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Imitating the turtles of Hawaii in a Hula Honu dance called "Ka Home Ona Honu E."

Celebrating Hawaii

The Halau Ho' Omau I ka Wai Ola O Hawai'i rehearses for an upcoming performance at the National Museum of the American Indian. Located in the meeting room of the Hope United Church of Christ on Old Telegraph Road in Alexandria, Ke Kumu Manu Ikaika, the master hula teacher of the Halau, created a new Hula Hona dance to be performed in honor of the sea turtles of Hawaii. Hope Church has been sponsoring authentic Hawaiian fellowship luaus since 1978 in part because of the church history of its missionary activities in the Hawaiian Islands during the 19th and 20th centuries.



Venus Yague

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Dancing to an ancient Hula Kahiko in honor of the last king, King David Kawika La'amea Kalakaua.



Ke Kumu Manu Ikaika, the master hula teacher of the Halau.

Teaching by Example

WMES principal leads local relief effort for flood victims in Alabama.

BY GERALD A. FILL
THE GAZETTE

them to the children and their families.

A historic number of Alabama area families in the Tuscaloosa region have been devastated by heavy rains and floods in recent weeks. In one example, 22 mobile home families representing 45 children, ages 5-16, lost everything.

Washington Mill Elementary School Principal Trish Howard, learning of their plight through a friend, decided to organize a disaster relief effort, along with her school's teachers, children, and families, to help these victims. They collected clothes and other donations that filled a U-Haul trailer and drove this past weekend with the donations to deliver

Howard, teacher Jess Hebel and parent Sean McCarthy drove 900 miles to Brookwood Elementary School, located near Tuscaloosa, Ala., to deliver donations to the 22 families. Flood waters destroyed the families' mobile homes and all the families' belongings, according to Howard. Donations collected by the families and children of Washington Mill Elementary School included clothes, towels, bedding, toys, linens, gift cards, games, etc.

Howard explained last Friday, as she was loading her truck with donations, that she wanted "to serve as a role model to teach our students how to be decent human

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Splashdown at Our Special Harbor

Family honors memory of son who loved the water.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE GAZETTE

"I sat down and said a little prayer, and the words just came flowing out. All of my feelings, about Joey's smile, about how much he loved the water. I wanted people to understand why we did this, and I prayed that we could provide something special for other families like ours," she said.

In the week before the grand opening of Our Special Harbor, Paola Pizzano of Vienna kept asking her husband Bob if he had written his speech for the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

"He would always ask me if I had my part written," Paola Pizzano said. "I kept thinking 'what am I going to say?'"

On Saturday morning, May 21, the day of the grand opening, Paola Pizzano started to write.

That "something special" is Our Special Harbor, a 7,000-square-foot, zero-water-depth sprayground, created to honor the Pizzanos' son Joey, who died in a

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Britni White and Steven Anderson.

MVHS Students Celebrate at Prom 2011



Patricia Sabbaki, assistant principal Mark Sewell and Barbara O'Brien.



Mount Vernon principal Nardis King congratulates the 2011 Prom King and Queen Casey Thompson and Ryan Wood.



Amber Hudgee and Derriet Quist.



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Old Town \$579,000
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MVAH Board of Directors, from left, Kae Wells, "Chick" Little, Clarence Martin, Tom Haddesheimer, Mike Serlin, Virginia Hodgkinson, Morrie Hoven, Alice Lauthers, Anna Peterson, Al Glazier. Not included in photo: Jane Edwin and Richard Titus.

Mount Vernon At Home Hosts Gala

Mount Vernon At Home (MVAH) celebrated its second year at an annual dinner by serving a buffet luncheon, listening to a musical wind instrument quartet, holding a silent auction offering 64 items for bid and listening to keynote speaker, Sharon Bulova, chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.

Barbara Sullivan, MVAH executive director, was pleased by the support of the community. "We raised three times the amount of money for this event in comparison to the previous year. Our membership enrollment is up by 75 percent and we are on the verge of offering a 'Diet to Go' meal delivery service. Coupled with a variety of other services such as transportation and a handyman service, social activities and counseling services, we are in excellent shape as we move into the summer months.

"On June 7, 2 p.m. at the Sherwood Hall Library we will be conducting an information session for seniors and adult children of seniors to explain what membership in MVAH will provide them. Our mis-



Del. Scott Surovell and Board of Supervisors chair Sharon Bulova with Mary Carroll-Potter and Mike Serlin of MVAH.

sion is to assist our senior residents in living safely and comfortably as long as possible in their homes in the community."

— GERALD A. FILL

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Stunning two-tiered decks overlook a brick patio, terraced back yard and privacy fence. Front yard is beautiful landscaped! Wonderful neighborhood. 5 minutes to Ft. Belvoir, 15 minutes to Old Town, 35 to Ntl Airport/Pentagon/D.C.



Alex./Southwood \$599,900
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Large stunning 5BR, 3BA split w/ oversized 2 car garage. Updated from top to bottom: kitchen, baths, windows, maintenance free exterior & freshly painted interior. Large bedrooms plus in-law suite on lower level. Professionally landscaped yard. Huge, warm & cozy sunroom & family room for entertaining. 2 wood burning FPLs. Premium location: 5 minutes to Ft. Belvoir, 15 to Metro & Old Town, 25 to National Airport & 30/35 to Pentagon & D.C. This is a GEM!



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

Beautiful 4BR, 3BA Brick, Split level home in Hollin Hall (Wayne Wood Elementary) w/lovely landscaping. Vaulted ceiling in living and dining areas. Spacious rooms, solid construction, replacement windows, wood floors on 2 levels, two fireplaces. Lower level walks out thru French doors to extensive ground decking and patio in backyard. Ideal for entertaining. Well-maintained inside and out. This is a great value!



Alex./Woodland \$599,000
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One of the display booths was manned by Geriatric Care Manager Marjorie Harper-Conner on behalf of Elderlink, a counseling and service delivery organization for seniors.

Hospital Hosts Senior Fair

More than 130 seniors registered for the free health screening and counseling services at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital's seventh annual Senior Fair on May 18.

"The annual Senior Fair is our way of recognizing and thanking the seniors in our community," said the hospital's CEO, Barbara Doyle. "Providing free of charge health screening and information on wellness is our way of assisting them in keeping on the right road to healthy years ahead."

The fair included senior safety counseling offered by Fire Station 9; cardiac rehab provided by Caitlin Brennan, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital; breast cancer counseling by Sara Koslosky, Inova Mount Vernon Hospital; drug interactions counseling by Kristin Marge, and stroke emergency counseling conducted by Rodica Sandor-Scoma, RN.

— GERALD A. FILL



Seniors line up to receive a free bone density screening for osteoporosis with the assistance of Inova Mount Vernon Hospital nurse Kara Koslosky.

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UCM's Back Porch Thrift Store is in need of donations of furniture. UCM will pick up furniture, as well as other larger donations, or they can be dropped off at the back of the store Monday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To arrange for pick-ups, call 703-768-7106, ext. 320. Located at the Mt. Vernon Crossroads Shopping Center at 7838 Richmond Highway, Alexandria.

Two new Girl Scout troops are meeting at the Creekside Village community center after school on Monday afternoons — Troop 716 and Troop 922. The Brownie and Junior troops meet

together on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The troop members are working on the "Write All About It" badge and plan to earn the "Looking My Best" badge as well as the "Theater" badge. The Girl Scouts also hope to go camping this spring. Contact troop leader Kathy Lehner at kathy.lehner@gmail.com.

