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## A Man Of Vision, Knowledge, Wit

### Memorial Service held for Peter Smith at The Old Presbyterian Meeting House.

BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**hat more fitting a place to hold a memorial service for someone who had dedicated his life to the preservation of history than in one of the most historic places in America? The Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 323 S. Fairfax St., is the essence of Alexandria history as attested to by its cemetery.

This is where the friends and admirers of Peter Haddon Smith, PhD, gathered Monday morning, May 19, to pay their last respects and share their remembrances of this intellectual giant of architectural history who had walked among them. You could almost see that mischievous grin of his peering out over the audience cataloguing who had and who had not taken the time to attend his memorial service.

Peter Haddon Smith, 62, died in his sleep at his home during the night of May 8-9. The cause of death was listed as chronic pulmonary disease. He had just been released from the hospital the day before with a prognosis of recovering well from his illness. Then came the shock of his loss.

For the past 18 years, Smith served as the principal staff member of the Historic Preservation Section, Alexandria Department of Planning & Zoning, Board of Architectural Review. As explained by Thomas Hulfish, chair, BAR, Smith was the first and only

professionally trained historian to serve in that capacity since BAR's creation more than 50 years ago.

"We (Alexandria) are among the best in the nation for historic preservation. And, that can be solely attributed to the professionalism, dedication and knowledge of Peter," Hulfish told the audience filling the Meeting House pews.

**"I was always in awe of his passion for his work."**

—David M. Smith, brother

"He may be gone but his legacy will live on as we look at our built environment," Hulfish said as one of three speakers remembering Smith from very different perspectives.

The most touching and insightful of those perspectives came from his younger brother, David who compared his older sibling to a "skipping stone" who was always seeking to go further. "I was always in awe of his passion for his work," said David Smith.

"He live his life, as he always had, on his terms," David Smith said. Those terms often involved a sort of intellectual devilishness, according to his younger brother.



**Mourners leave the Old Presbyterian Meeting House on South Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria following a memorial service for the late Peter Smith.**

PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE PACKET

"He loved to give weird Christmas gifts. He would spend months searching for just the right gift for everyone in the family," David said.

"However, one Christmas morning he and I went down stairs before anyone else had gotten up and opened every Christmas gift. Not just ours but everyone's including our parents. You can imagine how that went over," David said.

Born on VJ (Victory in Japan) Day, the day World War II officially ended with the

unconditional surrender of the Japanese Empire, Sept. 2, 1945, Peter was an over-achiever from the beginning. "He was an Eagle Scout that earned every possible merit badge and attended the National Scouting Jamboree in New Mexico," David recalled.

David reflected on the fact that although he and Peter had been very close as children, their lives drifted apart when Peter went off to St. Lawrence College where he

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**E**scape Time Travel  
Explore history from the prehistoric era to the Civil War to the Cold War.



## Greed, Murder and Grief

### Killer of Alexandria cab driver sentenced to 73 years in prison.

BY KEN MOORE  
GAZETTE

**T**he night of his second wedding anniversary, Pervez Ahmed, a taxi driver from Springfield, was murdered by a customer he picked up at the King Street Metro Station in Alexandria on June 11, 2006.

Ahmed was not able to take his wife out for the dinner he promised her.

Father's Day was four days later, and Ahmed's daughter placed the Father's Day card she made at school in his casket.

"His murder has shattered my life and our daughter's and the lives of both our families and friends," Faiqa Ahmed wrote in a victim impact statement to the judge. "I still

play his answering machine to hear his voice; feeling that the door will open and he will come home soon."

Judge Stanley P. Klein sentenced Ahmed Izzelden Osman to 73 years in prison, 40 years for first-degree murder, 30 for robbery, and three years for use of a firearm

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## COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

## A Tale of Two Stores

It's 11 p.m. in Arlandria. Do you know where your beer is?

According to a limitation put in place by the City Council back in 2006, Arlandria residents can buy beer at the corporate-owned CVS until midnight. But not at the locally owned 24 Express, which must stop selling alcohol at 11 p.m. — a restriction that the store's owner says has cut into his overall sales about 20 percent. When condition 32 was placed on the store's special-use permit in October 2006, council members intended the limitation to be one part of a coordinated strategy to combat public drunkenness in the neighborhood. So the elected leaders stopped alcohol sales from 11 p.m. to midnight at the local store. And then, nothing.

"It's not the fault of the applicant that the city didn't do what the city said it was going to do," said Councilman **Ludwig Gaines**. "Is it fair for us to have a separate regulatory framework for this one business that doesn't apply to anyone else?"

No coordinated effort ever emerged to combat alcohol sales in Arlandria, and other retailers were never asked to voluntarily limit their sales to 11 p.m. So the store's owner brought a challenge the restriction, which he says puts him at a competitive disadvantage. Although 18 months have passed without the creation of a neighborhood strategy to combat Arlandria alcohol abuse, council members will now ask other neighborhood alcohol retailers to voluntarily agree to a uniform hour to end alcohol sales in Arlandria. Meanwhile, 24 Express will have to live with restricting its alcohol sales to 11 p.m.

"This is a case where 24 Express could be doing everything right and the hours could still be injurious to the community," said **Kevin Beekman**, president of the Arlandria Civic Association.

## Armpit of the City?

Colvin Street is an industrial stretch of land tucked to the south of Duke Street, behind Generous George, an area that is home to industrial, retail, personal service, city offices, parking and institutional uses. Tuesday night, City Council members considered a request from a Colvin Street business to expand a light automobile repair service to a general automobile repair service, an intensification of use that was eventually approved. But not before a discussion on the aesthetics of industrial use.

"This street I have nominated as the armpit of the city more than once," said Vice Mayor **Del Pepper**. "I would easily nominate it for the ugly award."

"Well that's what you get when you're in an industrial area," said Mayor **Bill Euille**, whose construction services company is located on Colvin Street.

"No, no, no," interjected Pepper. "Nobody gets an ugly permit just because they have an industrial use."

"Alright," responded the mayor. "But I think some of us would disagree with your characterization of the street."

## The Liebach Bridge

The Duke Street bridge near the Beatley Library could soon be renamed in honor of the late **Richard Liebach**, who died on Feb. 19, 2007. Liebach was a member of the Planning Commission from 1987 to 2006, serving as vice chairman for the last four years. After Planning Commission Chairman **Eric Wagner** requested a fitting tribute to Liebach near Ben Brenman Park, the city's Naming Committee decided that the Duke Street bridge would be a perfect choice. Council members docketed the item for public hearing Tuesday night, and they will consider a final vote on the issue before adjourning for their summer recess next month.

"The bridge is located not far from Mr. Liebach's residence and connects to Ben Brenman Park," wrote City Manager **Jim Hartmann** in his recommendation for approving the new name.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## Certainty in the Storm

## Quick-thinking Alexandria police officer saves others before sheltering family.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

As a boy in the windswept fields of southern Indiana, Tim Kyburz learned that tornadoes tend to approach from the southwest. This piece of unthinking logic was in the back of his head during a split-second decision earlier this month, as Kyburz was huddled with his wife and two children in the basement of his Fredericksburg home on May 1 trying to ignore the loud crashing sounds from above as his house was being dismantled by 120-mile-an-hour winds. Even now that the storm has died down and the tattered remains of his house has been demolished, Kyburz is not entirely sure if what he had learned about tornados approaching from the southwest was fact or folklore.

"I was just hoping that the house was going to collapse away from us," said Kyburz, who has been an officer with the Alexandria Police Department since 1988. "The whole thing lasted about 15 or 20 seconds, but it seemed like an eternity."

The Alexandria cruiser in his driveway was totaled, although Kyburz was careful to secure the SWAT team equipment in the trunk of the car. And the top of his house was ripped off, badly damaging the structural integrity of the house. Yet no one was harmed during the tornado, thanks in part to the quick-thinking actions of a man who keeps a weather-alert radio at the ready. After he heard a tornado warning buzzing out of his weather-alert radio, he huddled his family in the basement and began calling neighbors in the tightly knit England Run North subdivision to warn them of the tornado headed for their neighborhood.

"It's because of efforts like these that we were able to make it through this tornado without any significant injuries or fatalities," said Cathy Riddle, public-information office with Stafford County. "And even though his house was totally destroyed, he was out there helping other people after the storm was over. It's this kind of attitude that is going to rebuild this community."

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**AFTER THE STORM** receded that night, Kyburz found some old hiking boots in the basement to navigate through the broken glass created by the fierce winds. By this time, concerned neighbors were already knocking on the windows and doors to see if the Kyburz family was safe considering it was the hardest-hit house in the England Run North subdivision. He spent the rest of that evening securing his service weapon before finding a place for his family to stay that night at a neighbor's house.

By the time the sun rose the next morning, Kyburz was already out surveying the damage. Stafford County public safety officials helped



Tim Kyburz

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— Tim Kyburz

Kyburz remove personal belongings and medications from the house, then asked what else they could help him do before moving on to the next house. Kyburz said they could help him recover an American flag from the garage so he could fly the colors in the devastated neighborhood. Within moments, the flag was hoisted and unfurled.

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"When I looked at that flag, I thought about how all of the neighbors here came together during all of this," he said. "And that's what America is all about."

By Saturday, the neighborhood was crawling with hundreds of volunteers who descended upon Stafford County to help in the recovery effort. As neighborhood residents began the long and grueling process of recovering from the storm, creating an inventory of everything from nail clippers to bath towels, volunteers kept showing up to help in whatever way they could. Kyburz said he was surprised to see the outpouring of support, including everyone from Boy Scout troops to Karate class students to church groups.

"I had no idea that was going to happen," he said. "I expected five or six people, not hundreds of people everywhere you looked."

**A STAFFORD COUNTY** sheriff's deputy offered the Kyburz family a place to stay, solving one of the most immediate concerns in the days after the storm. Then local businesses brought food, donating fried chicken and brownies to the tornado-ravaged families. After a while, Kyburz said, the recovery effort began to feel like a block party.

"This community has been phenomenal," he said. "It's really quite touching."

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— Tim Kyburz

## SCHOOLS

# The Riddile Effect

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**el Riddile has mixed feelings about leaving T.C. Williams High School after just two years at the helm, a time when he led the school into a new facility and launched a new literacy initiative. But he said in an interview this week that the position with the Reston-based National Association of Secondary School Principals was just too good of an opportunity to pass up. He did not apply for the position, he said, but when it was offered it was the kind once-in-a-lifetime offer that was too good to decline.

His new title at the association will be “distinguished principal for secondary school reform,” a position that will give him a national platform for the kinds of initiatives he had launched during his last two years here in Alexandria.

“Mel Riddile was someone who already had a national reputation when we hired him, so I think we were lucky to have him even if it was for two years,” said School Board Vice Chairman Charles Wilson. “It’s difficult to keep someone like that, but the initiatives he has put in place will linger long after he has gone.”

Riddile announced his departure on May 14 in a five-paragraph letter to staff mem-

bers at the high school, which was sent by e-mail at 9:30 a.m. on a Wednesday morning. Many were shocked to hear the news, especially since he had only been in the job since last school year. During that time, Riddile has overseen the opening of a \$100 million new facility, the demolition of the old 1960s-era building, the implementation of a new literacy program at the secondary level and a complicated reorganization of the school’s English as a Second Language program.

“The parents I’ve been talking to are disappointed, shocked and mad,” said Lynne Lawrence, president of the high school’s parent-teacher association. “But he was offered a great position, and I can see him excelling in it.”

**RIDDILE’S TIME** with Alexandria City Public Schools has been a period of transition, one in which the physical changes of infrastructure are matched by dramatic changes in how secondary education is approached at T.C. Williams. During his first year Riddile launched a new literacy program that used annual diagnostic measurements to craft strategies for each student, providing targeting interventions for those who needed extra help. The Secondary Literacy Initiative, as the effort is formally known, integrates reading instruction into every teacher’s instructional methods by

**After two years at T.C. Williams, Mel Riddile reflects on his time in Alexandria.**

using the diagnostic tests to continually challenge each student to expand their literacy skills.

“Typically, literacy instruction stops at the third grade,” said Riddile during an interview in his T.C. Williams office this week. “Literacy instruction was not a long-term priority at the high school when I took this job. But we made it a priority.”

Increasing literacy has been at the core of a citywide educational strategy in the past few years that culminated in the 2006 arrival of Riddile, an internationally recognized pioneer in adolescent literacy. The past two years have seen an increase in the role of literacy coaches, as well as funding for intervention programs such as Read 180 and Achieve 3000. During PowerPoint presentations to groups all over Alexandria, Riddile has steadily built a case for the central importance of literacy and created a network of followers who must now carry on the cause without him.

“My job here has been to open people’s eyes and get things going,” said Riddile. “Our literacy program is way ahead of where I was after nine years at my previous school.”

**ASIDE FROM HIS** signature push to create an adolescent literacy program in Alexandria, Riddile also confronted one of the most daunting challenges for a school with

the kind of demographics that exist at T.C. Williams. According to the Virginia Department of Education, only 44 percent of Hispanic students graduate after four years in high school. Riddile said that much of the setbacks experienced by this group are a function of how students who speak English as a second language are handled by administrators. That’s why he reorganized the school’s “English as a Second Language” program to create more individualized support while easing the transition into mainstreamed classes.

“The problem with how the program operated before was that it was lockstep,” he said. “We don’t want to hold back the students who are excelling, but we also don’t want to push out the students who are not.”

Riddile said he had mixed feelings about leaving, much like his high-school seniors have conflicting emotions about ending their time at T.C. Williams. He said he was reluctant to take the position, but felt that he would have regretted not being able to work with principals all over the country about what he has learned during his three decades of experience as a secondary school administrator.

“I’m leaving because I have a great opportunity, not because I’m running away from something,” he said. “I didn’t apply for anything. I was approached by the association.”



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# Memorial Service for Peter Smith

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received his Bachelor of Arts Degree in History. He then went on to earn his Master's Degree in History Museum Management and American Folklife from the State University of New York, Coopertown Graduate Program, and finally his doctorate in American Studies from George Washington University. Their lives re-intersected later in life and they remained close until Peter's death.

