



**Commencement speaker, Col. Gregory D. Gadson, a bilateral above-the-knee amputee resulting from injuries sustained in a roadside bombing in the Iraq War, receives a standing ovation from the students and guests at the Mount Vernon High School 2012 Commencement Exercises on Friday afternoon, June 15. Gadson said nothing made him prouder on this day than the perseverance of his graduating son, Jaelan. Gadson has served in the U.S. Army for more than 20 years as a field artillery officer and on active service for: Desert Shield/Desert Storm (Kuwait), Operation Joint Forge, Bosnia, Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom. While serving in the U.S. Army he has been awarded three Bronze Stars, a Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal.**

## Back-to-Back Graduations

Mount Vernon High School and West Potomac High School held their graduation ceremonies at George Mason University's Patriot Center on Friday, June 15. More photos on pages 5 and 7.



**Mount Vernon High School senior class president Yisel Carcamo addresses her classmates.**



**West Potomac High School principal Clifford Hardison presents the faculty award to senior class vice president Frezzette Ackah.**

**West Potomac High School senior class president Hind Tatby welcomes all to the commencement exercises.**



## Who Will Provide Police Oversight?

**Police Chief supports designating internal auditor to investigate citizen allegations of police misconduct.**

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

**S**ince March 29, 2011 when the Board of Supervisors received the former County Executives' recommendation, there's been no final decision on whether or not to establish an independent review process for the police department. The board's Public Safety Committee chair, Supervisor Gerald Hyland, recently stated that the board unanimously rejected the creation of a Citizen Review Board as recommended by the Mount Vernon-based Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability. But does that mean no independent review of citizen allegations of police misconduct of any kind?

Mary Ann Jennings, director of public information for the police department, said, "There has been

no final decision by the board on whether to establish police oversight, or what form that would take if approved. In the meantime the investigation by the Internal Auditor of the police department's Internal Affairs function has not been completed." Jennings added that Chief David Rohrer has not discussed the March 2011 Action Item with new County Executive Ed Long to determine where he stands on the issue.

Over a year ago, the former County Executive, Tony Griffin, submitted an Action Item to the Board of Supervisors: "Approval to Establish an Independent Review Process for the Police Department" in which four models were outlined — Citizen Review Board, Police Investigation with Citizen Oversight, Police Investigation with a Citizen Appeal Board and

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## Last Saudi Year

**Islamic Saudi Academy heads toward end of its lease on Richmond Highway.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

**J**uly will mark the beginning of the end of the Saudi Islamic Academy's lease on Richmond Highway, ending a long and contentious relationship with a school that opponents consider a training ground for terrorists. Fairfax County officials say the lease runs out July 2013, and they will not be entertaining any more extensions.

"We are not agreeing to any fur-

ther extensions of the lease," said Merni Fitzgerald. "Future use of the site has not yet been decided."

In October 2010, members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors held a public hearing to consider extending the lease of the controversial school. Opponents howled with derision when supporters defended the school. In the end, supervisors voted to extend the lease of county-owned land at 8333 Richmond Highway to Saudi Arabia, generating about \$2.6 mil-

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# A Year Later: No Decision on Police Oversight

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Independent Auditor. The former County Executive, the Police Chief, and the Police Department supported the Independent Auditor option.

The reasons for recommending the Auditor option as described in the County

Board's Action Item paper, were described as follows:

- ❖ The Internal Auditor currently investigates alleged inappropriate behavior and business practices, and has familiarity with police procedure and investigatory practices.

- ❖ The Internal Auditor is outside of the Police Department and reports to the County Executive who supervises the Deputy County Executive for Public Safety. The view here is this satisfies the independent third party review requirement.

- ❖ The Internal Auditor approach will not add to the burden of time and expense. Also, it doesn't interfere with the rights of police officers (the Procedural Guarantee Act).

- ❖ The police union has been briefed and supports this option.

- ❖ There is no strong evidence that a Citizen Review Board provides additional value to the review process. The paper stated that this option remains a long-term option if there is a lack of satisfaction with the experience under the Auditor model.

The paper cautioned that what was being

recommended is not an Independent Auditor function that would perform investigations separate from the police department. However, the paper stated that the fact that the public can initiate independent reviews of Police Department actions will enhance the public's trust of the police. Also, the anticipated installation of digital cameras on all police vehicles was viewed as an additional enhancement for police accountability.

The Internal Auditor recommendation is at odds with the recommendation by the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability. Since its formation in April 2010 following the shooting death of David Masters, the group has urged some form of police citizen oversight board independent of the police department, reporting directly to the Board of Supervisors, and made up of private citizens appointed by and representative of each supervisor district and at large. One form or another of this independent citizens oversight model is now being used in various forms by cities and counties throughout the U.S.

Fairfax County is one of the largest jurisdictions in the U.S. Without Independent Police Oversight Review by Citizens, according to the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.

**IN NOVEMBER 2009**, a Fairfax County police officer shot and killed an unarmed

man, David Masters, at the intersection of Fort Hunt Road and Route One. Masters, a Vietnam veteran, was pursued by police because he allegedly took flowers from a Route 1 business. He was shot while he was sitting in his car, at the intersection of Fort Hunt road and U.S. Route 1, surrounded by police on three sides.

One of the police officers present shot Masters in the back as he sat in his car. According to police, the officer thought that Masters rolled his car over a fellow police officer, was going for a gun, and the car was stolen. Later it was determined he did not strike a police officer with his car, did not go for a gun — did not own one — and the car was not stolen. Despite efforts by his family and the media to find out what happened, no police incident report was made public and the identity of the police officer who shot Masters was not identified for a year. The police officer was eventually cleared of criminal wrongdoing. The FBI's civil rights division conducted an investigation into the shooting in 2010. No report of their findings was made public to date.

Since then a Manassas lawyer, Jon E. Shields, filed a civil suit in Prince William County Circuit Court, in November 2011, against Fairfax County, the Fairfax County Police Department, and the police officer who shot and killed Masters. The suit is complicated by the fact that the named

plaintiffs, the deceased's former wife and stepdaughter, have stated they are not interested in pursuing a civil suit filed by Shields, and they did not authorize filing the suit. Shields is married to the late David Masters' sister, Joyce Shields. A recent check of Prince William County Court records lists the suit as "active." This shooting incident, the circumstances of the Masters shooting, and the aftermath of how the incident was handled by the Fairfax County police and prompted Nicholas Beltrante of Mount Vernon, a retired D.C. police detective, to form a Virginia non-profit corporation, the Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc.

According to Beltrante, the purpose of the organization is to mobilize support for the creation of a police citizen oversight board with the authority to investigate citizen complaints of alleged police misconduct and report its findings and recommendations to the Board of Supervisors, the County Executive, and the Police Chief. In addition to this organizational goal, the CCPA supports more accessible police incident reporting. Currently, Virginia law provides a blanket police exemption of police incident reports from the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Since its formation in April 2010 the CCPA has gained the backing of organizational  
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## How Does Fairfax County Compare on Police Oversight?

A survey of what other cities and counties and their police departments are doing to promote transparency and accountability of police operations.

BY GERALD A. FILL  
THE GAZETTE

The National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement supports member cities and counties with citizen police oversight functions. Its U.S. membership is approximately 100 organizational and individual members and growing. The association exists to provide a means for technical support to requesting cities and counties, share information among its membership, and to annually meet to conduct seminars and workshops to advance the professionalism of police-community relations and police citizen oversight.

A review of the NACOLE membership demonstrates a varying array of citizen review organizational models, authorities and functions, ranging from some with subpoena power and authority to access police incident reports, to other purely advisory and no authority to compel reports, convene hearings, or conduct independent investigations. A typical model includes citizen oversight participation independent of the police department.

Here are some profiles:

**City/County:** Washington, D.C.  
**Size of Police Force:** 3,800 sworn officers  
**Names:** Police Complaints Board (PCB) and

Office of Police Complaints (OPC); Executive Director, Phillip Eure

**Authority:** OPC Investigates, mediates, adjudicates police misconduct complaints filed by the public against sworn police officers. OPC decisions are binding, although the police department determines the level of discipline. OPC has subpoena power. The OPC is overseen by the Police Complaints Board (PCB) which consists of four private citizens and one sworn police member.

**Comments:** In a NACOLE letter to the Virginia Citizens Coalition for Police Accountability, Inc., the OPC executive director, wrote: "Citizen review of the police takes on many forms around the U.S. In addition to handling police misconduct allega-

tions, an oversight office could mediate some types of citizen complaints as well as develop recommendations for police reform based on patterns or trends detected in the complaints. ... The overall goal would be to promote increased police accountability in Fairfax County and to improve interactions between law enforcement officers and the public. ... Experience shows that the more confidence that people have in the police, the greater the likelihood they will report crimes and otherwise cooperate with law enforcement. ... This leads to better policing and safer communities. We urge government officials in Fairfax county to become educated about the benefits of citizen oversight, a field that has become highly professionalized in

recent years."