TUESDAY/MAY 31

StagePlay celebrates 10 years of summer fun with an assortment of drama camps for 3-14 year olds. Camps will be held at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, Alexandria, and at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, beginning May 31. For full details, email bardsplay@aol.com, tel 703-963-9430, www.stageplay.TV.

SATURDAY/JUNE 4

Family Caregivers Forum. 9 a.m. to noon. Free. Includes a panel discussion by experts in the field of adult caregiving as well as Fairfax County information and private exhibitors. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573



Erika, Joanna, Tanzania, Charlotte Anne, Isabella, Skye, and Tate sing with the Junior Choir a song by John Lennon, "Imagine."

Browne Academy Celebrates 70 Years

The air was full of song as the students of Browne Academy sang through the day celebrating the school's 70th anniversary. Founded in 1941 by Marion Browne who held a master's degree of science from the Bank Street School of Education of Columbia University following a bachelor's degree of science from there as

well, the school began in a rented house in Arlington and moved to Telegraph Road onto an 11-acre property bought by the Browne family. When Browne founded the school, it may have been the first fully racially integrated school in the state. The school's philosophy is "to provide a safe, caring environment in which children could learn based on their particular abilities and strengths."



Gabriella (kindergarten) sings with her classmates during the stage intermission for the anniversary celebration.

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THE GAZETTE



The sound of song continues as kindergarten students Olivia and Amber join in for the intermission songs.



Gina Biver, middle school music teacher, introduces the school's guitar ensemble.



Seventh grade student Dylan duets with Isabella in a rendition of the hit by Smashmouth, "All Star."



Tohfe, a fifth grade student, leads the Junior Choir in "All Jazzed Up."

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Remembering on Memorial Day

A time to honor those in military service.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, more than 400,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

Earlier this month, the number of U.S. military deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001, exceeded 6,000. Nearly 50,000 U.S. military service members have been wounded, although that number is likely to be revised upward.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best services and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care to veterans, including mental health care are underway, but have a long way to go. This is one place where we must commit the resources to do better.

More than 175 U.S. military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year.

Capt. Charles A. Ransom, 31, of Midlothian was one of eight airmen who died April 27, 2011, at the Kabul International Airport, Afghanistan, from gunfire. Sgt. Sean T. Callahan, 23, of Warrenton was one of two Marines who died April 23, 2011 in combat in Helmand, Afghanistan.

Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Venetz Jr., 30, of Prince William died Jan. 28, 2011 in Afghanistan, in a non-combat incident. Venetz had been seriously wounded months before.

Spc. Sean R. Cutsforth, 22, of Radford, Va., died Dec. 15, 2010 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire.

Spc. William K. Middleton, 26, of Norfolk, was one of two soldiers who died Nov. 22 in Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked with an improvised explosive device.

Staff Sgt. Christopher F. Cabacoy, 30, of Virginia Beach, was one of two soldiers who died July 5, 2010, in Kandahar, Afghanistan, when insurgents attacked their vehicle with an improvised explosive device.

Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, 25, of Fairfax Station, Va., died June 18, 2010 at Zhari district, Kandahar, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when insurgents attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan. Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J.



AIR FORCE MORTUARY AFFAIRS

A U.S. Army carry team transfers the remains of Army Pfc. Benjamin J. Park, of Fairfax Station, at Dover Air Force Base, Del., June 20, 2010.

Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan. After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption. "We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, now a middle school student, helped us remember. Hunter wrote: "My brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton

Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names at least twice a year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb ex-

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ploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, when an IED exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

U.S. Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia

Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the

2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl.

Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obles-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.



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Washington Mill Elementary School Principal Trish Howard with parent Sean McCarthy, who is also vice president of the WMES Parent-Teacher Association.

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Teaching Compassion by Example

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beings. We are a Title 1 school and many of our children have special needs, but they need to know that there are others worse off. Teaching children reading, writing, and other academic subjects is the core of our mission but only part of our job. The other part is to teach them by their involvement and our actions what it means to

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LETTERS

Renewed Battle Over Honors

To the Editor:

For me, reading the article on Ms. Van Dyck's efforts to retain the upper level Honor's classes at West Potomac High School (WPHS) is like *deja vu* all over again. During the school years 2005/6 and 2006/7 I served on the Education Committee of WPHS Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA). We were investigating this same issue. The result was that was the WPHS retained its upper level Honors Program in the guise of its Humanities Elective, a hold-over from the 1990s, which combined a Social Studies and an English course in two team-taught courses.

The initial change away from the elective coincided with the introduction of the two semester World History Course, with the option of taking the second year as an AP course. Prior to that World History was a one-year course, with advanced students having the option of taking AP Modern European History as an elective during the sophomore year. About the time the AP World History course was made available, the Fairfax County Public School Administration began the process of having AP courses replace the Honors options where an AP course is available. Getting back to the 2006/7 decision at WPHS, the Humanities elective was kept because several teachers were willing to continue teaching that course. The FCPS administration may not have fostered the idea, but it did not interfere with the decision at WPHS.

This is an issue that should not be addressed at the school level but at the FCPS administration level. This is where the policy decision is made, and the policy to go to two levels dates back to at least the mid 1990s. Although it is FCPS's official policy to provide various ability level of all its students, its policy became to offer only two levels of any one course to meet this objective. My suggestion to Ms. Van Dyck is that she find a referred article in a reliable education journal that supports her premise that refutes the position of the FCPS administrator. A common sense opinion is not going to sway him (them). It will probably be necessary to convince the FCPS Board to set directions for its administrator.

Three other items. This issue should be separated from the "fair grading" policy. One can logically agree with one and reject the other. Second, class structure at TJHSST is a special case, with the two levels being AP and Honors. Third, the AP Challenge Index can be looked at as part of the problem. When the Index was introduced it served to measure policy. Now it can be seen as driving policy.

John Dickert
Mount Vernon Farms

Students Need Middle Option

To the Editor:

This letter is in response to the article on honors courses. I am in support of having a "middle of the road" option for those kids that need more of a challenge than the gen ed classes offer but are not ready for an AP level class. We're pushing too many kids to take on the AP classes when they are just not ready to. And simply "upping" the curriculum of a gen ed class is not the answer as it then leaves behind a lot of students who might struggle. But I specifically want to address [School Board member] Dan Storck's idea of simply adding an "honors" project to the gen ed classes in order to make it an honors class. The purpose of having honors classes is to engage and challenge those kids throughout the entire course. Not just to simply have them do an extra project and slap the honors label on it. As a parent I am less interested in the GPA bump up of an honors class. What I want is to have these kids enjoy the classes, learn at their pace and feel engaged and challenged but not feel defeated. A true honors level curriculum would provide this for the large majority of the kids who are in the "middle of the road."

Lisa Thompson
Alexandria

Act Now On Route 1

To the editor:

As the only candidate for Fairfax County chairman residing in southern Fairfax County, I understand the importance of and appreciate Delegate Surovell's (D) efforts to have Route 1 placed on Virginia's Six Year Improvement Plan for road projects.

I have signed the petition and invited my opponents to join the efforts in addressing this important community effort. It is interesting to read the comments of our neighbors.

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Will Radle

The writer is an independent candidate for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman. Reach him at FairfaxAdvocates@gmail.com.

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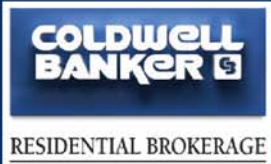
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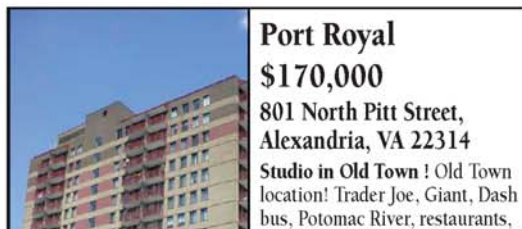


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PEOPLE



Tim Sargeant, Chamber Chair; Barbara Doyle, Chamber Vice President; Zachary Kiszka, Hayfield Secondary School; Johnny Tang, Hayfield Secondary School; Shauna Erickson, Edison High School; Joseph Drumgold, Mount Vernon High School; Callie Jacobs, West Potmac High School; Lauren Wilmot, West Potomac High School, and Michael Gailliot, Chamber President.

Chamber Awards Scholarships

Recipients of the 2011 Education Partnership Scholarships were honored Thursday, May 19 by the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce at a business reception hosted by the Hollin Meadows Partnership for Science & Math Education.

The scholarship recipients are Joseph Drumgold, Mount Vernon High School; Shauna Erickson, Thomas A. Edison High School; Callie Jacobs, West Potomac High School; Zachary Kiszka, Hayfield Secondary School; Johnny Tang, Hayfield Secondary School, and Lauren Wilmot, West Potomac High School.

"The 2011 scholarship recipients exemplify the caliber of students in the Mount Vernon and Lee communities," said Tim Sargeant, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.

"They have earned our recognition and admiration for their academic achievements, and the leadership they have demonstrated in their extracurricular pursuits. We wish them the best in their future endeavors," Sargeant said.

School Board member Dan Storck congratulated the students and spoke about the school budget that is being finalized this month.

Since 1997, the Mount Vernon-Lee Chamber of Commerce has awarded more than \$96,000 to local



Diane Moery of Hollin Meadows Partnership for Science and Math Education spoke about the science and math emphasis at the school.

high school graduates to further their education.

"The commitment the chamber makes to ensure scholarships each year is extraordinary," said Holly Dougherty, executive director. "The youth are the future, and an investment in education is an investment in the future of our community."

Diane Moery of the Hollin Meadows Partnership for Science & Math Education

talked about the gardens and programs at Hollin Meadows that enrich the curriculum. Students from the school greeted those attending and the Drum Circle performed at the entrance of the school.

THE 2011 EDUCATION Partnership recipients are:

❖ Shauna Erickson is a senior at Thomas A. Edison High School. Shauna has excelled in her school work including IB Business Management classes. She is a member of the National Honor Society and was named 1st team All-District in cheerleading. Shauna will be attending Virginia Tech and plans to major in marketing at the Pamplin School of Business.

❖ Lauren Wilmot is a senior at West Potomac High School. In addition to an outstanding high school record which includes membership in the National Honor Society and honors classes, Lauren began working at age 11 for an environmental service start-up company and has grown with the company. Lauren is attending The University of Virginia and will be studying international business.

❖ Joseph Drumgold is a senior at Mount Vernon High School, where his leadership experience has led to opportunities in Seoul, South Korea, Eglin Air Force Base, and the Pentagon. Joseph will be studying at Hampton University with dual emphasis on marketing and biology.

❖ Callie Jacobs is a senior at West Potomac High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the symphonic winds concert band, and the marching band where she is the Drum Major. Callie says her strong work ethic will help her through The University of Virginia McIntire School of Commerce where she plans to concentrate on marketing.

❖ Johnny Tang is a senior at Hayfield Secondary School. His natural networking skills are evident in the number of organizations and clubs where he is a member, including the National Honor Society and the National Science Honor Society. He will be attending Virginia Tech and the Pamplin College of Business pursuing his goal of entrepreneurship and creating a thriving business.

❖ Zachary Kiszka is a senior at Hayfield Secondary School who will also be attending Virginia Tech and the Pamplin College of Business. Zachary has excelled at Hayfield while being the head sound technician for the drama department. In college, Zachary plans to study accounting with a business emphasis on community leadership and environmental stewardship.



D.C. Area Alumni Association President Todd LaPointe, Maine Maritime President Dr. William J. Brennan Collingwood President and Maine Maritime Alumni Kent S. Webber

Meeting Local Alumni

Maine Maritime Academy Alumni in the Washington, D.C., area had their first introduction to their alma mater's new president, Dr. William J. Brennan, at a private reception held at Collingwood Library and Museum March 18.

Brennan became the 14th President of the Academy in 2010. He is a leading authority on environmental policy relating to oceans, the atmosphere and maritime issues.

After sharing his vision for the Academy and the challenges to be met, the 40 attendees had

an opportunity to chat with Brennan.

The reception was hosted by the president of the Chesapeake Chapter of the Alumni Association, Todd LaPointe and Collingwood Board President, Kent S. Webber, also an alumni.

The Collingwood Mansion, is situated on nine acres fronting on the Potomac River on property once owned by George Washington. It houses the 4,500-volume library and museum containing books and artifacts of American historical significance.

MVHS Gets Cappies Nods

Broadway has its Tony Awards, and metro D.C.'s high school theatre programs have the CAPPIES, the "Critics and Awards Program." It honors outstanding theatre reviewers and productions — including cast and crew — who participate in the program.

Mount Vernon High School's spring musical, "Little Women," received three nominations:

❖ Female Vocalist: Jenna Kraynak (11th grade student) as Beth March;

❖ Lead Actress in a Musical: Emily Whitworth (10th grade student) as Jo March;

❖ Best Song: "Some Things Are Meant To Be," duet by Jenna Kraynak and Emily Whitworth.

Awards will be presented at the CAPPIES gala at The Kennedy Center on June 12. "Some Things Are Meant To Be" will be performed by Kraynak and Whitworth at the gala, as well.

"Little Women" was led by Theatre Arts Director Beth De Marco, assistant to the director Axhon Ruiz Gonzalez (12th grade student), music director Judy Belzer, and orchestra pit director and

musician James Senson.

UNDER THE GUIDANCE of De Marco and lead critics Hayley Mixon and Jenna Kraynak, the following critics were chosen for publication in 2010-2011:

❖ Jenna Kraynak's (11th grade student) review of George Mason High School's production of "Les Miserables" was published on ShowBizRadio.net.

❖ Amber Hугee's (12th grade student) review of G.C. Marshall's production of "The Importance of Being Ernest" was published in The Connection and her review of Bishop Ireton High School's production of "Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat" was published on the Washington Post website.

❖ Clare Cahill's (11th grade student) review of Hayfield High School's "Two Gentlemen of Verona" was published in the Alexandria Times.

❖ Logan Beveridge's (10th grade student) review of Edison High School's production of "Beauty and the Beast" is was published on ShowBizRadio.net.

THEATER

Schaeffer's Sondheim, 'Follies,' Is a Delight

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

The striking new production of Stephen Sondheim's musical "Follies," which has just opened across the bridge at The Kennedy Center, is a case of semi déjà vu. The glorious production, directed by Eric Schaeffer, the Artistic Director of Arlington's Signature Theatre, adds one more lovely production of Sondheim musicals to the credit of The Kennedy Center — and one more feather to Schaeffer's cap.

Schaeffer was the Artistic Director of the Center's legendary Stephen Sondheim Celebration in 2002. The centerpiece of that festival was the full-scale production of no fewer than six of Sondheim's musicals on the stage of the Eisenhower Theater, two of which Schaeffer also directed. He was nominated for the Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Director of a musical for one of them, but the award went to Christopher Ashley, the director of one of the other shows in the festival. Each of the six instantly became one of the favorite productions of the particular musical among many of the legion of Sondheim fans.

Now, with this seventh full production of a Sondheim musical, the magic seems to continue. Sitting in the Eisenhower, it almost feels like 2002 again, and the thrill of a revival of a Sondheim show with the original orchestrations played by The Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra in full regalia is almost palpable.

Of course, it helps that Schaeffer was able to cast some of the greatest performing talents of the American and English musical theater worlds.

Bernadette Peters, recipient of this year's Stephen Sondheim Award bestowed by Signature Theatre, stars in her fifth Sondheim musical, just months after the closing of the revival of Sondheim's "A Little Night Music" in which she starred on Broadway. Her performance here is as Sally, a former "Weismann Follies" girl attending a reunion on the stage where she and her colleagues performed. It is 30 years after the last "Weismann Follies" closed and one night before the theatre is slated to be demolished to make way for a parking lot.

The highlight of her performance is also one of the many highlights of the show as she takes center stage alone to sing the torch song "Losing My Mind." Her rendition is touching as is her earlier number "In Buddy's Eyes."

Her Sally is lamenting the fact that she chose to marry one of the "Stage Door Johnnies" who courted chorus girls in the '30s, but still thinks she loves another one. Danny Burstein, whose Broadway credits include the marvelous revival of "South Pacific" and the original production of "The Drowsy Chaperone," not to mention the recent unsuccessful "Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown," is Buddy, her husband who is also dissatisfied with their

marriage as he makes clear in his manic song "Buddy's Blues." He's happier with his mistress than with his wife.

Rich-voiced Ron Raines, whose career includes television (15 years on "Guiding Light") as well as stage, and a dozen marvelous studio recordings of musical scores, is the man Sally thinks she should have married. He's also stuck in an unsatisfying marriage and loses his mind entirely during his big song "Live, Laugh, Love" when he realizes he not only doesn't love his wife, he doesn't even like himself. His wife is played with a fine

blend of cool sophistication and underlying anger by the fourth big-name principal in the cast, Jan Maxwell who just last season was nominated for two Tony Awards, one for "The Royal Family" and the other for "Lend Me a Tenor." Her big number, "The Story of Lucy and Jessie" is an energetic and emotional high but it is her explosion in "Could I Leave You" that is so strong it quite logically leads into the recreation of former glories in their collective memory, the "Loveland" sequence.

The secondary characters are also played by big name talent, many of whom have

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their own big number in the highlight-packed first act. Elaine Paige, dubbed "the First Lady of British Musical Theatre," shows just why she's called that when she stands center stage to deliver "I'm Still Here" — an anthem to resilience and persistence, while Linda Lavin, a five-time Tony Award nominee (and star of the sitcom "Alice" in the 1970s and '80s) matches Page's power in the same spotlight with the powerful paean to aspiring Broadway chorines "Broadway Baby." Opera notable Rosalind Elias briefly occupies the spot for a soaring "One Last Kiss" in a duet with Leah Horowitz.

The first act hits its highest high when all these ladies gather behind the big-voiced



Bernadette Peters on stage in Stephen Sondheim's musical, "Follies."

Terri White, who proclaims that all of the former Follies girls must join her in one of their big numbers and then leads them in "Whose That Woman?" She has the pipes to blast the number and the presence to command attention even when the "girls" dancing behind her include Peters, Maxwell, Page and Lavin.

The cast also includes relative newcomers of note, each playing the younger persona of one of the older characters. Christian Delcroix, Lora Lee Gayer, Kirsten Scott and Nick Verina all make marvelous impressions, while the stage is filled with un-

named but ethereal specters of showgirls in ghostly black-and-white versions of the spectacular costumes they used to wear while parading on the Follies stage. The color of those costumes comes amazingly to life with the second act "Loveland" sequence where costume designer Gregg Barnes is finally let loose.

As glorious as the performances on the stage and the designs of set designer Derek McLane, who drapes the entire Eisenhower Theater in front of the balcony in black, and lighting designer Natasha Katz, who creates atmospheric pools of light and dark, it is the sound of the show that is the real glory here. That is a tribute to Sondheim for the music he composed, Jonathan Tunick for the original orchestrations he created in 1971. They are lovingly performed by the 28 players of The Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra under the baton of James Moore. Kai Harada's sound design balances the instrumental and vocal levels to create the

feeling of hearing the show acoustically even though electronic amplification is necessary for the 1,080 seat hall.

Long-time Signature Theatre-goers will want to compare and contrast this production of "Follies" with the one Eric Schaeffer directed at Signature in 2003. At a reported budget of over \$7 million, this one is much more opulent than the earlier one. Its image of the dilapidated and distressed theater where the reunion is held is darker and towers multiple stories above the playing space, something that was simply impossible in the height-challenged "Garage" that was Signature's space at the time. Schaeffer's direction is tighter and emphasizes story lines a bit clearer, and of course, the presence of such international talent is impressive. But, then, so was the cast in 2003. Anyone who saw the earlier one will want to see this one. Those who didn't might check this one out so they won't have missed both.

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway and writes about theater for a number of national magazines. He welcomes feedback from those he writes about and those he writes for. He can be reached at brad.hathaway@verizon.net.

Where & When

"Follies" plays in the Eisenhower Theater of The Kennedy Center through June 19. Performances are Tuesday - Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45 to \$150 but all \$45 tickets have been sold. Call 202-467-4600 or log on to www.kennedy-center.org.



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PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE

'The Real Inspector Hound' Extended Through June 5

Due to audience demand, MetroStage has extended performances of "The Real Inspector Hound" through June 5. A hilarious send-up of a classic murder mystery by playwright Tom Stoppard, this play-within-a-play features two competing theatre

critics who unwittingly become involved in the production they are charged with reviewing. The stellar cast features John Dow, Michael Tolaydo and Ralph Cosham, who together won the 2010 Helen Hayes Award for their ensemble work in the MetroStage

production of Stoppard's "Heroes." Performances are Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 3 and 7 p.m. \$45-50 (students \$25). TKTS 800-494-8497/www.metrostage.org, Groups/Info 703-548-9044. At 1201 North Royal St., Alexandria.

Emily Townley, right, receives flowers from fiancée Chris Voss following the opening night performance of "The Real Inspector Hound" at MetroStage. Townley stars in the show, which has extended performances through June 5.

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EVERY THURSDAY

Environmental Activists Needed. 6 to 9 p.m. Clean up your community, your country, your planet — meet with the Sierra Club at its new NOVA Hub in Del Ray, 2312 Mount Vernon Ave., Suite 206, Alexandria. RSVP to Phillip Ellis, Sierra Club Field Organizer at 571-970-0275 or phillip.ellis@sierraclub.org.

NOW THROUGH OCT. 30

Civil War Walking Tour. Saturdays and Sundays 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Covers the changing role of African Americans on the estate, views on George Washington from the perspective of Union and Confederate supporters, and the Washington-Robert E. Lee connection. At Historic Mount Vernon. These tours are limited in capacity and cost \$5 in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Visit www.MountVernon.org or call 703-780-2000.

