first elected by the paper's staff.

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Before that, the Communist Party had controlled all editorial appointments. Then after the communists were ousted and Bosnia's first democratic elections held, Kurspahic battled to maintain editorial independence against a coalition of nationalist parties through a constitutional court case in 1991.

During the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, despite snipers' bullets, constant shelling, and newsprint shortages, the paper's multi-ethnic staff of Bosnians, Serbs and Croats, guided by Kurspahic, worked day and night in a nuclear

bomb shelter to put out a daily issue of the paper, providing one of the city's only sources of information.

In the United States, freedom of the press is protected by the Constitution.

While the challenges in Northern Virginia pale in comparison, we also remember that there are miles to go in openness and transparency in government.

More: www.wpfd2011.org, www.cpj.org, www.freemedia.at/awards/world-press-freedom-heroes

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Around the world, but more so in our area, mothers run the company, the town, the schools, the county, the world, as well as the family, the PTA, the soccer (and lacrosse, softball, baseball, football, track ...) team.

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- MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Near-Death For WP Theatre

To the Editor:

We are writing in response to "The Drama Mamas" article that appeared on page 4 of the April 28 edition of The Mount Vernon Gazette. We feel that some statements in the article do not accurately reflect the story of the West Potomac High School Theatre Department.

Yes, it was a loss when the school's long-time theatre teacher retired three years ago. But that did not result in the program reaching a near-

death status as implied by the use of the word "moribund!" During the school years 2008-2009 and 2009-2010, WPHS produced popular main stage shows, with two of them receiving Cappies nominations (a prestigious national awards program for high school theatre).

During the school year 2009-2010, the position of theatre teacher/director unfortunately did become part time, but not because of dwindling numbers as stated in the article, but because of budget cuts. And still with a part-time teacher, many wonderful things happened on stage at WPHS last year. Sideways Stories from Wayside School and Godspell played to full

houses and rave reviews. We also saw the debut of our award-winning theatre sports team.

WPHS is filled with incredible students who love all aspects of theatre from acting, singing, and dancing to lights, sound, costumes, and props. And they have been actively sharing their talents in recent years. The Drama Mamas did not form to save the theatre department. There has always been an active Theatre Boosters parent group at the school. "Drama Mamas" is a nickname for the group that has been around for some time (even though we have many dads who volunteer their time to the department as well).

During this school year, we did indeed face some unexpected challenges and roadblocks as stated in the article. Most notably, we were without a theatre teacher to lead and organize all of our extra-curricular activities. Parents and students rallied. Yes, the theater boosters (or "Drama Mamas" if you will) went into overdrive, and with a lot of hard work, some incredible things happened in our school this year. Among them was a spectacular fall production of A Midsummer Night's Dream and this past winter, student-directed (and some student written) one-act plays. In addition, WPHS theatre students represented their school on stage recently at two D.C. theatres, the Folger and the Lansburgh. And coming this week is the school's spring musical Bye Bye Birdie.

It has been a great year of theatre at WPHS, thanks to a huge group effort of passionate students, parents, teachers, administrators, and community theatre representatives. Meanwhile, parents are continuing a campaign to ensure that the upcoming school year will be ushered in with a full-time theatre teacher (and then hopefully, the "Drama Mamas" can take a much-needed break).

We invite the Mount Vernon community to

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Gala Benefits UCM The Friends of UCM held its annual gala, April in Paris, at the Mount Vernon Country Club on Saturday, April 9. The evening included cocktails and raffles for gift baskets, dinner followed by a live auction and dancing.

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come out this week for WPHS's production of *Bye Bye Birdie*. The show runs Thursday, May 5 – Saturday, May 6 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. If you'd like to participate in the Thespian Troupe's Birdie Food Drive to benefit UCM, please bring a non-perishable food item.

Beverly Wong

West Potomac parent and Theatre Booster Board member
Ellen Woods

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Move Coast Guard Base

To the Editor:

The Coast Guard Base that falls between Route 1 and Telegraph Road should be moved to Ft. Belvoir and extend some passes between Route 1 and Telegraph Road. That will compensate for the closure of Beulah Road by Ft. Belvoir.

Fayez Elhini

Ban Signs on Public Property

To the Editor:

Why do we need to allow political candidates and their supporting organizations to place signs on public property? This same question applies to businesses as well.

It surely isn't because that is the only way to reach the public. There's the old fashioned way such as radio, TV, newspaper, telephone and U.S Postal Services. We have now added candidate's Web sites, e-mails and text messages, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. So why is there a need for all the political clutter on the streets, highways and byways?

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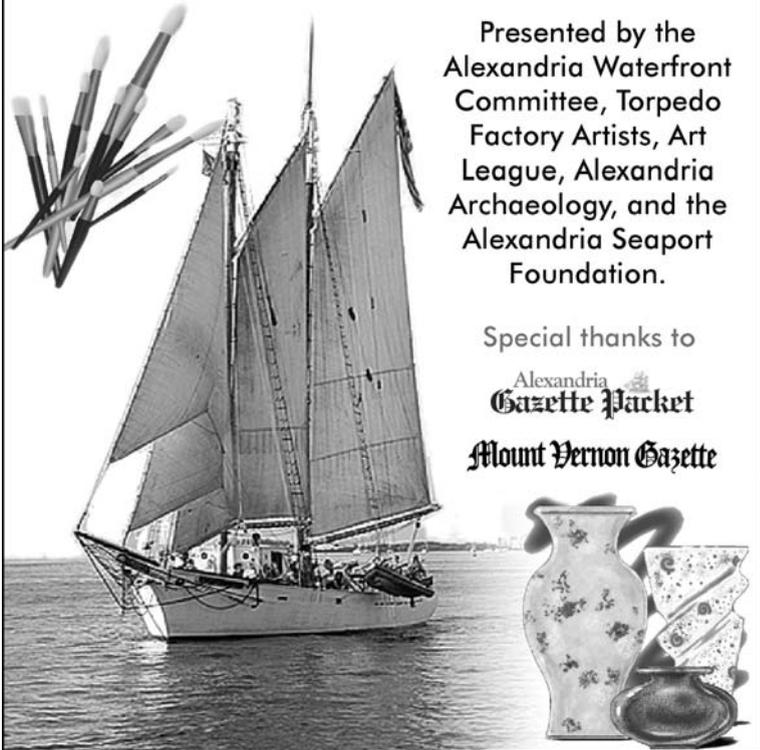
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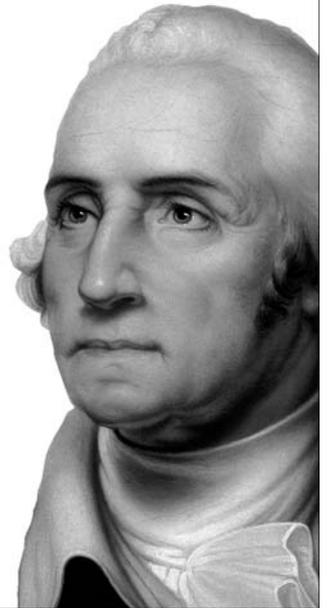
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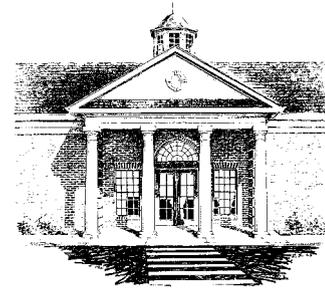
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I am requesting that the County Board authorize a ban on all political and commercial signs being posted on public property, utility poles and streets. Since the U.S. Constitution gives individuals the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of property (original wording), I am not recommending that political and commercial signs be banned from private property. There should be a fine of \$1,000 for each sign that violates this ordinance. The public can help in the enforcement of the ban by offering a reward incentive to the first individual who reports the location of a political and/or commercial sign on public property. These illegal signs will always have a name or telephone number that will identify the responsible party that posted the sign or had the sign posted.

The benefit of such a ban would be (1) a decrease in the cost of maintaining our public land because the signs will no longer get in the way of mowing the grass, (2) a more clutter-free view of our public streets and highways, (3) the removal of a driving hazard as drivers are not distracted by trying to read signs in traffic, (4) the possibility of supplementing the County revenue until violators re-

alize that the ban will be enforced. (5) It will support "going green" as the requirement for wood and cardboard, wire and plastic will decrease.