**City/County:** City of Tucson, Ariz.  
**Size of Police Department:** 1,000 sworn officers  
**Name:** Citizen Police Advisory Review Board (CPARB)

**Authority:** Seven voting members and four advisory members. Mayor and City Council appoint voting members, and the board selects the citizen advisory members. Reviews completed police internal audit investigations, and other completed investigations.

**Independent Police Auditor Office:** Program Manager, Robert Barton. A retired former police officer.

**Comments:** The CPARB serves as the liaison with the City Council; reviews police investigations completed to determine if they are thorough and fair. Its existence has had the effect of promoting confidence between the police, elected officials, and the community. Created by Ordinance. Does not have subpoena power.

**City/County:** City of San Diego, Calif.  
**Name:** Citizens' Review Board on Police Practices  
**Size of Police Department:** Approx. 2,000 sworn officers

**Comments:** Reviews citizen complaints and independent auditor investigations, all police officer shootings and deaths in custody, and reports to the Police Chief and City Manager.

**City/County:** Pittsburgh, Pa.  
**Name:** Citizen Police Review Board (CPRB)  
**Executive Director:** Elizabeth Pittinger  
**Size of Police Department:** Approx 1,140 sworn officers

**Authority:** Created by Referendum to Home  
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**"Police organizations are most effective if they are transparent and accountable. ... By doing so they will enjoy the trust and respect of the citizens they serve. .... Police civilian oversight boards and other oversight models help to make that possible, and the growing number of these organizations nationally is testimonial to their importance in promoting a culture of openness and transparency between the police departments and the communities they serve."**

**— Kathryn Olson, executive director, Seattle Office of Professional Accountability, and president, National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement.**



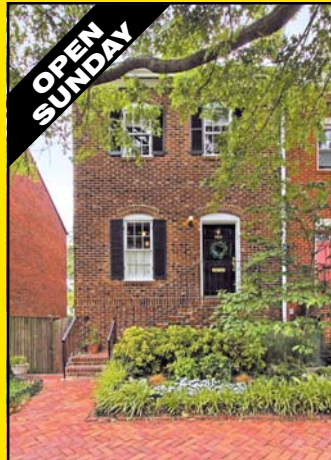
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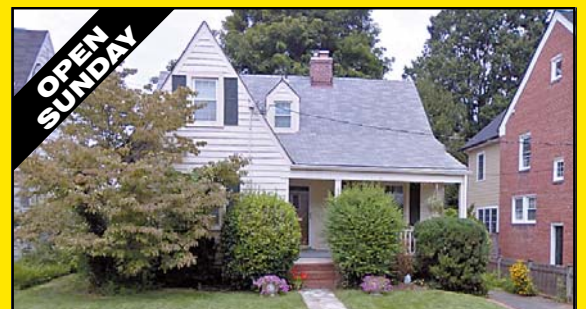
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# GRADUATION '12



Django Szilagi addresses his classmates.



West Potomac teacher Jeff Feinstein is awarded the faculty award by the class of 2012.

## West Potomac Seniors Say Farewell



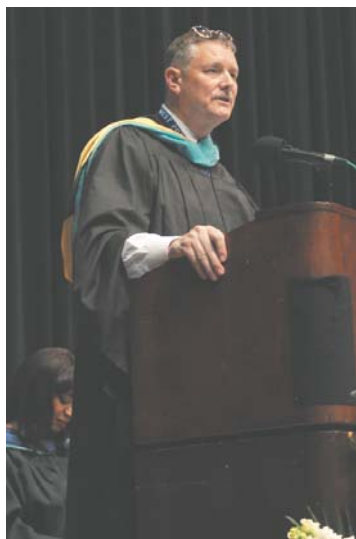
Danielle McHugh finishes up the speeches to the Class of 2012.



Members of the graduating class who have chosen military service and/or will be attending military academy's in the fall are recognized.



Ernest Johnson directs Bella Voce in the singing of a musical selection "Thank You."



West Potomac High School principal Clifford Hardison acknowledges the special guests.

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## 'Building Today for Tomorrow's Healthcare'

Barbara Doyle, INOVA Mount Vernon Hospital CEO, leads the applause during the the dedication of the Mark and Brenda Miller Medical Tower on Friday, June 15 at the main entrance on Collingwood Road. District Supervisor Jeff McKay, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, chairs Mark and Brenda Moore, District Supervisor Gerry Hyland and state Sen. Toddy Puller joined an audience of dozens of citizens in attendance.



Mark and Brenda Miller, campaign chairs, donated \$2 million to begin the funding needed to build the medical tower.



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# GRADUATION '12



Mount Vernon High School principal Nardos King leads the processional into the Michael M. Skinner Field House for Commencement Exercises on June 15.

## Mount Vernon Grads Move On

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Senior Michael James Abney stands and sings along with the U.S. Air Force anthem, "Into the Wild Blue Yonder."



Zainab Samir Abdulaziz waits for the call to cross the stage for the presentation of diplomas.



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## NEWS

# Last Saudi Year

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lion a year. Back in January, Fairfax County officials agreed to a final one-year lease extension. Now the school is looking to the future, although it's unclear exactly what will become of the Saudi Islamic Academy.

"The decision is made by the Saudi Embassy of where we are located, and it's totally in their hands," said Ronald Schultz, acting director general/chief of staff. "They determine the lease and the location of the school because they are the primary funding source."

Calls to the Islamic Embassy were not returned.

say the school is indoctrinating a generation of radical Islamic terrorists who will try to implement Sharia law in America.

"Their graduates are a rogues gallery of people who spend their weekends photographing bridges," said James Lafferty, chairman of the Virginia Anit-Shariah Task Force, during the 2010 public hearing. "Get as tough with those people as you do the people who aren't cleaning up their front yards."

**"We are not agreeing to any further extensions of the lease."**

— Merni Fitzgerald, Fairfax County spokeswoman

Officials with the Islamic Academy have anticipated moving from the Richmond Highway location for some time. The academy has another site on Pope's Head Road

**THE BUILDING** on Richmond Highway was originally constructed as Mount Vernon High School, a brick building where generations of teenagers attended classes. But by the late 1980s it was in disrepair and the school system decided it no longer needed the facility. In 1989, the county executed the first lease with the royal embassy of Saudi Arabia doing business as the Islamic Saudi Academy. The terrorist attacks in 2001 changed the perception of many Fairfax County residents, though. Now detractors

in Fairfax Station, and school officials say they are looking at other potential locations throughout the county. Because the Richmond Highway facility already has a long history with the public school system, Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee) says the facility could be used by Fairfax County Public Schools.

"We don't have a magnet school for the arts in this county," said McKay, whose district is across the street from the facility. "This would be an ideal

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## Fort Hunt Park Meeting Set

George Washington Memorial Parkway, a unit of the National Park Service, is conducting public scoping on three new alternative concepts for the Fort Hunt Park Site Development Plan Environmental Assessment/Assessment of Effect.

An Open House public meeting will be held Wednesday, June 27, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Fort Hunt Elementary School, 8832 Linton Lane.

The meeting is being held so interested public can speak to staff, learn more about the proposed alternative concepts and submit written comments.

New alternative concepts seek to enhance visitor awareness and understanding of Fort Hunt Park's resources while also sustaining many of the park's existing recreational amenities.

This public scoping period

will conclude on Saturday, July 28. During this period, the public is invited to identify concerns they may have with the proposed alternative concepts as well as offer suggestions.

Written comments can be submitted electronically at the NPS's Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website at: [parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt](http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt). Written comments may also be mailed to: Superintendent, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Turkey Run Park, McLean, VA 22101. Attn: Fort Hunt Park EA/AoE. Mailed comments must be postmarked by Saturday, July 28, to receive consideration.

More details about the project are available on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/forthunt>.



# No Decision on Police Oversight

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and individual supporters from within the county, around the state, and nationally: Virginia Coalition for Open Government, National Association for Citizen Oversight of Law Enforcement, Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press, Northern Virginia Chapter of the NAACP, Virginia ACLU and the Virginia Press Association

Since its formation the CCPA has motivated a number of citizens to send letters complaining about alleged police misconduct. One of those letters came from the family of Dr. Salvatore Culosi, who was fatally shot in 2006 while being served a warrant for his arrest for sports gambling. He was unarmed. The police officer who shot him was part of a SWAT

team and accidentally discharged his weapon while leaving his car, according to police. The Culosi's sued the police officer and five years later the county settled the suit for \$2 million. This is an example of excessive use of lethal force, according to the Culosi family and the CCPA. Since the CCPA was formed, a number of letters of complaint about alleged police misconduct were sent to them. CCPA in turn forwarded the letters for response to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Sharon Bulova. She has in turn forwarded the letters to Hyland. According to Beltrante, thus far no substantive response has been received by the CCPA beyond Bulova's acknowledging the receipt of the letters.

