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Persistence of Memory

Alexandria National Cemetery hosts annual remembrance to honor the fallen.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

As a boy, Warden Foley remembers going to the cemetery to pick up empty shells after the annual service on Decoration Day. After he graduated high school, Foley found himself in the Navy laying telephone lines in Hawaii during World War II, later stationed on the coast of Saipan when President Harry Truman authorized the use of atomic weapons on Japan. Now, as a member of the American Legion, he helped a troop of Boy Scouts identify the gravesites of former post commanders at the Alexandria National Cemetery during Memorial Day services there earlier this week.

Decoration Day has now become known as Memorial Day and America now finds itself in new wars. But Foley remains just as committed as he was during his childhood days hunting for shells among the headstones.

"I've been doing this for many long years," said Foley. "It's a tradition, and it's something you should do if you are patriotic."

There was no shortage of patriotism at Alexandria's national cemetery on Monday, as veterans gathered with family members and Boy Scouts to commemorate those who gave the last full measure of their devotion.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE

Boy Scouts hold up the flag while it is being attached to the lines that will carry it up the flagpole.

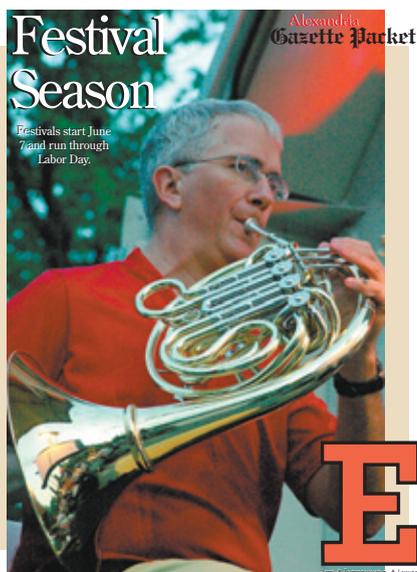
The American Legion's annual service included patriotic speeches, wartime remembrances, the laying of wreaths and, of course, military salutes during a performance of the national anthem. Even as vacationing workers were celebrating the un-

official beginning of summertime, those present for the Memorial Day service at the Alexandria National Cemetery paused to reflect on the price of freedom.

"Memorial Day is not about beaches, picnics or automobile races; it's a day to re-

member" said Richard Evans, a past commander of American Legion Post 24. "Americans must remember that freedom isn't free."

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Shocking Discovery

City Council members and West End residents are outraged to learn about ethanol operations.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

For seven weeks, a West End shipping company loaded thousands of gallons of highly flammable chemicals from rail cars to tanker trucks with little or no safety precautions to protect against a potential fire that might have happened within 2,000 feet of Tucker Elementary

School. The Alexandria City Council didn't even find out that Norfolk Southern Corporation had quietly converted an old truck transferring operation into an ethanol loading facility until it had already been in operation more than a month. Specialized firefighting equipment finally arrived this week, although only a handful of emergency personnel have the training to use it.

"I want us to explore ;

"We are going to do everything we can to cease operations, shut you down, and get you out of the city."

— Mayor Bill Euille to representatives of Norfolk Southern Corporation

if that means going to court and getting an injunction, and I don't care if it embarrasses us in the national press as it winds its way all the way up to the United States Supreme Court."



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Alexandria Biker Dies on Parkway

A 22-year-old Alexandria man died Monday night when his motorcycle fell about 150 feet down a steep embankment along the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The United States Park Police responded to an emergency call around 6:30 p.m. Monday night, and the man's body was not found until the next morning. A spokesman for the Park Police identified the man as Nathan Townsend.

"The reason for him going off the roadway is unknown at this time," said Sgt. Robert LaChance, a public-information officer with the Park Police. "At this point the detectives are going to take witness interviews and wait for the medical examiners report while they are examining physical evidence collected at the scene."

Homeless Man Found Dead

The body of a homeless man was discovered Tuesday afternoon, after public-safety officials responded to a call shortly after 3:45 p.m. Police officers and emergency medical technicians found the man in the wooded area under the Telegraph Road interchange near the intersection with Duke Street. He was later identified as David Castle, 47, of Alexandria. A police spokeswoman described the man as "dead on arrival."

"There was no sign of trauma or foul play," said Ashley Hildebrandt, a public-information officer with the Alexandria Police Department. "So we are not suspecting anything suspicious at this time."

—MICHAEL LEE POPE

Virginia Paving A "Most Outstanding Business"

Virginia Paving Company has been named "the most outstanding business" of 2007 by the Virginia Recycling Association (VRA).

"Everyday, