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Left Behind?

None of Alexandria's schools meet federal standards for students with disabilities.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When Robert Bullock was touring John Adams Elementary School one day in 1984, he wanted to make sure that the school was prepared to handle his daughter Stacy, who was born in 1979 with Down syndrome. So Bullock and his wife set up a site visit to see the school, meet the administrators and get a sense of what kind of special-education services Alexandria could offer his daughter. Bullock, who was then a corporate lawyer, was not impressed. Even now, he can remember what the principal said to him that day in 1984.

"We don't have to do much for Down children," the principal said, according to Bullock. "Because they sleep most of the day."

Bullock eventually sued Alexandria City Public Schools in federal court, a lawsuit that laid bare the special education chal-

"These scores are unacceptable, and we need to do better."

— Sheryl Gorsuch,
School Board member



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

Special-education students who were once warehoused in separate facilities are now mainstreamed into normal classroom activities, like reading program shown here in the library of Jefferson-Houston Elementary School.

lenges facing the city at that time. As the parties moved toward a settlement, it became clear that Alexandria simply did not have the resources to educate his daughter. Now, a quarter century

later, Alexandria City Public Schools provides a wide array educational services for students ages 2 to 21. Enrollment data shows that the division now has 1,802 special education students, including 594 stu-

dents with learning disabilities, 289 students with developmental disabilities, 270 students with language impairment and 65

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Vela Promoted To Regional Director

Continuity assured for the development of Jones Point Park.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

One of the most influential forces in shaping the future configuration of Jones Point Park has been named the new Southeast Regional Director for the U.S. National Park Service.

David Vela, who became Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway just two years ago, May 28, 2006, will oversee a region that contains 66 national parks in nine states, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. He will be one of seven NPS

regional directors.

"David came up through the ranks, beginning as a frontline park ranger. His early field experience prepared him to be a great superintendent and now he will apply those same skills as regional director," said Mary A. Bomar, director, National Park Service.

"I always had my eye on the Southeast Regional Director spot and promised myself that if it ever opened up I would apply. I did and I just got the word that I had been selected. I officially started in that new role this past Sunday," said Vela, who will remain in his Turkey Run office for several

more weeks.

With its vast expanse, the Southeast Region welcomes over 60 million visitors each year. It has a \$204 million operating budget and employs more than 2,600 people, including 174 employees at the Atlanta, Ga., regional headquarters.

"When I became superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, I wanted a complex park experience and the National Capital Area offered that. It also afforded me the opportunity to develop

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Ballot Fatigue

Should November voters be able to kill May elections? Or should May voters be able to decide the fate of the city's triennial spring-time elections for City Council and School Board members? At this point, council members are faced with more questions than answers, and they need to find some solutions in the next month if they want to radically transform the city's electoral process anytime soon.

The effort to fold city elections into the popular November ballot began back in May 2006, when an uncontested mayor's race prompted a lackluster 20 percent of registered voters to the polls. Some interpreted the low participation as a sign that May elections should be axed. After an advisory panel recommended against making such a change, Councilman **Justin Wilson** floated a plan to let November voters decide the issue in a referendum. But when criticism emerged about the referendum being a *fait accompli* in favor of killing the May elections, Councilman **Rob Krupicka** offered a compromise that would present four interrelated questions to voters, asking them about everything from four-year terms to staggered elections.

"These questions would be advisory and are designed to ensure voters can select more than one choice," Krupicka wrote in a May 9 memo to City Council members. "The proposed approach enables us to determine if there is a strong sentiment in any direction or whether the community is open to multiple options and therefore less passionate about changes."

But the four-question plan met with resistance from members of the Electoral Board, sending the reform effort back to the drawing board.

"We are anticipating a record turnout with up to two-hour waits possible in many polling places during peak hours," wrote Electoral Board Secretary **Anna Leider** in a May 13 letter. "Adding four questions to the ballot will increase those waits significantly and could cause voters to leave the polling place without casting a vote."

Administrative Oversight

Grant applications are a central feature to the flow of business at City Hall, bringing needed funds for key programs with City Council members considering each application before it's submitted. At least that's how it's supposed to work. Sometimes deadlines are missed, though, and grants have to be submitted without approval. Or they are considered with little oversight at the last minute.

Take, for example, a \$450,000 grant application to the Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. Due to an "administrative oversight," the Sheriff's Office didn't submit the docket item for consideration before the April 11 deadline. Just as council members were digesting that oversight, they voted on a last-minute request from the Fire Department to approve a \$130,000 grant. The deadline for submitting that grant was May 15, and council members considered it this week even though city officials received notification of eligibility on April 14.

"I think one of the issues is our docket deadline had passed," said Deputy City Manager **Michele Evans** explaining why the Fire Department grant hadn't been considered at an earlier meeting.

"That's inexcusable," responded Mayor **Bill Euille**. "We meet every two weeks, and we should have gotten this two weeks ago."

A Desirable Streetcar

The city's new \$1-million-a-year trolley service on King Street is officially a smashing success, according to statistics compiled during its first month of operation. During the first week, the service had 8,000 boarders, exceeding the expectations of many planners at City Hall. The next week, it had 9,000 riders. By the third week, boarding had moved to a whopping 13,000 individuals. That accounts for well more than 40,000 users during its first month of operation in April.

"If you provide it," quipped Councilman **Ludwig Gaines** during Tuesday's City Council meeting, "they will come."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Schools Struggle to Educate Students with Disabilities

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students with autism. Each special-education student has an "Individualized Education Program," a contract that sets forth in writing a commitment of resources to enable a child with a disability to receive needed special education and related services.

"Certainly, the situation has improved since 1984," said Bullock, a lawyer whose experience with Alexandria school system galvanized him toward a new career specializing in disability law. "We've gone through a number of generations now, and there's a higher quality of teachers in the school system that have been trained to work with these students."

BUT THE SCHOOL SYSTEM still faces many challenges, despite the progress that's been made in the last 25 years. A *Gazette Packet* investigation of standardized test scores in Alexandria found that none of the schools in Alexandria met the federal standard for special-education students last year. Yet because a class size of 50 students is required to calculate adequate yearly progress under the 2002 No Child Left Behind Act, none of these schools were punished for failing to achieve the annual measurable objective of a 73 percent pass rate for students with disabilities. That means seven Alexandria elementary schools were designated as meeting federal standards even though their special-education students did not achieve the minimum testing standards.

"These scores are unacceptable, and we need to do better," said School Board member Sheryl Gorsuch. "But one of the positive aspects of No Child Left Behind is that it has shed a light on problems like this, and now that we have more of an understanding about this problem, we'll be able to give it the attention it needs."

Although none of the special-education students counted in terms of calculating "adequate yearly progress" at the school level, the scores of 1,802 Alexandria children who are included in the group known as "students with disabilities" were used to calculate division-wide scores for Alexandria City Public Schools. According to data released by the Virginia Department of Education, the pass rate among "students with disabilities" for the standardized reading tests in Alexandria is 49 percent — 24 percent below the federal standard. Lyles-Crouch Elementary School has the highest reading scores for students with disabilities, achieving a pass rate of 70 percent last year, just three percentage points below the minimum measurable objective. Maury Elementary School had the lowest scores for students with disabilities, logging a pass rate of 15 percent last year.

"One thing these scores don't show is progress," said Kimberley Graves, principal of Jefferson-Houston Elementary School. "We might have a student enter school who is reading two levels below grade, and we bring them up to grade level. But the standardized tests don't show progress of individual stu-

dents. They only compare this year's third-grade class with last year's third-grade class."

SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS say they are taking a number of steps to improve the performance of students with disabilities, although they admit that meeting federal standards will become increasingly difficult as the minimum pass rate continues to climb toward 100 percent in 2014. In September, the division will hire a new special education literacy coach who will work with elementary teachers on effective literacy strategies. School administrators are also currently training special education teachers to use new supplemental reading programs, and division officials are implementing a progress-monitoring system to determine effectiveness of reading instruction in the classroom.

"We are committed to making continual improvements in the services we provide for our children with special needs," said School Board Chairwoman Claire Eberwein in a written statement. "This School Board is working closely with committee members to improve our special education delivery and, with new leadership at the top such as (ACPS Student Services Director Michael Romanelli) we are making good progress."

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— **Claire Eberwein,**
chairwoman of the Alexandria School Board

One of the most drastic reform efforts now underway in the city school system is a revision of how students with disabilities are tested. The standardized tests used in Virginia, which are known as the Standards of Learning, are grade-level, multiple choice written tests that

must be finished within a certain amount of time. School administrators have long said that many students don't do well on these tests because they are inappropriate for their learning styles, and they say that the low scores reflect in part a lack of precision in how the students are measured rather than a lack of learning on the part of the students. This year, administration officials will be moving away from the traditional tests toward a new kind of assessment known as the Virginia Grade Level Alternative.

"This year, ACPS will increase the use of the VGLA significantly," said Amy Carlini, a spokeswoman for Alexandria City Public Schools. "And we hope to see an increase in pass rates as a result."

The Virginia Grade Level Alternative is designed for students in grades 3 through 8 who are unable to demonstrate individual achievement on standardized multiple-choice tests. The alternative tests replace the traditional pencil-and-paper format with a selection of student work that demonstrates proficiency with the educational standards. These portfolios may include work samples, interviews, audio samples and other sources of data collected by the teacher and student. Administrators say that participation in the program does not give a student a better chance of passing a test, it only provides students with a disability the access to be fairly assessed.

"This is a more labor-intensive way of testing these students," said Deputy Superintendent Cathy David. "But it's a step toward allowing them to demonstrate what they know and what they are able to do."

Chardonnay Liberals

What do Democrats like to drink? It's an age-old question that's given rise to the expression "Chardonnay liberals" as a demographic shorthand for a Democratic Party that is often viewed as somewhat elite. It's a perspective that was bolstered by the sales tally at the Carlyle Club last week when former Democratic Gov. **Mark Warner** launched his campaign for the United States Senate. The two-hour event packed the club with about 500 supporters, a capacity crowd that had Democrats standing shoulder-to-shoulder in the 7,654 square-foot venue. According to **Brennan Reilly**, owner of the Carlyle Club, sales receipts for the evening indicated he sold 220 glasses of wine, 50 glasses of draft beer and 30 liquor drinks.

"It was definitely a wine-drinking crowd, especially white wine," said Reilly, adding that white wine accounted for two-thirds of the wine sales. "We probably would have sold more if it wasn't so crowded."

Lunch Bomb

Republican presidential candidate U.S. Rep **Ron Paul** (R-Texas) made fundraising history last year by conducting two "money bomb" events in which large amounts of cash were raised in brief periods of time. The first, held on Nov. 5 in celebration of **Guy Fawkes** Day, raised \$4.3 million. The second was on Dec. 16, chosen because it was the anniversary of the Boston Tea Party. That was when Paul raised \$6 million, widely believed to be the single largest one-day fundraiser in political history.

Now, Republican hopeful **Amit Singh** plans to replicate that success with a "lunch bomb" event on May 15. Singh, who owns a small engineering firm, will face financial consultant **Mark Ellmore** in the June 10 Republican primary for Virginia's eighth congressional district, currently held by U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8). Singh's campaign launched "lunchbomb.com" in support of the one-day fundraiser, asking supporters to pledge their lunch money, calculated at \$10. In a YouTube video featuring the official endorsement, Paul and Singh are shown debating what to eat for lunch. The Web site includes a drop down menu where "lunch bomb" participants can choose which cuisine the candidates should eat, everything from poached egg to turducken.

"You want to grab some Tex Mex?" Singh asks Paul in the video.

"I never heard of such a thing," said Paul, hamming it up for the camera. "I'm not too familiar with Indian food. Are you familiar with that at all?"

"Let's try Italian," Singh responds.

One Stop for Business

Although he hasn't officially announced his campaign for governor, Del. **Brian Moran** (D-46) is already laying out a pro-business platform to appeal to voters across Virginia. This week, Moran announced the launch of Business One Stop Portal, an electronic clearinghouse of resources for starting a new business. The launch of the Web site, business.virginia.gov, was timed to be part of Business Appreciation Week.

"It can take weeks to collect all of the information and paperwork to start a business in Virginia," said Moran in a written statement announcing the new portal. "New businesses will form the foundation of our economic recovery, so I've worked hard to streamline government and make it easier for small businesses to get their start."

The portal, created in the 2007 General Assembly session with unanimous support, establishes a "one-stop" permitting process for small businesses. The program will be administered by a business registration and permitting center in the Department of Business Assistance. Businesses with fewer than 250 employees will be able to complete a master application online to register their businesses with the state.

"This is one of the best resources the commonwealth has ever produced for helping its new and existing small businesses," said **Julia Ciarlo Hammond**, Virginia director of the National Federation of Independent Businesses. "This new site will save countless hours of legwork for potential business owners and existing companies."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

ELECTION 2009

Trading T.C. for State

Kerry Donley to resign as athletic director to launch a campaign for the House of Delegates.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

After spending three years as athletic director at T.C. Williams High School, former Mayor Kerry Donley confirmed this week that he will step down from this current job at the end of June to launch campaign for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates in 2009. Donley, a former chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party, will return to his old job as vice president at Virginia Commerce Bank. The former mayor said that he has enjoyed his time as athletic director, but he feels that his abilities would be better suited to filling the seat vacated by Del. Brian Moran (D-46), who plans to launch a campaign for governor this summer.

"We've had some successes both on the court and in the field of play," said Donley, reflecting on his time as athletic director. "We've had some district championships, some regional championships and some state championships. Those are some great accomplishments, and they will be some very happy memories for me."

Although membership in the House of Delegates is considered a part-time job, with "citizen legislators" that are expected to have full-time jobs outside of realm of politics, Donley said that the demands of his current job would not allow him to be away every January and February. His new role as vice president for business development at Virginia Commerce Bank, on the other hand, will provide the kind of flexibility he would need to participate in General Assembly sessions and election campaigns. Although Donley said that he considered trying to keep his job with the school system while launching a campaign for the House of Delegates, he eventually decided that trying to hold down both jobs in January and February wasn't realistic.

"That is a busy, busy time of year," said Donley, who has an \$111,000 annual salary with the school system. "It's just not compatible with being a member of the General Assembly."

ALTHOUGH THE PRIMARY is more than a year away, a potential race to succeed Moran has already become a matter of speculation and interest. Donley's resignation from his job with the school system is an indication that he is serious about running for the seat, a determination that other potential candidates will have to consider as they contemplate launching campaigns of their own. Last month, Alexandria family-law attorney Charniele Herring confirmed that she is also interested in running for the open seat, a race that could pit her directly against Donley in a Democratic primary next summer.

"I'm strongly considering getting into the race," Herring said last month while preparing to host a primary watching party at her house. "But I have yet to make a firm decision."