# No Extensions of Saudi Academy's Lease

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location."

**FAIRFAX COUNTY** officials extended the lease without members of the Board of Supervisors taking action in accordance with the terms of the contract. That saved the elected officials from yet another contentious public hearing, one that might expose more tension between the elected leaders. The last time the lease was considered Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) offered a motion that would have denied

**"The academy is not going to be there forever. We know that."**

**— Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon)**

the lease extension in favor of finding an ultimate disposition of the property. Pat Herrity (R-Springfield) agreed with Cook, pointing out that the way the agreement is worded the matter would be docketed for another public hearing until four years had elapsed.

"This school has been a darn good neighbor to the citizens that live closes to it," said Supervisor Gerry Hyland (D-Mount Vernon) said at the end of the contentious 2010 hearing. "The academy is not going to be there forever. We know that."

# Comparing

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Rule Charter. Authority to hold public hearings, subpoena witnesses and documents. Authority is advisory only. Also has responsibility to mediate citizen complaints.

**Comments:** Has responded to 10,000 citizen allegations since 1997. Citizens may safely offer information and file complaints about alleged police misconduct; also, police have referred citizens to complaint board. CPRB has helped to create a positive cultural change enabling citizens and police to work compatibly with each other.

**City/County:** Indianapolis, Ind.  
**Name:** Citizen Police Complaint Board

**Executive Director:** Chris Reeder

**Size of Police Department:** 1,196 sworn police officers

**Authority:** Created by local ordinance; subpoena power for records and compel individuals to appear at hearing. Nine citizen members appointed by the Mayor and City-County Council, and three appointed by the Fraternal Order of Police.

**Comments:** Creating the Police Complaint Board has resulted in a drop in serious police misconduct complaints, including for example deaths in custody; also, the PCB has improved community-police relations.

**City:** Seattle, Wash., and the King County Sheriffs Office

**Name:** Office of Professional Accountability (OPA); OPA Review Board

**Executive Director:** Kathryn Olson, Executive Director

**Size of Police Department:** 1,280 Sworn officers (Seattle City); King County, 1,027 employees and sheriffs deputies.

**Authority:** The OPA Review Board consists of three citizens appointed by the City Council; works closely with the OPA Auditor, and OPA Office Director (Olson) in providing civilian review of the citizen complaint process and promote public awareness of the existence and work of the OPA.

Separately, the King County Sheriff's office has a Office of Citizen Complaints - Ombudsman (OCC). Authorized to investigate complaints. Typically, complaints are first filed with the Sheriff's office re: complaints about excessive force, unprofessional conduct, or other violations. The OCC has access to all the Sheriff's records and can conduct independent factual research.

Olson currently serves both as the executive director of the Seattle Office of Professional Accountability (OPA) as well as the current president of the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement. Visit [www.nacole.org](http://www.nacole.org).



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# OPINION

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Through July we will be working on our annual Insider's Edition: Newcomers and Community Guide, which will publish Aug. 22. We need input from our readers on many aspects

of this guide.

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### EDITORIAL

As a local, weekly newspaper, the Gazette's mission is to bring the news you need about your community, to give you the information you need to

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Irreplaceable Wetland'

To the Editor:

Thank you for your recent article by Gerald Fill calling attention to the plight of Dyke Marsh. A remnant of a once-larger marsh, Dyke Marsh was lauded by George Washington, by Louis Halle in Spring in Washington in 1947; protected by the U. S. Congress in 1959 who enacted legislation to set aside Dyke Marsh "as an irreplaceable wetland," and by many others before and since. Dyke Marsh is a beloved place of solace, renewal, protection and beauty for us and for our fellow creatures. It has been sadly degraded by human activity in the 20th century.

As noted by U.S. Geological Survey scien-

tists in their 2010 study, the marsh is eroding by six to eight feet a year and will disappear soon without further human intervention to reverse the erosion, including specifically the renewal of a wave break at the south edge of the marsh. Our attention to the marsh and its restoration should be of paramount concern to us who live nearby; we are all stewards of the natural world around us.

The National Park Service, who administer the marsh as part of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, deserve praise for their response and have asked for comment on options for restoration of the marsh. They deserve our support for full restoration of this national and local treasure.

**Dorothy McManus**  
Alexandria

## What Sets Dyke Marsh Apart

To the Editor:

This letter is an effort to clarify a few points about Dyke Marsh.

❖ The following was written in 2008 by L.K. Thomas, Ph. D., research ecologist emeritus and ecological and resource management consultant to the National Capital Region, U.S. National Park Service. Dr. Thomas worked for the National Park Service until his retirement.

"I have been involved with Dyke Marsh from the time in NPS got it in 1959 until now. Dyke Marsh is a rare one-of-kind situation. It is the only Pleistocene freshwater tidal climax narrow-leaved cattail (*Typha augustifolia*) marsh in the National Park System and probably in the world. ... Freshwater tidal marshes are rare. Most tidal marshes are salt marshes. Most cattail marshes are successional (temporary)."

❖ The following is from the U.S. Geological Survey study, Analysis of the Deconstruction of Dyke Marsh, George Washington Memorial Parkway, Virginia: Progression, Geologic and Manmade Causes and Effective Restoration Scenarios, Open-File Report 2010-1269:

"Dyke Marsh is the eroding remnant of a formerly extensive freshwater tidal marsh, adjacent to George Washington's Mount Vernon estate, and situated approximately 7 miles south of Washington, D. C., along the Potomac River's western shore." (page 2)

"Initial results indicate that the marsh started forming about 530 years ago (prior to Columbus' arrival)." (page iii)

❖ The following is from the U.S. National Park Service's website:

"Located along the west bank of the Potomac River, approximately 95 miles from the Chesapeake Bay, Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve consists of approximately 485 acres of tidal marsh, floodplain, and swamp forest. Dyke Marsh, which is believed to have formed 500 years ago, is one of the largest remaining freshwater tidal wetlands in the Washington Metropolitan area."

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## Scholarships for JROTC Cadets

At the May 16 Dinner Meeting of the Mount Vernon Chapter, Military Officers Association of America held at Fort Belvoir, five JROTC cadets of local high schools each received a \$2,000 scholarship. They were awarded to the following cadets (from left): Cadet Major Ronald Harrell of Quantico H.S., Cadet Lt. Colonel E.J. Coleman of Mount Vernon H.S., Cadet Lt. Colonel Zachary Crews of West Potomac H.S., Cadet Aleecia Stephens of T.C. Williams H.S. Not pictured is Cadet Wuddy Zhan of Thomas Edison H.S.

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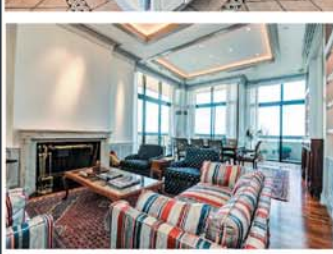
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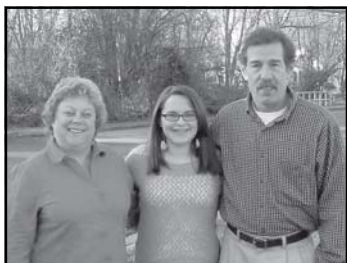
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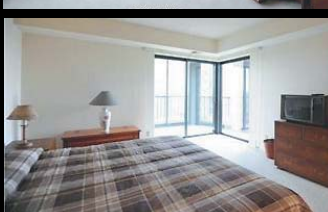
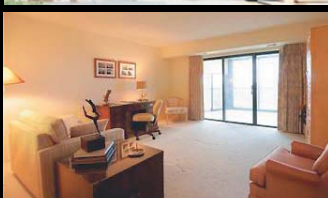
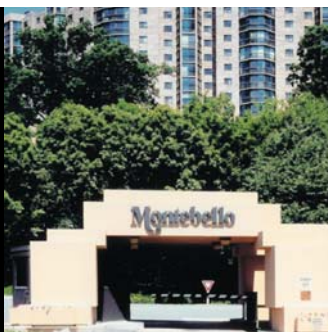
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## OPINION



The freshwater marshes of Broad Creek directly across the river from Dyke Marsh.

### LETTERS

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❖ The following is from Public Law 86-41, June 11, 1959, the law that added the Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve to the U.S. national parks system:

"The Secretary shall administer all of the lands described in this bill. . . so that fish and wildlife development and their preservation as wetland wildlife habitat shall be paramount...."

**Glenda Booth**, President  
Friends of Dyke Marsh

## Can't Return To the Past

To the Editor:

In last week's Gazette, Martin Tillett expressed the desire to restore the Potomac River to its condition in the late 18th century during the life of George Washington. Of course, this is both impractical and impossible. The Potomac River is now known as one of our nation's most productive bass fish-

eries. Bass are a non-indigenous species that wasn't present in the Potomac River in 1800. Recently, non-indigenous snakehead fish were introduced into the river. Hydrilla is non-indigenous. I could go on and on.

The material removed from Dyke Marsh after 1937 was used to fill in other areas of the Potomac River to create Reagan National Airport and the Pentagon. Much of the area of Washington, D.C. near the river is filled land. What should we do about that?

When the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776, the population of the colonies was about 2,500,000, less than 1 percent of the U.S. population today. I gather Mr. Tillett doesn't want to unwind 236 years of history or tell 300,000,000 people to leave, nor can he document with any precision the characteristics of the Potomac River at the birth of our country. I note that an 1879 survey plat identifies only a single resident of the land that would later become Mr. Tillett's Spring

Bank neighborhood. I was tempted to say that resident was a direct ancestor of Sam Walton (founder of Wal-Mart) but actually the name was "J. Regan."

The suggestion that we turn back the clock over 200 years is non-credible. As I earlier stated, the desire to preserve and perhaps restore some of the historic Dyke Marsh should not be motivated by the false contention that it is the only game in town. The accompanying photo (above) is of the freshwater marshes of Broad Creek directly across the River from Dyke Marsh. To be candid, Dyke Marsh is a favored target for restoration because it is part of a national park, thereby inviting the prospect of using federal tax revenues to fund the restoration. Unfortunately, the National Park Service has provided no firm estimate of the anticipated costs for each proposed restoration option. Until this occurs, no further action should be taken.

**H. Jay Spiegel**  
Mount Vernon

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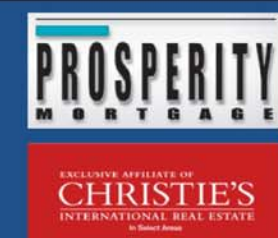
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# Congratulations to the Alexandria Country Day School Class of 2012



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**We are pleased to announce that members of the ACDS graduating class of 2012 will be attending the following high schools:** Bishop Ireton, Bishop O'Connell, Elizabeth Seton, Episcopal, Field School, Georgetown Day, Georgetown Visitation, Gonzaga, J.E.B. Stuart, Madeira, Robinson Secondary, St. John's, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, T.C. Williams, West Potomac, Washington-Lee, and Westover.

## About Alexandria Country Day School:

Alexandria Country Day School is an independent K-8 school serving the metropolitan Washington, DC area. Founded in 1983, the community school serves 240 students in one building, promoting interaction among the grade levels and fostering leadership principles. For more information, visit the school's website at [www.acdsnet.org](http://www.acdsnet.org). Stop by over the summer to see our new gymnasium, dining hall, and performing arts center! We are proud of our growth and continued support of the ACDS community.





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Instructor Linda Feldman leads a group of yoga campers in a downward dog tunnel at Budding Yogis. Specialty camps could be an option for parents still searching for summer activities for their children.

# Making the Most of Summer

## Advice for planning warm weather activities for children.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE GAZETTE

**I**'m bored, there's nothing to do," is a phrase often uttered by children during the summer. The end of the school year leaves many parents scrambling for activities to keep their young ones active and stimulated.

Experts say it is important to plan activities to keep children safe and out of trouble.

"Adult supervision is important, especially for the younger age groups. Make sure there is a good balance between fun and learning in the activities chosen," said Chantilly resident Maria Londono, a mental health therapist for Fairfax County Community Health Care Network and Molina Health Care in Falls Church, Alexandria and Reston. "Children should also have some down time, so don't kill yourself trying to fill every minute of the day with activities."

**WHEN IT COMES TO CAMPS,** think outside the box. While traditional day camps often fill as soon as registration opens, specialty camps such as cooking camps, yoga camps, sports camps and art camps frequently offer more availability.

"With specialty camps you can have a clear idea of what your child will be doing and your child will know what to expect," said Linda Feldman, director of Budding Yogis camp. "Like traditional camps, specialty camps usually include crafts and out-

door activities."

"Specialty camps provide an opportunity for campers to explore particular areas of interest and foster discovery, adventure and learning," said Jim Supple, director of summer programs at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School in Alexandria.

George Mason University's Summer Camps and Youth Programs 2012 offers a variety of activities ranging from sports to academics.

"Each of [our] camps is run individually and all of the camps are listed on our website," said Angelique LeBlanc, an event

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— Susan DeLaurentis

coordinator at the school's office of University Information. "One of the most popular of our camps is the George Mason University Forensics Camp. Also popular are all of the camps that are held at the aquatics center, and our performing arts and music camps."

**KEEP LEARNING IN THE MIX.** The National Summer Learning Association reports that most students fall more than two months behind in math skills during the summer.

Susan Goldberg, principal of Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, says that educational tools are all around. "Make math a part of everyday experiences. There are interesting and fun websites, games and problem solving activities that can insure that

your child continues their love of learning," she said.

Don't forget literature. Experts say that children should read every day. "If you take time to read alongside or to your children, they will make it a life-long habit, and they'll enrich their lives at the same time," said Goldberg.

Take advantage of summer programs at local libraries. "Check your local libraries for story times and arts-and-crafts-related activities. Most libraries and community recreational centers have programs full of stimulating and age-appropriate activities for children and their families during the summer," said Londono.

### LEAVE TIME FOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES.

"Keep in mind that summer is a time for fun and a break from the routine," said Susan DeLaurentis, director of counseling at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. "Whatever activities parents plan for their children, they should be enjoyable and stress-free. When it's too hot outside, or on a rainy day, pitch a tent in the living room and go 'camping' indoors. Have a bag ready, filled with new board games and books."

Summer fun doesn't have to be expensive. "There are always low cost or free activities for children during the summer," said Londono. "[Many] area museums are free of cost. [Planning] a picnic at a park and having children involved in the preparation of the picnic basket can be fun. A family bike ride, fishing, camping can be all fun family-oriented activities that don't necessarily involve a lot of spending. Including children in the preparation of meals can be a fun and helpful activity year-round because it gets them interested in food and keeps them involved in helping around the house."

## SCHOOL NOTES

Email announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are welcome.

Mount Vernon resident **Elizabeth Barrett** of George Washington University has been selected for the U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship (CLS) Program to study Chinese in China during the summer of 2012.

**Katie Rippy**, social studies teacher at Mount Vernon High School, has been named the 2012 Virginia History Day Senior Division Teacher of the Year. Rippy was selected for this award for her creative teaching methods that interest students in history and help them make exciting discoveries about the past. As a state award winner for Virginia, Rippy will receive a cash award of \$500. In addition to receiving the Virginia History Day Senior Division Teacher of the Year Award, Katie will be nominated by the Virginia State Coordinator for the National History Day Patricia Behring Teacher of the Year Award for Virginia that recognizes outstanding National History Day teachers.

**David McDonald** and **Carmen Mendoza** of West Potomac High School have been selected to attend the Virginia American Legion Junior Law Program at the Virginia State Police training academy in Richmond, scheduled for July 22-27.

**Celeste Walker**, a graduate of West Potomac High School, has been selected by the Society of Chemical Industry (SCI), America Section, as an SCI Scholar for 2012. In addition to a \$1,000 prize, scholars are awarded prestigious 10-week summer internships at major US chemical companies. Celeste currently attends University of Virginia and will complete an internship at Ashland Chemical Company.

**Mt. Vernon High School** has received a \$2,000 mini-grant from the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth to support a local chapter of Y Street, VFHY's national award-winning youth volunteer advocacy group. The grant will aid in promoting a healthy lifestyle to youth by training teen volunteers who promote a healthy lifestyle.

**Elizabeth Romano** of Alexandria, who is studying at Widener University in Chester, Pa., was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2012 semester at Widener.

**Adam Godfrey** of Alexandria graduated with a bachelor of science degree in business administration and French from Merrimack College on May 20.

**Peter Routh** of Alexandria, graduated from Bowdoin College, majoring in Government and Legal Studies on May 26.

Bucknell University has released the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement during the spring semester of the 2011-12 academic year. Several residents from Alexandria have been recognized, including:

❖ **John C. Luce Jr.**, son of John and Margaret Luce and a 2008 graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School.

❖ **Jason D. Neithamer**, son of Calvin and Susan Neithamer and a 2008 graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School.

❖ **Simeon B. Smith-Wimbush**, son of Iris Wimbush, Chau K. Tieu, daughter of Binh Tieu and Phuong Trinh, and a 2011 graduate of Mount Vernon High School.