"Faithful friends are the medicine of life," said BAR member and close personal friend Peter Smeallie at the start of his eulogy of Peter Smith. The two had co-authored a book, "New Construction for Older Buildings," in 1988. "Writing a book is hard. But co-authoring a book is much harder," he said.

Recalling a part of that book dealing with the construction of an old farm building, Smeallie noted that he wanted to include it in the book but Smith was not enthusiastic about that. Smeallie won out and it was included.

After the book's publication Smeallie recalled Smith asking him one day if he had read the index of their book. Smeallie said no, he was not inclined to read indexes. Smith urged him to do so particularly where it referenced the section on the old farm building.

"When I went to the index it said 'Cows page 100.' Peter got me," Smeallie said. That was a prime example of Smith's sense of dry, often satirical, humor, to which each of the speakers

made reference.

"Peter was a very special friend. He is now and will forever be," said Smeallie.

The Reverend Dr. Robert R. Laha, Jr., presiding at the memorial service, acknowledged that "Peter came to the Meeting House late in life. But, he came every Sunday."

Reflecting on the Meeting House's dealings with the BAR when planning their renovations, Rev. Laha said, "I'm not sure if Peter's attendance was for our services or the building's history."

**AS ONE OF** Dr. Smith's closest associates, Alexandria Code Enforcement Architect Al Cox, collaborated with Smith in the preparation of the report "100 Year Old Buildings," which focused on such structures outside the city's historic districts. Smith and Cox also conducted architectural tours and gave joint lectures on historic preservation.

"Peter brought more to his work for the City than just academic knowledge, which was prodigious. His passion for history as it is reflected in the built environment was evident, not just in his reports for the BAR, but in his research, lectures, articles, walking tours and exhibits," Cox said.

"These were all things he did on his own time because he loved Alexandria and wanted to share his excitement with others. His wit and energy will be greatly missed," said Cox.

That assessment was buttressed by Dr. Os-

car Fitzgerald, a long-time member of the BAR. "I knew Peter a long time. He had an encyclopedic knowledge of nearly every property in Alexandria. You could ask him a questions about something that happened 10 or 15 years ago pertaining to a property and he could immediately recall all the details," Fitzgerald said.

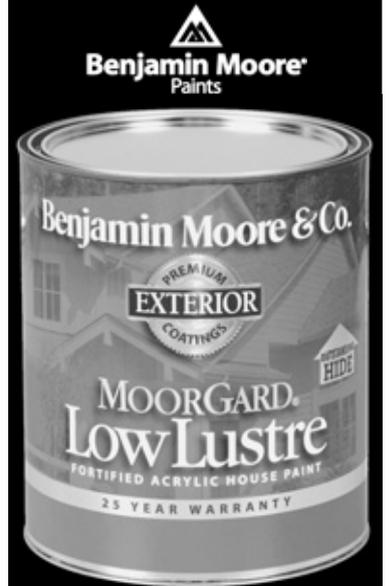
"This is such a tremendous loss to the City and a blow to the City's historic preservation. He knew the history of every house," said Fitzgerald.

That encyclopedic knowledge was also encased in common sense and practical application. "When you had a problem with something dealing with historic preservation the person to go to was Peter. He could look at it and assess it on a practical basis," said Old Town Civic Association President Van VanFleet.

"That combination of in-depth academic knowledge and practical application is going to be very difficult to replace. When you went to Peter you always got a reasoned answer. You might not agree with it, but it was reasoned, thoughtful and practical. This is the second giant of historic preservation we have lost in the last month" said Van VanFleet.

"His passing is a great loss not only to the Planning & Zoning Department but also to the entire historic preservation community. His knowledge helped shape the built environment of Alexandria. We are all going to miss him," said Richard Josephson, deputy director, P&Z Department.

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# CRIME

## Near Life Sentence for Murder

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during the commission of a felony. A Fairfax jury recommended the sentence after convicting Osman during a five-day trial in March.

"A very just and appropriate sentence," Klein said, at the conclusion of Osman's sentencing hearing on Friday, May 16, in Fairfax County Circuit Court.

"**THIS VICTIM** was just trying to make a living," said Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney John R. Murphy.

Ahmed, 46, recently began work as a taxicab driver the night of June 11, 2006, when he lined his cab up fourth in the queue at King Street Metro Station in Alexandria.

Osman approached the first driver in the line, an experienced cab driver, around 9:30 p.m. But Osman, 23, wouldn't tell the driver a precise location where he wanted to be driven.

"No, I'm not going to take you anywhere," the cab driver told Osman, Murphy said during Osman's trial.

Two other drivers also turned down the fare.

"Last thing they see is [the defendant] hop into the fourth cab, the new cab driver who doesn't know the right questions to ask," Murphy said.

Approximately 20 minutes later, Fairfax County Police found the Alexandria Yellow Cab driver lying next to his cab in the 3300 block of Arnold Lane. Ahmed had been shot twice, fatally through his back and heart and once in the hand, which blew off part of his finger.

Emergency personnel transported Ahmed to Inova Fairfax Hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

"Just thinking of the night ... makes me want to cry my heart out," Faiqa Ahmed wrote in her impact statement. "How much pain he must have endured when the bullets pierced through his body. I'm left with wondering questions; what were his last words? Did he call for help?"

Osman, formerly of Lorton, took Ahmed's American Express Card, which Osman used the day after the murder to buy Lacoste and Prada sunglasses and sports sneakers among other things.

"He killed him for no good reason except greed," said Murphy.

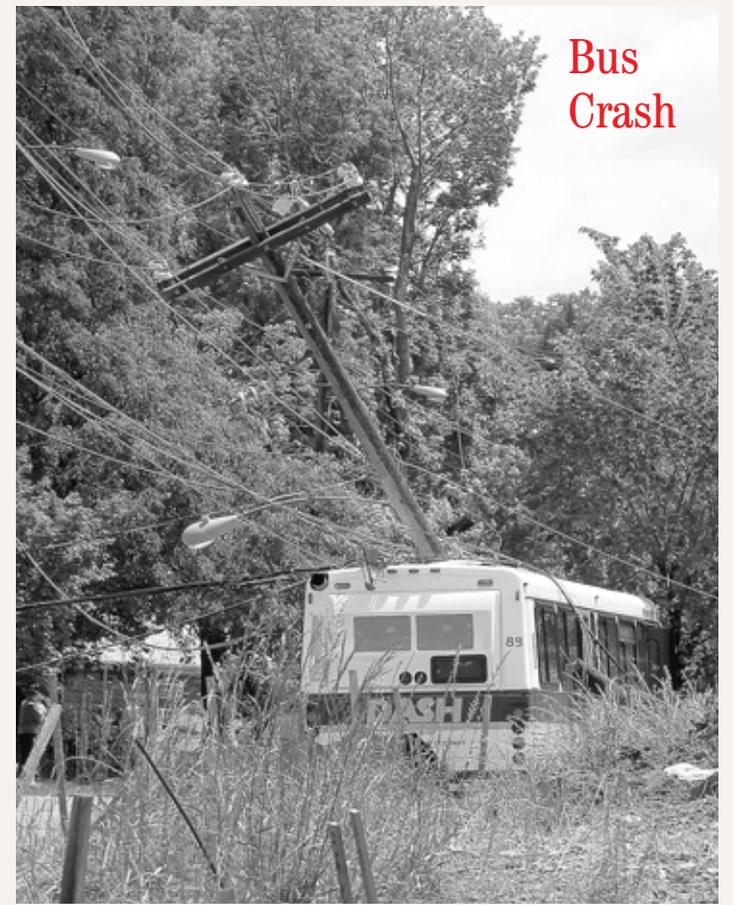
**OSMAN TRIED** to trade the murder weapon to an undercover police officer the day after the murder.

"I would simply suggest to the court, that as much as the jury heard, they didn't hear the half of it," Murphy said, during the 10-minute hearing on Friday. "And if they had heard everything that happened with that firearm ... and if they knew the defendant had no remorse, that might have been the difference between the sentence he received and a life sentence."

Osman was convicted, and sentenced in January 2007 for other charges in a different case, including maiming and receiving a stolen firearm.

Judge Klein asked Osman, who plans to appeal his conviction, if he had anything he wished to say to the court or victim before he was sentenced.

"No, sir," Osman said.



Bus  
Crash

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**On the afternoon of May 16, a DASH bus collided with two other vehicles and a utility pole at the intersection of Janneys Lane and Kingston Avenue, injuring 11 and closing several streets well into the evening. Bus driver Donna Jackson, 40, of District Heights, Md., was charged with reckless driving. The investigation is being handled by the Virginia State Police.**

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Jim Moran

### In Brief

A native of Natick, Mass., Jim Moran received a bachelor's degree in Economics from the College of the Holy Cross in 1967 and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh in 1970. He first ran for office in 1979, when he was elected to the Alexandria City Council. He served as vice mayor from 1982 to 1985 and then as mayor from 1985 to 1991, when he became a member of Congress. He is currently a member of the Appropriations Committee, where he serves on the Defense Subcommittee and Interior Subcommittee.

# Seeking a Tenth Term

Democratic voters to consider the fate of incumbent Jim Moran on the June 10 ballot.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Ever since he knocked off six-term Republican incumbent Stan Parris on Election Day in 1990 with a final tally of 52 percent to 46 percent, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) has been one of the most outspoken members of Congress. He has a direct way of speaking that many of his colleagues lack, a kind of firebrand honesty that frequently lands the congressman in the middle of controversy. Whatever his constituents think about his service, everybody knows that Jim Moran will say exactly what he's thinking. And he'll frequently say it bluntly.

"Sometimes you say things that maybe you wish you hadn't said," said Mayor Bill Euille while introducing Moran during a recent City Council meeting. "But I can't think of a harder working congressman than Jim Moran."

When voters head to the polls on June 10, Moran will face Democratic challenger Matt Famiglietti, a Falls Church attorney who is trying to challenge the congressman from the left. Famiglietti, 55, has criticized Moran's frequent support of free trade, an issue where Moran disagrees with many of his Democratic colleagues. Famiglietti has also condemned comments Moran made during a 2007 episode of MSNBC's "Hardball" in which the congressman said that the situation in Iraq "is something the CIA should have taken care of by getting rid of Saddam and maybe his two sons and maybe some of the generals."

"You will never have to wonder whether I am a Republican or a Democrat," Famiglietti said during a speech last weekend to the eighth congressional district convention. "I will be a real Democrat."

**DURING AN INTERVIEW** last week on his 63rd birthday, Moran defended his record as one that worked for the best interests of his constituents and secured federal funding for local projects though a series of earmarks. He said that he is seeking a tenth term to build on the success of his previous 18 years and forge new accomplishments for the constituents in the eighth congressional district. In the next two

years, Moran said, he hopes to fund blast-mitigation technology research, move forward with new types of cancer research, finish the Four-Mile Run project, support a light-rail connector through Potomac Yard and create a boathouse along the Arlington shore of the Potomac River.

"People are fed up with the direction we've been going in," said Moran. "We need to change our direction."

Moran said he expects the Democrats to pick up 20 seats in the House and three to five seats in the Senate, creating the kind of leverage needed to move an agenda through Washington. He also said that he expects Virginia to be a swing state, with widespread support for former Gov. Mark Warner to create up-ballot pressure that will help the Democratic presidential candidate. The long-term goal of closing Alexandria's coal-fired power plant could be attainable if Sen. Barack Obama (D-Ill.) is elected president, said Moran, although the same might not be the case if Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.) emerges from the Democratic primary victorious.

"Hillary may not be inclined to do me any favors," said Moran, who endorsed Obama a few days before the Virginia presidential primary in February.

**A VOCAL OPPONENT** of the war in Iraq, Moran said he supports an immediate withdrawal of United States

forces from the war-torn Middle Eastern country. He said that the current leadership in Iraq is running one of the most corrupt governments in the world, with American taxpayers funding budget items that should be paid for with oil revenues. In the absence of an occupying military force, Moran said, investments can be made to start the country toward a new start.

"We can do that, but not as occupiers," said Moran. "As things stand now, we are playing right into the hands of the Iranians."

Although he is widely criticized for being one of the most prolific earmarking advocates in Congress, even his detractors admit that Moran is accomplished at bringing money to his district — even when the Republicans controlled the levers of power in Washington. In the past few years, Moran has secured earmarks for the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, the Freedom House slavery museum, the Dulles rail project, Four Mile Run restoration and homeland security protection. When asked about his success with the practice of earmarking, Moran defended the practice as a way for constituents to access federal resources.

"Every dollar is earmarked for something," he said. "It's just a matter of who's doing the earmarking."

**"People are fed up with the direction we've been going in."**

**— U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8)**

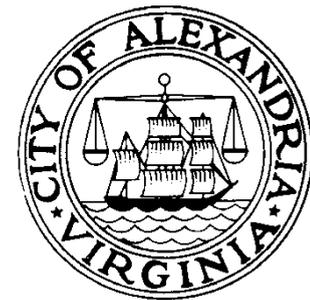
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# OPINION

# Remembering on Memorial Day

## Local families turn grief into service.

**A**mi Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

"He was wickedly funny and empathetic," Neiberger-Miller says, remembering her brother. "In many ways, I feel like I was just beginning to know the man he was becoming."

As we approach the seventh Memorial Day since the beginning of military operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, we recognize that here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with the loss of life there. More than 4,075 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 500 more have died as a result of operations in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007 in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, wrote: "Those of us who are already struck by this loss must add the numbers of those who are wounded [to those who have died]. That far greater number and the pain associated with it goes unnoticed and yet it is the one that is most alive around us. My wife and I try to help those at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon Fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)). It was my son's wish that we help the families and soldiers who come back wounded and we try to do all we can to honor him and his last wish." Many of Kirkpatrick's friends also work to raise funds for the Yellow Ribbon Fund.

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are

mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day. She also has a special bond with the mother of the soldier buried next to her son at Arlington National Cemetery; both mothers lost their sons on the same day. The other mother lives in Connecticut, so Beth brings extra flowers and tends to her son's grave, as well as Nicholas'. They also hold an annual golf tournament to raise funds for scholarships they distribute to remember Nicholas.

### EDITORIAL

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Corporal Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Rafael will soon deploy to Afghanistan with his National Guard unit (and with his twin brother Randy). Xiomara Mena is described as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

Those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan are there because of their sense of duty to serve the rest of us, to put their lives on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there, and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first class health care, and an expanded GI Bill that will provide a college education for every veteran who is so inclined.

**HERE ARE** the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of



**U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger's headstone at Arlington National Cemetery.**

a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

\* Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27 of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

\* Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007 of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

\* Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006 of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

\* Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at Jeb Stuart High School and had proposed to his high school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

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

\* Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in

2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

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

\* Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

\* Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

\* Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

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

\* On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq.

\* Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed in Iraq.

\* Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

\* Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecker, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church; Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Successful Food Drive

To the Editor  
I would like to thank those who made this year's NALC/USPS Food Drive this past May 10th such a resounding success. Every year the US Postal Letter Carriers in the Alexandria Mailing addresses collect food from their customer's doorsteps on the Saturday before Mother's Day.

This year because of the generosity of the community, we were able to collect over 25,000 pounds of non-perishable food items.

The food banks who were the recipients and also instrumental in organizing this event were ALIVE Inc, with Jean Moore and Ken Naser, Amy Lopez with Koinonia, Rising Hope and Laura Derby, Molly McGlinchy with Capital Area Food Bank and United Community Ministries and Betsy Damitz.

I would also like to thank the Alexandria Gazette for your assistance in placing an ad the week before. To everyone involved Thank you!

**Brian McCormick**  
Alexandria

## Remembering Ellen Pickering

To the Editor:  
It was with great, great sadness that I read your article about Ellen Pickering's death (forwarded to me from my family in Alexandria). I live in North Carolina now, but Alexandria is where I lived all my life and where I had the great fortune to know Ellen and her family. It is hard for me to call her Ellen. She was always "Mrs. Pickering" to my six siblings and me. I met her first when I was 7 or 8 years old. The Pickering's lived two doors away. The kids, Frances, Paula, Duff and David went to private school whereas we went to public school, but we still were "neighborhood buddies." We were in and out of each other's houses often. Both my parents worked at the time (as reporters for the old Alexandria Gazette) so I often found myself in the Pickering house after school. Even as child I adored Mrs. Pickering. I loved just being with her, whether doing homework at her side and with her guidance, or just sitting on a tall chair in the kitchen talking with

her about school or current events. We moved out of that neighborhood when I was 13 but I was fortunate enough to be reunited with Mrs. Pickering when I was 21 when she had just been elected as a city councilman (she refused to use the then popular gender specific term "councilperson" saying that it is a position title, not a "gender issue"). She asked me to be her legislative assistance. I was extremely green behind the ears, but with her intense intelligence and wisdom, I learned a great deal about politics and integrity and purpose. She was tough to work with. She insisted on high standards and expected the work to be thorough. You had to be a fast study in her presence to keep up with her quick wit and constant movement. But knowing her expectation and knowing how meaningful her tutorship was, I excelled where I did not think I could. She was very, very special person. Driven, but not at such a speed as that she could not or would not "stop and smell the roses." She was fierce, but loving. She was funny as can be. She appreciated life, her family, her friends and, of course,

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BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE

Last Thursday, May 15, just after noon, it was finally declared officially finished.

That was when, to the cheers and applause of more than 1,200 dignitaries and guests, U.S. Senator John W. Warner (R-VA) brought to a symbolic conclusion one of the most expensive and successful highway transportation projects in American history. Torquing the final bolt with a three-foot-long chrome wrench he declared the new \$2.5 billion, twin-span Woodrow Wilson Bridge complete.

"I pull this bolt to honor all who worked and paid for this bridge. There was a total bipartisan effort in Congress to make this bridge happen. This is a bridge to everywhere — not a bridge to nowhere," Warner told the crowd assembled on the span above the Potomac River just prior to making the final tug on the brass bolt.

Labeling Warner "the Godfather of the bridge," U.S. Secretary of Transportation Mary Peters said, "This bridge stands as a tribute to your efforts to get it financed and built. And we (Federal Government) are very willing to work with the region to gain the maximum use of this new bridge." Warner is credited with being the moving force behind securing the necessary federal funding for the project.

Some of that maximum use was on audible and visible display throughout the hour long ceremony as truckers crossing the first span of the new bridge expressed their displeasure at a long traffic backup by blowing their horns and down shifting their rig's gears. There were also a few hand signals not meant to signify turns.

While the truckers and a local radio station were busy blaming the bridge project for the delays they seemed ignorant of the fact that the real cause was rubber necking drivers whose ranks the truckers joined as they approached the ceremony site on the Inner Loop span contributing to the delay of other drivers behind them. Traffic would not have had access to the north span that day, ceremony or no ceremony. It will not open until the end of May.

"I think they're telling us they like the new bridge," Peters said with a wry smile as she took the podium waving to the fire breathing truckers.

Joining her and Senator Warner on the temporary stage, set up on the Maryland side of the north draw span, which was raised to form a dramatic backdrop, were Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley (D) and Virginia Governor Timothy Kaine (D). Behind them were rows of bleachers filled with the men and women who actually performed the day-to-day constructed of the new bridge.

"This bridge is a symbol for going from the past to the future. It would not have happened without courage and compromise. And, I'm going to take that message back to Richmond and the General Assembly," Kaine said in reference to the upcoming special leg-



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**Governors Martin O'Malley and Tim Kaine join Senator John Warner and USDOT Secretary Peters in a reenactment of the final torquing that completes the bridge. On right, the Colors are presented by local JROTC cadets.**

islative session in June to deal with transportation funding.

"This is an accomplishment we did together. If we want to make this region better we need to make more of these commitments. This bridge is symbolic of a beginning, not an end," O'Malley said.

"We can still achieve great things in this country. Today we have to renew the spirit that built the Hoover Dam and the Golden Gate Bridge. In the words of the man for whom this bridge is named 'All that obstacles do to brave men and women is to encourage them,'" O'Malley said quoting Woodrow Wilson.

He also took a not so subtle swipe at the Bush Administration's support for creating more toll roads and bridges rather than using federal and state funds to finance them. Referring to the horn blowing truckers going past, O'Malley said, "They think they were delayed now, how would they like to be paying a \$7 toll to Bear and Sterns to cross this bridge," making reference to the collapsed Wall Street financial institution.

As with the dedication of the new bridge's south span in 2006, the federal and state dig



**Senator John Warner and Governor Tim Kaine.**

**"This is an accomplishment we did together."**

**—Maryland Governor Michael O'Malley**

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# LIFE

## SSA Founders Honored At Gala

SSA serves as an advocate for independent senior living.

By CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**ore than 250 Alexandrians created a human mosaic of the city that filled the ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel last Saturday night to honor the founders of Alexandria Senior Services on the exact date of the organization's 40th Anniversary. It was founded by 17 concerned citizens on May 17, 1968.

Four of the five original founders were present to receive the accolades, admiration and heart-felt thanks of their fellow Alexandrians as each of their stories were told in a video presentation as part of SSA's Founder's Ball.

"Tonight we are honoring five visionaries who in 1968 got together and formed Senior Services of Alexandria to meet the needs of elderly citizens," said Janet Barnett, executive director, SSA, in opening the recognition portion of the evening's festivities.

Those honored were Nelson Greene, Nancy Kelly, Mary Ann Ormes, Lewis Stearman and William Vosbeck. Greene and Vosbeck were also presented with a birthday cake to mark their 94th and 80th birthdays respectively. Greene celebrated his day on May 20 and Vosbeck turned 80 on May 13.

In presenting each founder with a plaque, Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille said, "We are so blessed to have had these people in our city."

The all-volunteer group started with a \$15,000 budget to provide services and opportunities for elderly citizens who wanted to remain active in the affairs of their community and maintain their individual independent living. Today that annual budget is \$850,000 and covers such services as transportation for seniors 60 and over and for the disabled through Senior Taxi; employment counseling, referrals and job placement; Meals on Wheels; and money management.

As noted in the evening's program, "Today the number of Alexandria seniors over age 55 is growing faster than any other age group. Therefore, it is more important than ever to address the existing and emerg-



Honorees Bill Vosbeck and Lewis Stearman

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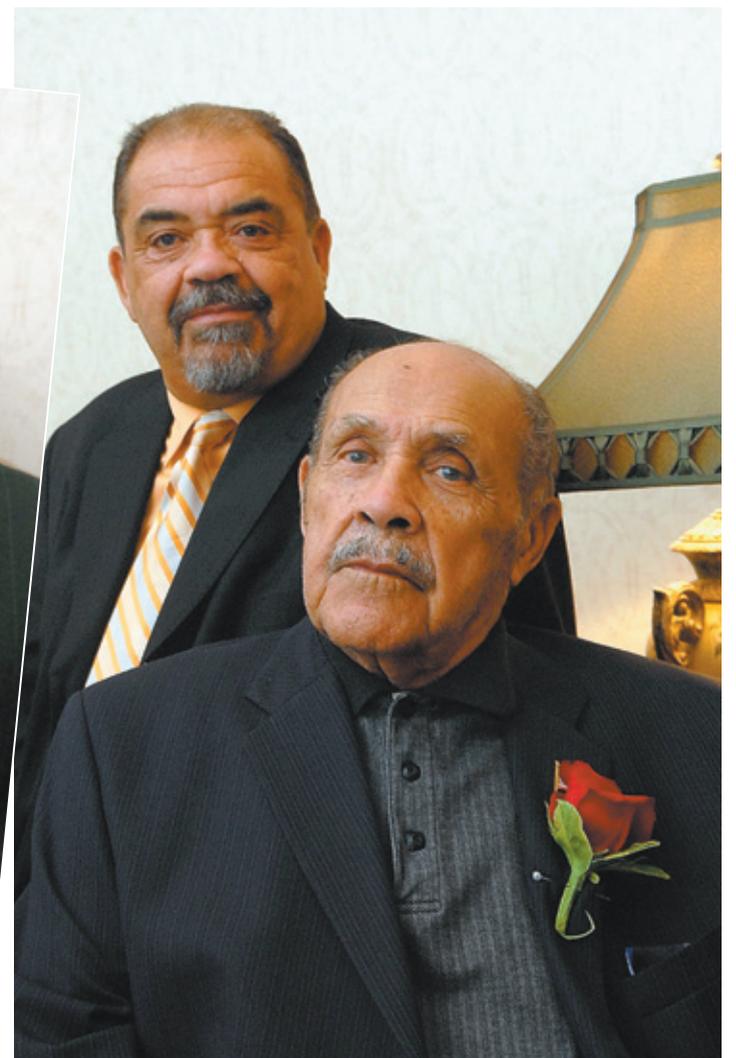
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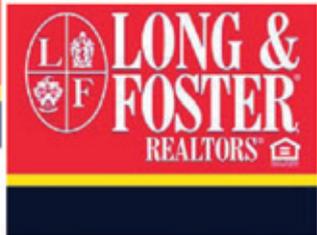
Dr. Frank Carroll and his wife Cheryl

"Tonight we are honoring five visionaries."

—Janet Barnett, executive director, SSA



Nelson Greene and his son Nelson Greene Jr.



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# ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

On Thursday, May 22, **enjoy photography and storytelling** with Nina Tisara at 6:30 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free. RSVP required, 703-838-8098.

All City of Alexandria government offices will be closed on **Monday, May 26**, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

Recreation Centers: The Chinquapin Park Recreation Center will be open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 26. All other City recreation centers will be closed.

**Libraries:** The Beatley Central Library (5005 Duke St.) will be closed Sunday, May 25, for repairs. Beatley Central's normal hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays; normal hours will resume on Sunday, June 1. The Barrett Branch Library (717 Queen St.) will be open May 25, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All Alexandria Library branches will be closed on Monday, May 26.

**Transit:** Alexandria Transit Company's DASH bus service will operate on a Sunday schedule on May 26.

**Refuse Collection:** Residential trash and recycling will not be collected on May 26. Scheduled collections will be delayed by one day during the week of May 26.

**Parking:** On May 26, the Alexandria Police Department will suspend enforcement of parking restrictions at metered spaces, as well as time restrictions in residential permit parking districts and other areas with signed parking time limits.

**State Offices:** The following Commonwealth of Virginia offices located in Alexandria will be closed May 26: the Circuit, General District, and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts,

the Clerk of Court Office, and the DMV Office at 2681 Mill Road.

**Health Facilities:** The Alexandria Health Department (4480 King St.), the Flora Krause Casey Health Center at 1200 N. Howard St., and the Adolescent Health Center at 3701 W. Braddock Road will be closed on May 26.

**Hotlines:** All emergency hotlines operated by the Alexandria Office on Women operate 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, including the domestic violence hotline, 703.838.4911, and the sexual assault hotline, 703.683.7273.

**"Winning a Metro Station for Potomac Yard - What would it Take?"** on Tuesday, May 27 at 7 p.m. at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave. Free. RSVP to rsvp@smartergrowth.net or 202-244-4408 ext. 114.

Managers and supervisors of restaurant and foodservice establishments are invited to participate in a one-day English-language Professional **Food Safety Training Program** at the Embassy Suites in Old Town Alexandria on Tuesday, May 27, from 9 a.m. -5 p.m. Cost of the Program, which includes all materials and the exam, is \$160. Contact Mauricio Carvalho at 703-533-7600, e-mail info@orsinteractive.com or visit www.orsinteractive.com.