The ban would not be detrimental to politicians or entrepreneurs since the ability to reach the public with a message is available via radio, TV, newspaper, telephone, U.S. Postal Services, hand distributed flyers, internet, Facebook, Twitter and YouTube and signs on private property (at owner's permission of course). There is no downside to this proposal because there are so many other ways to reach the public without all the trash.

James H. Baker
Alexandria

Highway Has FAR Way To Go

To the Editor:

A front page article in last week's Gazette described the Richmond Highway corridor as "ripe for development." The article discussed the term "floor area ratio" (FAR) which describes the ratio between the square footage of a building and the square footage of the land on which the building sits. Thus a

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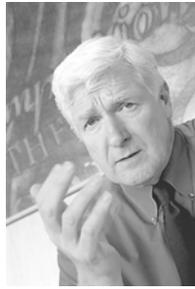
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BRAC Battle Continues as Clock Ticks

BY JIM MORAN
U.S. REPRESENTATIVE (D-8)



Four months are left before BRAC threatens to cause a condition of traffic chaos in our region. Sept. 15 is the deadline for the Department of Defense (DoD) to implement its Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) recommendations. Yet, Northern Virginia's roadways remain wholly unprepared for the influx of thousands of new vehicles those BRAC moves will bring.

I opposed and voted against the 2005 BRAC Commission's recommendations because the relocations will adversely impact hundreds of thousands of commuters who rely on Rt. 1, I-95 and I-395 and the communities along those highways.

Route 1 will be impacted due to 1) the relocation of more than 10,000 workers from Metro-accessible office space onto Ft. Belvoir and 2) the construction of a new state-of-the-art military hospital. Included in this year's budget, I was able to include \$150 million to widen Route 1 through Ft. Belvoir to help handle the new traffic and ensure that injured and sick service members and their families can get to and from the hospital without significant delays.

The bigger traffic threat to our region, however, comes from the relocation of 6,400 employees with the Washington Headquarters Service (WHS) to the Mark Center on Seminary Road in Alexandria. Ninety percent of these employees work in office space inside the Beltway accessible to public transit today. And that is where they should stay until

there is sufficient road capacity to handle them at the Mark Center.

The Army originally planned to locate WHS at the Engineering Proving Grounds on the western end of Ft. Belvoir. But traffic studies I requested showed that the move would create up to a two-hour delay on I-95, convincing the Army to move it to another location. Former Congressman Tom Davis and I advocated strongly for the new site to be located at what's known as the GSA Warehouse in Springfield. The site sits next to Metro and has adequate access to major roadways. We were even successful in passing legislation allowing the property to be transferred to the Army. Yet, at the end of the site selection process, the Army instead chose the Mark Center, a location with no access to Metro and poor vehicular access points. If they were going to locate that far off-base, the Victory Center on

Eisenhower Avenue would have been much preferable.

At the time of the decision, I was quoted in this paper saying what a disappointment the Army's selection was and that we would regret it. But being able to say I told you so is of little consolation given the havoc this decision is about to create.

Though I did not support the selection of the Mark Center site, with the construction nearing completion we are unlikely to be successful preventing eventual occupancy of the building. So, at this point, our principal focus must be on 1) funding for transportation improvements and 2) time to implement them.

On the funding side, most of the money has been identified to carry out the short, mid, and long term improvements at Mark Center that the Virginia Department of Transportation states are needed to prevent gridlock. DoD has made \$20 million available to cover the short and mid-term improvements. Governor McDonnell has provided another \$80 million to build a ramp from the HOV lanes to the Mark Center site, an important long term improvement.

But we still lack the second major need: time. BRAC law requires that the Mark Center be occupied by September. The Army plans to begin moving people into the building in August. They project it will be fully

occupied by December of this year. Yet, the vital transportation fixes won't be completed until at least 2016.

From working to pass a parking cap limiting the number of cars allowed to park in the building to 1,000 (2,800 less than its maximum capacity), to calling for legal action based on a recent report by the Defense Department's own Inspector General which cited major flaws in the transportation studies underpinning the site selection, I'm pursuing an "all options on the table" strategy to prevent this pending traffic nightmare.

Teaming with our Senators, the Governor, and the City of Alexandria, we're further pressing the Defense Department to simply delay full occupation of the building until the transportation infrastructure is in place. We've sent multiple letters to Secretary Gates making that case in forceful terms and discussions have been ongoing on how to achieve such a delay.

The 2005 BRAC decision was deeply flawed, is no longer projected to save even a fraction of the money it was designed to save, and has been poorly executed, particularly in Northern Virginia. But unfortunately, our best option at this point is to continue to fight to make the best of what can only be described as a very bad situation.

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building with a floor area of 20,000 square feet sitting on a 10,000 square foot lot defines an FAR of 2.0. Such a building would be several stories high. In fact, if the zoning ordinance permits a building to occupy 40 percent of a lot, the above example would result in a 5-story building.

The article reported that "FAR was recently upgraded in the Richmond Highway Corridor "from 1.2 to 2.0" but also reported that several members of a panel at the SFDC Retail Business Summit in April agreed that FAR needs to be increased to 4.0. In the above example, the result would be a 10-story building on a quarter acre lot. I take issue with the statement, reported as fact, that FAR was increased on Route 1 from 1.2 to 2.0 — I am unaware of such a change nor do I believe FAR changes are made en masse for an entire roadway.

FAR changes are made through amendments of the Comprehensive Plan and amendments to the zoning designations of individual parcels. Often, groups of contiguous parcels are offered enhanced FAR if they consolidate together — this is how town centers and large multi-use developments come to fruition, by incentivizing consolidation. However, such amendments require public hearings and typically require agreement by the developer to a number of proffer conditions dealing with issues such as schools, parks, environment and transportation. Thus, a blanket increase in the FAR on the Richmond Highway corridor could

not occur without a lengthy public process. Moreover, it could not occur as reported for a very important reason. It is County policy mandated by state law that proposed Comprehensive Plan amendments that will result in a net increase of 5,000 daily vehicle trips require a transportation study, which typically results in consideration of what must be done to account for increased traffic on affected roadways. To those of you who travel Richmond Highway on a daily basis, development of the entire Richmond Highway corridor to 2.0 FAR would change a roadway that is already congested into a parking lot. It would also destroy the well-ingrained concept in our Comprehensive Plan of concentrating commercial development on Richmond Highway in nodes with residential development located between the nodes.

In connection with development of the new Wilson Bridge, improvements to Richmond Highway nearing Huntington Avenue have resulted in achievement of a level of service D. To the uninitiated, levels of service range from "A" (free-flow conditions) to "F" (breakdown flow). Level of service D is described as "maneuverability is severely restricted due to traffic congestion. Travel speed is reduced by increasing traffic volume." For more details, see the following link, beginning at page 224:

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr/brac/ecr/transportation.pdf>. Having spoken directly with Mount Vernon Planning Commissioner Earl Flanagan, and having listened to his views while serving with him

on the BRAC APR task force and the Visioning Task Force, I can assure Gazette readers that plans of development that are not by right and would result in level of service degraded below level D will not be favorably viewed by Commissioner Flanagan. Moreover, such plans will have to provide for the transportation improvements necessary to assure level of service is maintained at "D" or better prior to grant of an occupancy permit.

So, it is not just a matter of increasing FAR. Transportation improvements must be maintained commensurate with such intensity increases. For Richmond Highway to

achieve the vision of the community, we are going to have to find a way to fund transportation improvements such as those identified in the Visioning Task Force Transportation Committee report listed on page 26 of last week's Gazette, including light rail, bus, an eastern bypass, a river ferry, HOV lanes and several proposed funding sources. The underpinnings of increased development intensity on Richmond Highway present a daunting challenge for our community.

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More Small Donors Give to Hyland's Campaign

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so because they have a campaign strategy focused on small donors, said Isaac Wood, communications director with the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia.

"For most people, it really comes down to the method that you use. Are you focusing on sending emails where you ask for \$20? Or are you putting your time into fancy dinners where guest have to donate \$250 per head to attend?" said Wood.

There is incentive to focus most of your fundraising energy on a small group of large donors in Virginia, according to Wood.

There are no limits on how much a single donor can give to a state or local government campaign in Virginia. For many candidates, it makes more sense to focus on a single person who contribute \$100,000 than a 100 people who can afford to give \$100, he said.

But some people equate large numbers of donors with widespread support, said Wood.

"If someone writes you a check, regardless of how much money it is for, you know they are going to vote for you," said Wood.

Campaigns have also devoted more time to courting small donors because of the success President Barack Obama (D) had

Small Donations (2009-2010)

Most Fairfax County supervisor candidates raise the bulk of their campaign dollars through large donors, companies and individuals who can contribute thousands of dollars. In Virginia, there is no limit to how much a single company or person can give to a candidate.

But campaigns also have to list the number of "small donors" — people who give a candidate less than \$100 over a four-year cycle — on their finance records. Large numbers of small donors are considered a sign of strength.

Below is a list of the number of small donors for each Fairfax County supervisor from January 2010 to March 31, 2011. This information is provided by the Virginia Public Access Project.

CANDIDATE	Number of donations at \$100 or less	Money Raised Through Small Donations	Total Amount of Money Raised (2010-2011)	Amount of Money Raised That Comes From Small Donations
Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large)	265	\$17,541	\$176,988	9.9%
Chairman candidate Spike Williams (R)	5	\$300	\$20,711	1.4%
Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville)	267	\$16,679	\$62,875	26.5%
Dranesville Supervisor candidate Denis Husch (R)	59	\$3,979	\$14,441	27.5%
Supervisor Cathy Hudgins (D-Hunter Mill)	93	\$5,585	\$12,459	44.8%
Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee)	59	\$3,756	\$49,858	7.5%
Supervisor Penny Gross (D-Mason)	151	\$7,650	\$76,400	10%
Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon)	391	\$2,965	\$38,745	7.6%
Supervisor Linda Smyth (D-Providence)	67	\$4,608	\$108,808	4.2%
Supervisor Patrick Herrity (R-Springfield)	183	\$10,611	\$90,511	11.7%
Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully)	84	\$1,420	\$23,058	6.1%
Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock)	217	\$11,144	\$63,728	17.4%
Braddock Supervisor candidate Marc Greidinger (D)	10	\$695	\$29,659	2.3%
Braddock Supervisor candidate Christopher Wade (D)	0	\$0	\$250	0%

with small contributions in 2008, said Wood. Obama raised record-breaking sums of money, partly because he attracted a large number of small donors to his campaign.

Hyland, who has served on the county

board since 1988, has been courting small donors long before the Obama campaign. Before his previous election in 2007, Hyland had a total 2,852 small donations, more than twice as many as he has recorded for the current election.

Hyland is currently unopposed. Candidates have until June 15 to declare if they will seek party nomination in a primary, and until Aug. 23 if they will run as independents.

— JULIA O'DONOGHUE

Reexamining Impact Fees

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lane.

"I would like to see a little more flexibility," said Robert Reynolds, co-chairman of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Associations. "I think that would be an advantage to the county."

Last month, the council passed a resolution urging the Board of Supervisors to impose impact fees on any development needing a building permit. The resolution suggests that once the fee-system has been created, county officials should use the new revenue to pay for "building reasonable transportation infrastructure to benefit the development." Supporters say the impact fees could be used to pick up the slack in cases where the proffer system does not apply — the Kings Crossing Wal-Mart being the most prominent example.

"It's obvious that there's a gap in the system," said David Plummer, president of the Woodley Hills Community Association. "This would close the loophole."

IF FAIRFAX COUNTY decides to craft a hybrid approach — allowing a proffer system and impact fees — it would not be alone. Back in 2003, Stafford County added impact fees to its existing proffer system as

way to make sure the cost of transportation infrastructure was paid by developers.

Later this month, Hyland will be formally asking staff to examine Stafford County's experience with the bifurcated system and analyze how such a combination might work in Fairfax.

"This is not an easy question," said Hyland. "We came to the conclusion many years ago that we would get more out of a proffer system, which is why we decided to go that route."

Hyland said he's not sure that an impact-fee system would have solved the problem at the Kings Crossing Wal-Mart. The site plan was approved by the Fairfax County Department of Transportation and the Virginia Department of Transportation, neither of which raised concerns about the need for a longer left turn lane along southbound Richmond Highway. Furthermore, Hyland says he fears that the development community might interpret the creation of impact fees as an opportunity to lobby the General Assembly to weaken the county's proffer system.

"Our proffer system has been very successful, and it could have a legislative challenge," he said. "So there are lots of competing interests we are going to have to look at with this issue."

"It's obvious that there's a gap in the system. This would close the loophole."

— David Plummer



Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club President Kahan Dhillon and Student Club Program Coordinator Bruce Malkin with Lorna Helal and her K-Kids children and four officers from the Circle K Club.

Involving Students

The Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club featured two of its seven student clubs that it sponsors as guest speakers at its March 2 dinner meeting at the Mount Vernon Country Club. The Circle K Club at NOVA Community College (Alexandria campus) was represented by four of its officers, Ryan Pierpoint, Jasmine Gonzalez, Amsley Pietranton, and Sandra Vargas, while the

Stratford Landing Elementary School's K-Kids Club was represented by Lorna Helal, parent advisor, and three of her K-Kids children, Julia, age 10, 4th grade, Olivia, age 8, 3rd grade, and Ashleigh, age 6, kindergarten. All of the Circle K students and Helal made brief presentations on their Kiwanis community service experiences this school year. For more information on how to help the club help others, go to www.mtvernonvakiwanis.org.

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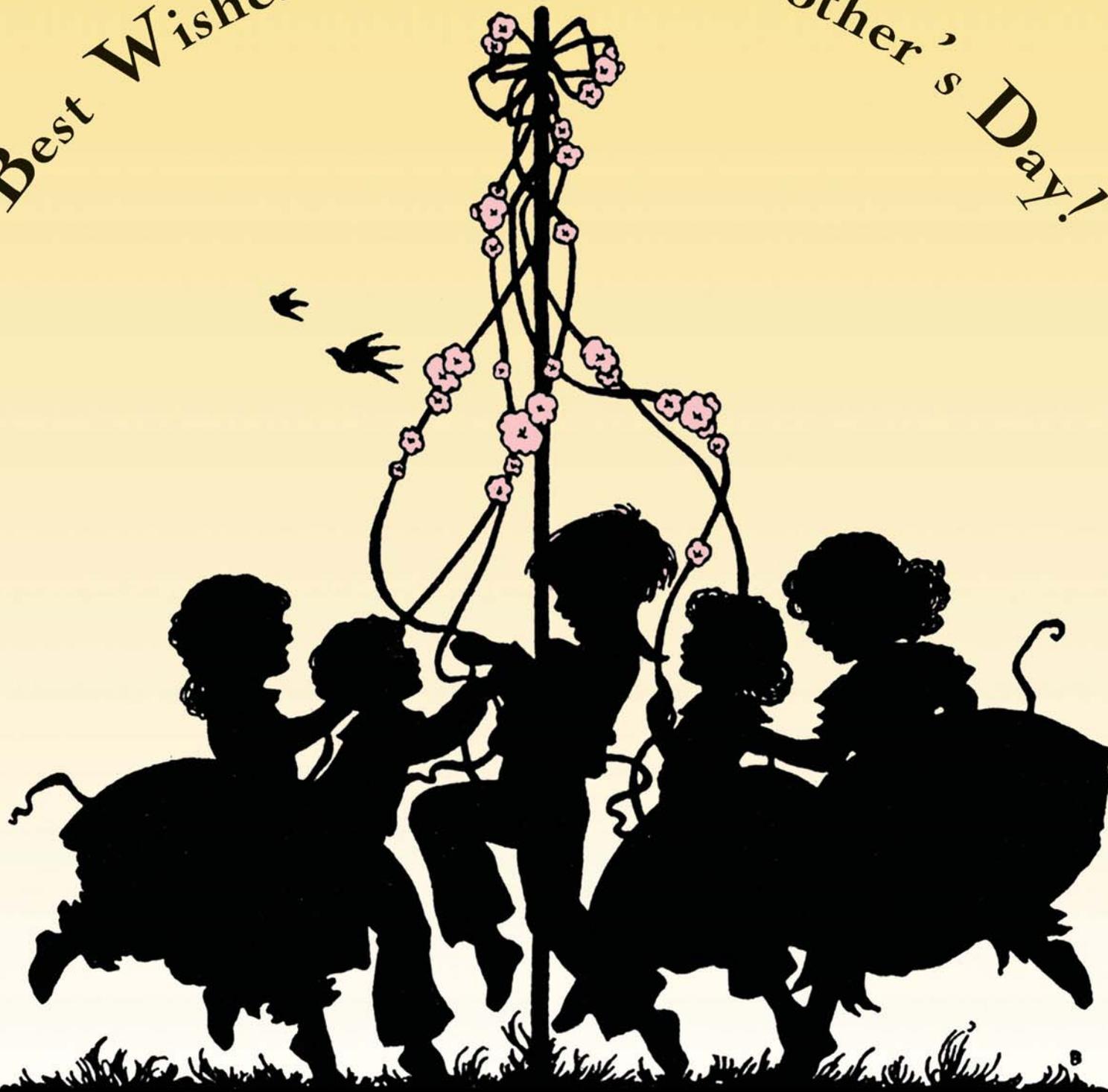
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ROBBERY