❖ **Alexandra B. Van den Berg**, daughter of Alan and Anne Van den Berg and a 2011 graduate of St. Stephens & St. Agnes School.

Local residents graduated from Clemson University at three Commencement ceremonies May 11: **Brian Edward Beaty** of Alexandria, who graduated with a bachelor of science in political science (International Politics); **Kathryn Kelly Finnigan** of Alexandria, who graduated with a master of science in historic preservation and **Brittany Lee Ryan** of Alexandria, who graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts in political science



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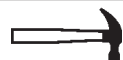
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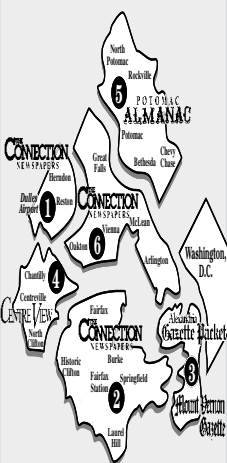
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#### Army Strong Week

Just retired Army Col. Mark Moffatt is recognized by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors during its June 5 meeting for his contributions to Fairfax County during six years of work as the Deputy Garrison Commander for Transition and BRAC, during which the U.S. Army moved 19,300 positions to Fort Belvoir. To his left is Col. John Strycula, Garrison Commander for Fort Belvoir, who was also recognized for his contributions to Fairfax County during the meeting. Strycula will hand over command of Fort Belvoir on June 25 to Col. Greg Gadson and then will move to his next assignment in Afghanistan.

## Following the Money

Supervisor McKay launches effort to explain county budget process.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

Lee District Supervisor is frustrated. Every year, he hears from parents who want him to do something about funding full-day Kindergarten. But the Board of Supervisors has no authority over specific funding items in the school system's budget, which is approved by the elected School Board. More recently, he's hearing from voters about the \$9 million shortfall facing the Community Services Board. But federal and state cuts to human services came after supervisors already adopted their budget, leaving supervisors holding the bag and trying to explain why pressing needs are not being met.

"Our budget looks mainly at internal influences and doesn't really look at political realities," said McKay. "And I think we need to start explaining to people the political realities of how our hands are tied."

As a potential solution, McKay is suggesting a communications effort to explain how the process works to county residents. For example, the budget office could put together a primer for the county website that could serve as a roadmap for understanding the process. The primer would explain that the county has limited ability to raise revenues and is restricted by the Dillon Rule, which forces localities to get permission from the General Assembly for many actions. The document would also explain how the supervisors transfer money to the school system and have no influence over how it's spent.

"We need an interactive online tool that shows people in much better detail where some of these challenges are," said McKay. "Increasingly, we're hearing conversations from people about meals taxes and gas taxes

and cigarette taxes and hotel occupancy taxes. It just shows that people don't understand that the state hasn't given counties like Fairfax the latitude to just come out and adjust those things."

**McKAY SAID** the effort to help citizens understand the budget process was prompted by dozens of calls from parents asking him to support specific spending items for the school system. Each time, McKay explained that the supervisors approve a sum of money to the Fairfax County Public Schools, which is then the domain of the independently elected School Board. Then, a few days later, he'll get a similar call asking the same question.

"We're not saying that the money is being spent improperly," said Suzette Kern, chairwoman of an advisory committee McKay appointed to look at the situation. "But when we look at the school, there's very little transparency." Recently, the county's Community Services Board has experienced a \$9 million shortfall as a result of state and federal cutbacks. With the sluggish economy continuing to cause problems for many people, demand for services has increased in recent years. But sources of funding have dwindled, creating a problem for Fairfax County. That difficulty was compounded by the timing because Fairfax County officials learned of the reduced levels of federal and state funding after the county's budget had already been adopted.

"The budget process is not easy to understand," said Ed Batton, member of a task force McKay put together to investigate the problem. "A lot of people in Fairfax County don't have a full appreciation for who is responsible for what, and we think something needs to be done about that."



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Del Ray Celebrates Local Music

One of Del Ray's own to perform in music festival.

BY ROSS SYLVESTRI  
THE GAZETTE

**D**el Ray Music Week will be held June 18-22. Along with Music Week, the Del Ray Music Festival will be held on Saturday, June 23. Alexandria's Kate Moran, lead singer in the Kate Moran Band and also the festival's chair, will perform. Moran also helped create the festival.

The festival was created in 2006 to have "an event that was just a music festival for Del Ray," said Moran, unlike other festivals which had music as one part. She also says that it's a chance to highlight the musicians in the area.

Del Ray Music Week, which was started in 2011, features several bands at different locations in Del Ray. Moran said that Music Week started with the idea of trying to get people to explore the community since the festival is only one day. It also allows new acts to perform each year at the festival, while still bringing back popular choices.

Moran said that both events are made possible with the support of the local business community. "It's fully sponsored by Del

Ray businesses," said Moran. In addition to the support from businesses, Moran said that the festival wouldn't be possible without volunteers, like the food vendors and the event coordinator.

Moran always had an interest in performing from a young age, starting with putting on plays for her family. She also had an interest in being in her own band. "It was kind of a dream that I had in my head, 'It would be awesome to have my own rock band,'" she said.



**Kate Moran, chair of the Del Ray Music Festival and lead singer in the Kate Moran Band.**

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**IN 2006, MORAN CREATED** the Kate Moran Band and became its lead singer. She continues to sing in the band today, in addition to her full-time job at the Department of Education and pursuing her doctorate at George Mason University.

Moran never expected that she would be the leader singer in a band. She said that she was always someone who would just sing in the background for

plays. "I had always dreamt about being a singer in a band, but I never really thought of myself as a front person for a band."

### Schedule

#### MONDAY/JUNE 18

**Chad Christian** at Kiskadee, 5-6 p.m.  
**Rick Irby** (of Lightfoot) at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**Addieville** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Calling Mary** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**The Weathervanes** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Oklahoma Car Crash and Mary Mary Quite Contrary** at Labels Exchange, 7-9 p.m.  
**Ella Sophia** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**The Highballers** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.  
**Brittany Jean** at Evening Star, 8-10 p.m.

#### TUESDAY/JUNE 19

**Del Ray Performing Arts Center** at Bellies and Babies, 5-6 p.m.  
**Alex Sussman** at Kiskadee, 5-6 p.m.  
**Brian Pagels** at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**The Walkways** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Mars Rodeo** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Dr. Tim Parks** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Emy Tseng** at Cheesetique, 7-9 p.m.  
**Anthony Pirog (of Janel and Anthony) and Insect Factory** at Labels Exchange, 7-9 p.m.  
**Kristina Furey** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Dear Creek** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.  
**The NRIs** at Evening Star, 8-10 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 20

**Harris Face** at Kiskadee, 5-6 p.m.  
**Rainbow Lady & Princess Fiddlesticks** at Bellies and Babies, 5-6 p.m.  
**The Scrub Pines** at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**The Mercy Alliance** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Black Muddy River Band** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Lethal Peanut** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Thirteen Towers and Four Mile Run** at Labels Exchange, 7-9 p.m.  
**Herb & Hanson** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Andrea Pais** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.  
**The Beanstalk Library** at Evening Star, 8-10 p.m.

#### THURSDAY/JUNE 21

**Evan Bliss and the Welchers** at Farmers Market, 7-9 p.m.  
**Mike Bowers** at Kiskadee, 5-6 p.m.  
**Groovy Nate** at Bellies and Babies, 5-6 p.m.  
**Janna Audey** at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**Rodger French Trio** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Vico Cycle** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Talk It and Harness Flux (John Masters of the Cheniers/Metropolitan)**, 7-9 p.m.  
**Bernie and Melissa Stoltz** at Artfully Chocolate, 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
**Not So Modern Jazz Band** at St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 8-10 p.m.  
**Tiffany Thompson** at Fireflies, 8-10 p.m.  
**Adrian Krygowski** at Evening Star, 8-10 p.m.



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**Adam Muhlenhoff and Allison de la Torre dance to the music of the Harley String Band at the 5th annual Del Ray Music Festival in 2011.**

### Del Ray Music Week

The 6th Annual Del Ray Music Festival kicks off with Del Ray Music Week, Monday, June 18 through Friday, June 22. Each evening between 5-10 p.m., local bands will perform at indoor and outdoor venues leading up to the festival on Saturday, June 23.

Fifty bands from the D.C. metro area are set to perform, including the WeatherVanes, The NRIs, Adrian Krygowski, Wytold, Dear Creek, Herb & Hanson, Velvet Undertronic, Lethal Peanut, Talk It, Tiffany Thompson, and Owen Danoff. Fans of folk, rock, indie, soul, country, jazz, world music, children's music, punk, pop, reggae, experimental, bossa nova, and classical should come out and see the shows.