FRIDAY/MAY 27

Historic Beer Dinner. 7 p.m. This culinary adventure pairs history-inspired beers from Yards Brewery of Philadelphia with a four-course meal fit for George Washington. Tickets are \$85/person; reservations required. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

MAY 27-29

Sunset Celebration. Wine and desserts on lantern-lit grounds of Mount Vernon from 6 to 9 p.m. Visitors may take evening tours of the mansion, relax and enjoy wine and desserts available for purchase in George Washington's newly-restored garden, and delight in 18th-century music, dancing, games, and wagon rides. Tickets are \$18/adults; \$12/children. Visit www.MountVernon.org for tickets.

MONDAY/MAY 30

Open Air Faith Festival. Free. Features vendors, activities for children and a free concert in honor of our service members and their families. At Fort Hunt National Park in Alexandria. Visit www.openairfaithfestival.org or phone 202-455-6233.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 1

DJ Dance Party. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

"Only When I Dance" Film. 7 p.m. Free. At the James M. Duncan Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

Summer Concert. 8 p.m. Free. Featuring the Concert Band and Singing Sergeants of the U.S. Air Force Band. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

THURSDAY/JUNE 2

"Go to Jail" for MDA. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 200 business and civic leaders will be "arrested" and put behind bars as their friends will post "bail" to get them released. Fund-raiser for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. At the Sheraton Suites Old Town, 801 North Asaph St., Alexandria.

JUNE 2, 4, 5

Our Lives, Our Songs Concert. A cast of 200 singers from Ft. Hunt, Hollin Meadows, Stratford Landing, and Waynewood will perform at the West Potomac Choirs Spring Show. Tickets are \$12 and can be purchased online at www.westpotomacchoirs.org. Performances are Thursday, June 2 and Saturday, June 4 at 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

FRIDAY/JUNE 3

Jazz Extravaganza. 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Future of jazz is presented with young artists from the T.C. Williams High School, Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center, George Washington Middle School and Francis C. Hammond Middle School Jazz Ensembles. At Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-5451.

Meade Skelton. 8 to 10 p.m. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub in Del Ray, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave.,

Alexandria. Call 703-739-9268.

Theater Night Fundraiser. 7 p.m. An evening of theater, hors d'oeuvres, and a silent auction. Tickets are \$40/advance; \$50/door. Hosted by King Street Cats. Visit www.kingstreetcats.org.

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SATURDAY/JUNE 4

The Miracles. 10 a.m. A choir of 24 musically-gifted adults with intellectual disabilities, sponsored by the Hermitage in Alexandria. Performing at Hermitage Senior Living, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-797-3815.

Author Talk. 1 p.m. Come and meet author Ted Pulliam talk about his book, *Historic Alexandria*. Free and open to the public. Call 703-746-1706. Alexandria Library Special Collections, 717 Queen Street, Alexandria.

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.

Cocker Spaniel Adoption Show. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Come meet cockers of all ages available for adoption. Dogs are spayed or neutered. At Alexandria Hybla Valley Petsmart, 7690 Richmond Hwy. (U.S. 1), Alexandria. Call 703-533-2373 or visit www.cockerspanielrescue.com.

SUNDAY/JUNE 5

Taste of Del Ray. 1 to 3 p.m. Some 15 restaurants will be serving up their best. Tickets are \$10/adult; \$5/children. At the lot behind the Virginia Commerce Bank, 2401 Mt. Vernon Ave. and E. Oxford. Participants will be able to vote for their People's Choice Award until 2:45 p.m. The winner of both Judge's Choice and People's Choice Awards will be announced at 3 p.m. Visit www.visitdelray.com

Tea Tasting and Lecture. 2 to 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$15. Carlyle House Historic Park will be presenting a tea tasting on the Magnolia Terrace. Program includes an historical overview of tea practices in the 18th century as well as tasting of various teas. At Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Fairfax.

The Rodger French Trio. Noon to 2 p.m. The Rodger French Trio is an eclectic blend of free reed instruments and electric guitar performing Jobim to Tango to Ellington, Gershwin and anything in-between and beyond. At Telegraph Station Café, 5737 Telegraph Road, Alexandria.

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. 3 p.m. Free. Pre-concert lecture at 2:15 p.m. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria.

Mad Hatter Tea Party. 3 to 5:30 p.m. Fundraiser for Annabelle Bozarth who was diagnosed with Morquio Syndrome at 6 months old. Tickets are \$60/adult and child. At The Windsor Room, 1755 Duke Street, Alexandria. Contact Stephanie Bozarth at 703-256-1980 or stephbozarth@yahoo.com to purchase tickets.

Rocknoceros. 4 p.m. Bring your children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors to sing and dance with the sell-out musical trio Rocknoceros. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. At Agudas Achim Preschool, 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Contact preschoolevents@gmail.com

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.

TUESDAY/JUNE 7

Trash to Treasure. 6 to 8 p.m. Historian Barb Winters discusses "How Trash in Massachusetts Turned Into Treasure in Alexandria." She will discuss how six boxes of old handwritten letters from three inter-related families provided a unique first-hand description of life in Alexandria between 1817 and 1940. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-8000.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 8

Summer Concert Series. 8 p.m. Free. The U.S. Air Force Band Concert Band and Singing Sergeants. At Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.



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THURSDAY/JUNE 9

Vicki Genfan in Concert. 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Part of the Second Thursday Music. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 11

Genealogist Char Bah. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$5. Will present "Paths to Freedom," an illustrated lecture on how she tracked free African American families in Alexandria back to the communities where they had been held in slavery. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

"The Healing Passage: Voices from the Water." 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. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 12

Razz-Ma-Jazz Children's Arts Festival. 2 to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5. At T.C. Williams High School. Focuses on music, art and literature of the Harlem Renaissance. Presented by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Concerts are 30 minutes and start at 2:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. Other activities include an instrument petting zoo, face painting, yoga, art stations, and dancing and reading centers. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

An Afternoon with Sally Fairfax. 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Commonwealth Books publisher, James Thompson, will interview Alexandria's grande belle who will answer questions about her aristocratic family and its connections to the founders of Fairfax County, Alexandria City, the British Empire. Sally Fairfax is interpreted by the Little Theater's Beverly Benda. At The Lyceum Auditorium, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Call the Lyceum at 703-838-4994.

TUESDAY/JUNE 14

Author Talk. 7 p.m. Meet the authors "The Park Sisters" (Frances and Ginger Park) talk about their book, *The True Story of Two Sisters, Tons of Treats, and The Little Shop That Could*. Refreshments (chocolate) served. Free & open to the public. Call 703-746-1701. At Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 15

New Zealand Wine Tasting. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. The tasting will be led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar and tickets are \$25 per person. A guided tour of the historic Lee-Fendall House will be available during the evening. Contact 703-548-1789 or www.leefendallhouse.org.

SUNDAY/JUNE 19

Father's Day Cruise. Celebrate Father's Day aboard the Odyssey and the Spirit of Washington, offering musical entertainment, dancing and cuisine. Cruises are priced at \$69.90 per adult and \$34.95 for children ages 3 – 12; sailing from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and again from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. To book, call 866-404-8439 or reserve online.

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.