A food delivery man, age 50, was robbed at gunpoint in the 7900 block of Audubon Avenue around 10:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21. The male suspect was wearing a mask and dark-colored clothing. The victim was not injured.

SOBRIETY CHECKPOINT RESULTS

Fairfax County police officers conducted a sobriety checkpoint to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers on Saturday, April 23 from 11:30 p.m. until 2:30 a.m. Sunday. All motorists were stopped and drivers were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs. Approximately 770 motorists passed through the checkpoint in the southbound lanes of Richmond Highway near the intersection of Fairhaven Ave. No arrests were made for DWI; four summonses were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses, and two people were charged with minor criminal offenses. Ten auxiliary officers and eight police officers participated in this operation.

ROBBERY

Two men robbed a pizza delivery man, age 51, in the 8200 block of Greta Court around 2:44 p.m. on Tuesday, April 26. One suspect was described as black and the other white. They were between 18 and 19 years old, 5 feet 9 and 5 feet 10 inches tall and 160 to 165 pounds. The victim was taken to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

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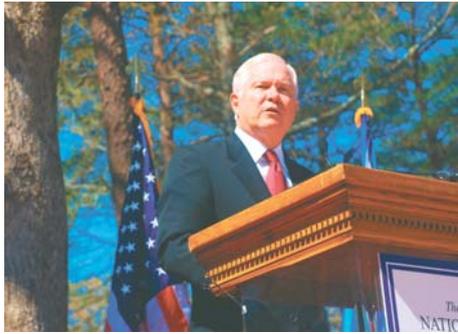


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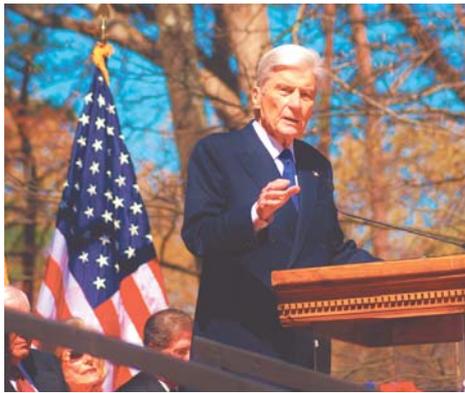


Shylar Hanson great-niece — by eight generations — of Martha Washington opens the ceremony with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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Night of Slim Pickings For No. Va. Theatres

Only two Helen Hayes Awards go to local shows.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

The night the Helen Hayes Awards are announced is usually a big night for Virginia theater lovers. This year, however, it was only a big night for those Northern Virginians who drive over the river, for only two of the awards presented at the ceremony at Washington's Warner Theatre went to work on a stage in Northern Virginia.

Signature Theatre in Arlington was the space for the work that earned both of those awards.

THEIR PRODUCTION of the sprawling Andrew Lloyd Webber musical "Sunset Boulevard" benefited greatly from the acting and singing of Ed Dixon as Max, the butler who turned out to be the former husband and director of the fading screen star who harbors hopes of a return to the silver screen. Dixon was named the winner of the award for Outstanding Performance by a Supporting Actor in a Resident Musical.

A more intimate musical, the world premiere of Ricky Ian Gordon's loosely autobiographical "Sycamore Trees," was recognized with the award for the Outstanding Ensemble in a Resident Musical, meaning that the entire cast won for the way they worked together.

That cast was an unusual grouping for Signature — none of the them were local — all seven were Broadway performers imported for this one show.

Two, Marc Kudisch and Judy Kuhn, had appeared at Signature before. Indeed, Kudisch had received the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Lead Actor

in a Musical two years ago for his performance starring in Signature's "The Witches of Eastwick." The others were making their Signature debuts in the show. They were Jessica Molaskey, Farah Alvin, Matthew Risch, Diane Sutherland and Tony Yasbeck.

Work for Arlington-based Synetic Theatre was recognized with four more awards, but they were for shows that had been mounted on Washington stages. Artistic Director Paata Tsikurishvili received the Outstanding Director of a Resident Play award for "Othello" in a tie with Woolly Mammoth Theatre's Howard Shalwitz, who was recognized for the marvelous new play "Clybourne Park." Anastasia Ryurikov Simes won the award for costumes for "Othello" and the entire cast was recognized as the Outstanding Ensemble in a Resident Play.

"OTHELLO" was performed in the Family Theatre of The Kennedy Center while the other Helen Hayes Award winning show for Synetic, "The Master and Margarita" had performed in the Lansburgh Theatre in Washington. It's lighting designer, Colin K. Bills took home the award.

The Helen Hayes Awards recognize quality work in professional theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland and this year's awards covered the 196 eligible productions presented during calendar year 2010. Most of those productions, of course, have already closed. In an unusual development, however, two of the Outstanding Production winners will be remounted this summer, giving audiences one more chance to catch Arena Stage's "Oklahoma!" or Woolly Mammoth's "Clybourne Park." Northern Virginians, however, will again have to drive over the river.



Music Director/Conductor Kim Allen Kluge

Musings From the Maestro

A symphony is an entire world.

— Gustav Mahler

As we begin our rehearsals and preparation for our May 14 and 15 concerts, I thought you might be interested in why we think this music is so special, and what you can look forward to at this concert.

We chose the Mahler "Titan" Symphony and the ever-popular Rachmaninoff "Third Piano Concerto" to bring our Symphonic Vistas Season to a climactic conclusion because, to reference Mahler, one can experience in these masterpieces entire vistas and worlds of emotion and feeling. We are honored that our featured artist for this special finale concert will be the living legend Garrick Ohlsson who is famous for his spellbindingly poetic interpretations and his superhuman virtuosity. His is the kind of spine-tingling playing that takes your breath away. When you experience his playing you will swear that in the fantastic blur of hand movements not two, but four or five hands are playing!

We are so fortunate to have world-class musicians sitting in every chair of our beloved ASO and Mahler demands their very best in his "Titan" Symphony. When experiencing the seven horn players (usually four) raising their bells exuberantly in the air to triumphantly announce the transcendent climax of the "Titan" Symphony, it feels as if the heavens themselves are opening! This is one of the most thrilling moments in all of music! The musicians and I so love performing this symphony and I think you will see it in our body language!

Another reason that we have programmed these two masterpieces for our Season Finale is because they anticipate the theme and music of our upcoming 2011-2012 Music of Dreams Season. Mahler lived in Sigmund Freud's Vienna and ushered in a music that explored the subconscious and the realm of dreams. Next season's Music of Dreams highlights range from Gustav Holst's The Planets to a historic week-long residency by the phenomenal Midori, who is one of the greatest violinists of our time.

I believe that this will be an extraordinary season finale concert. You can purchase your tickets for this one-weekend only event on the ASO website, www.alexsym.org, or by calling 703-548-0885.

I'll see you at the concert!

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MAY 5 TO JUNE 6

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MAY 4 TO MAY 29

Laura A. Clerici and Dennis Crayon. New Members Show. Laura Clerici is a Byzantine iconographer. Dennis Crayon uses color and position to convey Modernist composition with a classical painting technique. Meet the Artist's reception is Saturday, May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. Visit www.gallery-west.com or call 703-549-6006.