Venues are located in the 1500 to 2700 blocks of Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. All venues are Metro accessible via Yellow and Blue lines at Braddock Road (10 to 15 min walk). DASH and Metro Bus also serve the neighborhood.

### Del Ray Music Festival

The Del Ray Music Festival will be on Saturday, June 23, at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center fields at 2701 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Visit [www.delraymusicfestival.com](http://www.delraymusicfestival.com).

### Schedule (con't.)

#### FRIDAY/JUNE 22

**Amber Dutton** at Bellies and Babies, 5-6 p.m.  
**Owen Danoff** at Show of Hands, 6-7 p.m.  
**Velvet Undertronic** at Del Ray Artisans, 6-8 p.m.  
**50 Man Machine** at Vital, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Andrew Acosta and the New Old-Time String Band** at Eclectic Nature, 7-8:30 p.m.  
**Wytold** at Cheesetique, 7-9 p.m.  
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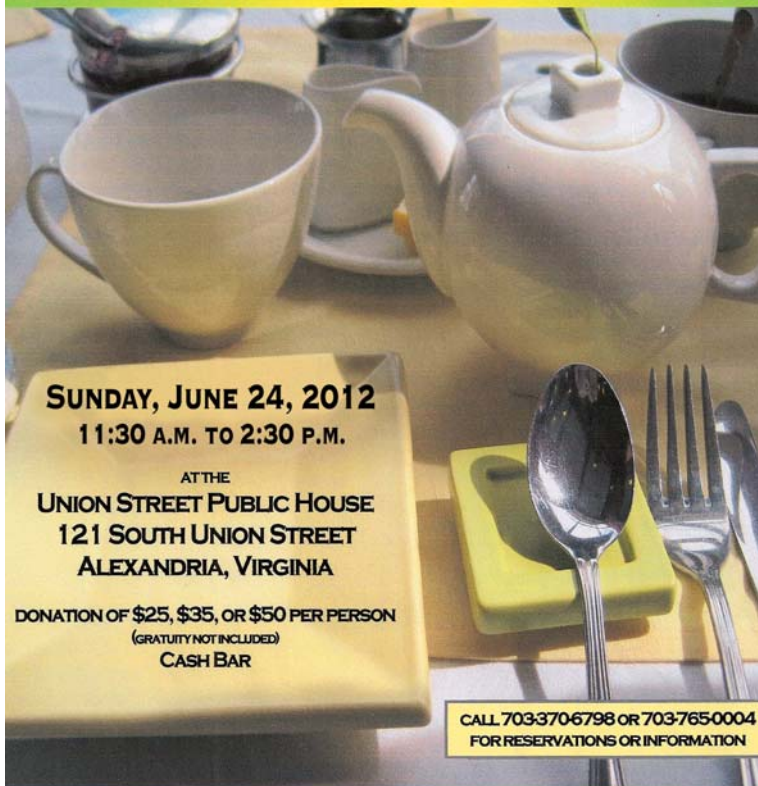
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**Gabrielle and Adiah Leverette look over the stickers and tattoos available as prizes in the children's corner at 2011's Del Ray Music Festival.**



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Attendees will be able to sample food and wine from a variety of local restaurants and Virginia wineries.

Alexandria's Food and Wine Festival 2012 participating restaurants include: The Chart House, Delia's Mediterranean Grill, San Antonio Bar & Grill, Walker's Grille, Clydes at Mark Center, Rita's Ice Custard, Indigo Landing, Alexandria Cupcake, La Tasca and Jamieson Grille.

Wineries include: Mattaponi Winery, Unicorn Winery, Prince Michel Vineyard and Winery, Lake Anna Winery, Glass House Winery, DelFosse Vineyard and Winery and Cedar Creek Winery.

The judging panel consist of Lisa Shapiro, dining reporter for the Washington Examiner and Founder of Dining in DC; Molly Ahearn from regional foodie website TheListAreYouOnIt.com; and Darik Kristofer, radio personality from 94.7 Fresh FM. More judges will be added and announced on the festival website.

The festival provides the opportunity to give back to the community through local non-profit organizations. Active duty military families will receive one



## Details

Saturday, June 23, 2012 from noon-5 p.m. at John Carlyle Square in the Carlyle District of Alexandria. 300 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Close to the King Street Metro station. Call 703-624-0245 or visit [www.alexandriafoodandwine.com/](http://www.alexandriafoodandwine.com/)

Event is free; tickets are needed to sample food and beverages. Each booklet of 25 taste tickets is \$20. Wine tastes are \$10.

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**Music At Twilight Concert.** 7:30-8:30 p.m. at John Carlyle Square Park. Musical performance by the Alexandria Singers, featuring pop choral. 300 John Carlyle St. Call 703-746-5418.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 22

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## Alexandria Voted in Top Arts Destinations

A new reader poll conducted by AmericanStyle magazine ranks Alexandria fourth among the nation's best arts destinations.

Rising from an 8th place ranking last year, Alexandria beat the 2011 mid-size cities winner, New Orleans, as well as perennial favorites Savannah, Miami and Charleston. The top three spots went to St. Petersburg, Dayton and Tampa. Alexandria has had a top 10 ranking since 2010.

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To see the complete list of the Top 25 Art Destination, Mid-Size Cities, visit [www.americanstyle.com](http://www.americanstyle.com).

## CALENDAR

### MONDAY/JUNE 25

**Little Wonders.** 10:30-11:15 a.m. children's program, ages 12-23 months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**Books The Bagic is Real.** 7 p.m. Marvel at Joe Romano's magic show. Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult at the program. Call the Burke Information Desk to register at 703-746-1704 x3. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library. 4701 Seminary Road.

### TUESDAY/JUNE 26

**SUMMERQUEST JR.** 10 a.m. Children's program, for ages 0-5 with an adult. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.

**SUMMERQUEST JR.** 11 a.m. Children's program, for ages 0-5 with an adult. Kate Waller Barrett Branch Library. 717 Queen Street, 22314. Call 703-746-1703.

**Paws to Read.** 5:30-6:30p.m. Children's program, for grades 1-6. Registration required. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.

**Time For 2's.** 10:30 a.m. Children's program, ages 24-36 months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central

Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**Baby Rhyme Time.** 11:30 a.m. Children's program, ages 0-11 months with an adult. Sign-up required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**Hands on History Tent.** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come build your own model sailboat and race it against others. Other activities include designing a flag, writing with a quill pen and trying on colonial clothes. The event is free, sailboat craft \$5, and designed for children ages 3-12. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or e-mail [carlyle@nvrpa.org](mailto:carlyle@nvrpa.org).

### WEDNESDAY/JUNE 27

**Lunch Bunch Concert:** The Russkie Musikanti. noon - 1 p.m. Musical performance by The Russkie Musikanti, an ensemble of the Washington Balalaika Society, featuring Russian folk music, series held in partnership with Tishman Speyer. Canal Center Plaza, 44 Canal Center Plaza. Call 703-746-5418.

**Bridal Showcase.** 7 - 9 p.m. Free. White Ribbon Studios Wedding and Event Photography is hosting select local wedding vendors for a wedding and bridal show. Make connections with high quality vendors representing photography, cakes, transportation, music, venues, catering, and more. Occasionally Cake, 207 King St, Alexandria.

### SUMMERQUEST Shazam Magic.

4:30 p.m. Children's program, for ages 6-12. Children only. James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library. 2501 Commonwealth Avenue. Call 703-746-1705.

**Family Storytime.** 7 p.m. Children's program. Bring the whole family to enjoy stories and songs. No registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**SUMMERQUEST JR.** "Oh Susannah!" Concert. 10:30 a.m. Children's program. Ages 0-5 with an adult. Registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**SUMMERQUEST:** Storyteller Diane Macklin. 4 p.m. Children's program. Ages 6-12. Registration required. Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. 5005 Duke Street.

**Hangover Royale (Swing)** - Lee District Nights. 7:30 p.m. Lee District Park. For directions and information, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/or](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/or) [myspace.com/hangoverroyale](http://myspace.com/hangoverroyale).

### THURSDAY/JUNE 28

**World Short Story Discussion Group.** 7 p.m. Discussing stories from the book, Other Voices, Other Vistas edited by Barbara Solomon. Please call the adult services/

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Flavors to Savor in Clay

As temperatures tip toward toasty, potters are trending to the wild side of summer seasonings in a "Spice it Up!" show at the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery.

Displays are peppered with experimental ceramic art, vibrant glazes and whimsical forms for all things saucy and spicy.

A dash of inspiration comes with sculpted salt cellars. Handled double dishes hold condiments, nuts and sweets. Dispensers serve savory olive oil, vinegar, soy sauce and other dressings. Embrace zesty seasonings with artisan garlic pots, sauce and syrup pitchers and dishes for every detail of the tablescape.

