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- Proverbs 3:7

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Once On This Island at PVMS



TiMoune and Daniel, played by Tara Iraola and Thomas Jackson, are seen here discussing forbidden love in Patuxent Valley Middle School's production of *Once On This Island*.

An island love story, Iraola, is spared her life by the gods. She does not understand the purpose of this great miracle until she encounters and saves the life of one Daniel Beauxhomme, played by Thomas Jackson. The producers of this musical made wise choices with Little Girl, played by Tara Tara and Thomas in the lead roles. TiMoune is the main character. She falls deeply in love with Daniel, a man of standing who is duty-bound to marry another. Tara and Thomas both sing solos, and they carry their weight quite well. These two rising stars seemed to

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The Publisher's Notes

On March 9, 1978, The Columbia Flier printed a retrospective on Guilford. The title of the main article was, "Guilford: Where Columbia Meets the Country". In 2012 Guilford is not as country as it was, but much of that country charm still exists. To get a glimpse of the old charm of Guilford, one only needs to take note of the mix of old and new. Here you can get a taste of Columbia before it was Columbia.

Take a look at the homes along Guilford Road, Mission Road, and Carroll Avenue. If you pay close attention, you might become aware of time travel. Did you know that the old Guilford Elementary School still exists? It is someone's home now.

The charm is not so much the old buildings you find in the area, but the fact that many of the families living here now, were indeed the same families living here prior to the completion of Columbia. That's history and that's where you find the country charm.

Guilford is filled with that old-fashioned American Revolutionary spirit. Residents came together and fought hard to prevent development. They maintained their property rights and gained acceptance from the political structure of the day.

Rather than the sense of forced community that comes with tract housing, you have regular folks with small homes on spacious lots. They may not have all of the amenities of the new homes in the area, but they have what they want – a piece of Americana.

Guilford is a great community worth preserving and capable of evolving at its own pace. Let's celebrate our town.

Ricardo L. Whitaker

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Mama Euralie and Tonton Julian, discuss their daughter TiMoune's circumstances. Maia Hunter (left) and Carlos Marquez play the roles of TiMoune's parents.

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know their lines quite well, performing admirably under the pressure of a live audience.

Although the show was steeped in fantasy themes, it also dealt with real-world situations and problems. TiMoune, while happy about having life rather than death, she wondered about her purpose in the world. That theme is not unlike life for many youth who have not discovered a career path or an academic specialty.

Daniel, had his purpose. It was mapped out for him by his family. His problem was fixed on the turmoil and struggle between tradition and his heart. In the real world, decision-making can be quite painful.

The wonder of middle

school productions is that new talent is discovered, as with this PVMS cast. Admission and candy sales go to help support the LEMS Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

The Schoolhouse Theater Arts, a local theater group, produced and directed the musical. After the play, David Ortega, co-owner of the group, and a Howard County teacher, explained how the group is available to help organizations produce shows. The group sponsors a theater summer camp each year. For more information, visit www.schoolhousetheaterarts.com.

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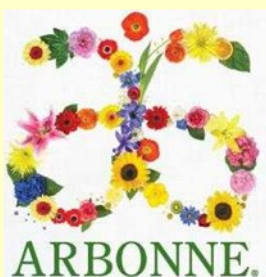
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