On Tuesday, May 27 through Thursday, May 29, **The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** is teaming up with 15 area Uno's Chicago Grill restaurants to raise some dough to find a cure for blood cancers. To join in, people simply need to visit any of the participating Uno's (dine-in OR carry-out) and tell

their server they are there to support The Leukemia & Society. Three locations are participating in Fairfax County:

- \* Falls Church; 3658 Gatehouse Plaza
- \* Reston; 11948 Market Street
- \* Kingstowne; 5935 Kingstowne Towne Center

**The Department of Planning and Zoning** will hold an Information Session on the proposed Small Business Zoning Changes on Thursday, May 29 from 7-9 p.m. in Room 2000 of City Hall. If there are any questions or comments regarding the proposed changes prior to the Information Session, direct them to the Department of Planning & Zoning, attn: Rich Josephson at: City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, VA 22314; Fax: 703-838-6393. Questions can be directed to Rich Josephson at 703-838-4666.

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."

The City of Alexandria invites residents to a community meeting to provide input on the development and design of a comprehensive, citywide **wayfinding** signage system. The meeting will be held on Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. For more, visit [www.alexandriava.gov/wayfinding](http://www.alexandriava.gov/wayfinding) or call Carrie Beach at 703-838-4666 ext. 325.

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## Alexandria Police Foundation 4th Annual Backyard BBQ & Auction

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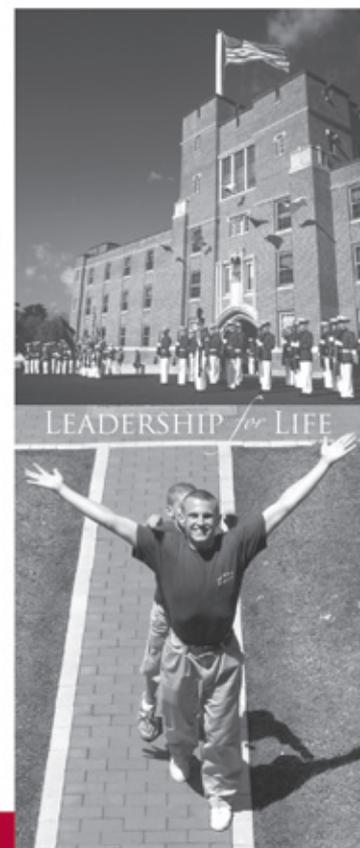
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"This is a wonderful party," said Mary Tripp Lamois, contemplating the friends and colleagues who turned out for the reception City Council gave to honor her as she retires from the Electoral Board.

"The walking from polling place to polling place is too hard," she explained when asked why she is retiring.

Mayor Bill Euille, vice-mayor Del Pepper, Sen. Patsy Ticer, and

Council members Paul Smedberg, Tim Lovain, and Rob Krupicka were present, as were fellow board members Anna Leider and Don Ludwig with wife Gail.

#### FAMILY APPLAUDS

Daughter Ann with husband Hal Downs; son Loyd with wife Eve; and son Les with wife Andrea Hodson (they drove all the way up from Orange) came to honor their mother, as did grandchildren Peter and Muriel.

Clerk of the Court Ed Semonian, Ginny Franco, Mary Jane Nugent, and Ruby Tucker were present; Marian Van Landingham, Harlene Clayton, Amoret Bunn, Lois Walker, and Audrey Fleming, all veterans of Alexandria's election battles, reminisced with many more Alexandrians.

#### CHEERS FOR LIBRARY

Anyone who wants to be cheered up should visit the Duncan library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 10, when a horde of charming toddlers gather for a story hour; they seem to have a marvelous time.

The staff at that branch, particularly Marilyn Doherty and Renee di Pelato, are amazingly helpful.

—LOIS KELSO HUNT

### Cardarelli, Bergmann To Wed

Mrs. Carol Cardarelli of Alexandria is pleased to announce the engagement of her daughter, Mary Theresa Cardarelli, to James Lawrence Bergmann, a son of Mr. and Mrs. James Bergmann of Silver Spring, Md. Mary Cardarelli is also the daughter of the late Mr. Jerry John Cardarelli.

Mary Cardarelli is a graduate of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School and Marymount University. She is an Intensive Care Nurse at Sibley Hospital. She is pursuing her master's degree in the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program at Georgetown University.

James Bergmann is a graduate of Good Counsel High School and received his Bachelor's of Science degree in marketing and personnel management from the University of South Carolina. He is the director of sales and marketing at The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

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## OBITUARY

### Elizabeth Carr Dies

**E**lizabeth Ann Carr of Crumpton, Md., died on Wednesday May 7 at Chester River Hospital Center. She was 74.

Born on Oct. 11, 1933 in Dallas, Texas, she was the daughter of the late William and Ivan (MacMorris) Trousdale. Ann Carr married Robert A. Carr in 1951. She was an antique's dealer and enthusiast who owned and operated Carr's Old Town Antiques in Alexandria. While running her shop Mrs. Carr enjoyed meeting new people and making new acquaintances. She lent a helping hand with Girl Scouts for several years and enjoyed playing bridge. Most of all she loved raising her children.

In addition to her husband Mrs. Carr is survived by her four children, Margaret M. Glassman of Vienna, Mary M. Sullivan of Columbia, S.C., Christopher G. Carr of Tarpley, Texas and Clark W. Carr of Leesburg, Va.; and two sisters Margaret K. Bowie of Dallas, Texas and Mary M. Sheehan of Pflugerville, Texas. She is also survived by nine grandchildren.

A celebration of her life was held on Wednesday, May 7 at her home in Crumpton, Md. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, 6 Herndon Ave, Annapolis, MD 21403. Online condolences may be made at [www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com)

### FAITH NOTES

E-mail announcements to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

On Sunday, May 25, the congregation of the **Old Presbyterian Meeting House (OPMH)** will dedicate a new columbarium at the Presbyterian Cemetery in Alexandria. The dedication ceremony will begin at noon at the main entrance to the cemetery at 600 Hamilton Lane.

Over 75 students, along with teachers, sponsors and parents, from the religious school of **Beth El Hebrew Congregation** in Alexandria, participated in an assembly and Walkathon on May 4 to raise awareness about homelessness. They raised over \$1,300 to support Beth El House, a private, non-profit organization dedicated to assisting homeless women and their children make the transition to independent, self-sufficient living.

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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.



9101  
Peartree Lndg  
\$969,900  
*Classic Colonial!*  
*Gorgeous Pool!*

Stately Georgian Colonial in prime location on quiet cul-de-sac just off the GW Parkway. Many special features include: three finished levels, bright & open floor plan, stunning master suite and oversized two car garage. Spectacular open kitchen/family room leads to gorgeous back yard with custom pool. Pristine condition! Open Sun 1-4pm. S GW Pkwy, past estate, R Peartree Lndg.



2215  
Cavendish Dr  
\$545,000  
*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  
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\$599,999  
*Great Deal!*

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

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4307  
Sheridan's Point  
\$979,000  
*Georgian Colonial!*

Classic Colonial in prime Mt Vernon location. Home has a combination of location, size and features typically only available in \$1,000,000+ homes! 3 finished levels, open kitchen/family room, stunning master suite, dramatic sun room overlooking private fenced yard. Stately updated home is in pristine condition.



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Hwy  
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*Perfection!!*

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**LOOK NO FURTHER!**

Pristine, updated and refined describes this 3 level end unit townhome in convenient Woodstone. 2 Master Suites w/ private bath, generously sized living and dining rooms, plus sunny eat-in kitchen leading to deck and fenced back yard. Lower level features recreation room, 3rd BR possibility and full bath. Shows like a model home!

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4018 Cool Brooke Way



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**Alexandria/Kingstowne**  
\$474,900

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Stunning end unit TH w/ brick front on quiet Cul-de-sac. Features: 3BRs, 2 FBs, 2 HBs, huge MBR w/walk-in. Bright kitchen w/eat-in area opening to large deck. Beautiful hwd fls on main level. Spacious lower level, rec. room with FP, built-in bookshelves & opens to private fenced yard plus 1 car garage. Enjoy the amenities of Kingstowne: Farmers market, movie theatres, shops, restaurants, walking paths, pool & tennis courts. Dir: 95/495, S on Van Dorn, R Franconia Rd, L Beulah, L at light on Kingstowne Commons, R Heatherfield Ln to 7408 on left.

7408 Heatherfield Lane



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**Alexandria**  
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4107 Komes Court



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\$355,900

**WONDERFUL...**

2 BR, 2.5 BA, 3 level Townhome in the desirable Landsdowne community. This Mulberry model features 2 MBRs with vaulted ceilings, fireplace in LR, new kitchen appliances, large deck, fenced yard backing to common area & a finished lower level with full bath & rec. room or 3rd bedroom. Conveniently located close to Metro, Fort Belvoir, Kingstowne Center, & Old Town Alexandria. www.twohomepros.com

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Wonderful 2BR/2BA great roommate layout. En-suite baths. Granite countertops in kitchen & Bas. SS appliances, hardwood floors throughout. Open balcony w/access from LR & one BR. Lots of outdoor space in common area. Whole Foods Grocery downstairs. Metro just up the street & Old Town is right there. Restaurants, Nite life, Ya got it all. Excellent location ready for you.

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**Falls Church**  
\$334,900

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**Alexandria/Stratford**  
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You'll find exceptional qualities of light & graciousness in this free standing & updated brick townhouse located in the heart of Old Town. A beautiful large main level kitchen with breakfast area, 3 BRs, (including MBR w/adjacent sitting room), 3 FBs, lower level family room opening onto a fully fenced brick garden, 2 fireplaces & glimpses of the Potomac River are a few of the many features.

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710 Wolfe Street



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1809 Drury Lane



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113 N. Fairfax Street - \$1,850

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213 Ramsey Alley - \$1,900

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

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**So much space!**

Over 3200 square feet in this 20 year old colonial with garage located on a pretty tree lined street in the Country Club Manors neighborhood. Traditional elements combine with a contemporary feel to provide a free flowing floorplan ideal for daily living and entertaining. The kitchen features granite countertops, stainless steel appliances and ceramic tile floor. It

opens to the family room with woodburning fireplace and a door to the deck and level landscaped, low-care yard. Upstairs there are four large bedrooms, two bathrooms and the conveniently-located laundry room. The recently finished lower level offers a large rec room, den, bathroom and storage. Jamestown, Williamsburg, Yorktown school district and easy access to Washington, Airport, Old Town, Tyson's Corner and Maryland. **Please see photos at 4864 N. 33rd Road at [betsytwigg.LNFRE.com](http://betsytwigg.LNFRE.com) or call 703-967-4391 for a showing.**

**Alexandria City \$425,000**  
**Just Listed!**



Excellent value in this sun-filled 2000 square foot brick townhouse nestled in a charming courtyard in Beauregard Heights. Desirable details include wood floors on two levels, rec room with fireplace and door to fenced patio, three bedrooms and 2 updated baths upstairs, lower level den and bathroom, updated eat-in kitchen, fresh

paint, and pristine, move-in condition. Easy access to Old Town Alexandria, Washington, Pentagon, Ft. Belvoir, Crystal City, Airport and Rosslyn. From Rt. 395: west on Seminary Road, left on Beauregard Street and right into Beauregard Heights and 724 N. Armistead St. **Please see photos at [betsytwigg.LNFRE.com](http://betsytwigg.LNFRE.com) or call 703-967-4391 for a showing.**



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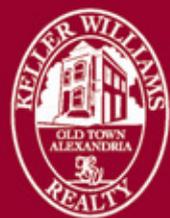
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ing issues of seniors and find new ways to secure seniors' ability to remain in their homes, in this community, for as long as possible."

William Greene came to Alexandria, after serving in both World War II and the Korean Conflict, because "a friend told him that Alexandria might be a good place for Greene to open a funeral home and, for the past 55 years, that has proven true."

In 1976 Grene was elected to Alexandria City Council where he served one term. Today he is retired from the funeral home business but remains available to those families "who need his special attention."

Nancy Kelly and her husband came to Alexandria 57 years ago and lived in the same house until this spring. She has spent a lifetime involved in civic activities such as serving as a volunteer member of Alexandria Hospital's TWIG.

While serving as a volunteer coordinator at Hopkins House, she met senior citizens who were seeking ways to continue to contribute to the city. To answer that need Kelly helped write the original federal demonstration grant that financially fueled the establishment of SSA.

Mary Ann Ormes became an Alexandria civic activist in 1954 when she joined The League of Women Voters. She has served on their Board of Directors on several occasions. In 1965 she became a member



**Col. Ethel Underwood (ret.)**



**Police Chief David Baker and his wife Melissa and Justin Wilson.**

of The Alexandria Community Welfare Council Board of Directors which was the precursor to United Way of Alexandria.

She worked with Kelly in writing the federal grant proposal which provided seed money for Senior Citizens Employment Service which evolved into SSA. After serving on SSA's Board from 1968 to 1974 she became SSA's executive director, a post she held until her retirement in 1977.

Lewis Stearman, a life-long Alexandria resident, went to work for the Alexandria Gazette newspaper as a delivery boy after his graduation from George Washington High School. He remained with the newspaper for the next 43 years in a variety of capacities that included editor, editorial writer and

publisher. He retired in 1983 after compiling the paper's bicentennial edition.

He also was one of the founder's of Senior Citizens Employment as well as a founder of the Alexandria Optimist Club. He began the Optimist's youth program in 1946.

William Vosbeck, originally from Minnesota, came to Alexandria in 1957 to open his architectural firm on Madison Street which grew to be one of the most prestigious design groups in the metropolitan area. The firm was responsible for buildings such as Alexandria's

Public Safety Center, the American Trucking Association headquarters, the Duncan Library, and Alexandria Hospital. He also served as the design architect for Yates Gardens in Old Town.

As a founder of SSA he became the organization's second president, succeeding Marion Galland. A member of the Alexandria Rotary Club, he has also served on the Board of Alexandria Hospital.

The other original SSA founders, no longer alive, were: Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Arthur J. Bruner, Jr., Mildred F. Councilor, L.H. Dudley, Marion Moncure Duncan, Marion G. Galland, S. Nelson Gray,

Leon N. Laylor, Elizabeth C. Macrae, E. Guy Ridley, Annie B. Rose, and Constance Votey.