Organically-formed salt and pepper shaker sets add playful spunk. A porcelain butter dish shows geometric flare with its folded lid and saucer. Squared bowls hold red-hot salsas and chutneys while artisan chip and dips elevate vegetables, breads and salty snacks. Find a sweet honey pot or a tangy relish tray. A quirky textured cream and sugar set adds flavor to morning joe or afternoon tea. Handpainted lidded jars hold jam, mustard or olives.

The Ceramic Guild is an organization of more than 40 juried Washington, D.C. area artists. Organization members exhibit themed shows every other month at the artist-run cooperative Scope Gallery in Alexandria's Torpedo Factory Art Center.

### Details

The Ceramic Guild show runs June 24 to July 29; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, Thursdays until 9 p.m. 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope)



**Textured cream pitcher and sugar bowl set by Rebecca Zweibel of Alexandria.**



**Porcelain eggplant and pear salt cellars/condiment dishes by Suan Ying of Vienna.**

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reference desk, 703-746-1704 for stories. Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road.

**Story Time.** 10:30a.m or 3 p.m. Children's program, ages 3-5 (children only). Sign-up required.

Call 703-746-1702x5 or visit children's desk. Charles E. Beatley, Jr.

**J. Hayden.** Opening for En Vogue. 7:30 p.m. The Music Hall. Tickets are on sale now at [www.jworldrecords.com](http://www.jworldrecords.com).

### FRIDAY/JUNE 29

**Serenade! Festival.** 7:30 p.m. "Opening Celebration" with a welcome address by Alexandria's Mayor W. D. Euille. Take a trip around the world with this opening festival concert that will feature exciting and unique performances presented by choirs from Canada (Countermeasure and Cantaré Children's Choir), Colombia (Verata e Liberi), Australia (Young Adelaide Voices) and the USA (Boston City Singers). At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 South Pitt Street, Old Town Alexandria.

**Serenade Festival.** 12 noon. Free. Lunch time treat at Alexandria's Market Square, 301 King Street.

### FRIDAY/JUNE 29

**Concert By 2012 Serenade.** Noon-1 p.m. Concert by 2012 Serenade! Washington, D.C. Choral Festival. Hear music presented by choirs from Colombia, Australia and the United States. Market Square, 301 King St., call 703-746-5592.

**Anthony James Band (Southern Rock)** - Mt. Vernon Nights at Grist Mill at 7:30 p.m. Visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/or](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/or)  
[myspace.com/anthonyjamesband](http://myspace.com/anthonyjamesband).

### SATURDAY/JUNE 30

**Chopteeth (Afrofunk)** - Mt. Vernon Nights at Workhouse Arts Center (Lorton) at 7:00 p.m. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/) or [www.chopteeth.com](http://www.chopteeth.com). Chopteeth is a 12-piece Afrofunk orchestra exploring the common groove between the funkier, most hip-shakin' West African and American popular music on the planet.

### Serenade Festival's "African Evening."

6 p.m. Free. In partnership with Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Classical Movements will present two exhilarating choirs from Africa (Imilonji KaNtu Choral Society and Voices of Namibia). At Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 South Alfred Street, Alexandria.

**How to Get To Wonderful.** 5:15-6:45 p.m. Ronna Webb, Reiki Master, leads this 90-minute class on creating the life you want. Cost is \$47. At Alexandria Massage Therapy 1217 Prince St., Alexandria; 703-548-0310.

### The Clan MacLeod North

**American Gathering** at the Alexandria Crowne-Plaza Hotel will have the Stanley R. McLeod Memorial Lecture, open to the public, by Australian John MacLeod at 9 p.m.

### Nature-Based Preschool Open

**House.** 9-11:00 a.m. Free. Come see this mini-farm located on two acres adjoining Huntley Meadows Park. This year-round, non-profit preschool serves children 18 months to pre-kindergarten. Frog Pond Early Learning Center, 7204 Harrison Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-765-7663 or visit [www.FrogPondKids.org](http://www.FrogPondKids.org).

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# FHYAA Softball All-Stars Win 10U Championship

**T**his past Father's Day weekend the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association (FHYAA) fielded three teams to play in the end of season Fairfax County Girls Softball League (FCGSL) fast pitch softball tournament.

The 10U team ended the tournament by winning the championship game on Sunday and completed the tournament with a 4-0 record. This year's 10U team combined the best players from the Fort Hunt and Mount Vernon softball programs and resulted in a team that won all four games and ultimately crowned 1st place champions.

The team was coached by Daryl Davidson, Craig Stowers, John Daly and John Castillo.

**THE 12U TEAM** also had a strong showing, finishing the tournament with a record of 2-1-1 and fell just short of the 1st place trophy losing in the championship game 8-7.

In a statement, 12U Head Coach Mike O'Connor said, "The girls did an exceptional job and really came together as a team. We



**Members of the Fort Hunt 10U All Star Team. Prone: Scarlett Anderson, kneeling, from left, Megan Huck, Nekia Aiken, Sophia Castillo, Farrin McMaster, standing, from left, Jennavieve Miller, Maggie Daly, Caroline Magro, Tiffany Stowers, Claire Davidson, and back row from left, John Daly, Craig Stowers, John Castillo and Daryl Davidson. Not pictured is 10U all-star Leia Surovell.**

were very pleased to see them have a great time while playing softball to the best of their abilities. Hopefully they came out of the tournament with some great memories and a nice boost to hopefully motivate them to keep working to improve at softball. As we told them after the game every single player on the team was an important part of our success at the tournament."

The team was coached by Mike O'Connor, Bob Aramony and Dale Dorris

**THE 18U TEAM** fell short of the championship game but still finished the tournament with a 2-2 record. After losing two games on Saturday, the 18U all-stars came back on Father's Day to win both games and end the tournament on a high note.

The team was coached by Jim Miller, Ron Dillard and Tony Magro Fort Hunt Softball is a fast pitch softball program for girls ages 6 through 18. This program is organized under the umbrella of the Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association which has been serving the Fort Hunt community since 1959. See [www.fhyaa.org/softball](http://www.fhyaa.org/softball).



**Members of the Fort Hunt 12U All-Star Team. Kneeling, from left, Josie Sara, Avery O'Connor, Alekzandra Pierpoint, Alex Dorris, Ava Alonso, standing, from left, Head Coach Mike O'Connor, Naomi Masterson, Emilie Becker, Caroline Bowman, Skyler Roberts, Victoria Rulapaugh, Micaela Neulight, Sarah Atkinson, Assistant Coaches Dale Dorris and Bob Aramony. Not pictured but selected as all-stars by their coaches are Grace Moery, Emma Klein and Katie Aramony.**



**Members of the Fort Hunt 18U All-Star Team: Standing, from left, Harley Devine, Sarah Kanuch, Annabelle Miller, Elizabeth "Izzy" Crawn, Elizabeth Drotos, Caitlin Magro, Sarah Lowe, Christina Dillard, Clara Boggs, Tanna Pelto, Angela Kammen, Jordan Quinonez and Marina Endahl.**

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### West Potomac Represented at Women in Sports Ceremony

West Potomac cross country/track and field coach Jenn Dietz, senior softball player Maggie Grady and senior runner Sarah Jane Underwood were recognized at Fairfax County Public Schools' annual Women in Sports Awards ceremony on June 3.

Dietz was named High School Coach of the year and received \$1,000 to use toward the cross country/track program.

Grady was awarded the Donna de Varona Spirit of Sport Award and will receive a \$1,200 scholarship to use at the University of Virginia. Underwood was named High School Sportswoman of the Year and will receive a \$1,200 scholarship to use at Penn State University.

### WPHS DB Wilson Signs with Sacred Heart

TaMaric Wilson, a 2012 graduate of West Potomac High School and a former defensive back on the school's football team, has signed a letter of intent to play at Sacred

Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., in the fall. Wilson was a three-year starter at free safety for the Wolverines, leading the defensive backs in solo tackles; assisted tackles; total tackles and defended passes. He was a team captain and first-team All-Patriot District selection.

Wilson was also a standout in the classroom. He was nominated as one of 30 National High School Scholar Athletes representing the Eastern Region by the National Football Foundation.

Wilson also played basketball, made the honor roll and won the school's Most Valuable Team Athlete award for the 2011-12 school year.

### Mount Vernon Athletes To Compete in College

Mount Vernon High School will have several athletes participate in college athletics next season. Damaro DaCosta will play soccer for Radford University. Amardo Oakley, Ishmael Castro and Hatzael Diaz Flores will play soccer for Louisburg. David Lehner will play base

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## SCHOOLS

# Making a Prom Dream Come True for Chronically Ill

West Potomac student coordinates a No Worries Now Prom.