FRIDAY/MAY 6

Spring Open House: Flora & Fauna. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Artful flora and fauna abound with a festive garden party at this year's annual Spring Open House. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

MAY 6-8

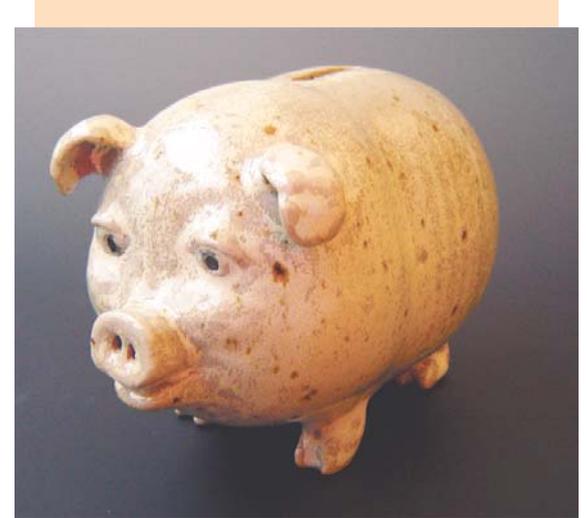
St. Paul's Art Show. Exhibit hours are Friday, May 6 from 1 to 8 p.m.; Artist's reception, 5-8 p.m.; Saturday, May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria.

MAY 6-15

Fifteen T.C. Williams High School students selected as this year's National Art Honor Society inductees will exhibit their work at Del Ray Artisans. Many of these students will continue their art studies at the college level, and much of the work on exhibit was featured in their winning college admission portfolios. Come celebrate these rising stars at an opening reception on Friday, May 6, 7-10 p.m. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

MAY 7

Alexandria Art Market. Your monthly dose of art in the heart of Del Ray. Grand opening of second season is May 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Colasanto Park in Alexandria. Free and open to public. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or DRALexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com to apply.



Sculpted stoneware piggy bank by Thien Nguyen of Alexandria

NOW THROUGH MAY 30

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NOW THROUGH MAY 15

The Nest Project. What does home mean to you? This project is a four-part endeavor that enlists the help of a dozen local D.C. area art groups, Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, and the Torpedo Factory Artists' Association. Outdoor nest installations are created by local DC arts groups. All nests will be composed primarily of natural renewable resources like leaves, twigs, and driftwood, but could also contain recycled materials. Torpedo Factory Artists' In-Studio Nests - Through May 15. Indoor Community Nest sponsored by Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia - Through May 15.

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- ❖ Tuesday, May 17 — Candy Dulfer
- ❖ Wednesday, May 18 — Todd Snider with Marshall Chapman
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MAY 6-7, 13-14, 20-21

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NOW THROUGH JUNE 12

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NOW THROUGH MAY 29

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MAY 5 TO 7

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U.S. Army Strings in Concert. 7:30 p.m. Free. Chamber Music for Strings: Duos and Trios. At the Lyceum in Alexandria. Call 703-696-3399 or visit www.usarmyband.com.

MAY 6-13

"The Beauty of Recycling." Mosaic and Mixed Media Solo Show by Eileen M. O'Brien. Presented by Creative Art Nexus and BeautyFull Boutique. Opening reception is Friday, May 6 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. At Creative Art Nexus and BeautyFull Boutique, 118 N. Fayette St. in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-535-6748.

SATURDAY/MAY 7

Alexandria Gives. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A Community Contributions Day. Different groups will be collecting food, clothing, housewares and supplies at First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.alexjaycees.org> or contact Amy Tenhouse at 703-216-0230.

National Train Day. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Whistle Stop



SUNDAY/MAY 8

Family Tour Day. 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours hosted by Junior Docents who will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the taproom, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Hobbies in Alexandria is celebrating National Train Day with free kids activities, model train displays, promotions on toy trains and more. At 130 South Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4912

Saint Luke's Episcopal Church BBQ. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. North Carolina-style pork and chicken BBQ with hot dogs, beans, cole slaw and soft drinks. Dinner is \$8. All are welcome. Proceeds support church activities and community outreach. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Hollin Hall/Wellington section. Call 703-765-4342 or visit www.saintlukeschurch.net.

American Balalaika Symphony. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/door. Peter Trofimenko and The American Balalaika Symphony present "Spring Mood — Musical Fare for the Fair Season" — with romantic works by Andreyev, Dimitriyev, Doga, Gavirin, Kalinnikov, Rubinstein, Strauss, Trostiansky and more, including two original compositions by ABS musicians Vladimir Rozenblat and Michael Kholodov. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit www.ABSorchestra.org or www.InstantSeats.com.

Opening of Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market boasts amazing artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and great food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com to apply.

Spring Fling at Barrett Library. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A wide range of activities: Appraise It at 10 a.m.; Fruit and Vegetable Carving with Chef James Parker at noon; Chocolate Sculpting Demo by Pastry Chef Anna Myers at 1:30 p.m.; Dog Photography by Mary O'Malley Photography at noon; Diamonds Demo from a GIA diamond expert at 10:30 a.m.; and more. At Barrett Library 717 Queen Street, Old Town Alexandria. Space is limited. Sign-ups required. Call 703-746-1713.

Folk/Celtic Duo. 7 p.m. Acoustic Eidolon, featuring Joe Scott on double neck guitar and Hannah Alkire on cello, in concert. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance at www.FocusMusic.org. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, at 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria.

SUNDAY/MAY 8

Mother's Day Cruise. Aboard the Odyssey or Spirit of Washington. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. cruise. Cost is \$79.95 for adults; \$47.95 for children age 3-11. Lunch from 3 to 5 p.m. Call 866-306-2469 or www.EntertainmentCruises.com.

Museum Tours. 1 to 5 p.m. Gadsby's Tavern Museum and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary



Acoustic Eidolon

SATURDAY/MAY 7

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Museum, are offering free tours on Mother's Day for all visiting mothers. Admission is \$5 for all other adults and \$3 for children (ages 5-12). Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal Street, and the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum is located at 105-107 South Fairfax Street. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org and www.apothecarymuseum.org.

Mother's Day Bookmaking Workshop. 2:30 p.m. Sushmita Mazumdar, an Arlington-based writer, designer, and book artist will lead in this creative Mother's Day project making a book that explores hopes, wishes and promises. Space is limited, advance ticket purchase recommended. \$10 per person. At Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or nvfaa.org

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TUESDAY/MAY 10

King Street Blues Fundraiser. 5 to 9 p.m. Blues Benefit for Foster Care Alumni of America. A percentage of your dinner bill will go to RCCA. Visit www.fostercarealumni.org.

Tommy and Phil Emmanuel and the Australian All-Star Band. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500, www.birchmere.com.

Café Sketching Workshop. 2 to 5 p.m. Two-part workshop with Hamil Ma who will demonstrate strategies for simplifying the figure while drawing quickly and fearlessly. For the second session we will head out to Mount Vernon Avenue for some actual café sketching. Hamil will provide pointers and encouragement along the way. Bring sketchbook, pencils and eraser. Fees are \$25/members, \$30/non-members. Register on-line: www.theDelRayArtisans.org/cafe.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 11

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. A DJ Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

THURSDAY/MAY 12

Fiesta Cinco de Mayo. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Admission of \$65 includes food, drinks and music. Sponsored by Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services Inc. At Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, 3750 Jefferson Davis Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-360-4387, email nhanhsi@aol.com or visit ANHSI's website

www.anhsi.org.

Raining Cats and Dogs. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Spend time with your four-legged pal at this pet-friendly event, featuring a doggie nest tour of The Nest Project's outdoor installations, an adoption event by the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, and a pet photo booth. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565

10-Year anniversary. Inova HealthPlex will be offering Stroke Awareness, Free Blood Pressure Checks, Freedom from Nicotine on site class, Ask the Nutritionist, Body Mass Index Screening, Sun Safety Booth, Car Seat safety and more. At 6355 Walker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-797-6800.

Toby Walker. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Acoustic blues music at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Visit www.nvfaa.org or call 703-548-0035.

Rising Hope Fund-raiser. Shane's Rib Shack will donate 20 percent of the sales of all meals purchased between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, to Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church. Shane's Rib Shack is at 7698-B Richmond Highway, Mount Vernon Plaza, Alexandria.

FRIDAY/MAY 13

Kinky Friedman With the Texas Jewboys. 7:30 p.m. A very rare East Coast tour. Tickets are \$35. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

National Chamber Players. 7:30 p.m. Saint-Saëns and Brahms. The program will be Camille Saint-Saëns' The Carnival of the Animals and Brahms' Sextet in B major, with guests Benny and Eric Kim, and pianist Rohan de Silva. A reception hosted by Autism Speaks will follow the

concert. At Episcopal High School in Alexandria. Visit www.episcopalhighschool.org or call 703-933-4135.

SATURDAY/MAY 14

Polish Cookbook Signing. 1 to 3 p.m. Alexandria locals Peter and Laura Zeranski will be signing copies of their new cookbook, Polish Classic Recipes. At Barnes & Noble, 3651 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Alexandria.

World Fair Trade Day. At Mindful Hands in Alexandria. There will be refreshments of fairly-traded iced tea and chocolate, craft activities for kids, and chances to win prizes of fair-trade handmade gifts. The event will also feature the fairly-traded cats and kittens of Tails High, an Alexandria-based cat rescue group. Visit www.mindfulhands.com

Talk on Cambodia, Laos. 10 a.m. Free. Ten Thousand Villages will host a presentation by store manager Kate McMahon on her tour of Southeast Asia. The first 30 attendees will receive a gift from Cambodia, and will also be allowed to shop the 50 percent off sale of items from Cambodia and Laos before the doors open at 11 a.m.

Convivium Concert, 7:30pm. Convivium is a Washington-area chamber choir specializing in Renaissance, Tudor and 20th century music since 1985. Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Rd, Alexandria 22305. Contact www.gracealex.org or 703-549-1980.

"Twelve Disciples of Nelson Mandela." Film screening at 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of Movies With a Mission program. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356.

Boutique Charity Day. On this day, 30 retailers will create an activity or promotion in their stores that would benefit a charity of choice. Profits from the day will be donated to the charity. At participating Old Town Boutique District stores. www.oldtownboutiquedistrict.com

Spring Virginia Native Wildflower Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Native trees, shrubs, ground covers, ferns, and wildflowers will be offered for sale by the Potowmack Chapter of the Virginia Native Plant Society at Green Spring Gardens. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

Spring Plant Sale. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Large selection of perennials, annuals, native plants, vegetables, herbs. At Green Spring gardens Park, Booth #13, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

Free Concert. 7:30 p.m. Convivium chamber choir specializing in Renaissance, Tudor and 20th century music. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Contact www.gracealex.org or 703-549-1980.



Hundreds of discarded plastic containers and trash form in dam in the creek bed. Awa Diallo, Betty Weatherley and Kathy Lehner collect discarded trash from the creek bed and sort it. Lehner's Girl Scouts volunteered for the annual clean-up on April 9.

Cleaning Up Little Hunting Creek



Mount Vernon resident Betsy Martin surveys the trash collected and the trash still littering Little Hunting Creek at Janna Lee Lane.

Dozens of volunteers showed up at Little Hunting Creek at Janna Lee Avenue on Saturday, April 9 to help clean-up the creek bed and surrounding landscape.

They were among 66 volunteers working at nine sites who picked up 255 bags of trash, two tires, four shopping carts, and other debris.

According to Betsy Martin, several new groups joined the continuing effort for a trash-free Little Hunting Creek. Kathy Lehner and troop leaders and members of Girl Scout troops 922, 716, 211, and 364 dove right in to tackle a huge trash dam below the Janna Lee Avenue bridge. Quent Marovelli and county workers of the Solid Waste Division picked up litter and large debris upstream from the bridge.

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LOUISE KRAFFT/
THE GAZETTE



Gerald Mobley of the Fairfax County Solid Waste Management staff helps Brownie Scout Ouley Diallo pull out a few of the submerged shopping carts in the creek.



Tanijah Williams pulls a full bag of recyclables up the hill from the creek.

Visioning

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- This includes industrial land enhancements.
- ❖ Renew the Huntington-to-Fort Belvoir Transit Study, and include maximum community participation.
 - ❖ Create a sustained mechanism for County oversight of the status and use of wetlands areas in the Mount Vernon District and contiguous areas to help preserve and protect them.
 - ❖ Establish a periodic public survey and analysis requirement of parks and recreational facilities to ensure that existing facilities are adequately maintained, and underutilized and open spaces are identified for future parks and recreation use.
 - ❖ Conduct an analysis of the Comprehensive Plan (CP) amendment process with the intention of instituting reforms that will enable a more integrated "big picture" approach to CP revisions. The reform recommendations should be designed to avoid a piece-meal approach to land use planning not in harmony with a long term vision for the surrounding area.

ENVIRONMENT, PARKS, AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

- ❖ Take action to reduce ozone levels by: adopting smart growth principles; build energy-efficient buildings; recycle and compost waste materials; encourage public transit use by adopting incentives for users of public transit; restore the Mount Vernon ozone monitor.
- ❖ Adopt energy efficient building standards.
- ❖ Enact state standards for licensing of energy auditors.
- ❖ Increase the gasoline tax, and adopt other measures to encourage more public transit use.
- ❖ Adopt incentives to encourage "green housing" construction and renovation.
- ❖ Establish an energy audit requirement for all public facilities.
- ❖ Establish a program to improve and expand environmental literacy.
- ❖ Establish a comprehensive shoreline management plan for the Mount Vernon District.
- ❖ Prepare an impact analysis report projecting the impact of sea level rises on Mount Vernon's communities, infrastructure, businesses, and natural resources.
- ❖ Strengthen stormwater control requirements for by-right development.
- ❖ Strengthen light pollution (including glare), and noise pollution standards.
- ❖ Acquire more parkland for open space and natural habitat preservation.
- ❖ Create "stormwater parks" to mitigate the effects of runoff.
- ❖ Establish a Youth Conservation Corps to support park maintenance and provide opportunities for community service.
- ❖ Improve the maintenance and resource management of existing park facilities, acquire more parkland, and look for degraded properties to convert to public parkland.
- ❖ Preserve some parkland as refuges and do not allow public access.
- ❖ Establish one or more off-leash dog parks to serve the northern part of Mount Vernon District.
- ❖ Establish a new recreation facility in the south county area of Mount Vernon District.
- ❖ Evaluate the environmental impact of proposed locations of cell phone towers before allowing permits to construct them.
- ❖ Expand current trash recycling programs to include all public and private establishments.
- ❖ Enact state legislation to impose fees on metal cans and plastic bottles, establish a program to discourage the use of disposable shopping bags, and require carry-out food containers to be biodegradable.
- ❖ Urge that the state and the county plant only native or non-invasive ground cultivars in right-of-ways.
- ❖ Adopt "smart growth" and "livable communities" principles in all county government and state government policies, include, but not limited to, restoration of tree canopy and green infrastructure.
- ❖ Establish a mass-transit system on the Route 1 Corridor.
- ❖ Preserve and restore wetlands.
- ❖ Build new facilities to reduce stormwater runoff.
- ❖ Require the establishment of residential and commercial stormwater collection facilities.
- ❖ Implement Watershed Management Plans such as the one adopted for Little Hunting Creek, and adopt regulations to improve water quality.

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SCHOOLS



2010 Miss America Caressa Cameron leads the students in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Miss America, Dr. Craik Visit Cameron Elementary hosts Family Assembly Day.

Students at Cameron Elementary School and visiting parents were entertained by a special presentation from George Washington's Mount Vernon Estate on Tuesday, May 6. Mount Vernon Estate's education associate Meghan Rafferty arrived at the Assembly with George Washington's personal physician Dr. James Craik and the 2010 Miss America Caressa Cameron.

Earlier this year the Mount Vernon Ladies Association had named the school's social studies teacher Eleanor Peck as Social Studies Teacher of the Year.

Craik spoke to the students about his times and adventures with General Washington. The students responded with questions: "Were you really his friend? How did he die? Did Martha Washington's great granddaughter marry Robert E. Lee?" The school was presented with a new portrait of General Washington.