A Democratic primary between Donley and Her-



Tierra Ruffin-Pratt receives an award from Kerry Donley.

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ring would offer a stark contrast to voters in terms of biography. Donley is a white male with two decades of experience in city politics, while Herring is a young African-American female who is an up-and-coming figure in the Democratic Party. Although Donley offers an impressive resume, he has not been on the ballot since 2000. Meanwhile, Herring has been building her own resume as chairwoman of the Commission for Women and deputy chair for precinct operations for the Alexandria Democratic Committee.

"If both of these fine people end up running for this office, it cannot but help strengthen the base of the Democratic Party in Alexandria said Susan Kellom, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "But, in my opinion, it's counter productive for us to be spending time and attention on 2009 when we have people to elect in 2008."

SINCE LAST YEAR'S General Assembly election, Democrats have been feeling increasingly optimistic about their prospects of taking power from the Republicans in the House of Delegates. Since 2000, when Democrats held no statewide offices, the Democratic Party has elected two governors and a United States senator. In 2007, they took control of the Virginia Senate and gained four seats in the House of Delegates. Donley said that he is encouraged by recent electoral trends, and he feels his experience as a member of City Council and mayor would give him a platform to advocate for local control.

"Someone who with experience at the local government level would have known that a commission doesn't necessarily have taxing authority," said Donley, referring to the Virginia Supreme Court decision invalidating the taxing authority of the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority. "Voters want a government that is going to take action, and they are tired of bickering between Democrats and Republicans in Richmond."

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— Kerry Donley

OBITUARY

Peter H. Smith, Architectural Historian, Dies

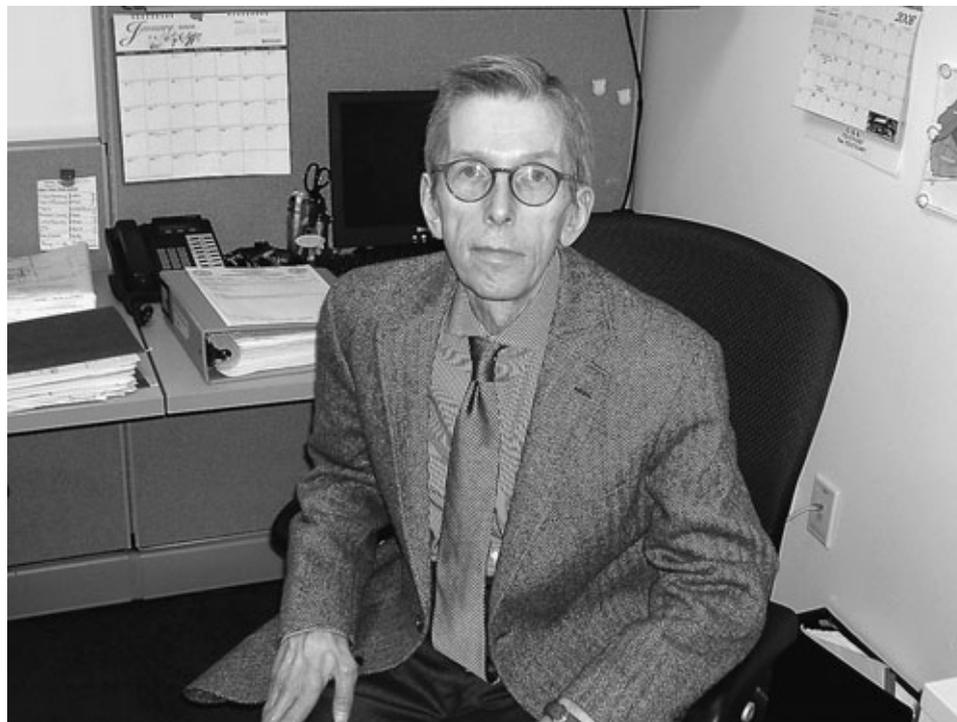
Peter H. Smith, PhD., 62, died in his sleep of chronic pulmonary disease at his home in Alexandria on May 9, 2008. For the past 17 years he has served as the principal staff of the Historic Preservation Section, Alexandria Department of Planning & Zoning, Board of Architectural Review.

Prior to joining Alexandria City government Smith was a private consultant in preservation real estate projects and design competitions.

He served as a staff member at the Design Arts Program of the National Endowment for the Arts, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the Subcommittee on Historic Preservation of the U. S. House of Representatives, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

As one of the founders, in 1971, of "Don't Tear It Down," an innovative community group dedicated to preserving Washington's built environment, now called the D.C. Preservation League, Smith, along with his former wife Leila Smith, was named a Washingtonian of the Year by Washingtonian Magazine for "saving the Old Post Office Building."

In October 2007 he was honored by the Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects for his "significant contributions to the Field of Architecture as an Allied Professional." In presenting the award



Peter H. Smith

to Smith the organization noted, "This award is a reminder that you don't have to have a degree in architecture to care deeply about the built environment."

They also stated, "In particular we thank him for his volunteer work for the Chapter, creating and leading our very popular walk-

ing tours of Old Town over the past 10 years during Virginia Architecture Week and the tremendous job curating Glenn Brown, AIA: An Alexandria Architect's Monumental Vision, the exhibit and lecture at The Alexandria Lyceum."

A native of Jamestown, NY, Smith had

lived in the Washington area for 40 years. He earned his doctorate in American Studies from George Washington University and his Master's Degree from the State University of New York, Cooperstown Graduate Program, in History Museum Management and American Folklife. He received his undergraduate Bachelor of Arts Degree in History at St. Lawrence University.

Among his many writings, Smith was the author of "Design Guidelines for the Old and Historic District and Parker-Gray District of Alexandria (1993); Women's Rights National Historical Park Design Competition Program (1987); and co-authored New Construction for Older Buildings with Peter Smeallie (1990).

He also compiled Building 18th Century Alexandria Database which contains all 18th century newspaper references to buildings and their trades. He authored numerous articles on architecture and preservation in Alexandria.

In 1995 Smith assisted Al Cox, Code Enforcement Architect, in the preparation of the report "100 Year Old Buildings," outside the City's historic preservation districts. In 1996 Smith organized a year long lecture series sponsored by the Alexandria Historical Society to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Board of Architectural Re-

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Millennial Order

International order will spend the week in Alexandria for their annual meeting.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Speaking from the pulpit of Christ Church earlier this week, the Right Reverend Jack Nicholls recounted a recent sleepless night he spent near Oxford. Nicholls, who is the Anglican bishop of Sheffield in England, was lying awake wondering about what he would say in a sermon to a group of nuns when his bed collapsed. The bishop found a stack of books to prop the bed up, but one book was left over. He began leafing through its pages to find that it was a collection of religious icons. One that caught his eye showed Jesus, Mary and John the Baptist praying for all the souls in hell.

"In other words, they never give up on anyone," the bishop said. "And I'm proud to belong to an order that never gives up on anyone."

Nicholls was speaking to a group of international travelers whose annual grand council is meeting in Alexandria this week, with scheduled trips to Christ Church, the Decatur House, Mount Vernon and Gadsby's

Tavern. They belong to the Order of St. John, a 1,000 year old organization officially known as the "Most Venerable Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem" because it oversees an eye hospital in the West Bank. The annual meeting takes place in a different country every year, with the American priory hosting this year's council here in Alexandria.

"This is an organization that serves those in need regardless of their ability to pay," said Marshall Acuff, a Richmond resident who will be installed as the leader of the American priory in November. "And it has tremendous respect in the region, from both Israelis and Palestinians."

LEADERS OF THE international organization say that their hospital, which treats Palestinians with eye problems, serves a community that has nowhere else to turn. Because of the frequent violent clashes in the Middle East, they say, many Palestinians need treatment for wounds to their eyes. Yet without St. John's Hospital on the West Bank, founded in 1882, they would suffer without treatment. According to Tony



Marshall Acuff

Chingnell, who oversees Jerusalem hospital, day-to-day functioning of the operation is entirely dependent on support from the Order of St. John.

"The Israelis have their own services, which do not serve Palestinians," he said. "So the Palestinians have nowhere else to turn."

The annual meeting is a time for the group to accomplish some organizational goals, such as maintaining a leadership structure and planning for future meetings. But it's also a time for the order's members

to accomplish some strategic planning for the future. According to Tony Mellows, vice lord prior for the order, the mission of the group is much larger than helping Palestinians with eye problems.

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"I'd like to see us combine health delivery with a reconciliation of the people," said Mellows over a glass of red wine during a Monday night reception. "That can be accomplished by demonstrating that we are not a threat to anyone and we have no political or ulterior motivation."

Getting to Know ... Cecile Marsh

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Native of Atlanta, Cecile Marsh has lived in Alexandria with her family since 1998. She attended Ramsay Elementary School and Jefferson-Houston Academy for the Arts and Academics before going to Hammond Middle School. She is currently a ninth-grade student at Minnie Howard School and the editor of the student newspaper, *Oculus*.



Cecile Marsh

Why are you interested in journalism?

The feeling of providing people with information. It's great to be able to tell people what's happening in the world. Maybe this could be valuable to them. There are so many people who are unfortunate to not know stuff. You come into this world not knowing what's happening, and you want to learn. What better way to do that than through a newspaper?

What's the best story you've covered?

We had a fire at Minnie Howard that started in the boys bathroom stall when

tissue caught fire, and there are four suspects so far. Students mostly believing in the "no-snitch code," so nobody is talking. We know that one of students didn't do it, but the other students are still in question. After the fire drill went off, students were in the parking lot an hour, and some of the students were running around playing. One of my friends got injured. They weren't listening, and it was just chaotic. I co-wrote the story with my friend, Tamara. We talked to teachers and students, and we basically asked them what happened

and how they felt about it. Tamara had the idea to call it a "riot" because everybody was screaming and panicking. So the headline we had on it was "Fire Causes Riot."

What do you like to read?

Of course, I like to read the *Gazette Packet*. But I also like to read the *Washington Post* every day and the *New York Times* online. I also like fashion magazines like *Seventeen*, *Elle* and *Harper's Bazaar*. In terms of books I like historical nonfiction, science fiction and fantasy. I would say that I read more than the average teenager.

Why?

Reading is like escaping from the world. When you don't want to deal with anybody you can pull up a book and start reading. And when you don't think your life is all that exciting you can pull up a book. Reading a newspaper is different. When I read a newspaper I feel like I'm keeping myself updated.

What do you hope to do after you graduate high school?

Hopefully go to Columbia University and major in journalism. I want to be the first

person to get to a story and then be able to tell people what's happened and why it's happened. My dad says that it's because I'm nosy. I guess I want to know things about everybody. If you say something wrong about somebody, I want to be the person to correct you and tell you what really happened and how it happened.

What's your favorite movie?

"The Notebook." Every time when I watch it, there's something I haven't seen before.

What's your favorite book?

"Lucas" by Kevin Brooks. It's about this girl who was living a regular life until this boy came and changed everything around. She tries to find out stuff about him while he's trying to find out about himself. I like how the author goes into depth with the characters and gives them several different perspectives.

What is the future for newspapers?

The future newspapers won't be on paper. They will be on computers, and they will be faster. It will be less stressful because you won't have to worry about newspaper layout. Everything will be basically online graphic design, which I find easier. You don't have to worry about grayscale. Right now, everybody is putting news online. Pretty soon, people will become less dependent on paper.

PROFILE

Vela Promoted To Regional Director

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many friendships over the past two years," Vela said.

"These past two years have offered a wide array of challenges and exciting experiences — everything from Jones Point Park to Dyke Marsh to the P.O. Box 1142 reunions of those who served at the secretive prisoner of war center at Fort Hunt Park during World War II," he said.

"I also want to assure everyone that there will be continuity in this position. Deputy Superintendent Jon James will become the new acting superintendent for the George Washington Memorial Parkway. He also served in that capacity after Audrey Calhoun retired and before I arrived," Vela said.

"Jon has been my right hand and is keenly aware of all the various events that have taken place over the last several years. There will be uniformity and continuity with all the projects, including Jones Point Park," Vela emphasized.

"My promotion will have no impact on the plans for the development of Jones Point Park. We are presently working on the design for the park, which is 60 percent to 65 percent complete. For all intensive purposes we are done with the configuration for Jones Point Park," he said.

James, a graduate of the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in American History. Originally from western Missouri, he has been with the National Park Service for over 32 years, serving in 11 areas.

A 17 YEAR VETERAN of the Park, Vela began his career in 1981 as a Cooperative Education Student at San Antonio Missions Historical Park. Upon completion of that program he became a permanent Park Ranger.

He first came to Virginia when he was transferred to Appomattox Court House National Historical park in 1984 to serve as a Supervisory Park Ranger. In 1986, he moved to Independence National park in Philadelphia, Pa., where he served as a District Ranger.

Vela interrupted his NPS career from 1987 to 1998 when he resigned to work as a Special Agent with the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of Inspector General, performing white-collar criminal investigations in New York and New Jersey. He also served as a special assistant for Hispanic Affairs to the late U. S. Rep. Mickey Leland.

A native of Wharton, Texas, Vela was appointed as the Director of the Texas Child Support Program by the Texas Attorney General in 1996. In that role he was responsible for a statewide operation consisting



David Vela

of over 70 field offices with 2,400 employees.

Vela return to the park service in 1998 as the Superintendent of Palo Alto Battlefield National Historic Site located in Brownsville, Texas. In 2002, he was appointed the NPS's Texas State Coordinator for the Intermountain Region. He also performed detail assignments in the Office of the Director, and served as Acting Deputy Director, Southeast Region.

Vela holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Recreation and Parks from Texas A&M University. He is also a graduate of the U.S. Department of Interior Senior Executive Service Program and holds awards and citations for exemplary service in the both the park service and for his "outstanding contributions to our nation's children."

He was recognized by his alma mater, Texas A&M, in 2008 with The Leslie M. Reid Alumni Award For Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Recreation, Parks, or Tourism by a graduate of the Department of Recreation, Parks & Tourism Sciences at the University.

Vela is married to his high school sweetheart, Melissa, who also happens to be a graduate of Texas A&M University. They have two children, Christina, another A&M graduate, and Anthony, a sophomore at A&M and a member of the football team.

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OPINION

Trouble with VDOT

Taking down acres of trees with no warning and no good reason.

It's possible that it happened on Earth Day, but it was definitely sometime within a week of that day.

The Virginia Department of Transportation, without notice, bulldozed more than five acres of trees in at least three locations as part of preliminary work on widening the beltway for HOT lanes.

These trees were cleared in McLean, Tysons Corner and Springfield.

Apparently these trees were clear cut in order to make way for "staging areas," that is to say a place to park their equipment.

It's an example of the kind of reasoning that takes place at VDOT, and apparently there is more of it to come.

"The construction is going to start by us tearing down trees," said Nick Nicholson of VDOT at a public meeting about the HOT Lanes on April 30.