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**Judy Drury**

# ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

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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](http://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](http://www.alexandria.lib.va.us).

The City of Alexandria has partnered with Alexandria City Public Schools to obtain a grant for \$70,000 to **retrofit approximately 40 school buses** with clean air technology that reduces pollutants emitted by diesel engine school buses. For more information about the Retrofit Grant Program, please contact Erica Bannerman, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, at 703-838-4334 or David Rose, Alexandria City Public Schools, at 703-461-4169.

**"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 Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC)** is now accepting nominations for the Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award. The Brenman Award is open to businesses, organizations, families, professional preservationists, volunteers, students and other individuals who have demonstrated work or efforts in archaeological investigation, research, site protection, education, public interpretation, open space design, collections, or conservation. Nomination forms are available at [www.alexandriaarchaeology.org](http://www.alexandriaarchaeology.org) or by calling the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at 703.838.4399. The deadline for nominations is June 30.

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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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126 CAMERON MEWS	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$908,000	Townhouse		0.036272	04/14/08
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103 ROBERTS LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Townhouse			04/18/08
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712 HAWKINS WAY	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$910,000	Townhouse		0.0	04/18/08
128 GLEBE RD	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$332,500	Townhouse		0.018297	04/20/08
906 ENDERBY DR	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$775,000	Detached		0.30303	04/21/08
2500 VAN DORN ST N #716	0	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$131,500	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			04/21/08
3315 WYNDHAM CIR #3230	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$218,250	Garden 1-4 Floors			04/21/08
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1720 ABINGDON DR W #201	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$229,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			04/21/08
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4951 BRENMAN PARK DR #311	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$314,900	Garden 1-4 Floors			04/23/08
158 UNION ST #TH-158	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			04/23/08
421 LURAY AVE E	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Townhouse		0.036157	04/24/08
29 EARLY ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$219,100	Duplex		0.068871	04/24/08
205 YOAKUM PKWY #1623	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			04/24/08
24 AUBURN CT #24B	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$193,500	Garden 1-4 Floors			04/24/08
204 JEFFERSON ST	3	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$725,000	Townhouse		0.036777	04/24/08
815 ROYAL ST S	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$640,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.049954		04/24/08
5108 DONOVAN DR #104	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$300,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			04/25/08
6155 EDSALL RD #6155N	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$165,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			04/25/08
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### OBITUARY NOTICE



**KATHERINE W. KISTNER, age 87,** died at Birmingham Green Nursing Home, Manassas, VA on May 16, 2008, surrounded by her loving family.

Katherine was born Eleanor Catherine Wilson in Reynolds, GA on October 20, 1920, she was preceded in death by her husband Maj. Wendell J. Kistner, Sr. (USAF) Retired, of Connorsville, WI, her parents Ollie O. Posey and Judson C. Wilson of Reynolds, GA, her sister Myrtice Lucille (Wilson) Hortman and brother-in-law Kenneth Hortman of Roberta, GA. Previously married to Franklin E. Watts of Statesville, NC. Kay as she was known, is a graduate of Reynolds High School, Reynolds, GA and graduate of Georgia State College for Women in Milledgeville, GA and also attended Macon Vocational School in Macon, GA. Among her many accomplishments, in 1953 she was the first woman to work for Channel 47 WETV-Macon Television Co. in Macon, GA, where she worked as a model and television performer. In 1955 she began her Real Estate Career in Macon, GA where she worked as a Sales Associate for the late Robert A. Tharpe at The Tharpe Real Estate Agency. During this time she worked and traveled as a volunteer for The March of Dimes helping with their fundraising activities as a result of her daughter Judy having polio. She was very involved in the Macon Little Theatre. While working at Robbins Air Force Base in the 1960's she accepted an Administrative Assistant position in Washington, D.C. where she worked for the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare (H.E.W.) where she also worked as congressional liaison officer and later retired. During her tenure in Washington, D.C. she worked for Gen. Clifton (aide to President John F. Kennedy) in the White House. She was instrumen-

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tal in helping to form the Dept. of Indian Affairs. While working in Washington, D.C. she made her home in Alexandria and later in Manassas, VA. While she was working in Washington, D.C. she continued her Real Estate Career in Alexandria, VA., working for Mr. James Landry at Sunland Realty. She moved to Manassas in 1971 and worked for the late Lester Marsh at Marsh Realty and Century 21 Capital Realty Corp. to name a few. Kay, was always involved in helping the community and she ran for council for the Town of Manassas. Additionally, Kay has worked as a court reporter, bookkeeper, and secretary. Ever the Entrepreneur, she opened and operated Katherine's Korner Bridal and Fashion Shop in 1973, which was located at 9015 Church St., Manassas, VA. Former member of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors and the Prince William Association of Realtors. Kay always loved meeting new people and working in the Real Estate Industry. Her motto was "Your Attitude is Your Altitude." She believed in helping others and was a very generous person.

Katherine is survived by her four daughters Judith A. (Watts) Shepard, preceded in death by her son-in-law, Lee Jay Shepard, Sr. of Manassas, VA, Ginger K. (Watts) Stratton and son-in-law, Eugene A. Stratton of Asheville, NC, Linda P. (Kistner) Belcher-Brown and son-in-law, Robert M. Brown of Manassas, VA, and Karen F. (Kistner) Mullins and son-in-law Joseph D. Mullins, Sr. of Summerduck, VA; four step-children, Donna (Kistner) Overall of Marietta, GA, preceded in death by Susan (Kistner) Scott, Diane (Kistner) King of FL and Kenneth A. Kistner of Conyers, GA; 13 grandchildren, MSG Lee Jay Shepard, Jr. (USA) Ret., and wife, Kristy, SFC James A. Shepard, (USA) and wife Kim, Joel A. Shepard and wife, Theresa, Jerel A. Shepard and wife, Nerissa, Jeffrey A. Shepard and wife, Jennifer, Laurie Ann Melyssa (Stratton) Webb and husband Kenneth, Daniel E. Stratton, Lynda (Lynn) P. (Belcher) Forkell, Timothy D. Belcher II, Heather N. (Belcher) Parr and husband Andrew, Cassandra K. (Kistner) Wickline, Wendell J. Kistner II (Pete) and Bobbie Jo (Mullins) Zugner; 22 great-grandchildren, Ashlee K. Stratton, Alexandria R. Forkell, John-Austin Shepard, Caroline P. Shepard, Lee Jay Shepard III, Jacob C. Shepard, Pierce J. Shepard, Quentin L. Shepard, Abigail F. Shepard, Dylan B. Bell, Kriston R. Parr, Kirkland C. Shepard,

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Kaitlyn R. Shepard, Alexander W. Webb, Gabrielle C. Webb, Devon P. Stratton, Julia K. Stratton, Jacob J. Wickline, preceded in death by Megan G. Wickline, Cody W. Wickline, Tristen H. Sachs, Haylee Ann Johnson; one great-grandson, Jeovan A. Stratton.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Monday, June 2, 2008 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center St., Manassas, VA where funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at 12 noon. Reception immediately following at American Legion Post 10, 9950 Cockrell Rd., Manassas, VA. Interment will be Wednesday, June 4, 2008, assemble at 8:30 a.m. at Administration Building, Arlington National Cemetery or 6:30 a.m. at Pierce Funeral Home.

### OBITUARY

Betty Lou Dickens Neuhart died Peacefully, May 10, 2008 at her home in Alexandria Virginia.

The daughter of the late Charles C. and Erma Daub Dickens, she was born December 5, 1923 in Bellaire, Ohio, where she lived prior to moving to Alexandria, Virginia 43 years ago.

She was graduated from Bellaire High School and The College of Wooster (Ohio), which awarded her the highest honor bestowed upon a Wooster Alumni, the Distinguished Alumni Award. At Wooster, she was a member of the Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Alpha Theta and Sigma Delta Phi Honoraries. May Queen, a campus leader and named the outstanding Graduating Senior.

She was granted a Master of Arts Degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy from Tufts University of Medford, Massachusetts. Where as a Fellowship student she instructed at Tufts University. Later, she pursued additional advanced studies in the International Field at the Fletcher School, The George Washington University Graduate School of Public Administration, The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public and International Affairs; the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Insti-

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tute; The Brookings Institute (Washington D.C.) and the Federal Executives Institute (Charlottesville, Va).

Prior to moving to Virginia, she was an Instructor at Otterbein College (Ohio) and Ohio University Eastern Campus.

She retired after 30 years in the Federal Civil Service, advancing to progressively responsible positions from her initial assignment as Chairman of the Foreign Service Orientation Programs at the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service Institute (Washington D.C.) to that of Regional Managing Director, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce (San Francisco, CA.).

She was recognized with countless awards by the U.S. Department of State and Commerce, including the Secretary of Commerce's Silver Medal for Outstanding Management.

The General Chamber of Commerce of Taiwan bestowed its Medal of Honor, First Class, she was one of five Americans to ever receive such an award at the time of the bestowment. The award was for her outstanding contributions in promoting Sino American trade and strengthening economic cooperation.

Lincoln University, San Francisco, conferred a Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa, Degree for her work as a public servant and educator, and her achievements in U.S. International Relations working in the center of U.S. International Trades Programs.

She represented the U.S. Government in various capacities during her extensive official travels throughout the entire world.

The City of San Francisco presented her with the key to the city, an original cable car bell and named the date of her retirement, Betty Dickens Neuhart Day.

While her children were in grade school in Bellaire, she served as: President, Bellaire Child Guidance Society; Chairperson, Whitehouse conference on Education, Bellaire City School District; President, Bellaire Unit of the Wheeling YWCA; Chairperson of the International Rela-

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tions Committee of the Wheeling Branch of the American Association of University Women; a Red Cross Gray Lady; and a member of the Wooster Alumni Board.

A lifelong Episcopalian, a few years ago, she funded a project to develop the history of the Trinity Episcopal Church in Bellaire, Ohio. She is a lifetime member of the Bellaire High School Alumni Association and received its Civic Achievement Award.

In addition to her parents, her sister, Eleanor Dickens, preceded her in death. She is survived by her four children, Mark Dickens Neuhart, Bruce Neuhart, Paige (Stan) Harrell, Brooke Toth Perez and the "Apples of her Eye" her five grandchildren, Sara and Matthew Charles Neuhart, Elizabeth Dickens Harrell, Jonathan Harrell and Thomas Toth.

A life well lived, she was endowed with a great sense of humor and loved the sea, her flower garden, books, music, the theater and travel.

A devoted daughter, Granddaughter, Sister, Mother and Grandmother, a loyal friend, a true patriot, she is loved and will always be missed by all.

Pall Bearers were her sons, son-in-law and grandsons.

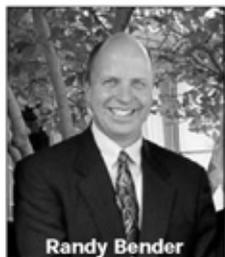
Honorary Pall Bearers were Mitch Larsen, Doug Woodward and Pat Lewis.

Family received friends, Wednesday, May 14, 2008 from 4p.m. -8p.m. at the Bauknecht-Altmeier Funeral Homes and Crematory 441 37th Street Bellaire, Ohio.

Friends were received Thursday, May 15, 2008 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 553 43rd Street, Bellaire, Ohio from 9a.m. until time of funeral service at 10a.m. with Reverend John Brandenburg officiating.

Interment was held in Greenwood Cemetery Bellaire, Ohio.

Condolences may be expressed to the family at [www.altmeyer.com](http://www.altmeyer.com)



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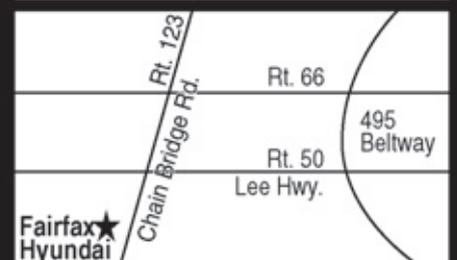
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A special blood drive run by the American Red Cross in memory of **Greg Berry** was held April 19 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community in Alexandria. Greg died a year ago during his senior year at T.C. Williams High School. Because Greg was given a fighting chance for his life thanks to anonymous blood donors in our area, his family wanted to give back to the

community and help others who need blood. The slogan for this drive was "We need each other so please give blood!"

The successful community turnout included over 75 participants, 66 usable units, and significantly, 24 first time donors, including family and friends from out of town and Greg's classmates and parents. Kevin and Laura Berry donate blood during American Red Cross Drive on April 19 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Community.

**The Howard Gardner School**, is hosting an open house on Monday, June 16 from 6-7:30 p.m. The school is located at 4913 Franconia Road in Alexandria. RSVP 703-822-9300. Visit

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# Cheers, Horns

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nitaries arrived at the podium via a restored vintage automobile used by America's 28th President supplied by the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library and Museum in Stanton, Va.

Two years ago it was Wilson's Rolls Royce convertible touring car. This time it was the late President's favorite means of transportation during and following his presidency — his 1919 Pierce-Arrow limousine. It also characterized the cooperation referred to by both Kaine and O'Malley and the consequences of failing to achieve such cooperation on policies serving the common good.

The new 1919 limousine, known as a Vestibule Sedan, awaited Wilson at the New York City docks when he returned from negotiating the Treaty of Versailles in France at the end of World War I. That treaty was a precursor to the establishment of the League of Nations, which the United States failed to join due to a blocking action by several U.S. Senators led by Republican Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr. The League's disintegration, among other factors such as the vengeance driven economic isolation of Germany, set the stage for World War II.

**ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION** of the new bridge commenced in mid 2001 with a combination of federal and state funding. The federal portion, primarily engineered by Senator Warner, with the support of other Northern Virginia and Maryland Congressional representatives, accounted for \$1.5 billion of the total \$2.5 billion cost.