BY ASHLEY CLAIRE SIMPSON  
THE GAZETTE

**F**our days before her June 15 graduation from West Potomac High School, Sara Sanders was at the Washington D.C. No Worries Now Prom that she coordinated with the help of local donations and volunteers.

Sanders said she organized the prom, which was held at the Top of the Town in Alexandria, for the No Worries Now Organization, which is a non-profit based in Los Angeles.

"The D.C. prom was for teens with life-threatening and chronic illnesses," Sanders said, who has been involved in the organization for a few years.

"No Worries Now is a non-profit organization," Executive Director Marta Belcher said. "We put on proms for teens with life-threatening illnesses who may not live long enough to attend their own proms."

She added that this year is No Worries Now's sixth annual prom season.

"We've done it in LA and in San Francisco in the past," Belcher said. "This year, we had something called Prom in a Box, where we gave volunteers around the country the tools and support they need to throw Now proms in their cities."

Sanders was the volunteer for Washington D.C.

"Sara is an incredible volunteer," Belcher said. "She heard about us on CNN and she is amazing. She is really, really mature and she volunteered to put on the prom in Washington D.C. She did all the groundwork for it which was a lot of work and the event was really fabulous."

Sanders said the organization asked her if she'd like to plan the D.C. prom and she accepted the challenge. "So that's how that came about," she said. "The process of or-



Sara Sanders, second from left, with her team of volunteers from West Potomac high school.

ganizing it involved them giving me a list of what I needed to get done."

She said she also did research on her own and pulled together a group of volunteers to help at the actual event, who were all West Potomac High School students themselves.

She also said she "had a great response of people donating the venue and other services like the caterer, and so on."

Sanders also said there were weekly conference calls since the previous August to make sure the event would go off without a hitch.

"I had been working on this since the August before, so I'd been working on it for just under a year," Sanders said.

Due to HIPAA laws, Sanders said she could not put together a list of actual invitees but she was able to work with Northern Virginia and Washington D.C. hospitals who spread the word.

"What we did was work with local hospitals and they extended the invitation on our behalf," Sanders said.

She said she was really pleased with the number of guests.

"It was a really great turnout," she said. "Fifty people showed up."

She herself was at the prom, too, because she "had to make sure everything went

smoothly and we had a lot of high school volunteers as well."

Not only was Sanders pleased with the number of attendees, but she said the evening's activities went flawlessly.

"It was fantastic," she said. "At the entrance desk, everyone signed in and as they signed in, each girl got a white stemmed long rose with a ribbon around it. For the boys, we cut off the head of a rose right there and pinned the rose on their shirts. They had their date pin it on, or whoever they came with."

Sanders also said that at the end of the night, "each person got to go home with a frame with sparkling matting that said 'Prom 2012' and a photo from their group taken at one site."

It was high school photography students who did the roaming photography and a local photographer took the standing portraits, she said.

"Everything was all either donated services or monetary donations," Sanders said. "And the volunteers were all friends of mine who were willing to jump in and help when asked."

Sanders said donors included: FT Fitness, Georgen Scarborough Associates, PC, Dr. Brandon Lemuel, Chiropractor, Four Sales LTD and Inventory Inspector LLC.

"Vendors who donated their services for the night's event were Superb Cuisines, Disc Jockeys On Call and Top of the Town," she added.

Sanders said she couldn't be happier about the No Worries Now Prom that she put together.

"I was so excited about it," she said. "It was so great to see because, as the name implies, it was a night of no worries and we actually had the Fairfax County Channel 21 and Channel 9 did something on their 11 o'clock news that night."

No Worries Now also has upcoming proms this week in Detroit, San Francisco and Sacramento, according to Belcher. Both the Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. proms went swimmingly.

Even though the proms have been the program's focus, Belcher said No Worries Now is moving onto other projects and causes.

"We have several other projects besides the NOW proms," Belcher said. "We also have a pair program that we're launching at some point soon, probably this summer."

This program will allow children and teenagers with such diseases to do more activities outside of homes and hospitals, Belcher said.

Belcher added that No Worries Now also participates in umbilical cord blood banking advocacy.

"The main focus of our organization is to do things now, and since umbilical cord blood can cure over 70 diseases, this is something with very immediate."

As for the proms, Belcher said, prom season and planning never really ends.

"We went from one prom in a year seven years ago to five this year," she said. "It will grow, that's my hope. We're potentially going international next year so I'm really excited."

As for Sanders, now she said she is preparing to start her freshman year at Creighton University in Omaha, Neb. She said she will continue her involvement with the program while living the college life in the midwest.

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ball for Alderson-Broadus College. Nicole Parker will run track at North Carolina A&T. Nicholas Campbell (Worcester Polytechnic Institute), Ethan Lane Singletary (Mary Washington) and Caroline Spivack (Randolph Macon) will swim at the next level.

## Aces' Buccilli Named CRCBL Player of the Week

Alexandria Aces outfielder Alex Buccilli was named Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League Player of the Week for the extended

first week of the season.

Buccilli, a junior at Coastal Carolina University, went 13 for 32 (.406) with two doubles, a triple and two home runs from June 6-17.

Buccilli and the Aces were 7-5 entering action on June 20. Alexandria was tied for fourth place in the 10-team league, two games behind the first-place Rockville Express.

Kevin Francke (Trinity) is hitting .308 for the Aces. On the mound, the team has four pitchers who have thrown at least 10 innings with an ERA less than 4.00 — Colin Milon (0.69), Ronnie Glenn (1.80), A.J. Rosenthal (2.70) and Brian Leon (3.60).

Alexandria will host Silver Spring-Takoma at 7 p.m. on Thursday, June 21.



Pictured from left: Sandra Hooks (mother), TaMaric Wilson, Stacey Wilson (father), coach Chad Louisville, coach Justin Gaudenzi, DSA Aaron Helmick, coach Eric Henderson.



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**OPEN SATURDAY 1-4**

## 1912 Swan Terrace \$600,000

- Turnkey - Remodeled Top to Bottom
- All-Brick Four Level Split
- New Windows • New Panel Doors
- Freshly Painted Interior and Exterior
- Remodeled Corian Kitchen with Maple Cabinets
- Four Generous Bedrooms
- Two Remodeled Baths
- Refinished Hardwoods on Three Levels
- Walkout to Rear Exterior from Two Levels
- NOTHING TO DO - JUST MOVE IN!

**Dir.: Alex S on GW Pkwy from Old Town. R on Belle Haven Road. L on Fort Hunt Road. R on Swan Terrace to 1912 on Right.**

## 1208 Huntly Place \$900,000

- Cul-de-sac Location - Two Blocks to Potomac River
- All-Brick Rambler w/Full Walkout Basement
- Magnificent Landscape w/Terraced Rear Gardens
- Main Level Balcony w/Patio & Fishpond Beneath
- Formal Living & Dining Rooms
- Hardwood Floors • Three Masonry Fireplaces
- Remodeled Island Kitchen w/Adjacent Cozy Den
- Four Generous Bedrooms • Three Remodeled Baths
- Huge Recreation Room walks out to Rear Elevation
- Large Rear Loaded Two-Car Garage

**Dir.: Alex S on GW Pkwy. R on Tulane. L on Park Terrace. R on Huntly to 1208 on right.**



**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**



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## 7208 Park Terrace Drive \$850,000

- An elevated setting looking East to the Potomac River
- Lovely, Level Landscaped Rear Elevation
- Unique, Spacious Sunroom on Main Level
- Formal Living and Dining Rooms
- Large Entrance Hall
- Generous Eat-in Kitchen opens to Rear Elevation
- Four Bedrooms • Three Full Baths
- Light-filled Family Room with Side Entrance
- Oversized Two-Car Garage

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## 6600 Potomac Avenue \$275,000

- TURNKEY - Remodeled Belle View Condo
- Near Shopping, Rec Center, Library & Public Bus
- Rare THREE Bedroom Offering
- Ground Level Property - No Stairs
- New Hardwood Floors • Ceiling Fans
- Remodeled Kitchen w/Extra Cabinets/Counters
- Microwave • Dishwasher • New Air Conditioning
- Two Blocks to Potomac River and Bike Paths

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**OPEN SUNDAY 1-4**

## 108 Gretna Green Court \$479,000

- Immaculate Three Level all-brick Townhome
- Two Generous Master Suites, Three Full and One Half Baths.
- Updated eat-in Kitchen with Corian Counters, Stainless Appliances and Cherry Cabinets.
- Beautiful Dining Room and Living Room with custom moldings, hardwood floors, full masonry wood-burning fireplace and French doors to custom Deck.
- Versatile lower level features a Den/Office or 3rd Bedroom, Full Bath and a huge Family Room.
- Fenced private Lower Level Deck

**Dir.: I-395 to Duke Street East. R on S. Pickett St. R on Valley Forge. L on Gretna Green Court to 108.**



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