There is no shortage of parking lots anywhere around the Beltway. With a little creativity, and a little notice, VDOT could probably have leased an already-paved "staging area." The loss of the trees is no small thing, especially in consideration of widening a road like the Beltway.

A single tree with a 26-foot canopy can absorb the emissions of a vehicle driven 11,500 miles every year. Or so said Fairfax County officials in October 2007 when they launched the laudable goal of blanketing 45 percent of the county with tree cover by 2037. The county will plant 400 trees a year on county property to reduce pollution and energy costs.

Too bad the county apparently has no say on what VDOT does with property it "owns." VDOT officials should realize that property "owned by VDOT" actually belongs to the

residents of Virginia. The tree cutting last month for "staging areas" probably set Fairfax County's efforts back by more than a year. And we'll note again that VDOT says there's more to come.

"We have held meetings five times in McLean and each time we mentioned the staging area. Did we say we would be clearing trees to construct that staging area? No," Nicholson admitted.

Those trees would also have had the effect of buffering residential and business areas from the noise and view of the Beltway traffic and construction. Three acres alone were across from a middle school, where the trees could have helped clean the air from hundreds of thousands of vehicles a day passing by on the Beltway.

The additional tree canopy envisioned in Fairfax would have the capacity to absorb

more than 10 million pounds of carbon dioxide annually, which could eliminate the need for \$1 million in greenhouse gas reduction services each year.

VDOT officials should undertake an immediate analysis of the way it operates. It must communicate better with local officials and residents. And it must realize that trees have value and take steps to preserve them whenever possible. Even if these sites were the only possible "staging areas," which we do not believe, at least a ring of trees should have been left around the perimeter to act as a buffer.

Construction for the "high occupancy toll lanes" is under way. We can only imagine what surprises lay ahead.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restoring Fort Ward

To the Editor:

We appreciate the feature about the Defenses of Washington and in particular, Fort Ward. However, it incorrectly states that Fort Ward was reconstructed in the "1970s in advance of America's centennial celebration." In fact, it was acquired and restored by the City of Alexandria in the early 1960s to commemorate the Civil War centennial.

In 1961, to commemorate the Civil War Centennial, the City of Alexandria undertook the partial restoration and preservation of Fort Ward. An archaeologist and historian were hired to ensure that the project was completed according to professional standards. The Northwest Bastion was selected for restoration while the extant walls were preserved. The archaeological field work continued through 1962, when the actual restoration work began. The goal was to utilize authentic material to return the Northwest Bastion of the fort to its 1864 appearance, including the cannons. The weap-

ons were manufactured based upon the 1864 table of armament for the fort. The fort, museum and park opened to the public on May 30, 1964. The U.S. Civil War Centennial Commission recognized the City for outstanding achievement for its restoration of Fort War. Fort Ward has been cited as the best Civil War restoration/preservation project in the mid-Atlantic region, as well as the flagship of the Defenses of Washington.

Amy Bertsch

Office of Historic Alexandria

Chamber Commends City

To the Editor:

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce commends the efforts of the City

Manager City Staff and the City Council for their efforts to keep tax rates low for Alexandrians. Holding the budget increase to less than 5 percent while still funding important initiatives such as economic development is testimony to their commitment to the City's

present needs and future objectives.

In particular we applaud the City for keeping the commercial property

real estate tax rate at the same rate as that of the residential property tax, which we concur will serve as an economic stimulus in times of an overall economic downturn. By being as much as 15% to 22% lower in taxes than surrounding jurisdictions, business retention and recruitment will surely benefit from Alexandria's sound investment in the City's economic sustainability.

The budget supports programs such as the new King Street trolley, a new

regional marketing initiative, additional funding for the Small Business

Development Center, land use planning as well as transportation and parking planning. We also applaud the Managing for Results Initiative to reward performance of City employees, and the City's consideration of both impact and return on investment when evaluating programs and services.

The loss of \$16 million in North-

ern Virginia Transportation Authority funding to support City projects presented the City with an enormous challenge in FY 2009 ultimately resulting in an increase in the restaurant meals tax and in the hotel occupancy tax from 5.5% to 6.5% which while not desirable may have been the City's "necessary evil" to achieve an overall stable tax rate. It will be important for the City to monitor comparable tax rates in neighboring jurisdictions to ensure that it does not over-tax this industry, thereby creating a future competitive disadvantage for Alexandria's hotels and restaurants.

In times of challenge, leaders must identify bold opportunities. This is Alexandria's opportunity to re-establish itself as a thriving commercial center for not just tourism, but for retail, office, financial and educational institutions. Standing alone in opposition to the commercial add-on tax, if marketed properly, will attract new business to our City. In turn, this will, build the economic base

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Listen to the Mockingbird

Spring arrives amazing in the marsh

It comes in a rush and rushes

Rise to meet the blazing sun,

Loft, blaise and gazing, that one —

The mockingbird — seizes scraps,

Songs and things heard, bits bending

On the wind to his hearing, sending

Them aloft again, liltling to the ear, while

Zeal unbounded tilts the singer,

Springing him into Spring's air

As if sheer delight beyond our ken

Flings him there, again and again

To testify to Spring, to sing.

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COMMENTARY

Providing Quality Stroke Care

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Christine Candio

Right now, someone in America is experiencing a momentous event. This event is so life-altering that they are unable to put their feelings into words. They are weak and what is happening is overwhelming their entire body.

What is this person experiencing? Is it the birth of a child, their wedding day or a graduation? Surprisingly what is being experienced is a stroke, the third leading cause of death for Americans and the number one cause of disability in adults.

A stroke is a blood clot that blocks an artery or vessel, interrupting blood flow to an area of the brain. When blood flow to the brain is blocked brain damage can occur and abilities such as speech or movement may be lost.

A stroke is a very frightening event for the person experiencing it and for their family.

Here at Inova Alexandria Hospital our commitment to quality care makes us one of the best places in the region to receive stroke treatment. To further demonstrate our commitment, we will be holding free stroke screenings for the public on May 19 from 8 a.m. to noon near the main visitor's entrance.

The Joint Commission, the accrediting organization for all the nation's hospitals, designated the hospital as a Primary Stroke Center. Last May, our states' Senate and House of Delegates recognized the hospital for outstanding stroke care and this summer the American Heart Association and the American Stroke Association will recognize the hospital for prestigious performance in stroke care in the July issue of U.S. News and World Report. These awards are a testament to the commitment we have to our community to provide the expertise and quality

needed to overcome this life-changing event.

Nearly 80% of all strokes are preventable according to the National Stroke Association. Some tips to discuss with your physician about how to best prevent a stroke are: know your blood pressure numbers. If the numbers are elevated, work with your physician to lower those numbers. Find out if you have an irregular heart beat. Blood not moving through the body has a greater chance of turning into a clot, resulting in a stroke. Stop smoking. If you drink alcohol, do so in moderation, it can lower your risk of having a stroke by half. Manage

your cholesterol levels. Having diabetes increases the risk of having a stroke. Exercise. The benefits of exercising go beyond reducing the risk of one health issue. I personally have a habit of taking a brisk walk each day. Reduce sodium and fat in your diet. If you have problems with circulation, speak with your physician about ways to improve circulation. The most important tip of all is act fast if you develop stroke symptoms, which include numbness, weakness, trouble speaking, walking, seeing, or a severe headache. Do not hesitate to seek medical attention. Our city's emergency medical services will provide immediate assistance. According to the American Heart Association, about 700,000 Americans suffer a new or recurrent stroke each year. In Virginia, stroke causes about 3,000 deaths each year.

Our community can be assured that if they are a victim of a stroke, Inova Alexandria Hospital has a commitment to exceptional stroke care and is one of the best places in the region to receive care.

For more information about the warning signs of stroke, contact Inova Alexandria Hospitals' Neurovascular Care Unit at 703-504-3650 or visit www.inova.org/stroke.

Bag the Plastic Bag?

BY COUNCILMEMBER TIM LOVAIN

Is it time to "bag" the plastic bag? Alexandria should be a leader in one important way to clean up our environment and reduce greenhouse gases—reducing our dependence on the ubiquitous plastic bag.

Every year, between 500 billion and 1 trillion plastic bags are used worldwide. In the United States, over 100 billion plastic bags are thrown away every year, the equivalent of dumping 12 million barrels of oil. Only one percent of plastic bags are recycled worldwide (2 percent in the U.S.). The rest end up in landfills, where they take 1000 years to decompose, in our streams and oceans, where they kill millions of marine animals annually, or up in our trees (check out www.bagsintrees.com for photographs just of plastic bags in trees in Baltimore).

In the Northern Pacific Gyre, a vortex of ocean currents 800 miles north of Hawaii, scientists have discovered the "Eastern Garbage Patch", an area twice the size of Texas, filled with 3.5 million tons of trash, mostly plastic, that wasn't there 50 years ago. There is six times as much plastic as biomass in the gyre, which is a death zone for marine mammals and birds.

Plastic bags have been found to leak color addi-

tives, including lead, into food. They block drains and sewer systems, choke plants, reroute streams and spread malaria through standing water. And they cost retailers about \$4 billion a year.

Efforts have sprung up around the world to limit or ban the use of plastic bags. Several African countries and China have banned the flimsiest bags. Many countries have imposed fees for use of each bag. Small towns like Modbury, England and Leaf Rapids, Manitoba banned them entirely, and San Francisco became the first U.S. city to ban them last year.

Over the past year, many American cities have passed or considered measures short of a total ban. Several cities have imposed fees on their use. New York City requires large stores and retail chains to recycle them. Oakland banned them in stores with sales of more than \$1 million annually.

Several enlightened retailers have taken aggressive actions on their own. As of Earth Day, Whole Foods no longer offers plastic bags, but only recycled paper bags and reusable bags for sale. On October 1, IKEA will no longer offer either plastic or paper bags to customers. (Unrecycled paper bags require more energy to produce than plastic bags and don't degrade that well in landfills either.) Safeway en-

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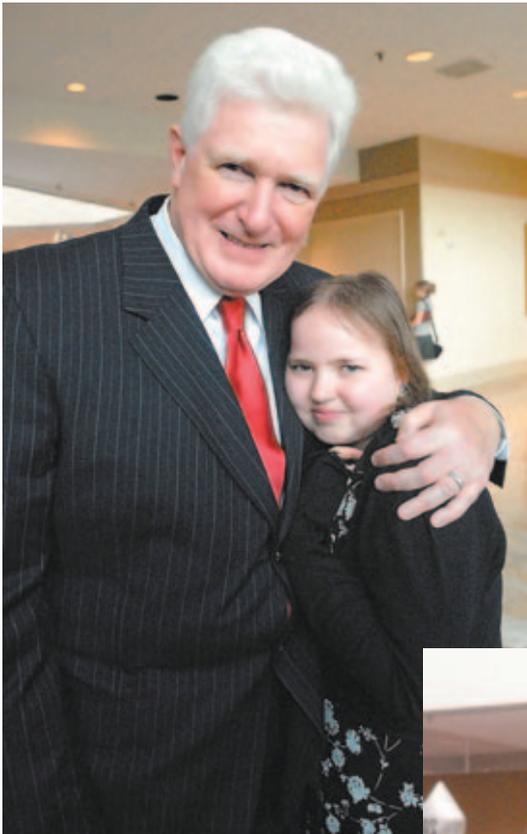
Currie Smith and Molly Abraham

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LIFE

Scholarship Fund Hosts Fundraiser

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria held its annual gala at the Hilton Mark Center.



Congressman Jim Moran with his daughter Dorothy joins the other guests at Hilton Mark Center.



Mayor Euille enjoys a joke with Dwight Dunton and Heath Wilkenson.



Emily Porterfield and Angela Welsh



Julie Carey and her husband Michael Tackett look over the silent auction tables.



Former Governor Mark Warner joins in the festivities at the annual Scholarship Fund Gala.



Former Alexandria Public School Superintendent Rebecca Perry is greeted by Liz Sinclair.



George and Martha Sawyer

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PUPPY DOG TALES

Good Education Matters

BY DAISY MAE DEL RAY

As a seizure alert dog, I am able to go anywhere my person does. Federal and state laws give me permission to do that. My person and I must follow all the rules of good behavior when I go into someone's place of business and so I have been taught how to sit quietly, not to make any noise and to be as unobtrusive as possible when I am around people, especially inside. My education in good citizenship helps me do my job better. For you non-working pets, a good education still does matter. It can lead to an opportunity. My new pal Maggie Mae found that out last month. I met Maggie Mae and her person, Sharon Edwards, as I was leaving work to go home. Maggie is a Yorkshire Terrier, about six months of age and about knee high to me. Sharon and Maggie Mae were walking in search of dogs to meet and they stopped to talk to me and my person. Maggie Mae had just been accepted by the Animal Planet Television Channel to participate in Puppy Games 2008. (This is like the Puppy Bowl program that I've seen at football game half-times). One of the requirements for being a participant was to be comfortable around other dogs and so Maggie Mae was meeting other dogs. I wished her luck and Sharon promised to let me know how the taping went.

While waiting to hear from Maggie and Sharon we did a little research on the original show, Puppy Bowl, which first aired in 2005, is one of Animal Planet's most popular shows and that doesn't surprise me. I could spend hours watching puppies just be puppies. There is a youth requirement, which makes sense because the program is called "puppy:" Olympics and a size limitation for the smaller participants. There is also a height and weight requirement so a photo is requested with the applicant standing or seated next to a soda can. That is why the accompanying photo of Maggie Mae shows her sitting beside a soda can.

Finally I got the call. Maggie Mae and Sharon went to the taping and were ready to sit down and talk about their brush with show business. "What a long, exciting day", Sharon told us. "We humans were not allowed in the studio for most of the shoot, but we were able to come in a couple of times. Maggie was very good and we had fun. The other pet owners were so nice and we humans were fed very well so it was a long day but fun for all."

All the participants were told in advance that they needed to be on their best behavior. Sharon told Maggie Mae that she was going to be on TV. "We practiced fetch and dancing and her sit and ringing the bell to go outside. When we got there her Positive Training helped her interact with the set and the other pups" she told me. Maggie Mae would not have even heard about the program if her trainer Sandy Modell had not seen something very special in her apt pupil and recommended that she try out for the role.

We talked to Sandy Modell who is the

owner of Wholistic Hound and Maggie and Sharon's trainer. Sandy recommended that Maggie Mae try out for this part. "She is an adorable and very smart little girl. She is a

quick learner and I just knew that she would do great if she was selected to participate in this event. And, she was!" Sandy teaches owners and pets to be better companions through a joint education process that uses reward based training and positive reinforcement. "It teaches you and your dog how to communicate with each other and heightens your dogs thinking capabilities" Sandy said. "By training your dog using positive reinforcement techniques, you can build a wonderful, loving, and fun relationship with your dog by teaching them good behaviors and to communicate with you and learn what is expected of them in the home and in the community."