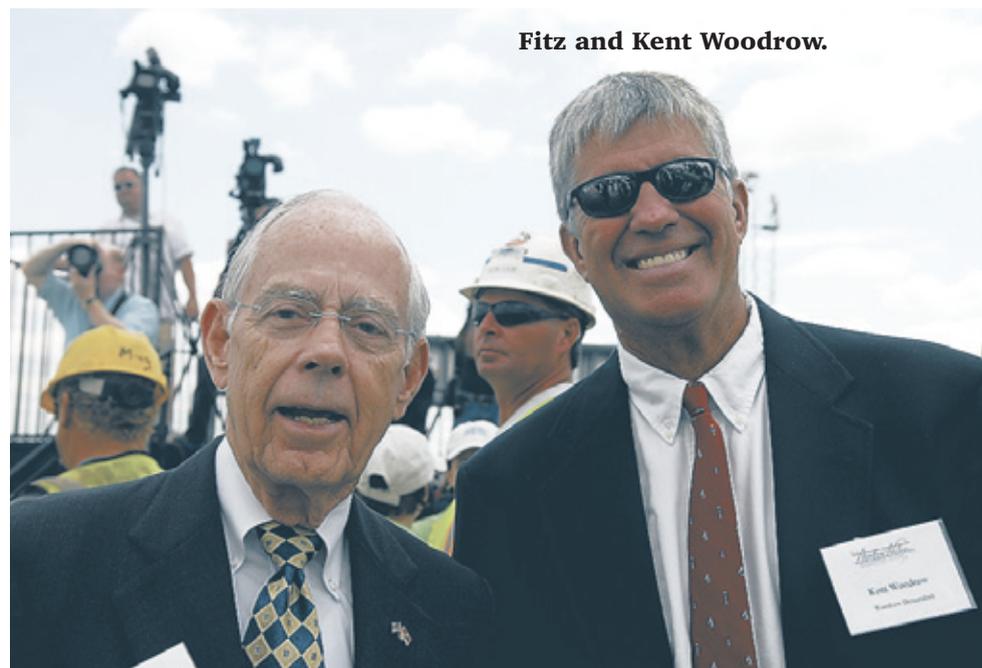
The old bridge, constructed in 1960 as part of the Interstate Highway System initiated during the Eisenhower Administration, became not only an integral part of the North/South I-95, Maine to Florida corridor but eventually its worst bottleneck as traffic vol-

ume grew throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area. It met its demise with a spectacular Chinese firecracker style series of explosions engineered by the replacement bridge project just after the opening of the new south span.

Construction of the new bridge has encompassed both land and water modern technologies and methodologies as well as a lot of old fashioned frustrations, irritations, negotiations, compromises, and, probably most of all, ideology to ideology verbal and emotional combat. But, in the end the differences were drowned out, just as the fly over by the four Virginia National Guard jet fighters drowned out the truckers' horns last Thursday, by the necessities of tomorrow.

Along the way there were several flash points:

\* The noise and vibration of the pile driving both in the area of Jones Point Park and in the river. The latter was far more annoy-



Fitz and Kent Woodrow.

ing to nearby residents given the decibel levels that resounded throughout the area like a huge bongo drum being played by Johnny One Note.



Virginia Governor Tim Kaine speaks. In front of him is President Woodrow Wilson's 1919 Pierce-Arrow limousine.

\* The falling ceilings in Hunting Terrace, their subsequent repairs, and the eventual relocation of the residents. That was coupled with the demolition of one of Hunting Towers' multi-level buildings and the ongoing negotiations with residents in the remaining towers and Porto Veccio about noise, vibration, dust, etc.

\* The environmental impacts of the bridge on Little Hunting Creek, the marsh lands, and Cameron Run. Some still see the bridge construction as a major contributor to the flooding of Huntington, although there is no scientific documentation to substantiate those suspicions.

\* The mitigation funds and how they were and are to be used both in the context of Jones Point Park and other potential areas throughout Alexandria. Those discussions continue.

\* The design, original and ultimate, of the so-called Urban Deck and the adjacent Freedmen's Memorial Park and Cemetery. The completed Deck was dedicated last summer, but its landscaping was only recently completed. That landscaping remains a sore

point with many, as does the absence of benches on the Deck. The Cemetery Memorial is probably one of the most positive aspects of the project's by-products.

\* The construction, design and placement of various sound walls, both on the bridge's north span and in the Route 1/Church Street areas, have almost had a life of their own. Gaining the new laminated, see-through wall on the bridge was a hard fight with the National Capital Area Planning Commission due to their overprotective reaction to the bridge's aesthetics. It's up. It looks good. And, it does the job. The Route 1 walls remain a work in progress.

\* Lane switches, asphalt laying procedures, opening and closing of interchange ramps, and various Route 1 bridge and access/egress approaches have all contributed their fair share of migraine moments for motorists and project personnel, as well as City, State and Federal officials over the course of the last seven years. And that will continue until 2013 when the final leg of the total project, the Telegraph Road Interchange element, is scheduled for completion.

When that dedication takes place, and the entire Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project is complete, the ultimate test of a return on investment will commence. Will traffic, both commuter and through elements, actually be eased or will volume be such that there will be little noticeable difference to drivers?

One of the primary arguments put forth for the construction of a new bridge was that the old one was literally disintegrating from traffic concussion for which it was not designed. The primary cause of that concussion factor was the increase in large tractor-trailer crossings, according to traffic analysts. The concussion from one, fully-loaded, 18-wheeler was comparable to 200 automobiles, they maintained. Many argued for an outer loop, primarily in Maryland, to connect with and replace the existing Route 301, crossing the river well south of the National Capital environs. That didn't happen.

Others pushed for a tunnel instead of another bridge. That didn't happen either.

The Woodrow Wilson Bridge is the mid-point of the I-95 corridor and, as Senator Warner said in his dedication remarks, "This is a bridge to everywhere."



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## KEEPING SHOP

# Working at... Let's Meat on the Avenue

*Keeping Shop is a regular feature of the Gazette Packet. To qualify, retail shops should be locally owned or operated; new, expanding, celebrating a significant anniversary or doing something otherwise newsworthy. To nominate your business or another business, contact Mary Ann Weber, editor, Gazette Packet, maweber@connectionnewspapers.com.*

**Business name:** Let's Meat on the Avenue  
**Address:** 2403 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, VA

**Years at this address:** Three weeks!  
**Years in business:** Three weeks!  
**Telephone:** 703.836.6328  
**E-mail address:** sgatward@letsmeatontheavenue.com

**Owner:**  
Stephen Gatward

### Short bio:

Steve was born in Colchester, the oldest recorded town in England. He was an apprentice under a master butcher in England and has worked as a butcher in England and Sydney, Australia, where he also lived. Steve is also the co-author of a guidebook, *The Other Side of Sydney*, and was in advertising sales in the US prior to opening his European-style Butcher shop. His last name, Gatward, is an old Irish name that means Goat Herder, so being a butcher is in his blood!

### Why did you choose this particular business?

Steve decided to open the butcher shop because the US market has really grown to appreciate the old-style butcher shop. Steve realized that consumers were looking for local meats and they were willing to support a store that focused on grass/pasture fed meat, antibiotic/hormone free. Del Ray, in particular, was chosen because it is so European-style. After looking at Georgetown, Dupont Circle and other loca-

tions, Steve chose Del Ray because he realized that he would fit into the local culture of shopping frequently for fresh foods. Of course, it was also wonderful that Let's Meat on the Avenue was able to take Cheesetique's original spot, which is perfectly located a jump from the Farmer's Market.

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

The time was perfect to open a small business. The community is educated and understands the importance of buying the type of products that LMOTA sells. It made sense to open in Del Ray, a community where people love to shop for fresh foods.

### What have you learned from being in business?

It's truly rewarding being a part of a community. Share an anecdote of a challenging or humorous experience or biggest surprise learned from working your business: Steve was most amazed by just how friendly and supportive the Del Ray community is. We already have regulars, including our favorite Great Dane who stops by on a daily basis for our smoked marrow bones. We've had customers help fix the cash register or even run next door to the bank for money as we ironed out all the details of using a cash register/credit card machine.

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

While the process of opening a business is long and somewhat bureaucratic, the government of Alexandria, in particular the health department, was always accessible. Steve appreciated their assistance in navigating the necessary permits and regulations.



PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

**Owner Steve Gatward decided to open the butcher shop because he realized that "consumers were looking for local meats."**

**Key staff**  
Zena Polin

### Description of services and/or products:

The meats are purchased locally in Virginia, and are delivered two to three times a week fresh to the shop. Our supplier only supplies to a few select restaurants and our butcher shop. The Amish sausages are not sold anywhere else in Washington and Virginia. They are picked up fresh from our Amish friend every Thursday. The German brats are made by another friend, a German butcher in VA. The chickens are air cooled, which is technique that ensures there is no cross contamination and prevents excess weight from water. All the meats are hormone and antibiotic free. The meats are grass/pasture/corn fed. You can

see them when driving out to Sperryville, VA. We know exactly where our product comes from. In addition to selling some of the best meat available in the region (he visited almost all of his suppliers), Steve takes special orders so people can park, run in and pick up whatever they need, trimmed however they like. Steve will also be selling Let's Meat on the Avenue Spices and Rubs in the near future. Give the Gift of Meat – we have gift certificates. Steve will also do "classes" on European cuts of meat, such as Standing Rib Roast, Racks of Lamb, Pork Leg Roasts, European Style Roast Beef, Game (venison, rabbit, pheasant, quail, etc.), stuffed double pork chops, etc.

**Professional affiliations/associations:**  
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## Letter Carriers Collect And Deliver

BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE

In this era of an economic one-two punch — rising food costs and rising demands on local charities to provide food for those in need — the National Association of Letter Carriers, with their annual food drive, once again helped to stop the cupboards from going bare.

Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church, 8220 Russell Road, just off Route 1 in Lee District, received between one and three quarters and two tons of non-perishable food from the May 10 drive, according to Laura Derby, programs and office administrator, Rising Hope. "That amount of food should take care of our needs for about five weeks," she said.

"We didn't receive quite as much as last year but it was a huge help. Long term though we need a lot of food because we

are getting a lot more requests for help," Derby said.

"In 2005 the Letter Carriers were able to give us about six tons. But, donations are just down," she said.

United Community Ministries, 7511 Fordson Road, received approximately 5,000 pounds from the drive this year, according to Jose Fratti, UCM's food pantry manager. "That was down from 7,000 pounds in 2007," Fratti said.

Both organizations also rely on a wide array of community organizations, churches, and businesses for donations throughout the year. "The need for items from our Food Pantry has increased dramatically," Fratti said.

One of the primary organizations to benefit from the Letter Carriers Association efforts in Alexandria was ALIVE, Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically. ALIVE Executive Director Ken Nasser was not able to estab-

lish how much his organization received from the drive this year because they are supplied regularly from a variety of sources. "But, there is one thing I can say, we were very pleased with the amount we received," Nasser said.



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# Weber Builds Tournament From The Grassroots

Alexandria native nearing retirement after showcasing top AAU talent for the past 18 years.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Less than a month ago, Charlie Weber sat in a plastic chair at American University chatting on one of his two cell phones. On an overcast, chilly Sunday, the gray-haired, tournament coordinator was locked inside, at the forefront of the entrance of Bender Arena.

Yet as time passed, the ever-changing basketball nucleus barely recognized him. A few coaches chatted him up, but mostly the hordes of players passed him unknowingly.

Weber's world is the sometimes filthy, but necessary arena of amateur basketball, where desperate college assistants gawk at teenage basketball players, some of who aren't old enough to possess a driver's license. On championship day, the spectacle is always on the court, where coaches are scribbling in their final evaluations and kids are battling for a coveted chance at the ultimate prize — a Division I scholarship.

"Over the years plenty of kids have used his events as a platform to further their reputations and in turn earn college scholarships," said Dave Telep, Scout.com's national recruiting director.

While the coaches confer on the railing overhead, like scientists watching lab mice, Weber sits in the shadows. A Brooklyn-styled Gatsby, he has grown to dread the inevitable headache that the nearly 190-team tournament, which bears his name, causes.

"You're worried about everything that could go wrong, from a father coming out of the stands and punching a player to a fist fight between a referee and a coach, and teams showing up where they're supposed to be," Weber said.

After a cycle of three concurrent games finished, one featuring the second tier team of Hampton-based Boo Williams — with T.C. Williams guard Edward Jenkins, and another of much-publicized

D.C. Assault, Weber took a glance at a massive three-ring binder, trying to synchronize eight tournaments trees that bent in awfully awkward angles.

"Just make sure the referees get to Gallaudet (University)," Weber said wildly, trying to simultaneously hold three conversations. Another coach, whose team had just won an overtime semifinal thriller, demanded that there was no plausible route across Wisconsin Avenue that would have had his team ready to play in less than 20 minutes.

Weber, exhausted from the month-long blitz of sleeplessness leading up to the first of two tournaments over consecutive weekends, simply sighed.

"People get lost," Weber said later. "You're getting telephone calls from coaches who haven't shown up so you have to break out directory, and ask 'where the hell are you?' There's always a problem somewhere."



**Weber reflects on the past 18 years, when he first got into AAU with a 12-team tournament at Cole Field House.**

**IN 1990**, Weber worked for the Department of Labor, alongside now-New Mexico governor Bill Richardson while his wife Jo worked exactly a floor higher for the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Fate tugged the pair — who will celebrate their 38th wedding anniversary in July — to Washington, D.C. from their native New York City in 1971. Circumstance would later expose the couple to AAU basketball, when recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons initially asked Weber to interview athletes about their prospective colleges.

At a Nike-sponsored event in Princeton, N.J., Weber met then-University of Maryland assistant Billy Hahn, when the college assistant casually conjured up the idea of a small tournament hosted at Cole Field House after a church service.

"I told him I wouldn't know how to start a tournament," Weber said.

He did, first starting with 12 squads spanning the Mid-Atlantic, with teams traveling from both Tennessee and Boston. Weber remembers buying pizza for Rasheed

Wallace, then a lanky high school junior and baby-faced high school freshman Ron Mercer, both of whom eventually morphed into NBA stars.