— LOUISE KRAFFT



Dr. Craik and 2010 Miss America Caressa Cameron unveil the new portrait of General George Washington.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE

Fourth grade students Michael and Deborah prepare to present the school safety patrol with a new flag that was flown over the gate at the entrance of the Mount Vernon Estate.



Dr. James Craik, Meghan Rafferty, 2011 Mount Vernon Ladies Association Social Studies Teacher of the Year Eleanor Peck and 2010 Miss America Caressa Cameron.

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OBITUARY

Justine Dorney Scott, 84.

Surrounded by her loving family, Justine Dorney Scott, 84, died on May 1st after a long illness. She was known as "Dusty" to the many friends she made moving around the world as an Army wife, and her husband of 61 years was the man everyone knew as "Scotty", the late Lt. Gen. Willard W. Scott, Jr., who was the 52nd Superintendent of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. After moving 33 times, and raising seven children along the way, Dusty and Scotty lived for many years near Mount Vernon in Alexandria, where Dusty was an avid gardener and active member of the Mount Vernon Neighborhood Association and Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Dusty was devoted to her husband, her family and the military. Always wearing a signature flower in her hair, Dusty worked for years ensuring military families were supported in time of need. She was especially involved with Army Community Services and the Red Cross. Her work was recognized with the Distinguished Civilian Service Award in 1986. For many years, Dusty was an Army Arlington Lady, assisting families whose loved ones were buried at the National Cemetery. She and her husband considered their time at West Point, from 1981 through 1986, as the highpoint of their lives.

Originally from New Rochelle, New York, Dusty met Scotty while he was a cadet at West Point, and they were married in 1948. She is survived by Mary Starner, of Springfield, Va., Elizabeth Raveche, of Forked River, N.J., W. Warren Scott, of Sydney, Australia, Catherine Rosenshein, of Montclair, N.J., Susan Shanahan, of Honolulu, Hi., Margaret Scott, of New York, N.Y., and Ann Marie Kilkelly, of Hanover, Pa., 25 grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 am on Monday, May 9, at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway, Alexandria, Va. Dusty will be buried next to her husband at West Point on Tuesday, May 10.

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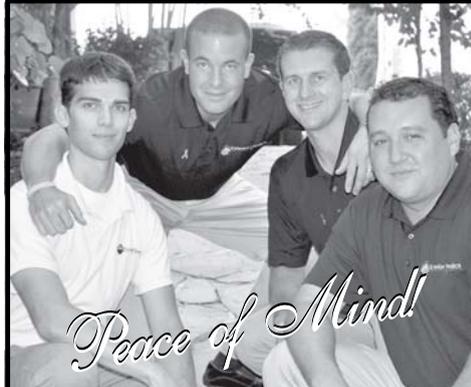
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West Potomac freshman Kendall Cunningham scored five goals during a 14-12 victory at South County on April 26.



West Potomac junior attack Annmarie Wood scored a goal during the Wolverines' 14-12 win against South County on April 26.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

WP Frosh Cunningham Shines in Win

West Potomac freshman midfielder Kendall Cunningham scored a game-high five goals during a 14-12 win at South County on April 26, a triumph senior Margaret Kerr called "the biggest [win] we've had."

The Wolverines twice led by four goals, but each time South County battled back to force a tie. With the score tied 11-11 with less than six minutes to play in the second half, West Potomac scored three of the final four goals to win the game.

"When they came back, we were second-guessing ourselves," Cunningham said. "But we pulled it together, had a talk and we were ready to play."

Head coach Lori Botha said teamwork played a key role in the victory.

"This was the best game of the season by far because they played as a team," Botha said. "... They haven't beat South County in many years, so it was sort of a personal challenge for them. Individually, we have these amazing athletes, but all season long we've been waiting for it to click. ... It was just all about confidence. Tonight, their attitude was just fantastic, it was phenomenal. They had the confidence and it was fun to watch. ...

"This was the most beautiful game they have ever played. It really looked beautiful."

Senior Margaret Corum scored three goals for West Potomac. Kerr finished with two goals, and Adrienne Hampton, Kelsey Donovan, Emily Hauptle and Annmarie Wood each had one.

WP Boys Basketball Summer Camps

West Potomac will host three weeks of basketball camps in July for ages 7-16. Week



West Potomac senior Lizzie Persekian, right, is defended by two South County players on April 26.

one is the co-ed camp from July 5-8. Cost is \$95. Weeks two (July 11-15) and three (July 25-29) are boys camps. Cost is \$120. Contact West Potomac head coach David Houston at djhouston@fcps.edu for more information.

American Legion Baseball Players Wanted

The Montgomery College Rockville baseball team is looking for American Legion or showcase-quality players for the fall 2011 and spring 2012 seasons. The Rockville Express of the Cal Ripken League plays their home games at MC Rockville. Contact Coach Rick Price at 240-447-6948 for more information.

Awards Banquet

The Sportsman's Club will hold its 56th Annual Awards Banquet on May 16 at The

Westin Alexandria, located at 400 Courthouse Square. Reception hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 7 p.m. The guest speaker will be Navy head football coach Ken Niumatalolo.

Individual tickets are \$75. For more information, contact Frank Flaherty at 703-346-6525.

Aces Looking For Host Families

The Alexandria Aces Collegiate Summer Baseball Club of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League is looking for host families for its upcoming 2011 season. Aces players arrive in Alexandria on Memorial Day Weekend. All players need is a place to sleep and access to a washer and dryer, the Aces take care of everything else. To volunteer as a host family, contact Aces Host Family Coordinators, David Cheney (Aces Club Boosters - Baseball Chairman) or Lisa Marie Cheney (Aces Club Boosters - Board Vice Pres.) by email at cheneydave@gmail.com

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Sports Updates On Twitter

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Alumni Soccer Game

On Friday, May 13, Mount Vernon High School will be hosting the Inaugural Alumni Men's Soccer game against the alumni of West Potomac High School. The "junior" alumni game will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the "senior" alumni game at 8 p.m. Several members of the Mount Vernon Hall of Fame will play. Alumni ranging from the class of 1985 to the class of 2010 will participate. All military, active and retired, will be honored at the game. Admission is \$3, or free for all military in uniform. MVHS alumni who played boys soccer are encouraged to contact Anthony Garza in the activities office at 703-619-3142.

Soccer Tryouts

Gunston Soccer Club, which provides recreation and travel soccer opportunities for boys and girls in the Fort Hunt, Mount Vernon, Lorton, Alexandria, and other areas of Fairfax County, will be holding tryouts for its travel soccer teams, which play in the National Capital Soccer League, Washington Area Girls Soccer League, and Old Dominion Soccer League. Boys and girls, ages 8-18, who are interested in playing soccer at a higher level and improving their skills and knowledge of the game should attend their age-appropriate tryout session. Tryout sessions begin on May 23 and run through June 10. All players should bring a soccer ball and water bottle and wear shin guards. Additional information can be found at www.gunstonsoccer.com.