Now we wait to see the program in August. I will let you know when it is set to air and how much of Maggie Mae you will see. Melissa Barry is with Animal Planet so we talked to her about the show. "We haven't reviewed all the tape from the shoot so we won't know until the end of May how much you will see of Maggie Mae when the show airs in August" she told me. Cross your paws. We will get back to you with more details as we get them.

So the story here is to get a good education. If Maggie Mae's person Sharon had not sought training, she would never have heard about Puppy Games 2008. There are many sources and places for training here in Alexandria. One example: The All Alexandria Reads Program, hosted by the Alexandria Library will have a demonstration of Clicker Training at the Duncan Library on May 17th at 10:am. Also, the City of Alexandria offers positive reinforcement training classes. The next group class begins on June 21st at the Warwick Village Club House.

After our interview, I got an e-mail from Sharon that I want to share with you my gentle readers. "Maggie has brought me so much comfort in my grief over Maxwell Smart. Maxwell Smart was very well known around the coffee shops and streets of Del Ray. Many people stopped me on the street and came by the house to offer their condolences. This is the way the residents of Del Ray are. It was heartwarming and a blessing to be living in such a caring community. I hope you add some of this to your article. Thanks"

Thank you! Sharon and Maggie Mae
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Old Town

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Another reason you don't need an excuse is that the Lee-Fendall garden will be the scene from noon until 5 p.m. on June 7 for an afternoon of bluegrass and BBQ. Friends of the glorious old structure are inviting you to bring a picnic blanket and sample some of the best barbecue in Northern Virginia. And you can listen to such professional musicians as Bob Perilla's Big Hillbilly Bluegrass and Herb and Hanson. And the BBQ will be dished up by Dixie Bones.

The affair is a fund-raiser for the house and all proceeds benefit the restoration and education activities of the Lee-Fendall House. Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$30 for students 12-17 and \$15 for children 5-11. Kids under 5 can come in free. For more information or to order tickets, call 703-548-1789 or contact@leefendallhouse.org.

Lee-Fendall is one of the anchors of the lovely Lee Corners, just off N. Washington Street. It was home to 37 members of the Lee family and is nearly as famous for being the longtime home of the late labor leader John L. Lewis.

The house was built as an urban plantation house in 1785 on a half-acre lot. The vernacular architecture presented in the "telescopic style" is unique to urban communities and is not typical of other styles found in Alexandria during the late Colonial and early Federal periods. The house was renovated in 1850, preserving its original interior and exterior architectural features, but embellishing then with Greek revival and Italianate elements. A grass roots

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I love the place.

—BOB FELDKAMP

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Now, a few remaining "**parade people**" deserve hearty shout outs. The first must go to Carol Bailey – ha! You thought we forgot you, huh, Carol?! NOPE! NEVER... You get a big huge round of applause this week! You were the co-chair of that success and deserve a big pat on the back for working like a dog with Gayle from beginning to end.

Secondly we must also recognize Barbara and Thomas Weadon who were mistakenly left off the list of Honorary Grand Marshals. Thank you for being there!

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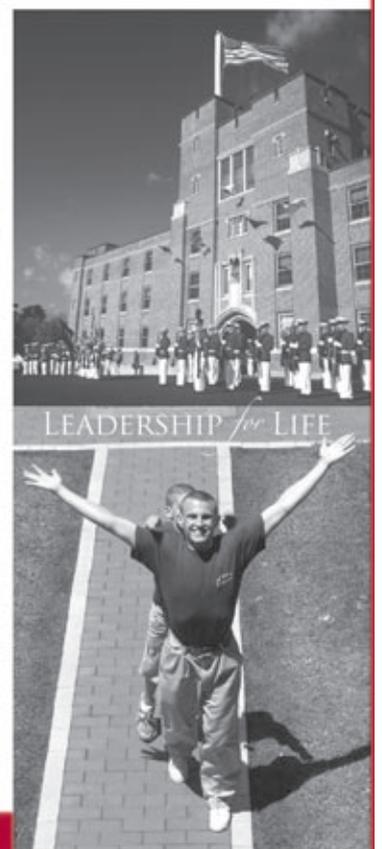
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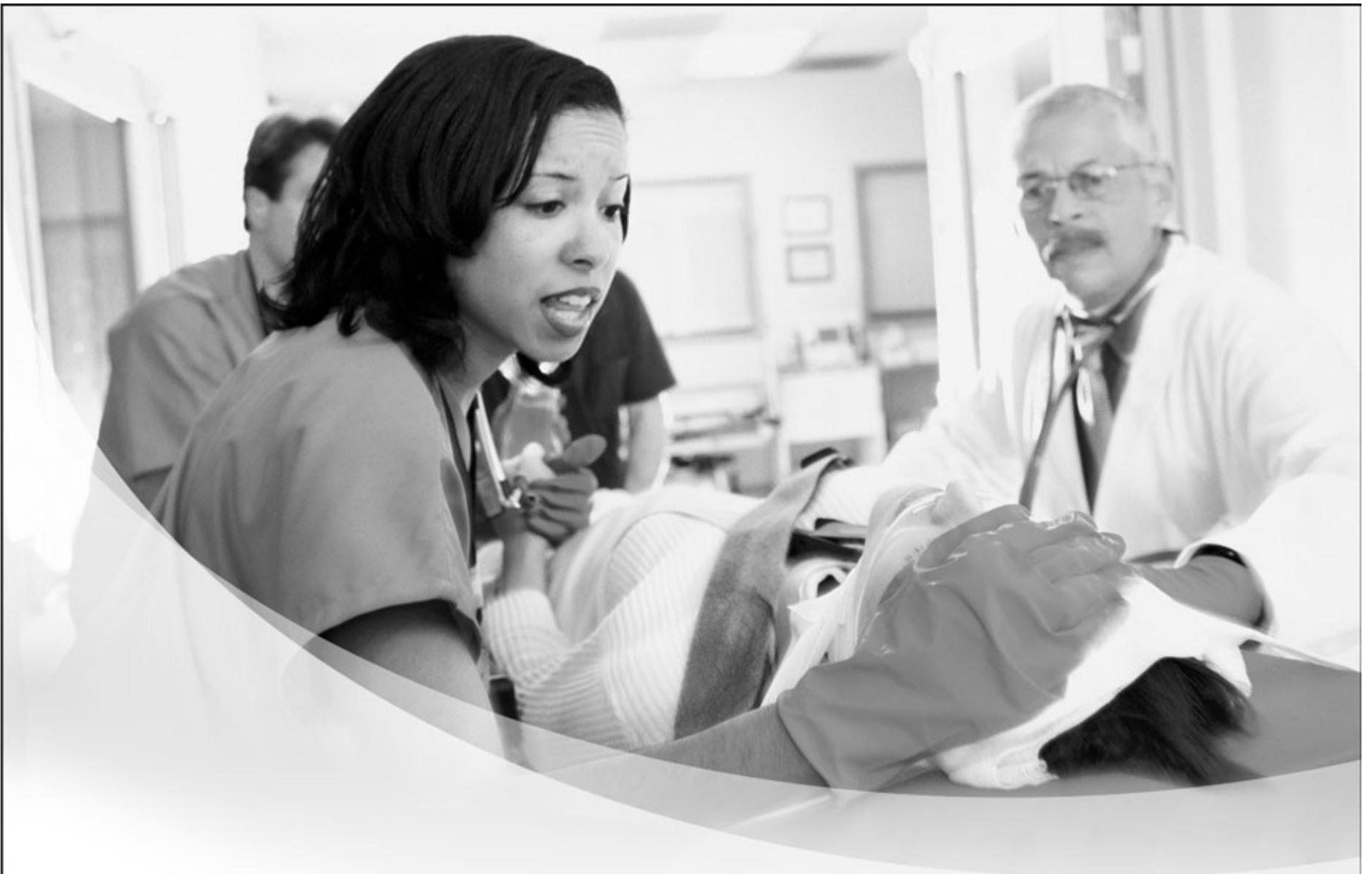
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\$1,390,000
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Character abounds in this landmark home across from the Episcopal Seminary. This distinctive property combines the character of the original home with a stunning, bright open sun room addition. Spacious rooms, a greenhouse and separate cottage ideal for guest house or office. Premier setting on gorgeous 0.74 acre grounds! Open Sun 1-4pm. From King Street Metro: W King St, L Janneys Ln, R Quaker Ln to 903 on right.



5306 Mt
Vernon Mem
Hwy
\$899,999
Perfection!!

Classic Colonial with many updates thruout shows like a brand new home! Open floor plan, updated kitchen with granite, spacious master suite with luxury bath, newly finished hardwood floors, updated baths, huge garage & more! Multi-tiered custom deck with hot tub & screened gazebo on gorgeous 3/4 acre grounds. Open Sun 1-4pm. S GW Pkwy, past estate, R Patton Blvd, immediate R on service road.



2215
Cavendish Dr
\$554,950
Fabulous Stratford Property!

Cape Cod features a bright and open floor plan and

exceptionally spacious rooms! Features include: custom sun room, hardwood floors on two levels, four bedrooms (two on main level), eat-in kitchen, thermal windows, covered parking and gorgeous fenced level lot. Sparkling move-in condition! Super value!



3805
Riverwood Rd
\$625,000
Great Deal!

The deal of the year! Unheard of Riverwood price! Lowest price in years! The house

directly across the street recently sold for \$807,000! Stately colonial with three finished levels, spacious room sizes, hardwood floors and two car side load garage. Spacious home with huge potential in one of the area's most prestigious waterfront communities at "give away" price!



3302
Clayborne Ave
\$290,900

Bank's Loss is Your Gain!

Bungalow sold for \$445,000 in March 2006! Many major upgrades include:

thermal windows, maintenance-free siding, roof, hardwood floors & large deck. Prime location on large level lot in Groveton area convenient to Metro and shopping. Needs some finishing touches but presents a rare opportunity to purchase a detached home for less than the price of a condo with no condo or HOA fees! Financing incentives available!



Mount Vernon
Grove
\$998,900
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For offers accepted in April - \$25,000 IN FREE OPTIONS AND

BELOW MARKET 30 YEAR FIXED FINANCING! Only 3 lucky buyers can take advantage of Mt Vernon Groves striking new Wakefield Homes combined with the convenience & prestige of Mt Vernon's premier new home community. Don't be left out. Contact us to review our plans! (Not valid with any other incentive program.)



8824
Stratford Lane
\$1,275,000

Rare 2 Acre Lot! Brand new Wakefield Home to be erected on gorgeous over two acre tract just off

the GW Pkwy in prestigious Stratford Landing. Three finished levels, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen with 42" cabinets and granite counters, walk-out lower level & 2 car garage. Pre-construction offering provides maximum opportunity to customize one of the few multi-acre properties left in close-in Alexandria!



Halley Farm
\$849,500
Mount Vernon's Newest Community!

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Alexandria South
\$560,000

GATED COMMUNITY
Spacious "Almost New" Townhouse located minutes from Old Town & Huntington Metro. Hardwood floors, extensive moldings, fireplace are just a few of the fine appointments. There are 3 finished levels, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, stainless and granite in kitchen, family room, recreation room, fabulous master suite, 2 car garage, fenced yard & deck backing to trees. See me on www.marylousage.com

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Alexandria/Seminary Road Area
\$774,900

JUST LISTED!!

Spacious 4-5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 3 level Colonial, 2 car garage, fully finished lower level, 2 fireplaces, 2 story entry foyer, backs to trees, situated on Cul-de-sac and easy commute!!!

5921 Reservoir Heights Avenue



GARY ANSLEY 202.288.7946



Alexandria
\$565,000

NORTH RIDGE ON A BUDGET

3 BR Colonial is realistically priced but boasts all the "I Wants" including foyer entry, main level den, butler's pantry plus hardwood floors, moldings and trim. Come see for yourself.

2419 Central Avenue



JOHN RANDOLPH 703.307.4182



Old Town North
\$489,900

NORFOLK LANE GEM

Fabulous 2 BR, 2 BA Light-Filled, Brick End Unit in Quiet Heart of Old Town Greens. Beautiful Hardwood Floors, Unique "Deux Tablx Dans Une" Kitchen, Garage, Pool and Tennis Courts. To View 700A Norfolk Prior to Open House Call Philip G. Matyas at 703-518-8727.

700A Norfolk Lane



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Historic Mt. Vernon
\$989,000

GRIST MILL WOODS GEM

Stunning 5 BR, 4.5 BA Bal-moral Model overlooks Washington's historic gristmill from the grand deck or the half-arched-window sunroom. Show room perfect, gourmet granite/stainless kitchen, 2-story family room, custom upgrades/paint, main level library, hardwood floors & huge finished lower level with workshop & walk-out to beautiful yard.

5423 Grist Mill Woods Way



JAN MUNNINGHOFF 703.201.3730



Alexandria

POTOMAC RIVER WATERFRONT LAND

Rare opportunity to own Potomac River Waterfront land located in prestigious enclave off East Boulevard Drive just minutes from Washington, DC. Dir: From Old Town Alexandria, GW Parkway South, Left at the East Boulevard Dr. sign, Right on East Boulevard Dr. towards Arcurus/Herbert Springs, Left at gated Andalusia Drive. The land is located to Left of the manor house on Potomac River. No sign on property.

884 Andalusia Drive



KAREN HILL 703.608.2654



Parker Gray Historic
\$469,900

JUST CHARMING

- 3 Level Brick townhouse with Finished Basement
- Spacious Rooms/Sep. DR
- Updated Bath & Kitchen
- Sunroom opening onto a deep yard
- Walk To Metro

A Must See!

402 N. Fayette Street



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Alexandria/Fairfax Co.
\$875,000

GREAT VALUE CUL-DE-SAC

Crafted by renowned builder, NV Homes, this luxurious home offers 4,100 Sq. Ft. of living and entertaining space. 4/5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 finished levels with walk-out lower level. The classy gourmet kitchen and family room offer soaring views of a glorious wood lot. Come See.

5759 Bush Hill Drive



ANNE HAMBLEY 703.946.7266



Old Town
\$599,990

BEST VALUES AT THE CARLYLE

3BR/2.5BA residence, 1605 SF of fabulous living space. Master suite with luxury MBA with Jacuzzi tub and separate shower. Views of Potomac from MBR, breakfast nook, living/dining area & open air balcony. Close to 2 Metros, Old Town shopping and restaurants. EZ commute. Extra large PS, big enough for a Suburban. Extra storage. Also, 2BR/2BA/2PS \$519,990, also with glimpses of Potomac.