TUESDAY/JUNE 21

Mt. Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. Features a presentation on "Introduction to the Library of Congress Manuscript Division" by Bruce Kirby. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

FRIDAY/JUNE 24

Charity Cruise to Aid Foster Children. 7:30 p.m. dockside reception; 8:30 p.m. departure. Tickets are \$75/person. Fostering the Future Cruise for The Fund for Alexandria's Child. Aboard the Cherry Blossom paddle wheel boat at the City Marina at Cameron and Union Streets in Old Town. To reserve your space, call 703-746-5663 or visit thefundforalexchild@alexandriava.gov.

"Glee." 7:30 p.m. Featuring Cadence, a quartet of singers from Canada; ethnic music and dance from the Indonesian Youth Choir-Cordana; and Pan-African music from South Africa's Wits Choir. Tickets are \$10/adults; \$8/students and seniors. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Purchase tickets by calling 703-683-6040 or visit www.classicalmovements.com/dc.

Golf Fundraiser. 2 p.m. Mount Vernon High School will host the first annual Michael M. Skinner Golf Classic. Shotgun start on the Woodlawn Course of Fort Belvoir. Cost is \$125/person and proceeds go to fund student programs at Mount Vernon High School. Registration forms can be downloaded on the MVHS website <http://www.fcps.edu/MtVernonHS>.

SATURDAY/JUNE 25

Del Ray Music Festival. 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Headlined by Emmet Swimming, also features local favorites like the Justin Trawick Group, Johnny Grave and the Tombstones and the Walkaways! Includes jazz, blues, folk, country, Celtic, Reggae and rock music. In addition to the music, the day will feature games for the kids and food from neighborhood favorites Evening Star, Pizzeria Del Ray, Taqueria Poblano, and the award winning Pork Barrel BBQ. Visit www.delraymusicfestival.com.

NEWS BRIEFS

USPS Aids Rising Hope Food Bank

Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church took delivery of 5,000 pounds of donated food on Saturday, May 15, which it received as one of the nonprofits nominated to benefit from USPS' Stamp Out Hunger Campaign 2011.

The mission church, which is located just off Route 1 on Russell Road, provides around 18,000 hot meals and emergency food packs to around 47,000 people each year.

Pastor Keary Kincannon said, "It is our partnership with the community at all levels that helps us to care for those in our midst who are most in need. We are grateful to the National Letter Carriers Association of USPS, the individuals who donated the food, and the volunteers who helped this year. In this our 15th anniversary year, we have benefited from this partnership for a decade or more. On behalf of the least, the lost, the lonely and the left out of the Route 1 corridor, a huge thank you."

MVHS Principal To Discuss Academics

Mount Vernon High School's principal Nardos King will talk next week about The Washington Post's annual "Challenge Index" ranking of high schools and what it means. The Academic Boosters Corporation is hosting the meeting Tuesday, May 31 at 7 p.m. at MVHS in the Little Theatre (Entrance 4 at "the rock"). King will be available to answer questions and to review the school's recent accreditation visit.

Hearings on BRAC-related Fairfax Connector Changes

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will hold three public meetings to discuss proposed modifications to south county Fairfax Connector bus service. Changes to bus service are being proposed in order to accommodate the increase in personnel at Fort Belvoir due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and would be effective in September 2011.

❖ Wednesday, June 1, at 7 p.m., Lorton Community Library, 9520 Richmond Highway, Lorton, accessible via Fairfax Connector Route 171.

❖ Saturday, June 4, at 11 a.m., South County Center: 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, accessible by Fairfax Connector Route 171 and Metrobus REX.

❖ Tuesday, June 7, at 7 p.m., Saratoga Elementary School, 8111 Northumberland Road, Springfield, accessible by Fairfax Connector Route 304.

Proposed modifications include:

❖ Changes to existing routes 159, 171, 305, 307, 310, 331, 332 and 380D

❖ Creation of new routes 333, 334, 371 and 395

❖ Change to the long-term detour of Route 304.

Listening Tour at Whitman Middle School

Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Facilities Planning Advisory Council (FPAC) will host a community meeting on Tuesday, June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Whitman Middle School as part of its listening tour series.

The FPAC started the listening tour to give community members an opportunity to share their concerns and ideas about facilities issues. This meeting is focused on listening to the community members of Cluster IV schools, but any citizen is welcome to attend.

FPAC is a new advisory council of the Fairfax County School Board aimed at advising and informing the School Board and staff members on long-term plans for facilities needs.

Individuals interested in attending the June 7 meeting are encouraged to register at <http://www.fcps.edu/fts/planning/fpac/index.htm> or call the Facilities Planning Office at 571-423-2330.

NEWS

Bob Beatty Award Winner



The Fort Hunt Sportsmen's Association presented the Annual Bob Beatty Award to student/athlete Anna Wasserman on May 12 at Mount Vernon Country Club. Anna was selected as this year's top candidate for her accomplishments in sports, academics and in her service to the community. From left: Mark Wasserman (father), Daniel Wasserman (brother), Jay Glascock (travel soccer coach), Carol Wasserman (mother), Anna Wasserman (Award Winner), Mike Sigda (Fort Hunt Sportsmen's President), Nicole Greiner (Waynewood ES PE teacher who nominated Anna), TJ Taylor (Waynewood ES PE teacher), Rick White (long time recreational soccer coach), and Lee Gilmore (Fort Hunt Sportsmen's).



Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club President Kahan Dhillon and Student Club Program Coordinator Bruce Malkin with K-Kids and Circle K members.

Helping Celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday

On March 2, Dr. Seuss' birthday, the Mount Vernon Kiwanis Club participated in the Read Across America day sponsored by the Fairfax County Office for Children's Head Start Program and held at the Gum Springs Children's Center on Fordson Road in the Mount Vernon area.

This event was part of a nationwide effort by the National Education Association to have every child

reading or read to in the company of a caring adult on that day. The morning was organized by Claudine Christie, Early Childhood Education Administrator, and the Kiwanis Club was represented by Betty Puscheck, Joanne Malkin, and Bruce Malkin. More information on how to help the club to help others in the community is found at www.mtvernonvakiwanis.org.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE

Nearly 200 students fill the stage on May 23 with song and dance as the rehearsal gets underway for "Our Songs, Our Lives," the 23rd annual West Potomac Choirs Spring Show.

Choirs To Present 'Our Songs, Our Lives'

A cast of more than 200 singers will perform a broad spectrum of music at the 23rd annual West Potomac Choirs Spring Show, directed by Ernest L. Johnson and choreographed by Gennifer Lisenby. Based on the book "The World in Six Songs" by Dr. Daniel Levitin, the program features a program which shares Levitin's theory of "six songs" — songs of joy, comfort, friendship, religion, knowledge, and love — which aided in shaping human nature from the beginning of time and across all cultures.

Performances will be held at West Potomac's

Springbank Auditorium on Thursday, June 2, and Saturday, June 4, at 7:30 pm and Sunday June 5 at 3 p.m.

All tickets are \$12, and can be purchased with a credit card online at www.westpotomacchoirs.org. Download a receipt, and exchange for a ticket at the online ticket table at the theater. Tickets may also be purchased at the door with cash or check. For Thursday night's performance, West Potomac students with a valid student ID can purchase a ticket at the special price of \$8. For Sunday, all students 12 and under can purchase tickets at \$8 each.

OBITUARY

Rose Greco Genuario

Rose Greco Genuario, beloved wife of the late Louis V. Genuario, Sr. founder of Genuario Construction Company and mother of six surviving children, died of natural causes on May 23, 2011.

A resident of Alexandria, Va, since 1964, Rose was a devoted

volunteer at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital for more than 35 years and Good Shepherd Catholic Church.

Rose is survived by four daughters, Donna, Christina, Marina and Debby; two sons A. Rick and Louis, Jr.; 14 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and many devoted friends.

Friends may call at the Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

where the family will be present on Thursday, May 26 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Friday, May 27 at 11 a.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway, Alexandria, VA 22309.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, 8305 Richmond Highway #17B, Alexandria, VA 22309.

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Splashdown at Our Special Harbor Opens

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drowning accident when he was 6.

One of eight children, Joey, who was developmentally delayed, loved the water, and the Pizzano family frequently spent vacations on the Chesapeake Bay.

After the drowning incident claimed their son's life, the family established a charitable organization, the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund (JPMF), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children with disabilities and their families.

In addition to helping fund the \$2 million water park, the family also created JPMF Splash, which provides funds for water safety education classes for children with disabilities. Since 1998, more than 5,000 area children have received one-on-one water safety classes.

"It's pretty neat program. Children are paired with individuals and learn five simple safety rules through various games. The first rule is to always swim with a buddy," Paola Pizzano said.

Our Special Harbor, which has a Chesapeake Bay theme, is part of a family-focused outdoor recreation complex at Lee District Park in Franconia, which includes a fully accessible, 2,000-square-foot tree house, stream and playground.

Spray attractions include a water maze with changing patterns, where children can run through the maze's massive columns of water for a solid drenching, water benches, a lighthouse and a skipjack with tumbling buckets and water cannons that children can shoot. Three water-accessible wheelchairs are provided.

"We have children with disabilities and children without disabilities, so we know how hard it is for families like ours to find places where we can all have fun together," Paola Pizzano said. "We wanted to create a place where disabilities melt away, and families can have fun outings for every member of the family."

The water park, which is free to the public, is operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, and funded largely through the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund (JPMF) and the Fairfax County Park Foundation. The Virginia Board for People with Disabilities provided a \$250,000 matching grant.

"This is a wonderful example of what the public and private sectors can accomplish when they work together. This family recreation center with its fully-accessible sprayground and tree house will help to erase the barriers between children with disabilities and those without," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "It's a huge step and I'm proud to have it in Lee."



With the ribbon cut, the Our Safe Harbor sprayground at Lee District Park is opened May 21. Some of the special guests participating in the ribbon cutting, in no particular order: Edward Batten Sr., Lee District Representative to the Fairfax County Park Authority Board; Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee), Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-At-large), Fairfax County Park Authority Board Chairman William Bouie; Christy Crowther, chair of the Virginia Board for People with Disabilities; Bob Pizzano, president of the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund; Paola Pizzano of the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund; and Emily McGrail, Ms. Wheelchair Virginia, among others.

Zero-depth splash playgrounds have become popular in the past decade, particularly with parents of toddlers concerned

about drowning hazards. The 25,000 gallons of re-circulated, chlorinated water never accumulates to more than an inch in height on the sprayground's level concrete surface, making it safe and fun.

McKay said the sprayground is just phase one of the project.

"In the not too distant future, we will have a wonderful playground called Chessie's Big Backyard with all the bells and whistles, and, as funding permits, a fully-accessible carousel will grace this plaza as well," he said at the grand opening.

On Saturday, local officials and the Pizzano family gathered to watch as hundreds of area children enjoyed the park's many interactive water features, all with a Chesapeake Bay theme.

"My face hurt, I was smiling so hard. I kept seeing Joey's smile in the faces of the other children. There were no frowns," Paola Pizzano said. "I was surprised that so many people were there. There were



Jacob Rawlings and his mother Ashby Collins of Alexandria enjoy the newly opened Our Special Harbor Spraypark at Lee District Park on May 21. During his lifetime, Collins' uncle John Duty Collins III was founder and vice chair of the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities and worked to make Alexandria accessible to persons with disabilities.

More

Operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority, Our Special Harbor sprayground is located in the Family Recreation Area at Lee District Park, at the intersection of Rose Hill and Telegraph Roads in Franconia. It will be open for Memorial Day weekend, and each Saturday and Sunday until Fairfax County Public Schools dismisses for the summer. The hours of operation are daily from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., except on Wednesdays when the sprayground will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Contact the Lee District RECenter at 703-922-9841 for more information, or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/rec/leerec.htm.

Admission is free; however, a daily fee of \$3 is charged for each participant and chaperone for commercial or nonprofit groups, including day care centers, martial arts camps, YMCA, church groups, etc. This fee does not apply to families. Reservations can be made online, by fax and in-person through the manager at the RECenter.

just streams of people coming in. One family had two sons playing in the water in wheelchairs. The father thanked us. That made it all worth it."

For more information on Our Special Harbor, or to donate to the Joey Pizzano Memorial Fund, visit www.jpmpf.org.

Not Enough

Maniglia's effort goes for naught as West Potomac loses championship game.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

The West Potomac softball team stood along the first-base line after the Patriot District Tournament final on May 23 and watched as the South County Stallions were introduced as champions.

Some of the Wolverines cried after losing 2-0 in 12 innings at West Springfield High School. Most of them clapped while the Stallions were recognized. While West Potomac head coach Craig Maniglia preaches winning and losing as a team, there was one Wolverine who had reason to feel a different degree of disappointment.

“It just felt pretty bad because it was right there. We had it in the palm of our hand and we just let it go. It was devastating, honestly.”

— West Potomac pitcher Morgan Maniglia

Pitching on a district-championship stage, Morgan Maniglia shut out the Stallions for 11 innings. The junior matched South County freshman pitcher Rebecca Martin zero for zero

as the two engaged in an epic duel. At that point, Maniglia had allowed just two hits and had not walked a batter.

West Potomac had several chances to push across a run and win the game, including loading the bases in the bottom of the ninth, only to have a clutch defensive play by South County short-stop Whitney Burks keep them scoreless.

In the 12th, South County finally broke through. An error and a walk set the table for a two-out single by Caitlin Maglich, which plated a pair of unearned runs and saddled Maniglia with a tough-luck loss.

“It just felt pretty bad because it was right there. We had it in the palm of our hand and we just let it go,” Morgan Maniglia said. “It was devastating, honestly.”

In 12 innings, Maniglia threw 155 pitches, 104 for strikes. She allowed two unearned runs and three hits. She walked two, hit two batters and struck out nine.

“I was definitely in the zone the entire game,” she said. “I knew I could go five more innings after that. ... I wasn’t about to give up.”

Craig Maniglia, Morgan’s father, said he appreciated being involved in such a game and would like to have seen it from another point of view, as well.

“From a fan perspective, you like to see a lot more runs, but there’s nothing like being in a game where if anything goes wrong it decides a victory,” he said. “It puts the pressure on the kids and you find out if the kids can handle pressure. ... I thought [Morgan] got stronger and stronger as the



PHOTO BY JON ROETMAN/THE GAZETTE

West Potomac junior pitcher Morgan Maniglia held South County to two unearned runs and three hits in 12 innings during the Patriot District Tournament final on May 23 at West Springfield High School.

game went on. [Her] fastball got faster, concentration got harder. It was quite interesting. ... I would have liked to watch it” as a spectator.