The next year, the event ballooned to 16 teams and soon thereafter Ron Stewart, a then-assistant for Lon Kruger at the University of Florida, coaxed Weber into coordinating a Florida-based tournament. Before he knew it, Weber's tournaments, one of which he co-coordinated with Gibbons, were considered premier stops on the summer circuit.

The shoe contracts, a necessary evil in the grassroots basketball landscape, came calling. First, it was adidas, then Nike, back to adidas to Converse, and then his final one with adidas, which terminated on Dec. 31, 2007. Included in the deals were 10,000 T-shirts, 48 pairs of shoes, 60 golf shirts, a \$2,000 clothing allowance and cash.

Relationships with high school, AAU and college coaches were soon cultivated, and by the late 1990s, Weber was a mild influence in where and more importantly, which kids would be showcased.

His premier annual event became the Charlie Weber Invitational, held annually in September, then one of the most pivotal recruiting months of the season. Weber relayed a message from then-UMass head coach John Calipari, who said his tournament "was like a convention, where you had to show up."

**WEBER WAS ON TOP** when his relationship with Gibbons deteriorated beyond repair in 2000. In

the ego-driven, money-grubbing business of amateur hoops, the abrasive pair went their separate ways, and despite a decade-long partnership, have had one cold conversation since. So Weber and Jo, who was part-secretary, part-fill-in, carried on alone, before a coaching coalition — he's convinced that was spearheaded by Roy Williams and Mike Krzyzewski — lobbied the NCAA to erase the September team evaluation period. Weber thinks the ruling was based on jealousy of other ACC coaches, who argued that U-Md. received an unfair advantage by



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

**Charlie Weber is usually on one of his two phones, while coordinating nearly 200 teams for a three-day AAU tournament.**

having recruits attend the tournament on campus. After all, four of the five starters from the Terrapins' 2002 championship season had played in Weber's crown jewel of a tournament. So in 2002, Weber's event became irrelevant overnight. Instead of having teams beg for an opportunity to fork over the \$595

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entrance fee, Weber was forced to adjust his tactics. So he developed the consecutive late April dates.

"Back when I got into the business in 1997, Charlie had the hottest fall tournament in the country," Telep said. "Teams were flying into College Park for his deal and it was big time. The landscape changed and fall AAU events weren't happening any more but for a period of time, Charlie ran the biggest in the country."

Weber's tournament has taken a hit, like a powerhouse getting knocked down a few pegs.

"Charlie hustles," Telep said.

"Each year the competition for these events becomes more fierce and year in and year out Charlie's still getting it done."

He still holds tournaments, mostly based on contacts he's honed through the years, but instead of watching blue-chippers like Tim Thomas and Kobe Bryant face off as 17-year-olds, he's providing opportunities for mid-major AAU teams to be evaluated by lesser known schools.

"These days his spring events are lifeblood for mid-major programs in the Mid-Atlantic region," Telep said in an e-mail interview. "They provide kids who might not be Top 50 players a chance to get after with a lot of head coaches in the gym."

**LESS THAN 24 HOURS** after his April tournament, Weber sat in his plush tan recliner on the 11th floor of a high rise Alexandria condo right off Route 1, where he and Jo, manage their basketball enterprise. Still, Weber, dressed in white adidas athletic shoes and a blue golf shirt had the same tone, one

## SPORTS

# Jenkins Notches 500th In Perfect Season

Saints win ISL AA regular season, tournament and VISAA state title.

**K**athy Jenkins started coaching the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes girl la crosse team in 1976, before her current roster was even born. But the current roster, some of who are daughters of former players, capped a perfect season for the legendary coach.

Jenkins received her 500th win as the Saints completed an undefeated season by blasting fifth-seeded Episcopal, 19-3, on Friday and second-seeded Collegiate School on Saturday at the University of Richmond.

The Saints finished the season with a school-record 26 wins, which is also the nation's best according to www.laxpower.com. According to the same Web site, SSSAS currently holds the No. 2 national ranking behind Maryland's John Carroll School, though it could still change.

But over the weekend, the focus was on Jenkins and her 501-41-9 career record that includes 20 Group AA Independent School League championship seasons. The players weren't notified of Jenkins' milestone win until there were three minutes left in regulation.

"It was awesome," said girls athletic director Samantha Eustace, who also serves as an assistant coach. "The parents had bought T-shirts and had flowers, balloons and cake. She was very excited. It's been a special team for her."

After the state championship — the Saints second victory over Collegiate this season



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHANNON DAVIS

**SSSAS head coach Kathy Jenkins gets a hug after surpassing the 500-win mark.**

— the players were emotional that the season was coming to a close.

According to Eustace, the group of 11 seniors, nine of which are headed to play Division I next season, was a unique crop.

"They were crying before game was even over," Eustace said. "They were tears of something great that was coming to an end." "These players, and especially these seniors, have made this season so special," Jenkins said after the game.

Eustace echoed the head coach's sentiments, saying that talented group bought into the team philosophy.

"This particular group of seniors and particular the captains have just been wonderful," Eustace said. "It's not about any individual person or the accolades. It's been about the team from the very beginning."

Four days prior to the state title, the Saints pounded Georgetown Visitation for the second time to capture their 14th consecutive ISL-AA title. Senior Hadley Lankford, who finished the season with school-record in assists, had five goals in the ISL final. Kelly Austin and Charlotte Davis added four goals as SSSAS cruised after amassing a 10-3 halftime advantage. The Saints haven't lost a league game in over a decade.

In the fall during field hockey, many of the same girls, including mega-recruit Annie Taylor (University of Virginia) helped Marsha Way get her 300th victory. The Saints also won the ISL-AA regular season, ISL title and VISAA state championship.

"For these seniors, they've won everything," Jenkins said.

—ERIC J. GILMORE

## TITLE WEEK

### 2008 District Titles

#### BASEBALL

Concorde: Chantilly High School (Chantilly 5, Oakton 3)  
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School (Stone Bridge 10, Madison 0)  
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School (Lake Braddock 12, West Springfield 8)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 4, Edison 1)

#### SOFTBALL

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 4, Herndon 2)  
Liberty: Langley High School (Langley 9, Stone Bridge 8)  
Patriot: South County Secondary School (South County 2, West Springfield 1)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 9, Mount Vernon 4)

#### GIRLS SOCCER

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 2, Westfield 1)  
Liberty: Madison High School (Madison 3, McLean 2)  
Patriot: West Springfield High School (West Springfield 2, South County 1)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 2, Mount Vernon 0)

#### BOYS SOCCER

Concorde: Herndon High School (Herndon 1, Westfield 0)  
Liberty: Thomas Jefferson High School (Jefferson 2, Stone Bridge 0)  
Patriot: T.C. Williams High School (T.C. Williams 3, West Springfield 0)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 1, Wakefield 0)

#### BOYS TRACK

Concorde: Westfield High School  
Liberty: South Lakes High School  
Patriot: West Potomac High School  
National: Edison High School

#### GIRLS TRACK

Concorde: Westfield High School  
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School  
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School  
National: Edison High School

#### GIRLS LACROSSE

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School (Robinson 14, Chantilly 13)  
Liberty: Stone Bridge High School (Stone Bridge 14, Woodson 11)  
Patriot: Annandale High School (Annandale 11, West Springfield 10)  
National: Yorktown High School (Yorktown 9, Falls Church 6)

#### BOYS LACROSSE

Concorde: Chantilly High School (Chantilly 9, Oakton 7)  
Liberty: Langley High School (Langley 8, Woodson 3)  
Patriot: Annandale High School (Annandale 7, Lake Braddock 6 OT)  
National: Falls Church High School (Falls Church 10, Yorktown 6)

#### BOYS TENNIS

Concorde: Robinson Secondary School  
Liberty: Thomas Jefferson High School  
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School  
National: Stuart High School

#### GIRLS TENNIS

Concorde: Oakton High School  
Liberty: Thomas Jefferson High School, Woodson High School (Tie)  
Patriot: Lake Braddock Secondary School

## HIGH SCHOOLS ROUNDUP

### Saints Lose in VISAA Semifinal

After advancing to the boys lacrosse Interstate Athletic Conference title game with an upset of Georgetown Prep, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes failed to defend its VISAA Division I state championship.

SSSAS lost to Norfolk Academy, 9-8, in the semifinal game on when Andy Via scored with 2:31 left in overtime. The Bulldogs eventually lost to third-seeded St. Anne's-Belfield in triple overtime during the Division I title game in Charlottesville, giving St. Anne's-Belfield its first-ever state title.

SSSAS lost 5-1 to Landon in the IAC championship, giving the Bears their first league title since 2004. Ian Gordon's goal cut the deficit to two, but the Saints mounted little offense against Landon senior goalie C.T. Fisher.

The Saints finished 8-12, including a seven-game winning streak after losing 10 of their first 11 games.

Senior long stick midfielder Briggs Davis, senior Jason Neithamer and junior midfielder Andrew Cordia made the first-team all-IAC team, as voted on by the league coaches.

## Weber Builds Tournament

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that hovers between genuine enjoyment for being a senior member of basketball's inner fraternity and another that bites on the bitterness of what it's become.

"The whole mentality is that all of these kids think they're God's gift to the world," Weber said. "They're all looking at it now and saying, what's in it for me?"

A few moments later, he's telling stories of Hakim Warrick, now of the Memphis Grizzlies, who probably would have never received a scholarship had it not been for a can't miss weekend at the fall tournament. Or conjuring up names surrounding former show executive John "Sonny" Vaccaro like Carlos Boozer and Lamar Odom, or even sagas from lesser-known recruits like Will Solomon (Clemson) and Jerome Harper.

Or tales about how a father spilled magic marker all over Williams, who was sitting in the rafters not wanting to be bothered, or how Calipari should be a stand-up comedian.

During the near-two hour conversation, Weber again flashed a level of resentment, saying he can't keep up with other tourna-

ments that offer financially laced incentives in exchange for kickbacks or how the lack of a shoe contract deters his credibility.

"I'm glad that my career in this is coming into the final stages because I'd hate to be starting out," Weber said.

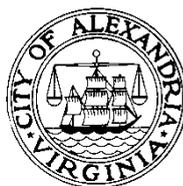
But weaving through the conversation, he harks on a life-altering experience, when a routine surgical procedure turned into a month-long hospital stay.

During the ordeal, he received 142 e-mails and even more concerned phone calls from the basketball brotherhood, some from current coaches like Matt Doherty and Mike Brey, and others from diverse contacts sprinkled across the nation.

"I was never so emotional in my entire life," Weber said when reading them all at once. Still though, Weber realizes his 18-year run is nearing its final chapters.

"It's going to hurt me to walk away from this, whether it is this year or next year because you develop relationships," Weber said. "I know it's going to happen because it's the nature of the way these things work. You're going to end up being separated from the fraternity."

**Legal Notices**



**ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION**

**JUNE - 2008**

The items described below will be heard by the Planning Commission and the City Council on the following dates. NOTICE: Some of the items listed below may be placed on a consent calendar. A consent item will be approved at the beginning of the meeting without discussion unless someone asks that it be taken off the consent calendar and considered separately. The Planning Commission reserves the right to recess and continue the public hearing to a future date. For further information call the Department of Planning and Zoning on 838-4666.

**ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 2008  
7:30 PM, CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
301 KING STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

**ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL  
SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2008  
9:30 AM, CITY HALL  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
301 KING STREET  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA**

THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE PARKER-GRAY BAR WILL HOLD A JOINT WORK SESSION ON JUNE 3, 2008 AT 6:00PM

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IN CITY HALL TO DISCUSS THE JAMES BLAND REDEVELOPMENT/BRADDOCK EAST PLAN.

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0002  
5200 & 5150 FILLMORE AVENUE  
ALL NATIONS CHURCH OF GOD - EXTENSION

Consideration of a request for a time extension of a previously approved development special use permit, with site plan, to construct an addition; zoned R-12/Residential.  
Applicant: All Nations Church by Aaron Vinson

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0011  
3015-3111 MOUNT VERNON AVENUE & 3025 and 3026 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE  
MOUNT VERNON COMMONS (TRIANGLE SITE) - EXTENSION

Consideration of a request for a time extension of a previously approved development special use permit, with site plan, to construct a residential building with ground floor commercial, retail, office and other uses; zoned CL/Commercial Low. Applicant: Mount Vernon Commons, LLC by Joanna Frizzell, attorney

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2007-0107  
CARLYLE DEVELOPMENT-Area bounded by Duke Street to the north, Holland Lane to the east, Eisenhower Ave to the south and Mill Road to the west, known as the Carlyle Development

CARLYLE COORDINATED SIGN PROGRAM

Consideration of a request for an amendment to the Carlyle Coordinated Sign Program; zoned CDD-1/Coordinated Development District - 1.  
Applicant: Carlyle-Lane-CFRI Venture II, LLC and LCOR Ballenger Avenue, LLC by Jonathan P. Rak, attorney

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TEXT AMENDMENT #2008-0005  
INFILL REGULATIONS  
Consideration of text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance related to infill development. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0031  
816 NORTH SAINT ASAPH STREET  
FLEX AWARE LEARNING

Consideration of a request for a change of ownership, increased hours of operation, an increase in the number of students allowed, and a request for a parking reduction; zoned CDX. Applicant Flex Aware Learning Corp. by Heidi Thompson

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0032  
10 LEADBEATER STREET  
PARKING REDUCTION  
Consideration of a request for a parking reduction to allow tandem parking; zoned R2-5/Residential. Applicant: Judith and Donna Ramsey by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0033  
4300 KING STREET & 3101 PARK CENTER DRIVE  
XSPORT FITNESS AND HEALTH CLUB

Consideration of a request for an expansion of an existing health club and an increase in hours of operation; zoned CRMU-H/Commercial Residential Mixed Use High. Applicant: Capital Fitness-King Street, LLC by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0035  
1320 BRADDOCK PLACE (Parcel Address: 1310 Braddock Place)

BRADDOCK PLACE DELI - AMENDMENT  
Consideration of a request to amend a special use permit to increase the hours of operation, allow outdoor dining and amend the schedule for trash collection; zoned CRMU-H/Commercial Residential Mixed Use High. Applicant: Braddock Place Deli, LLC by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

ENCROACHMENT #2008-0002  
1309 KING STREET  
BAY WINDOW  
Consideration of a request for an encroachment into the public right-of-way for a bay window; zoned CD/Commercial Downtown. Applicant: Cloverdale, LLC

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2006-0013  
POTOMAC YARD DEVELOPMENT- LANDBAY K  
The Potomac Yard Development is the area bordered by the Arlington County line to the north, Jefferson Davis Hwy to the east, George Washington Parkway to the west and Braddock Road to the south.  
Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan, for a linear park within the Potomac Yard development; zoned CDD #10/Coordinated Development District 10. Applicant: Potomac Yard Development, LLC by Duncan Blair, attorney

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0027, -0028, -0029  
2400 POTOMAC AVENUE & 1400 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
POTOMAC YARD RAIL PARK, PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND DOG PARK  
Consideration of approval for a rail park, pedestrian bridge and dog park within the Potomac Yard development per CDD#2007-0001; zoned CDD #10/Coordinated Development District 10. Applicant: Potomac Yard Development, LLC by M. Catherine Puskar and Duncan Blair, attorney

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT #2008-0003

TEXT AMENDMENT #2008-0003

CDD CONCEPT PLAN #2008-0001

Area bordered by the Arlington County line to the north, Jefferson Davis Hwy to the east, George Washington Parkway to the west and Braddock Road to the south.

POTOMAC YARD DEVELOPMENT  
Consideration of a request to amend the City's Master Plan, Zoning Ordinance and the CDD #10 Concept Plan to relocate office density from Landbays J&L to Landbay H, revise height limits in Landbay H, and to permit office use to be converted to retail through the SUP process; zoned CDD #10/Coordinated Development District. Applicant: MidAtlantic Realty Partners, LLC by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2007-0037  
SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0038  
3534, 3502, 3540, 3518 & 3610 WHEELER AVENUE

ALEXANDRIA POLICE FACILITY  
Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan and modifications, to construct a public building and a request for a special use permit for a transportation management plan; zoned I/Industrial.

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Applicant: City of Alexandria, Department of General Services

TEXT AMENDMENT #2008-0006  
DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2007-0034  
3750 JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY  
ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA

Consideration of a request for a 1) a text amendment to the CDD #7 table in the City's Zoning Ordinance and; 2) a development special use permit, with site plan, to construct an auto detailing building and the installation of auto lifts; zoned CDD-7/Coordinated Development District #7.

Applicant: Alexandria Toyota by Harry Hart, attorney

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE HEARD BY PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY, (AND BY CITY COUNCIL ONLY UPON APPEAL.)

SUBDIVISION #2008-0003  
1305, 1307 AND 1309 KING STREET  
SUBDIVISION  
Consideration of a request to adjust the property lines between the subject properties; zoned CD/Commercial Downtown. Applicant: Cloverdale, LLC

SUBDIVISION #2008-0002  
714 WYTHE STREET  
SUBDIVISION  
Consideration of a request to subdivide the subject property into two lots; zoned OC/Office Commercial. Applicant: Sophie Development, LLC

DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN #2008-0006  
2805, 2807, 2807A and 2809 KING STREET  
GARVEY PROPERTY/EDGEMOORE LAND - EXTENSION  
Consideration of a request for a time extension of a previously approved development site plan, to construct single family homes; zoned R-8/Residential  
Applicant: Edgemore Land, LLC

REZONING #2007-0003  
1199 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET  
HUNTING TERRACE - MAP AMENDMENT DEFERRAL  
Consideration of applicant's agreement to waive the Planning Commission's 90-day action deadline required by the Zoning Ordinance for a Map Amendment until October, to schedule the Map Amendment for the October public meeting, and at such meeting to consider all associated applications.

CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.06 CASE #2008-0002  
322 WESMOND DRIVE  
Consideration of a request to sell the subject property in accordance with Section 9.06 of the City Charter; zoned RB/Residential. Staff: Office of Housing

**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

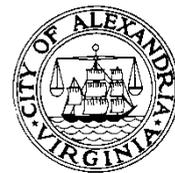
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON AN APPEAL OF A DECISION OF THE BOARD OF ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW, OLD & HISTORIC ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT ON MARCH 5, 2008.**

A public hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, June 14, 2008 at 9:30 a.m., or an adjournment thereof in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

**CASE BAR2007-0240**  
An appeal of the Board's decision to take no action on a tie vote on a request for approval of after-the-fact alterations at **900 Prince St**, zoned CL Commercial  
APPLICANT: PMA Properties, 900 LLC  
APPELLANT: Townsend Van Fleet on behalf of petitioners  
This appeal is being held pursuant to Section 10-107 of the Zoning Ordinance for the Old & Historic Alexandria District of the City of Alexandria.

**Legal Notices**



**Alexandria Board of Architectural Review  
Old & Historic Alexandria District**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING**

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, JUNE 4, 2008 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2007-0069  
Request for Permit to Demolish/Encapsulation at 1203 King Street, zoned KR Commercial. APPLICANT: Art Underfoot, Inc.

CASE BAR2007-0070  
Request for approval of an addition & alterations at 1203 King Street, zoned KR Commercial. APPLICANT: Art Underfoot, Inc.

CASE BAR2008-0075  
Request for approval of alterations at 0 Cameron Street, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

CASE BAR2008-0076  
Request for approval of alterations at 209 Jefferson Street, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Joan Mabuchi

CASE BAR2008-0077  
Request for approval of signage at 311 N. Washington Street, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: Aida Fekir

CASE BAR2008-0078  
Request for approval of addition / alterations at 902 Green Street, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Joe Guzzo

CASE BAR2008-0079  
Request for approval of signage at 106 N. Patrick Street, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: Young Yoon, TLC Hair Salon

CASE BAR2008-0080  
Request for approval of signage at 817 A King Street, zoned CD Commercial. APPLICANT: Nekea Brown

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

**ABC LICENSE**

Grape and Bean, Inc. trading as Grape and Bean, 118 S. Royal St, Alexandria, VA 22314, is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a on/off premises wine and beer restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. David Gwathmey, owner

**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.  
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- Bachelors Degree in Accounting
- Minimum of 8 years of accounting experience, including at least three years in a supervisory role

**Staff Accountant**  
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- Bachelors Degree in Accounting
- Minimum of 3 years of accounting experience, including bank and account reconciliation work in an automated system environment

**General Qualifications for both positions include:**

- Excel proficiency
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- Must have good communication skills, both verbally and in writing
- Must interact with others at all levels in a courteous, professional manner
- Previous experience in an automated accounting environment is required; experience with Microsoft Dynamics (Great Plains) is helpful
- Previous experience with fund accounting is helpful

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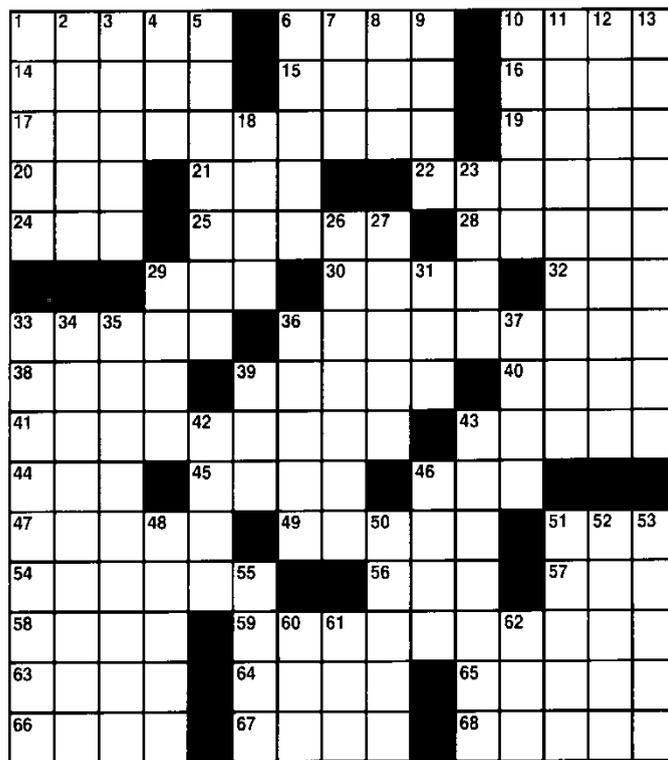
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### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 9

the environment. Long before Al Gore could even grasp the importance of the environment and nature, Ellen Pickering led the good fight for its preservation. I am among a large village who will deeply miss not just her teachings but her presence. My wish eyes are smiling on ya, Mrs. Pickering.

MARY WARREN

## Faxes Going Up

To the Editor:

This is in response to the column by Michael Lee Pope on the Alexandria City budget, page 1, May 8.

Why can't I be average?

While the average residential real estate tax bill might be going down by \$7 (about 10 cents a month), mine is actually going up \$351.41 (over \$29 dollars per month).

That's the problem with averages. They're not helpful—except for this use in the propaganda from the City. They are useless. They are exactly correct for no one.

I believe the City should report a range instead of an average. Knowing that the tax went from a decrease of \$XXXX to an increase of \$XXXX would help hardworking, legal tax payers know where they stand in the range.

I have asked the City to do this. And I am asking you to insist that the City provide his information to you for reporting.

JOE SCHRAMM  
ALEXANDRIA

## Correction

The poem "Listen to the Mockingbird," that ran in the May 15 issue of the Alexandria Gazette Packet was written by Jack Sullivan. The author's name was left out and we regret the omission.

### POETRY

## Mr. Morse and The Pony Express

The invention of the telegraph by Samuel Morse spelled the demise of the Pony Express. On the eve of the Civil War, the Pony Express carried mail and parcels from St. Joseph, Mo. to Sacramento, Calif.

We guessed, of course, when Mr. Morse Invented the telegraph  
He'd cause distress to the Pony Express  
And write its epitaph.

O'er rock and plain, through snow and rain  
The riders sped like flyers.  
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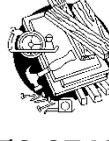
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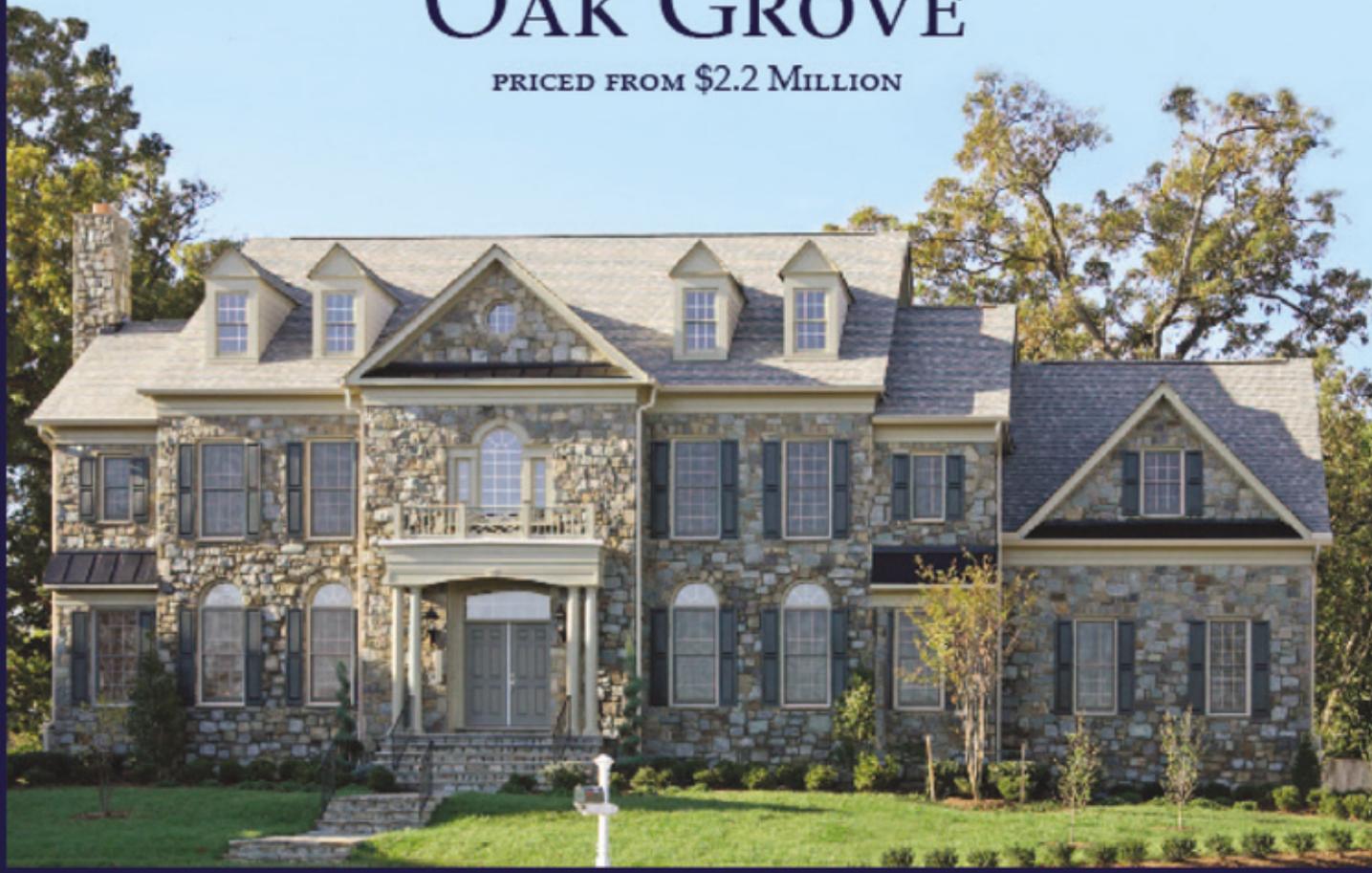
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