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2121 Jamieson Ave. #2006



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Alexandria
\$689,000

SWIM AT HOME...

in the beautiful pool or pass the time away on 2 front porches situated on a 1/2 acre south of historic Mt. Vernon. Features include 4 BR, 3.5 BA w/spectacular kitchen opening to patio & pool. LR boasts a fireplace framed by pretty mantle. Main level has study/office w/ French doors opening to patio & pool. Beautiful hardwood floors throughout. LL Rec. Rm & storage rm. 5 minutes from Ft. Belvoir. Dir: GW Pkwy South, past Mt. Vernon Estate, to Old Mt. Vernon Rd, L at light, R Cherrytree, R Congressional.

9110 Congressional Court



MARY BOURKE 703.906.5825



Alexandria
\$749,000

SPRING TIME IN HOLLIN HILLS

JUST REDUCED AGAIN! Back on market- Motivated sellers say bring all offers! Wonderful opportunity to buy spectacular home on one of the prettiest streets in Hollin Hills! Beautifully renovated for today's lifestyle-Sleek, Sophisticated-Gourmet kitchen, Viking, Subzero, Granite countertops -Master Suite/Spa bath- Media/Family Room-Main level BR/BA, private deck, patio-Half acre woodland beauty! 4 BR, 3 Full Baths.

2114 Whiteoaks Drive



FRANKI ROBERTS 703.898.0840



Alexandria/Van Dorn
\$259,900
2BR/1.5BA

JUST UPDATED! QUIET & SERENE COMPLEX LOTS OF TREES

Move Right In! This lovely condo was completely updated in 2006. Freshly painted. Balcony for grill/table/chairs just off DR. Large LR has office nook near foyer. W/D in unit. Nicely sized bedrooms. Metro stop 1 mile away, Bus at corner. Short distance to Old Town, 395 into DC. Low condo fees include utilities. Unit backs to treed area. Plenty of parking. delaine@inf.com

6155J Edsall Road



DELAINE CAMPBELL 703.518.8740



Arlington/Addison Heights
\$615,000

WALK TO METRO...

from this charming well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 bath home. Recent upgrades include wood floors, carpet, kitchen, deck, fresh paint, gutters, down spouts and professionally landscaped yard and patio. PRICED \$24K BELOW 2008 ASSESSMENT! An exceptional value!

2205 S. Grant Street



ANN LOGSDON 703.568.8433



Alexandria
\$353,900

IN THE HEART OF OLD TOWN

Plaquet building with cozy floor plan & 10 ft. ceilings. LR has crown molding, chair rail, brick FP with beautiful wood mantle & floor to ceiling book-cases. Updated bath, kitchen with granite counters, tile backsplash, under mount sink, stainless appliances, maple cabinets. Beautiful hwd floors & patio in rear. Close to Metro, shops, restaurants & river.

1012 Prince Street #1



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Alexandria/Kingstowne
\$549,900

THE KING'S CROWN JEWEL

Fabulous 3 bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 half bath, Dunwich Square townhome SHOWS BETTER than when it was the model home. Updated kitchen granite counter tops, custom floor tile, hardwood floors, brand new carpet throughout, 2 wood burning fireplaces, grand 2-story foyer with circular staircase, garage with storage ARE A MUST SEE!

6031 Westcott Hills Way



PHILIP G. MATYAS 703.518.8727



Springfield
\$440,000

WELCOME HOME!

To this 2,700 SF brick townhome. Nicely updated with new doors & windows. 4 bedrooms on upper level, living, dining, kitchen and 5th bedroom on main level. Lower level recreation room walks out to a beautiful brick patio which leads to assigned parking. Wood floors, custom paint, upgraded lighting, storage, great schools and quick commutes add to this special home.

8409 Willow Forge Road



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Alexandria

DOUBLE OPTION

2 unique 1 BR units available for rent in the heart of Historic Old Town.

113 N. Fairfax Street - \$1,850
Features a spacious & updated kitchen. Watch all the activity in Market Square from the oversized windows. Wood floors thru-out & lots of storage & closet space in this light filled home.

213 Ramsey Alley - \$2,150
2 level detached house w/ off street parking place. Built circa 1800, it features a 6 ft wide cooking fireplace & wide plank floors. Walking distance to all restaurants, shops & galleries.



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Alexandria \$335,000
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6603 Netties Lane
Marianne Welds 703-869-1320



Alex./Jefferson Park \$1,675,000
Wow! Warm & spacious home on quiet cul-de-sac w/nearly 5,000 s.f., including 5 bedrms, 3.5 baths, library & family rm. Huge dream kitchen, finished LL, 2-car garage & fenced yard.
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Mary Hurlbut 703-548-4741



COMING SOON

Alex./Rosemont
Elegant custom colonial w/5 bedrms, 3.5 baths, 2-car garage & elevator. One-of-a-kind w/4 finished levels. Convenient to metro, Old Town, Arlington & D.C.
207 W. Glendale Avenue
Christine Garner 703-587-4855



Alexandria \$375,000
Perfect 1st home! Ready-to-move-in 3 bedrm, 1.5 bath home w/new paint thru-out, all new carpet & renewed hardwoods. Huge fenced lot and carport parking.
6412 Willowood Lane
Hal Sadler 703-677-7515



Alexandria \$254,900
One bedrm, 1 bath condo w/private patio, open floor plan, wood-burning fireplace w/antique mahogany mantel, W/D in unit, walk-in closet & small condo fee. Amenities include, pool, party room & clubhouse.
245 Pickett Street #101
Fred Smith 571-215-3733



Alexandria \$484,900
End unit TH w/3 bedrms, 2.5 baths, garage, fireplace, bay windows & Trex deck. Master suite w/soaking tub/shower. Easy commute to anywhere.
5238 Ballycastle Circle
Hal Sadler 703-677-7515



Alexandria \$418,500
Spacious brick end unit Townhome w/all the upgrades! Fabulous community & minutes to Metro, Old Town & more!
8232 LaFaye Court
Lisa McCaskill 703-615-6036



Alex./Old Town \$575,000
Fully renovated brick TH w/2 bedrms. 2.5 baths & curb appeal galore! Nearly everything has been replaced. Kitchen with granite, SS, new cabinets & ceramic tile. Lovely landscaping & new patio.
530 Alfred Street
Eva Damelin 703-625-2382



OPEN SUNDAY

Old Town \$799,000
A new listing at Yates Gardens in Eden! Relax & enjoy this charming 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath home close to cafés & shops.
825 S. Fairfax
Diann Hicks 703-628-2440



COMING SOON

Alexandria \$575,000
Huge TH. Bigger than it looks! Walk into a bright open floor plan thru the renovated kitchen to a delightful deck. Upstairs are 3 bedrms, each w/ its own bath & walk-in closets. Skylight, garage parking, fireplaces, decorator touches & colors.
6358 Brampton Court
Julie Hall 703-786-3634



Alexandria \$429,000
A Perfect "10". Gorgeous garage TH where everything old is now new again! Separate-level office. Beautiful hardwood floors. Deck backs to trees & energy-efficient heat-o-lator fireplace.
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Alexandria **\$939,000**

SOUGHT AFTER MASON HILL

Five bedrooms, 3.5 baths, main level bedroom/full bath, gorgeous renovations throughout including baths, kitchen/FR addition. Formal LR & DR, 3 fireplaces, mud room, 2 dens, wet bar, hot tub, finished LL, patio & deck. On cul-de-sac & just off GW Parkway.

Val Klotz 703-303-9744



Alex/Old Town **\$525,000**
RENOVATED!

Over \$30,000 in upgrades! Cats eye granite counter w/glass tile backsplash, new appliances (includes double oven), new gas fireplace, custom-made plantation shutters, new hardwood floors, Murphy bed in den, renovated half bathroom, built-in bookcases. Renovated master bedroom w/heated porcelain floor, wainscoting & crown molding. One block to Whole Foods, 4 blocks to King St. Metro & more!

Rich Ragan 703-307-5891



Alexandria **\$835,000**

SERENE SURROUNDINGS

Look no further. This beautiful four bedroom, three and a half bath, stately colonial home boasts a finished walk-out lower level to a landscaped garden with patio. Great kitchen with granite counters and stainless steel appliances. Oversized garage. Must see! 6380 Alderman Drive.

Nanci Sale 703-960-8900 x 256



Alexandria
\$380,000
KINGSTOWNE TARTAN VILLAGE

Lovely three bedroom, two and a half bath, three level, all brick end

unit townhome. Over \$31,000 in recent updates. Lower level walkout to patio and deck. Easy access to three Metros.

Leslie Blair 703-965-2138



Alexandria **\$1,250,000**

OAK RUN RESERVE

Beautiful new home on 1+ acre inside the Beltway! Opportunity to customize with pre-construction contract. Four finished levels, gourmet kitchen with butcher's pantry and oversized 2-car garage.

Laura Dunkel 703-217-8971



Alexandria/Old Town
\$560,000

CHARMING!

Gorgeous, updated, classy three level townhouse. Three good-sized bedrooms and two pretty bathrooms. Expanded kitchen with granite and maple. Beautiful wood floors. Covered patio and large, landscaped fully-fenced yard. Walk to two Metros.

Mary Siverson 703-209-6918



Alexandria **\$499,900**

LOCATION, CONDITION, PRICE!

Immaculate 3BR, 2BA, detached home on 1/3 acre with large fenced backyard, backing to trees. \$100K+ of improvements. Tastefully remodeled & professionally landscaped inside & out. 1 mile to Huntington Metro. Price reflects value.

Marty Mullen 703-216-0811



Alexandria **\$169,305**

GREAT VALUE!

Spacious, light filled 1 BR & den at Huntington Metro. Recently updated w/ great closet space, SS appliances, Berber carpet & large balcony. Condo fees include all utilities except phone & cable. See more at www.HuntingtonClub305.com. 2624 Wagon Dr. # 2-B

Walid Ashoor 703-585-6224



Alexandria **\$484,990**

OWNER SAYS SELL!

Significant price reduction on wonderfully spacious home. This one has it all! Recent roof, windows, HVAC, beautiful extension, great space & main level BR & full BA. 4BR, 3BA, cul-de-sac location w/large fenced lot. Near Metro, shops, parks, rec center & major commuter routes. View photos at www.marysellman.com.

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Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church, 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, has a special learning session from 9:45-10:45 a.m. every Sunday starting June 1 through Aug. 24. Children and adults will have the opportunity to learn about traditional Bible-times family life by playing authentic games, being apprentices in the Carpentry Shop, chatting with shopkeepers and tax collectors, participating in Synagogue School, and sampling food. For more information about this exciting program, or to pre-register, call 703-765-6118 or e-mail mvpvca@aol.com. Visit www.mvpconline.org.

Enjoy a **pancake breakfast** May 17 from 7-10 a.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 E. Windsor Ave. \$5 for adults, \$3 for children. 703-549-2088.

St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road has activities. 703-360-4220:

There is also a group of moms and pre-school kids that meets every Wednesday morning at 9 a.m. for coffee, muffins, and fellowship and moves into the church at 9:30 a.m. to take part in the Day School's chapel service, which is a short child-friendly service full of singing and silliness.

Habitat for Humanity is Building on Faith! All are invited to a Service of Prayer on Thursday, May 1, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall at Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church. As part of the service, Habitat homeowners will share experiences of being a first time homeowner. Also, we will write blessings on lumber that will be used in the framing of doors and windows at the next Habitat project. For more information on the service, contact Rev. Jeri Fields at 703-765-6118. Mount Vernon Presbyterian Church is located at 2001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.mvpconline.org.

Convergence: A Creative Community of Faith at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, gathers each Sunday at 5 p.m. for a worship gathering. All are welcome. Visit www.convergenceccf.net, or call 703-998-6260.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1509 Collingwood Road, Mount Vernon, is now holding Wednesday evening meetings at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 703-768-2494.

The Vajrayogini Buddhist Center offers classes in Buddhist Meditation at the Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 North Alfred St. in Alexandria. Classes are held on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 p.m. Buddhist Nun Kelsang Varahi will be teaching. \$10/class. For more information visit www.meditation-dc.org or call 202-331-2122.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation holds services at 8:15 p.m. on Fridays and 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Religious school is on Wednesdays evening and Sunday mornings. Adult learning opportunities take place throughout the year. Tot Shabbat on first and third Saturdays. Kolot Shabbat (musical service) the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Beth El is located at 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria. For more information, call 703-370-9400 or visit www.bethelhebrew.org.

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The Del Ray House & Garden Tour will take place on Saturday, May 17 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This year's tour will feature eleven of Del Ray's historic homes and their gardens, as well as the Del Ray Artisan's Center. Advance tickets are \$15 per person if you purchase by Friday, May 16th, and \$20 on the day of the tour. Tickets will be available for purchase at: Del Ray Farmers' Market, Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 noon, A Show of Hands, 2204 Mt. Vernon Avenue, and online at www.delraycitizen.org.

On Monday, May 19 **Agenda: Alexandria** presents "Alexandria and National Harbor: Partnership for Prosperity." Agenda: Alexandria explores the impact of National Harbor on Alexandria with Stephanie Pace Brown, Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association, and Charlotte Hall, Vice President, Potomac Riverboat Company. Located Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. Reception at 6:30 p.m., dinner (\$20 members with reservations/\$25 non-members) at 6:45 p.m.; Program (free to members/\$5 non-members) 7:10 p.m. Mail checks to PO Box 3598, Alexandria, VA 22302. For information, contact Sherry Brown, agendaalexandria@aol.com or 703-549-4696.

On Monday, May 19, 7 p.m. **The Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Group** will meet at Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke St. The primary topic for this meeting is affordable housing. In addition, the group will work with the information from the planning and design charrette to further define specific future options to be evaluated and discuss the evaluation process. For further information on the Landmark/Van Dorn planning program, visit the web page at <http://alexandriava.gov/planning/info/default.aspx?id=7014>.

The City of Alexandria's Beautification Commission is accepting nominations for the 2008 Alexandria Beautification Awards. The awards program recognizes City residents, organizations, and businesses for their efforts in contributing to the beautification of City neighborhoods and public vistas with landscaping and aesthetic design. Nominations must be received by Friday, May 16. Nominations, with a clearly identified property address, may be sent by e-mail to marie.johnston@navy.mil, or by postal mail to:

Alexandria Beautification Commission P.O. Box 178 Alexandria, VA 22313

The award winners will be recognized at the Beautification Awards Ceremony on October 6 at the Lyceum, located at 201 S. Washington St.

On Thursday, May 29, 6:45 p.m., at Minnie Howard Auditorium, 3801 W. Braddock Road. Nationally-renowned author and speaker, **Kay Redfield Jamison, Ph.D.**, Professor of Psychiatry at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine will discuss "Personal and Professional Perspectives on Depression."

There is a pet calendar contest to benefit the **Animal Welfare League of Alexandria**. All pets are eligible and all entries will appear in the calendar. \$25/pet, which includes one calendar. Entry deadline is Aug. 22. Visit www.alexandrianimals.org or 703-838-4774.