While Maniglia thrived in the circle, the

Wolverines struggled at the plate, managing just one hit — a first-inning lead-off single by Danielle McHugh.

South County pitcher Martin “had a crazy backspin,” Morgan Maniglia said. “Something was going on [and] we couldn’t pick up on it. We’ve never hit off something like that.”

While West Potomac fell short of a title, the Wolverines competed in their first district championship game since 2006. West Potomac defeated Lake Braddock 7-5 in the semifinals on May 21 at West Springfield. Maniglia earned the victory in the circle, pitching her way out of trouble in the seventh inning, when the Bruins had the tying run in scoring position.

“I’m not going to lie, there were some nerves,” catcher Jasmine Picini said. “But when I called time to go talk to Morgan, she usually puts her head down and lets me talk, but this time she’s like, ‘Let’s do this Jas.’ I knew she was going to strike the girl out and get it done.”

Offense was no problem for West Potomac in the semifinals. Eight Wolverines had at least one hit. Picini had three hits, including an RBI double. Sammy Clifford had two hits, including a double and an RBI, and Maggie Grady and Kaitlyn Kincannon also had two hits. McHugh and Elani Gonzalez each had a single, Sara Link had a single and an RBI, and Maniglia belted an RBI double off the fence in left-center field, missing a home run by a few feet.

West Potomac will travel to face Stone Bridge at 7 p.m. on May 27 in the first round of the Northern Region Tournament.

Mount Vernon Comes up Empty in District Final

Majors blanked by W-L for second time this season.

JON ROETMAN
THE GAZETTE

Lucas Belanger’s reaction after the May 20 National District soccer tournament final against Washington-Lee said it all.

“I hate to say it, but I think they just wanted it more,” the Mount Vernon sophomore goalkeeper said. “They wanted it more than us and they came out here ready to play.”

Co-district Player of the Year Simond Kargbo echoed his teammate’s observation. “They wanted it more,” the Mount Vernon sophomore forward said. “We didn’t want it.”

With the district championship on the line, top-seed W-L thumped No. 2 Mount

Vernon 6-0 on Friday in Arlington. The Majors fell to 13-2, with both losses coming against the Generals by a combined score of 8-0.

W-L and its superior size built a 2-0 advantage in the first 20 minutes and led 4-0 at halftime en route to the lopsided victory. “In the end, they were just a better team,” Belanger said. “Just bigger [and] faster.”

During the teams’ regular season meeting, a 2-0 win for W-L on April 13, the Generals took the lead in the 27th minute. On Friday, the Generals were on the board in the 14th minute and led 3-0 in the 29th minute.

“W-L, they’re a fast, physical team,” Mount Vernon head coach Robert Garza said. “They go over the top a lot. We talked about not sitting back and letting them come at us and that’s what they did. Those first two goals [were] right over the top, like we talked. The one thing they did the first game against us was take us out of our game early: go over the top, score quick and take us out and that’s what they did.”

While Friday’s loss was ugly for Mount Vernon, the Majors gave themselves reason for confidence headed into regionals. Mount Vernon was 13-0 against teams other than W-L, including two victories against previous four-time defending district champion Yorktown and a win over Centreville of the Concorde District. The Majors defeated Yorktown 2-0 in the district semifinals on May 18, with goals from Kargbo and Erik Rodriguez.

Last season, after losing in the district semifinals, the Majors upset Langley in overtime during the opening round of the regional tournament and took Robinson to overtime in the quarterfinals before losing by a goal.

Mount Vernon opened regionals on May 25, after the Gazette’s deadline.

“We knew we could hang with the top teams,” Garza said. “We’ve already proven that this year and even last year. ... Obviously, they’re going to outsize us, but when we get into our game we have the skill and we have the speed to do it.”



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Simond Kargbo and the Mount Vernon boys soccer team finished runner-up in the National District.

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From left: Mrs. and Mr. Mendoza (parents); Nicole Mendoza, scholarship winner; Kathy Spitzer, scholarship committee co-chairman; and Jimmi Barnwell, scholarship co-chairman

IMVHA 2011 Scholarship Winner

At their semi-annual meeting, the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary presented a \$10,000 scholarship to Nicole Mendoza. She volunteered at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital in its Junior Volunteer program. Mendoza is a senior at Mount

Vernon High School. She plans to attend the College of William and Mary where she will pursue a degree in Biology. After graduating from college, Mendoza plans to attend medical school in hopes of becoming an orthopedic surgeon.

CRIME REPORT

Activities reported by the Mt. Vernon police department through May 20.

ROBBERY

Two males and a female robbed a 48-year-old man in the 8400 block of Fuerte Court around 6:37 p.m. on Monday, May 16. The victim was transported to the hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

ROBBERY

A man robbed a 65-year-old woman of her wallet around 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 18 in the 7900 block of Richmond Highway. The suspect was described as black, about 20 years old, 6 feet tall and 150 pounds. The victim did not require medical attention.

MALICIOUS WOUNDING

A man stabbed a 32-year-old man in the 3400 block of Buckman Road around 7:20 p.m. on Friday, May 6. The suspect fled; he was described as black, between 20 and 25 years old, about 160 pounds with long, braided hair. He was wearing a black T-shirt with white writing and black pants. The victim was taken to the hospital with non-lifethreatening injuries.

ROBBERY

A man robbed a 22-year-old woman of her cell phone around 6:32 p.m. on Sunday, May 8 in the area of Fifer Drive and Huntington Avenue. The suspect was described as black, about 17 years old, 5 feet 7 inches tall and 150 pounds, with brown, shoulder-length hair. The victim was not injured.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY/ ARREST

Police charged a 14-year-old boy with assaulting another 14-year-old boy on May 10. The charge stems from an altercation that took place between the suspect and victim on Wednesday, May 4 some time between 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. at Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. The victim declined medical attention.

ROBBERY

Two teenaged boys robbed a 16-year-old boy on Tuesday, May 10 around 4:45 p.m. The suspects were described as black, between 14 and 16 years old. One suspect was about 5 feet 6 inches tall and the other was about 6 feet tall. The victim declined medical attention.

ROBBERY/ ARREST

Police charged a 15-year-old boy with robbing a 17-year-old boy of his cell phone just after noon on Wednesday, May 11 in the area of Canterbury Lane and Ross Street. The suspect was transported to the juvenile detention center. The victim was not injured.

LARCENIES

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Billie is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Art Strickland of Roanoke; her son and daughter-in-law Doug and Susan McQuade of Roanoke, and five grandchildren Nicole Strickland of Baltimore, Maryland, Danielle Strickland of Guadalupe, Mexico, Ryan Strickland of Greensboro, North Carolina, and Trent and Macy McQuade of Roanoke. She is also survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Amy Stevenson of Gulfbreeze, Florida and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Thomas A. McQuade, her parents, Horace and Elizabeth Stevenson, her sister and brother-in-law Julia and Richard (Dick) Washburn, and her brother and sister-in-law Horace (Bud) and Connie Stevenson.

A memorial service will be held at 1 pm on May 27 graveside at Arlington Cemetery, where she will be interred beside her husband, Tom, a World War II POW. A reception will follow at the Fort Meyers Officers Club. Memorials may be made to AHALA Children's Rights Foundation, PO 2866, Roanoke 24001.



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