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In March 2011, 110 homes sold between \$1,200,000-\$58,000 in the Mount Vernon area. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$1,200,000-\$234,900 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
6230 RADCLIFF RD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,200,000	Detached	0.23			BELLE HAVEN
6032 WOODMONT RD	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.19			BELLE HAVEN
901 DALEBROOK DR	6	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$1,050,000	Detached	0.65			WAYNEWOOD
2335 CREEK DR	5	2	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$970,000	Detached	0.44			STRATFORD LANDING
4709 DOLPHIN LN	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$970,000	Detached	0.52			YACHT HAVEN EST
8826 CAMDEN ST	5	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$841,000	Detached	0.49			STRATFORD LANDING
8024 HOLLAND RD	6	5	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$835,000	Detached	0.75			MT VERNON
6034 WOODMONT RD	5	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$769,000	Detached	0.17			BELLE HAVEN
3809 NALLS RD	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$753,000	Detached	0.34			DAWSON WOODS
7406 RIPPON RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.67			MASON HILL
8317 WEST BOULEVARD DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.33			COLLINGWOOD ON POTOMAC
9172 ROSEMARY LENA WAY	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Detached	0.36			MT VERNON ON THE GREEN
6208 FOXCROFT RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$710,000	Detached	0.22			BELLE HAVEN
4117 ROBERTSON BLVD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$708,000	Detached	0.34			MT VERNON GROVE
7814 ELBA RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Detached	0.49			MILLSIDE
8714 BLUEDALE ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Detached	0.26			STRATFORD LANDING
8004 YORKTOWN DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$590,000	Detached	0.32			HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
1706 ELKIN ST	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$589,000	Detached	0.30			FORT HUNT MANOR
3020 CUNNINGHAM DR	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$575,000	Detached	0.34			WESSYNTON
2305 CANDLEWOOD DR	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.24			WILLIAMSBURG MANOR NORTH
2047 BLUNT LANE	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$549,900	Townhouse	0.26			HUNTINGTON RESERVE
1809 DUFFIELD LN	2	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.05			BELLE HAVEN ON THE GREEN
7122 MARINE DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$530,000	Detached	0.45			MARLAN FOREST
1109 WOODCLIFF DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Detached	0.51			WELLINGTON HEIGHTS
9305 ALLWOOD CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$470,000	Detached	0.64			MT VERNON PARK
1205 CEDAR DALE LN	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$465,000	Detached	0.51			BOULEVARD ACRES
2102 DARTMOUTH DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$462,500	Detached	0.17			BUCKNELL MANOR
8436 WASHINGTON AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$460,000	Detached	0.42			MT ZEPHYR
2215 TRAIRES CT	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$455,000	Detached	0.34			KIRKSIDE
6418 POTOMAC AVE	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Detached	0.16			NEW ALEXANDRIA
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6720 KINGS HWY	6	5	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Detached	0.62			COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES
8647 VERNON AVE	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$430,000	Detached	0.23			MOUNT VERNON HILLS
7114 WHETSTONE RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Detached	0.25			STONEBROOKE
7014 BEDROCK RD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$408,000	Detached	0.26			STONEBROOKE
6715 BEDDOO ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$405,000	Detached	0.24			BEDDOO HEIGHTS
3440 TURTLE DOVE NOOK	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$395,000	Townhouse	0.04			GROVE AT HUNTLEY MEADOWS
3345 BEECHCLIFF DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$391,000	Townhouse	0.04			HOLLY ACRES
2417 FAIRHAVEN AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$390,500	Detached	0.18			FAIR HAVEN
6822 VANTAGE DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Detached	0.20			STONEBROOKE
7909 BAYBERRY DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$386,000	Detached	0.30			SHERWOOD HALL
5838 WYOMISSING CT	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.08			BERKSHIRE
5904 MOUNT EAGLE DR #518	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$365,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors				MONTEBELLO
6106 BANGOR DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$361,000	Detached	0.15			FAIR HAVEN
6917 VANTAGE DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$361,000	Detached	0.21			STONEBROOKE
2651 MEMORIAL ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Detached	0.22			MEMORIAL HEIGHTS
1602 REVERE DR	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$358,000	Detached	0.31			HOLLIN HALL VILLAGE
6813 ROCK CREEK CT	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$339,000	Detached	0.21			STONEBROOKE
3426 MEMORIAL ST	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Detached	0.44			GROVETON HEIGHTS
8130 KEELER ST	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Detached	0.39			WOODLAWN TERRACE
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6901 RADCLIFFE DR	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$289,000	Townhouse	0.12			BUCKNELL MANOR
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6816 SMITHWAY DR	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Detached	0.23			HAZELTINE HEIGHTS
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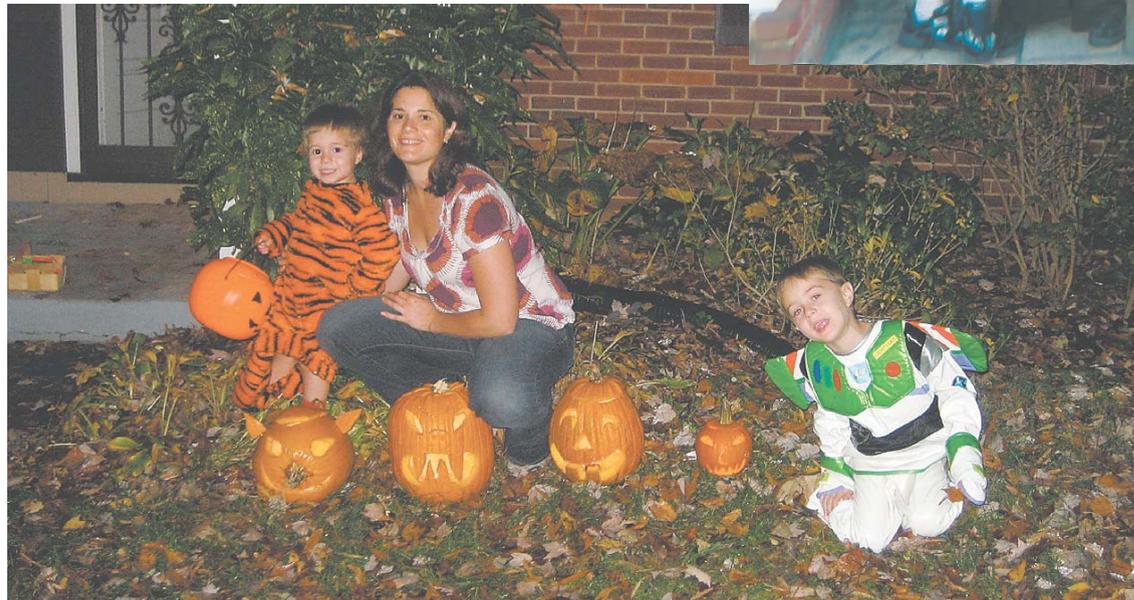
Mary (mother) and Audrey (baby) Charlton on April 14, 2011 when Audrey was just 11 days old. This will be Mary's first Mother's Day as this is her first child. Mary grew up in Richmond and went to Virginia Tech. She is a panda zoo keeper at the National Zoo. Her husband and Audrey's father — Rich Charlton — has lived in Alexandria his entire life. He graduated from West Potomac High School (during which time he was a contributing reporter to The Gazette) and George Mason University. This photo was taken on the deck at Rich and Mary's house in Alexandria by Rich's mother over the shoulders of a professional photographer who was also taking photos.



Susan Mechling and daughter Danielle at Aldersgate Church on her Christening Day March 2011.



Mom Debbie Fairbanks and son Stanhope Fairbanks at Six Flags.



Karen Jupiter and her sons Eli and Aaron in October 2009.

Collingwood Springs resident Usah Wallace has a birthday cake party with daughters Alyssa, Cassy and Usah Jr.



Jennifer Winters and her daughter Emma went with Jennifer's dad Bob Howe on March 7, 2011 to Famous Yoder's Restaurant, featuring Amish Home cooking, in Sarasota, Fla. Jennifer Winters and Emma live in Mechanicsville, Va., while Bob Howe lives in Hollin Hills.

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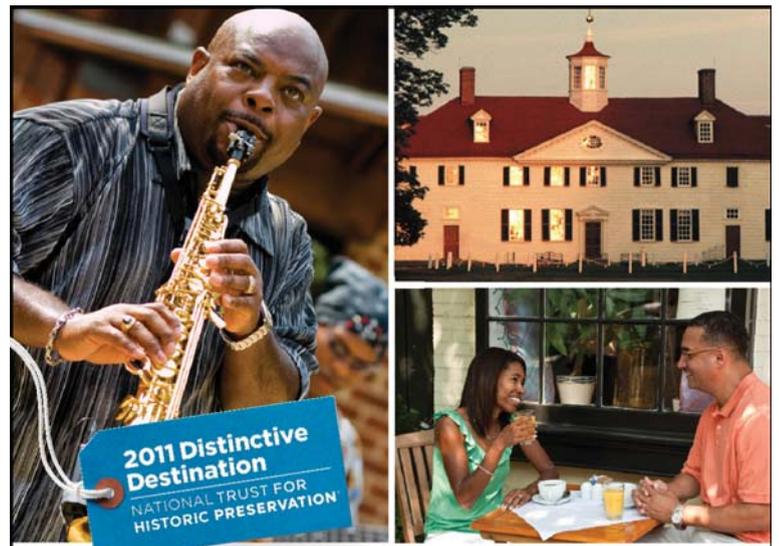
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