Nonprofit organizations and other grantseekers in Alexandria looking for funding sources now have access to a valuable new collection of resources through Alexandria Library. **The Foundation Center's** core collection includes *The Foundation Directory*

Online and Foundation Grants to Individuals Online. All four Alexandria Library branches have access to the two databases through their catalog computers. The complete Cooperating Collection of print and electronic resources is held at the Barrett Library, located at 717 Queen St. For more information visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Firefighters from Fire Station 208, 175 N. Paxton St., are participating in the Alexandria "Adopt-a-Park" program. Station 208 has adopted the James Marx All Veterans Park, located near the 200 block of N. Pickett St. The park was chosen due to its proximity to

the fire station and to Holmes Run. Firefighters from the A-shift chose this opportunity as a unique approach to their overall commitment to community outreach. They will begin regular cleanup activities at the park at the end of April.

Members of the public are invited to attend the seminar,

"Understanding Your Personality with the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator" on June 10 from 7-9 p.m. at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce offices, 801 N. Fairfax St., Suite 402. The MBTI seminar is \$89 and includes the cost of the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator and an introductory Type

workbook. Registration is required; visit <http://www.alexjaycees.org/seminars>. Class size limit is 45.

The Northern Virginia Review is accepting entries for the next issue, slated for publication in March 2009. The Review, an annual journal of essays, fine art, photography, poetry and short stories, accepts submissions from residents of the Northern Virginia and the greater Washington metropolitan area.

People may submit two essays, two works of fiction, three pieces of artwork and four poems, with a limit of five items per person. The deadline for entries is Sept. 18. Additional guidelines can be found at <http://www.nvcc.edu/>

depts/nvreview/nvr-submit.htm. The Review is funded by Northern Virginia Community College, the NVCC Educational Foundation, individuals and corporate sponsors. Contributions are tax deductible and all donors are recognized in the publication. To make a donation or learn more about the journal, contact Managing Editor Steve Drasner at sdrasner@nvcc.edu.

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC) is now accepting nominations for the Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award. The Brenman Award is open to

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More Analysis on Mall

Advisory Group begins to question its own relevance.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

What are some of the more important elements residents of Alexandria's West End want to see incorporated into the redevelopment of Landmark Mall and the surrounding area? And, what are some of the planning goals driving that redevelopment?

Both those questions and others were part of the discussions recently when the City Planning & Zoning Department and their consultants held a five and a half hour Planning and Design Workshop at Samuel Tucker School on Ferdinand Day Drive. It was one more element of the on-going planning/analysis process of the Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Group.

As explained by the department's consultants during the Advisory Group's April session, the goal of the Workshop, in consultant speak, is "to develop planning principles and options for the planning area for further analysis." Feed back from Workshop attendees will now be discussed, analyzed and interpreted at future Advisory Group meetings. The next one is scheduled for Monday, May 19, at Landmark Mall.

That seemingly never ending process has raised frustrations among both Advisory Group members and interested citizens attending their meetings, overwhelmingly directed by the department's consultants. As was pointed out by several of those members at the April meeting, "This has all been done before."

This caused some Advisory Group members and West End residents to question the relevance of the group as well as the process which seems to be plowing over old ground. It was originally initiated, and nearly brought to conclusion, by former Planning & Zoning Department Director Eileen Fogarty working in conjunction with former group of consultants. As Advisory Group member Jack Sullivan pointed out, he has heard from various constituents they "want a mall" decision now.

"Let the residents of the West End look at what they want. There is nothing here we haven't heard before several years ago. Put this process (elongated planning process) on hold and concentrate on the traffic problems in the West End," said West End resident Annabelle Fisher.

Another member of the Advisory Group asked, "What is our role?" That was answered by Director of Planning & Zoning Faroll Hamer who stated, "The purpose of this group is to give advice." She also stated, "There is nothing that guarantees any plan will get built. The reason we are here (April 21 meeting) is that developers have expressed interest in this site. Although, we are dependent on the market, I think something will come out of this."

For many in the room that night, her last statement may have had a familiar ring. During a similar planning meeting in 2005 it was announced, "The present mall owners, General Growth Properties of Chicago, has approached the City with a prospect to redevelop the mall for a mix of uses, including retail shops, restaurants, a theater complex, a hotel, and over 1,000 residential units."

In 2004, the possibility of a "major renaissance of

the West End" was officially announced by Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille during a high profile press conference held in the mall's center court. A totally redeveloped mall, resembling more a town center was to be the centerpiece of that redevelopment effort.

Revitalization of the City's West End was a major element of Euille's initial campaign for mayor and remains a high priority. "My campaign slogan was "One Alexandria," and I'm here today to announce plans that will create new excitement in Alexandria's West End, and will give it its own distinctive identity," he told the crowd assembled in the mall that day in 2004.

"Our plans are still very fluid. But, we hope to get underway by 2007 with completion by 2009. We would maintain the two anchor stores, Sears and Hecht's, with demolition and redesign of the center core," said Maura Feaheny, senior development director, General Growth Properties, Inc., at that time, during the press conference.

Since then Hecht's was bought by Federated Stores, owner of Macy's and Lord and Taylor, after acquiring them from The May Company. Federated has since spun off Lord and Taylor to another corporate entity. Sears has also changed ownership status now being combined with K-Mart. Federated Stores owns the Macy's site and Sears/K-Mart owns the Sears site.

"If we do it right, the West End will become the kind of destination that Landmark Mall itself was back in 1963, but even better — a place that people desire. The kind of place that people choose above all others when it comes to selecting where they work, where they live, and where they play," Euille said at the time.

Joining Euille at that press conference was Alexandria Vice Mayor Redella "Del" Pepper. "This has been a long time coming. It's just awesome. I'm extremely excited about the potential it holds for the whole West End," Pepper said following that 2004 press conference.

"We are all filled with so much hope. For so long, I have seen this Landmark Mall/Van Dorn workshop/meeting shopping center dying. Nothing seemed to pull it up to the business potential of the other centers. Hopefully, this (plan) will be the answer," Pepper said then.

She attended both the April 21 Advisory Group meeting and last Saturday's Workshop. But, she expressed no opinion one way or the other during the April 21 meeting. She sat and listened that night to a new group of consultants review many of the statistics and tout characteristics associated with previous plans for the area — walkability, connectivity, beautiful tree lined streets, and people oriented urban places.

As Hamer pointed out early on in the Advisory group's April 21 meeting, "There is nothing that guarantees any plan gets built."

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Community Partners for Children's fourth annual baby supply drive is underway. The following Alexandria drop off locations will have donation baskets and containers at their businesses. The items collected during the drive will be donated to four local non-profit groups that help struggling families: Casey Clinic, Alexandria Neighborhood Services in Arlandria, Center for Alexandria's Children and the Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry (NOVAM). The other way to help is to donate a tax-deductible check to support Community Partners for Children's Baby Supply Drive, Back-to-School Drive and the Holiday Toy Drive. Send your check to Community Partners for Children, PO Box 2738, Alexandria, VA 22301.

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Business name: Studio Antiques and Fine Art, Inc.

Address: 524 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Years at this address: 15 years

Years in business: 26 years

Telephone: 703-548-5188

E-mail address: studioantiques@verizon.net

Web site: www.studioantiques.net

Owners:

Lois Boyles and Richard Totoiu

Short bio:

We have lived in the Washington, D.C. area for more than 30 years. We met while working for a well known antique dealer in Bethesda. ("Love among the ruins" as Richard says.) Previously, Richard had a small weekend antique business in Maryland and had studied art history at Oberlin College. Lois grew up with antiques and artists in her home. In the 1970's there were few formal study programs in decorative arts and the best way to learn was through an apprenticeship to another dealer. After five years of working together in Bethesda we decided it was time to start out on our own. With inventory we had collected over the years we opened Studio Antiques in April 1982. We paid the bills that first year by working days in the shop and part-time jobs at night.

Why did you choose this particular business?

It was our love for antiques and art that drew us to the business. We enjoyed spending our free time visiting museums, attending auctions and going to estate sales. The possibility that we could support ourselves doing what we loved gave us the courage to open our own gallery.

Why did you choose to work for yourself rather than as an employee for someone else?

Most antique galleries are managed on a small scale with a single owner and a limited staff. If you are a gallery assistant, it's rare to be allowed to actually participate in finding inventory—which for us is the "fun" part of the business.

We wanted to take the risk of starting our own gallery and making all of the decisions, knowing that we would be personally responsible for all that we sold.

Fortunately, we had years of experience in the antique business and had learned where to find merchandise and restorers as well as having mastered the nuts and bolts of management, bookkeeping and the day-to-day operation of a small business.

We rented a row house in the 600 block of North Washington Street with just the right room configurations to show our inventory to advantage. We poured a lot of sweat equity into that space! After eleven years, we were bulging at the seams, but we were lucky enough to find a larger house with a similar layout for sale just a block away. We've been at 524 North Washington Street since 1993.

What have you learned from being in business?

We have learned to be flexible and willing to change our focus according to the demands of our clients and the fluctuations in the market. When we first started, the majority of our inventory was 18th century and early 19th century furniture with a total of six paintings on the walls. During those first years we discovered that there was a great demand for and small supply of affordable, quality 19th-century paintings in the Washington area. With our love of art, it was a natural progression to add fine art to the mix of antiques. We still have a large inventory of period furniture, but we also have over 300 paintings now.

What have been the advantages and/or disadvantages of operating a business in Alexandria?

Unlike some businesses, the antique and



PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

Lois Boyles, owner with her husband, Richard Totoiu, of Studio Antiques and Fine Art, says "The sign on our

art trade benefits from the proximity of other galleries because people like to travel to areas where they know there is a large selection. Alexandria has a wonderfully eclectic group of antique shops and art galleries that draw people to this area. Of course, Old Town's many historical sights and museums provide a great compliment to our collections.

Description of services and/or products:

Our focus is 18th- and early 19th- English and American furniture and 19th century paintings. The furniture is formal rather than country and made of mahogany, walnut and maple which were the woods of fashion at that time. Our paintings are both European and American and vary greatly in subject matter and style. We are also partial to artists who worked in the Washington area in the late 19th- and early 20th centuries. Additionally, we provide services for painting restoration.

Like many antique dealers, we never seem to be able to limit ourselves to just

the furniture and paintings, and so we have a selection of accessories including lamps, bronzes, opera glasses, porcelain, canes, candlesticks and leather bound books. We also have a particular passion for tea caddies and have an extensive collection of boxes. Part of the joy we take in our business is from those surprising discoveries.

An important part of our job is to make visitors feel welcome in our shop. People are often intimidated by art and antiques. We want people to browse, ask questions and feel comfortable with any decisions they may make in purchasing from us. Every item in the shop has a tag with descriptive information and the price. We love introducing new collectors to the joys of owning beautiful paintings and furniture, and we have clients who have been collecting for years and have developed a diverse knowledge base which they are willing to share with us.

Listening and learning is part of what keeps us so engaged in our business. The sign on our door says "Browsers Welcome" and we honestly mean it!

Carpenter's Cook-Off Benefit Raises Nearly \$100,000

Carpenter's Shelter, Northern Virginia's largest homeless program, hosted its 6th Annual Carpenter's Cook-off hosted by The Birchmere on Sunday, April 27th. Record-level sponsorships, 400 attendees, plus 22 participating restaurants, 65 sponsors, and over 70 in-kind donors helped raise nearly \$100,000.

Key supporters of this year's Cook-off were Freddie Mac, The Birchmere, Mirant Mid-Atlantic, Booz Allen Hamilton, Gannett Foundation, The Melonheads, Grant Thornton, Ridgewells Caterers and The

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Participating restaurants were: a la Lucia, Asian Bistro, The Birchmere, DC Central Kitchen, Del Merei Grille, EveningStar, Vermilion, Rustico, Buzz, FireFlies, Generous George's, Hollin Hall Pastry Shop, Jackson 20, Landini Brothers, misha's Coffeehouse, Restaurant Eve, Majestic, The Warehouse Bar & Grill, The Wharf, Southside 815, Stardust and Union Street Public House.

Winners of the People's Choice and Kid's Choice were Jackson 20 and Stardust Restaurant & Lounge, respectively. Best

Dressed Restaurant award went to: Evening Star/Vermilion/Rustico/Buzz for their wonderfully decorated beach/summer-themed table display.

"Proceeds from Carpenter's Cook-off benefit our Transitional Services Program, which supports our families as they move back into community living", said Executive Director, Fran Becker. She explained, "Carpenter's Shelter is ending homelessness one person, one family at a time by teaching our clients critical life skills necessary to help them transition to community liv-

ing, so they never need to call a shelter home again."

Carpenter's Shelter is Northern Virginia's largest homeless program and provides free, comprehensive services to over 1,000 children, families and adults each year. Carpenter's Shelter stabilizes and strengthens families by providing intensive case management, critical life skills workshops, and a connection to resources offered by the City of Alexandria. For more information, call Shelli Vasser Gilliam at 703-548-7500 ext. 203 or visit www.carpentersshelter.org.



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Local Historian Dies

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view (BAR).

He and Cox have conducted numerous architectural tours and lectured extensively on Alexandria architecture to a wide range of groups such as the Smithsonian Institution, National Trust for Historic Preservation, National Park Service, the American Institute of Architects, and various higher edu-

cation institutions.

In addition to his former wife Leila, Smith is survived by his daughter Leila Holcombe Smith Lynde, Tarpon Springs, FL; twin granddaughters Julia Rose and Madelyn Leila Lynde; brothers David M. Smith, Chatham, MA; Jonathan P. Smith, Brandon, FL; and Mark R. Smith, Florence, SC. He was predeceased by his parents

Haddon Hartung and Betty Martin Smith.

A memorial service will be held Monday, May 19, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S. Fairfax St, Alexandria. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Alexandria Library Foundation, History Collection.

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Saints Lacrosse Teams Prevail In States

Girls lax vying for ISL championship, while boys looking for IAC title.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE

Halfway through the season, the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys lacrosse team had only one win. The same school that went on an unlikely run to the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association tournament title, the Saints were a pitiful 1-10.

Then SSSAS won at home against Collegiate, then-ranked in the top five in the state, and even then sensed they had turned the corner.

And boy they have. Heading into a mid-week tilt, the fifth-seeded Saints were vying for the Interstate Athletic Conference tournament title, a feat that seemed so improbable a mere three weeks ago.

Having won six straight games, fifth-seeded SSSAS ousted Bullis in the first round and then shocked top-ranked Georgetown Prep in overtime in the semifinal last Saturday.

Because the IAC works on a point system that splits the regular season and postseason tournament, the Saints can't conceivably win the league crown. But the fact that SSSAS, at 7-10 is even in the hunt for a tournament championship, explains how far they've come.

Sophomore Peter Labovich notched the game-winning goal in overtime, ousting the Little Hoyas for the second straight season. Last year, behind 14 seniors, the Saints tainted Georgetown Prep's undefeated season in the IAC tournament before winning its first-ever VISAA crown.

As the fifth seed in the eight-team tournament, SSSAS started its title defense, actually before the IAC championship, by defeating Woodberry Forest, 10-9, on the road Tuesday.

In the IAC, the Saints play Landon, who
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The SSSAS girls lacrosse team is undefeated and ranked third in the nation according to www.laxpower.net



The fourth-seeded Saints downed Woodberry Forest, 10-9, in the first round to take a step closer to defending their state title

PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/GAZETTE

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Who Would Take Donley's Job?

With the announcement that T.C. Williams director of student activities Kerry Donley will step down in July, it leaves a crater-sized void in the seemingly turbulent Titan athletic department. Principal Mel Riddle, a former football player at the University of North Carolina will now have to open the hiring process for one of the most coveted jobs in the City. Without most applicants even aware that the job is vacant, the "Gazette Packet" hand-caps possible replacements.

1. Martin Grimm, Edison director of student activities

Grimm has the credibility, building Edison into one of the National District powers. He has both the administrative background and necessary basketball background having served dual roles as the director of athletics and men's basketball coach at Oxford College of Emory University before moving to Edison. Would he be willing to leave a good thing at Edison?

2. Bob Eavenson, T.C. Williams assistant director of student activities

The natural progression for Eavenson would be to fill the void created in the office. But the longtime field hockey coach just resigned to focus on administrative tasks. Sure, he has been a faithful T.C. employee, but would he have the support within the community to be seriously considered, given his age and prior experience?

3. Mark Eisenhower, assistant principal at Minnie Howard School

He's already in with the Alexandria power brokers, having been at Minnie Howard for quite some time. An active member within the City, he's reportedly expressed interest and more importantly has already has a current relationship with Riddle. But he's been an administrator at the ninth grade center, and not a full-fledged high school. And there could be other candidates whose experience would trump him

4. George Porcha, former T.C. Williams assistant director of student activities

Whether Porcha would even consider would be a longshot, but you can't argue with his results as a girls basketball coach at both Washington-Lee and at T.C. Williams. After uprooting his family to Virginia Tech, he may want to settle down after parting ways in January. He's still well respected within the community, but would he even consider the job, given that he's more of a coach than an administrator?

5. Bishop Ireton athletic director Bill Simmons

Once the doormats of the WCAC, Simmons has revamped the Ireton program. In hiring Tony Verducci as football coach, he took the Cardinals to VISAA state championship for the first time ever. Simmons isn't considering leaving Ireton, he said on Wednesday, but should still merit consideration alone.

Close, But No Cigar In Championships

Ireton's girls lax, baseball fall in WCAC tournament title games.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE

Bishop Ireton knew it was going to have to pull something special — or magical — to end up with a rare and much-coveted Washington Catholic Athletic

Conference tournament title. In both baseball and girls lacrosse, the Cardinals couldn't muster any more mystique when it counted.

The girls lacrosse team dropped an 11-8 decision to Good Counsel on Tuesday at Ludwig Field on the University of Maryland's campus. Not having won against the Falcons since 2003, it was the Good Counsel's fifth straight WCAC title.

But second-seeded Ireton still had its chances, especially early. The Cardinals, led by George Mason signee Julianne Tela,

scored the game's first four goals, and then held a 5-1 advantage before giving up five straight to close the half.

Ireton, behind sophomore Janet Tela's (Julianne's younger sister) three goals, regained the lead in the second half, only to have it once again disappear. Junior Chesney Hellmuth pulled the Cardinals within a point in the fourth quarter, but Good Counsel's Mary Swarhout, the WCAC Player of the Year scored the last of her game-high four goals to preserve the win.

Brittany Barnwell had two goals for

Ireton, but received a second yellow in the waning moments of the first half. Junior Allie Fife and Julianne Tela each scored once.

Under first-year head coach Cara Hurrin, Ireton currently has a 16-4 record, and will play in the quarterfinals of the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association (VISAA) state tournament on Thursday. The Cardinals will take on Paul VI, a team they beat 15-8 on April 16.

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL O'KEEFE

The Thomas Jefferson Men's First 8 receives gold medals. Front, holding Eric Rothstein trophy, coxswain Raj Goel (Herndon). Back row, from left, Stephen Mathews, Chris Rutley, Chris Gear, Nolan Pollack, Nader Al-Naji, Patrick Collard, Colin Haas, Phil Grisdela.

Jefferson Crew Wins Gold at States

For the Jefferson Colonials, last Saturday's Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championship had a special significance. The regatta included a ceremony in memory of former Jefferson rowing coach Eric Rothstein, who was killed in 2001. Driven by their desire to honor Rothstein and to continue their decade long winning streak, Thomas Jefferson's Men's Varsity 8 quickly took the lead in the finals and raced to a gold medal finish. Also finishing in first place for Jefferson were the Women's 2nd 8 and the Men's 3rd. Taking home silver for the Colonials were the Men's 2nd 8 and Women's 3rd 8. Next week, TJ will compete in Philadelphia for the prestigious Stotesbury Cup, with the Men's Varsity 8 and Women's 2nd 8 defending their championship titles.

Saints Lacrosse Prevail In States

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downed St. Albans 8-4 to advance to the finals on Thursday. With a win, Landon will win the IAC, but will share the league title with Georgetown Prep if the Little Hoyas down Bullis in the consolation game.

Regardless, SSSAS will take on top-ranked Norfolk Academy, who displaced Episcopal 14-2 in the first round at St. Anne's-Belfield School in Charlottesville, Va. The game will start at 5:30 p.m.

SSSAS' NATIONALLY RANKED girls lacrosse

team started its title defense in the VISAA tournament, pounding Flint Hill, 16-1, on Tuesday.

Because of the constant rain cancellations, the undefeated Saints are also undergoing some creative scheduling.

In the Independent School League (ISL) final, SSSAS faced third-seed Georgetown Visitation on Wednesday at Bullis School. Considered the heavy favorites, the Saints (22-0) haven't lost a league game in more than a decade, and downed their league rivals 16-3 earlier this

Ireton

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IN BASEBALL, the fifth-seed Cardinals weren't even expected to make it past the first round, much less the WCAC championship game against third-seeded DeMatha. After dispatching O'Connell and Paul VI over consecutive days, the Stags won handily, 11-3, in the tournament title last Thursday at Shirley Povich Field in Rockville, Md.

With both team's best pitchers fatigued, DeMatha got to Ireton junior starter Dan Nicoll. The Stags scored three runs in the third, then added another run in the fifth, before exploding for seven runs in the sixth.

Ireton (13-13) struggled at the plate, mostly in part to outstanding DeMatha defense, before tacking three runs in the seventh.

First-year coach Mike Gallagher, selected as the league coach of the year last week, had five juniors in the starting lineup, and none on the first-team all-WCAC. If the Cardinals had won, it would have been their first WCAC boys' championship in any sport. Ireton reached the VISAA state title game in football playing an independent schedule.

"I think it speaks real well to where we're going," said Ireton athletic director Bill Simmons. "We're headed in the right direction and we've put a lot of money into the facilities. And we have some great coaches right now — when you put that combination together, it makes you better."

Ireton failed to make the eight-team (VISAA) state tournament, which began Tuesday.

season.

The Saints (23-0) displaced Holton-Arms, with a 16-3 defeat, in the semifinals, when senior Cassie Pyle notched five goals and had an assist. Junior Charlotte Davis had two goals and an assist, and senior school-record assist holder Hadley Lankford had a goal and yet another assist.

The Saints are eyeing a repeat of last season, when the 2007 team won the ISL regular season title and tournament title, and the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association championship.

COLLEGE ROUNDUP

Huey Half Of Top-Ranked Doubles Tennis Team

Treat Huey, a 2004 St. Stephen's & St. Agnes graduate, helped top-seeded Virginia's men's tennis team advance to the round of 16 of the NCAA Tournament for the fifth consecutive year, defeating Penn State 4-0 Sunday.

Teaming with Somdev Devvarman (Chennai, India), Huey clinched the opening point with an 8-2 win at No. 1 doubles over Michael James and Brendan Lynch.

"I thought that was as good as we have played all year in doubles," said head coach Brian Boland. "That gave us a lot of confidence and a lot of momentum that carried over into singles."

Huey is making his second NCAA singles appearance, as Virginia ties its 2005 school with three players in the singles draw. Huey is 32-5 in singles and is ranked No. 28 in the ITA rankings.

In doubles, Devvarman and Huey, ranked No. 1 in every week of the year in the ITA rankings, are the No. 1 seed for the NCAA Doubles Championship. Last year, the duo was the No. 2 seed and fell in the semifinals.

This season, Huey and Devvarman won both the ITA All-America Championships and the ITA National Indoor Championships in the fall, and are looking to be just the second team to win all three major tournaments in the same season, joining California's Doug Eisenman and Matt Lucena who won all three during the 1989-90 season.

Huey is already Virginia's all-time career doubles win leader, a mark he set as a junior. The Cavaliers are 30-0 and have been ranked No. 1 in the ITA rankings every week of the season. They recently won their fourth ACC championship in five years.

As a Saint, he was a three-time All-Met Player of the Week, and was ranked No. 1 in the USTA boys' 18s singles rankings during his senior year.

Virginia will travel to the NCAA Championships, held at the University of Tulsa. The Cavaliers will meet No. 16 seed Michigan on Friday.

Williams Sets Meet Record

In the ISL track championships this past week, junior Danielle Williams finished first in the 100 and 200 meters, setting a new meet record. She also anchored the first-place 100-meter relay with Tatiana Bull, Mya Reid, and Olivia Hooper. The same relay, with sophomore Brianna Richardson replacing Reid, set a new school record of 51.22 at the Penn Relays recently. Reid also won the high jump, helping the Saints to a sixth place finish.

For more information regarding the club, visit alexsports.org.

Ruffin-Pratt Named AP Player of the Year

The Associated Press Group AAA All-State teams were announced last week, and included two Titans, as selected by a panel of sports writers from around the state. Junior forward Tierra Ruffin-Pratt was the consensus girls Player of the Year. She had already been named the All-Met Player of the Year, Northern Region Player of the Year and a Parade All-American.

—ERIC GILMORE

SPORTS BRIEFS

Titans Choose Schools

Qunitas McCorkle has committed to wrestle at Clarion University (Pa.). McCorkle was an All-Met honorable mention this past season and has gone to the state wrestling championships the past three years.

Ethan and Tyler Cornelio, both three-year varsity soccer players, have committed to play soccer at Randolph Macon College.

Lee Tackett, a pitcher and third baseman will play baseball at Washington & Lee University. Sam Alexander will play baseball at Case Western Reserve University.

Other T.C. Williams college signees include varsity rower Cara Donley (In-

diana), cross country runner Brad Kenimer (Dartmouth) basketball forward Anthony Winbush (Loyola, Md.), basketball guard Travis Berry (Virginia Union) and ice hockey player Ben Malakoff (Ithaca).

Earl Lloyd To Headline Charity Benefit

The Hopkins House will host "An Evening With Earl Lloyd and NBA Friends" on from 5:30-9 p.m. on May 18 at the Westin Hotel. The charity benefit will include Georgetown basketball coach John Thompson III and WJLA-TV Sportscaster Tim Brant.

Nicknamed "The Big Cat", Lloyd was

the first African-American to play in the National Basketball Association, in the 1950-51 NBA season. T.C. Williams recently named its basketball court "Earl Lloyd Court."

Tickets are \$75 and include a silent auction of sports memorabilia. Business attire is requested. For more information, call 703-549-4232 x4085 or visit www.hopkinshouse.org.

Sportsman's Club To Hold Annual Banquet

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will host its 2008 Annual High School Athlete Awards Banquet at the Hilton Mark Center Alexandria Hotel on Wed., May

21. Mount Vernon alum and former NFL offensive lineman Ed Cunningham featured as the guest speaker.

Individual tickets prices are \$50, with a corporate sponsorship table going for \$750.

A reception hour will be at 6 p.m., with a dinner to follow at 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets, mail checks payable to Alexandria Sportsman's Club at P.O. Box 1011, Alexandria, Va, 22313.

The Sportsman's Club, which was founded in 1947, has themed monthly meetings at the Old Dominion Boat Club. Social Hour begins at 7 p.m. followed by the regular meeting, which starts at 7:45 pm. Each meeting features a guest speaker, and an award presented to the high school and recreation department athlete of the month. The meetings are followed by a casual dinner.

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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Parker-Gray District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, MAY 28, 2008 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2008-0015

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 320 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential APPLICANT: Arthur Garden and Maribeth Monti

CASE BAR2008-0016

Request for approval of addition and alterations at 320 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential APPLICANT: Arthur Garden and Maribeth Monti

CASE BAR2008-0069

Request for approval of alterations at 1322 Princess St, zoned RB Residential APPLICANT: Marc Pilcher & Wendy Venable

CASE BAR2008-0070

Request for approval of demolition / encapsulation at 700 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential APPLICANT: Robert C. Byrnes

CASE BAR2008-0071

Request for approval of addition / alterations at 700 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential APPLICANT: Robert C. Byrnes

CASE BAR2008-0072

Request for approval of alterations at 308 N. Patrick St, zoned CL Commercial APPLICANT: Lorena Alvarez

CASE BAR2008-0073

Request for approval of alterations at 927 Orocco St, zoned RB Residential APPLICANT: Michael Bergner

CASE BAR2008-0074

Request for approval of signage & alterations at 224 N. Henry St, zoned CD Commercial APPLICANT: Sam Safaein

CASE BAR2008-0081

Request for approval of alterations to previously approved plans at 227 N West St, zoned RB Residential. APPLICANT: Brendan M. Owens BOARD ACTION:

Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 838-4666

LEGAL NOTICE

The Virginia Department of Historic Resources will hold a Public Information Hearing to discuss the proposed.

Uptown Parker-Gray Historic District in Alexandria, VA. The Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2008, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph's Catholic Church at 711 N. Columbus Street in Alexandria, VA 22314. Public comment regarding the proposal will be taken at the time of the hearing or can be sent to: Director Kathleen Kilpatrick, VA Department of Historic Resources, 2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221. These proposals have been recommended eligible for the Virginia Landmarks and National Register. Proposals will be presented to the State Review Board and the Historic Resources Board on June 19, 2008 in Richmond, VA. For a copy of the proposal and/or a boundary map, contact Jean McRae, VA Department of Historic Resources, 804-367-2323 x-102 or jean.mcrac@thr.virginia.gov.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021356-04-00 Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JASMINE POMMIER The object of this suit is to: Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, with the goal of adoption, to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father to Jasmine Pommier, born 11/22/2007 and to give DHS the right to place the child for adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant Unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 6/6/2008 at 3:00pm

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LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2008 - 7:30 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, City Hall Alexandria, Virginia

Information about these items may be obtained from the: Department of Planning and Zoning, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 838-4688

BZA CASE #2008-0017

407 E. WINDSOR AVENUE R-2-5, RESIDENTIAL Patrick Briggs and Dorinda Salcido, owners: Variance to enlarge an existing detached one-car garage to a two-car garage on the rear south and west side property lines. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2008-0018

718 GRAND VIEW DRIVE R, RESIDENTIAL Matthew and Kristina Bucholz, owners by Christine Leonard, architect: Special exception to construct a covered open front porch 17.00 feet from the front property line facing Grand View Drive. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2008-0019

2024 SCROGGINS ROAD R-8, RESIDENTIAL Shawn McLemore and Stephanie Meyer, owners: Special exception to construct a one story addition over an existing porch 6.00 feet from the north side property line. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2008-0013

334 COMMERCE STREET CD, RESIDENTIAL Neil and Sheila Jurinski: Variance to construct a two story rear addition in the rear yard reducing open space from 496 square feet to 346 square feet. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Alexandria has been selected to receive \$17,125 in order to aid the City's emergency food and shelter programs. Any public or private voluntary agencies who wish to apply for funds from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program should contact Mike Lanigan of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington) by calling 703-841-3830. Interested agencies may also get an application by emailing webmaster@coda.net. All applications must be received by May 23, 2008.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ019714-08-00 Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re TAYANNA MOORE The object of this suit is to: Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, with the goal of adoption, to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father of Tayanna Denise Moore born 4/17/2007 to Lakisha Moore, authorize Alexandria DHS to place Tayanna Denise Moore for Adoption; and to notify the unknown father of Tayanna Denise Moore that no further notice of any future hearing will be given. It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 6/20/2008 at 3:00pm

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021734-01-00 Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ELIZABETH SANTOS-MOLINA The object of this suit is to: Custody/Visitation. It is ORDERED that the defendant Rene Rodriguez appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 8/19/2008 at 11:00am

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, May 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-8-152 (PERMITS FOR EXCESSIVE SIZE AND WEIGHT, ETC.), of Article 1 (VEHICLE WEIGHT LIMITS), Chapter 8 (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) of Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance includes permit fees for operating overweight and oversize limit vehicles on City streets in the new uniform procedure for setting fees and charges; requires such permit fees to be included in the new compendium of City fees on the City's website, and requires that such fees be re-examined annually as part of the budget process.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 3-2-301 (GENERALLY) Article Q (FEE FOR PASSING BAD CHECKS TO CITY), Chapter 2 (TAXATION), Title 3 (FINANCE, TAXATION AND PROCUREMENT) to the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance increases the fee for passing bad checks to the City from \$25 to \$35.

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Alexandria, Virginia authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds in the estimated maximum amount of \$70,000,000; and providing for reimbursement to the City of Alexandria from Bond proceeds.

The proposed ordinance authorizes the issuance of general obligation capital improvement bonds for various public improvements in the estimated maximum amount of \$70,000,000.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 12-7-12 (COMPOSITION; OFFICERS; APPOINTMENT, TERM AND COMPENSATION OF MEMBERS) of Article B (CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMISSION), Chapter 7 (CONSUMER AFFAIRS), of Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance revises the membership of the Consumer Affairs Commission, to permit the appointment of citizens-at-large in lieu of business representatives, if the positions for business representatives remain unfilled for three months, and to change one position for a consumer action organization representative to a citizen-at-large position. These changes were requested by the Consumer Affairs Commission.

AN ORDINANCE to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way located adjacent to and below 206 Reineker's Lane, the City of Alexandria, Virginia (VAC No. 2007-0001), and to permit an encroachment for existing stairs and planters located along the public right-of-way at 1702 Duke Street.

The proposed ordinance vacates a portion of the public right-of-way adjacent to and below 206 Reineker's Lane, subject to payment to the City of \$51,000,000, and restrictions on development of the vacated land, for the purpose of permitting the adjacent property owner to construct an underground parking garage in the area. The City retains easements for the existing public sidewalks and utilities. The proposed ordinance also permits Owner to reconstruct and maintain existing stairs and planters that are currently located and encroaching along 1701 Duke Street.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the tenant of 220 North Lee Street to establish and maintain an encroachment for outdoor restaurant seating at 220 North Lee Street, in the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

The proposed ordinance permits the restaurant located at 220 North Lee Street to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk area.

Public Hearing on a Report of the Naming Committee on the Proposal to Name the Duke Street Bridge Near the Beatley Library in Honor of the Late Richard Leibach. (#31, 5/13/08)

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED

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THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

(APO #132398)

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ019714-07-00 Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re TAYANNA MOORE The object of this suit is to: Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, with the goal of adoption, to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of Christopher Williams, the unlocatable, putative father of Tayanna Denise Moore born 4/17/2007 to Lakisha Moore, authorize Alexandria DHS to place Tayanna Denise Moore for Adoption; and to notify Christopher Williams that no further notice of any future hearing will be given. It is ORDERED that the defendant Christopher Williams appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 6/20/2008 at 3:00pm

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021356-03-00 Commonwealth of Virginia VA. CODE § 8.01-316 Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JASMINE POMMIER The object of this suit is to: Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, with the goal of adoption, to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of Consuelo M. Angel, mother of Jasmine Pommier, born 11/22/2007 and to give DHS the right to place the child for adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant Consuelo M Angel (mother) appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 6/6/2008 at 3:00pm

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Substitute Trustee FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: David N. Prenskey Chasen & Chasen Suite 500 5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20015 (202) 244-4000

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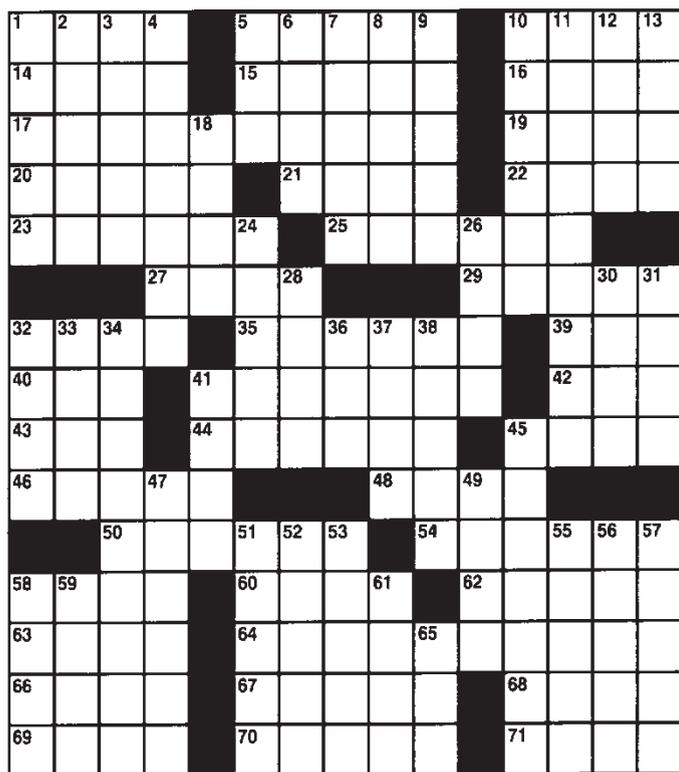
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ACROSS

- German river to the North Sea
- Houston N.L.er
- Fictional captain with an ivory leg
- Fishing rod attachment
- Oarsman
- Malcolm X, for Denzel Washington
- Where the President works
- Minute amount
- Jeans material
- Regarding
- Dick and Jane's dog
- Skipped the wedding
- Coin flips
- High-hatter
- Cockeyed
- Seldom seen
- Zoo inhabitants
- Ill temper
- Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- Sewing groups
- L.B.J.'s successor
- Bed-and-breakfast

- Scrabble unit
- Yards in passing, e.g.
- Accepted doctrine
- Shrink—
- Yellowbelly
- Draw out
- Auto racer A. J.
- Sticky stuff
- Hole— (ace)
- "That hurts!"
- Camelot fixture
- Iwo Jima, e.g.
- Hot coal
- Study for finals
- Lustful look
- Park, Col.
- Makes bales for the barn

DOWN

- Wear away, as earth
- Carpenter's tool
- Community gambling game
- Area south of the White House, with "the"
- Poodle's bark
- Davenport
- Chubby Checker's dance
- Front of a sheet of paper
- Nabisco cookies
- Crops up
- Dress for Scarlett O'Hara
- Choir voice
- Tuckered out
- Harbinger
- "The Many Loves of — Gillis"
- Words of disrespect

- Lahr of "The Wizard of Oz"
- Humorous Bombeck
- "What — wrong?"
- Narc's bust
- Cartoonist Peter
- Wagner work
- Have work in Hollywood
- Lot
- Haute, Ind.
- Falcon feature
- Popeye's muscle builder
- May honoree
- Came down to earth
- Be in harmony
- Motel units
- Harbor suspicions
- Snake charmer's snake
- Dental filling
- Abounds
- Aluminum sheet
- River in England
- Where gramps jounces junior
- A.M.A. members

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By KENNETH B. LOURIE



I have never been a knight in shining armor. Nor have I ever been a man in uniform (Cub Scouts and organized team sports notwithstanding). Certainly I have been a fish out of water and on occasion, I will admit to having been a bit of a wallflower. I may not be the most memorable character you'll ever meet, but nor am I totally forgettable, either. I try not to take up too much space (figuratively speaking) and require very little attention as well. Left alone, I will not wither and die.

Basically, I need to be fed and watered daily, just like our mini rex rabbit, Chester; he seems fairly content to nibble his kibble, crinkle his nose, drink his water, inhale his kale, and toss his toys from side to side and seems not bitter at all when he uses his litter. When out and about (about 30 minutes a day), he hips and hops and chews everything in sight, and a few things we can't see so he needs to be monitored at all times (not unlike some people I know).

Left well enough alone, he will cause goat-like carnage in the house (he's an indoor bunny). He's already chewed Comcast cable wires, "Monster" brand stereo cables, newspapers and magazines, the fringe on Oriental rugs, upholstery and anything and everything he can get his buck teeth on. As simple and mundane as his routine/life appears to be, he seems content, so far as we know. I mean, we haven't received any complaints as yet, and he's been a member of the family going on five years.

It seems like the responsibilities I have — and fulfill — with respect to care-giving our animals (four at present; two cats, one dog and of course, Chester), are the closest I'll get to wearing shining armor. And yet, I'll likely never know if that's how my actions are perceived. Will a cat rubbing his hind quarters against my leg or curling his tail under my nose mean love, gratitude and appreciation? Or will he merely be scratching an itch and I'm the closest thing around? Does my dog Bailey's close proximity to my body indicate his love for me or am I simply protection from a nearby draft or is it a non-verbal queue to "treat" him as soon as I get up? Is Chester's licking of my hand yet another sign of love and affection or is it, as my wife, Dina, has suggested, merely his need for salt and moisture (a salt lick is a recommended in-cage necessity for rabbits)?

Obviously the animals can't talk to me (unless this was a Disney movie), but their actions speak volumes, right? I am their hero, their universe, their savior. Without me (and Dina, too) their life would be difficult, incomplete you might say. Their eyes, their focused glares, tell me all I need to know. And though they are not blood relatives, they are family nonetheless and providing their cradle to grave needs gives me a certain stature — and pride — that I don't think I would otherwise have, nor have ever had not having been in uniform — or armor — in my life (not counting Halloween, either).

Granted, there's more to life than animal magnetism, but given my modest demands and familial associations, I'm fairly content to walk quietly — and write weekly — as to my comings and goings, misgivings, faults and foibles and stick it to the man; that man most often being me. It's easy to take shots at others, anybody can do that. I'd rather stick to the subject matter I know best; me, myself and I. It may not be much but it beats the alternative.

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This is an age in which one cannot find common sense without a search warrant.
-George F. Will

COMMENTARY

Bag the Plastic Bag?

FROM PAGE 9

ables customers to recycle their plastic bags, and Giant gives customers three cents for every bag they reuse (although you might have to remind some clerks).

I don't want Alexandria to stretch its legal authority and invite lawsuits from yet another socially undesirable industry (in this case, the lawsuit would come from the "Progressive Bag Alliance"). But I would like our City to use the authority and "bully pulpit" it does have to the fullest.

We should mount a major public education campaign on this issue. The most powerful weapon against the plastic bag is well-informed and concerned consumers who encourage retailers to do the right thing and patronize the stores that do.

But we should go further. We should consider requiring the largest retailers to offer recycling of plastic bags. We should look for ways to reward and incentivize retailers to offer reusable bags for sale at a modest cost (free advertising!) and offer rebates for customers who bring their own bags. Eventually, if we can, we should consider a fee on the use of plastic bags.

In our region, only Annapolis and Baltimore have considered legislation to limit plastic bags. Three bills were introduced in the Virginia General Assembly on the subject (two of them just called for studies), but none of them went anywhere. As an eco-city that is home to, or second home to, many Members of Congress and federal officials, Alexandria's leadership on this issue could have repercussions far beyond our city limits.

Let's bag the plastic bag.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

of the City, increase commercial uses and taxes proportionately to residential and provide future funding for enhanced City services that benefit all of the City's constituencies.

Christine Michaels
President & CEO
Alexandria Chamber of
Commerce

Story Offended

To the Editor:

I am a very loyal reader of the Alexandria Gazette Packet. Unfortunately, as the catcher for the T.C. Williams JV Softball team, I was both upset and offended by your article on the varsity team.

I am not going to feign that our softball teams are outstanding. It is quite obvious that we have a lot of work to do before we can consider ourselves real competitors in the Patriot District. I know that many of the girls on JV had never even played softball before this season. We've spent many long hours learning the ropes of this wonderful game.

However, our teams are making great progress. JV won three games and tied once - a huge improvement compared to consecutive no-win seasons in the past. Varsity came away

with two wins, one of them crushing George Mason 16-7. Everything is really coming together, and you can tell that we have success in our future.

So, I have a question for you. Do you think that calling us "embarrassingly bad" is going to help us improve? I was under the impression that everyone at the Gazette and in Alexandria was rooting for, not against us. I can understand being disappointed in our teams, as I have felt that myself as well. But almost poking fun at our expense is not an appropriate way to discuss our situation. I have many times in this past season wished you would write about our softball team. I now regret that. If you are going to insult us, and not compliment us on the progress we have made this season, I would prefer you not write about us at all.

Lauren McCracken
Alexandria

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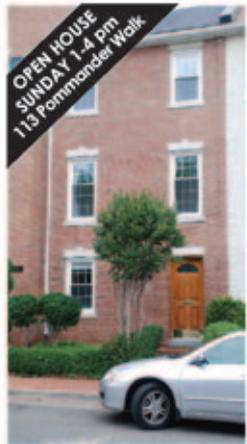
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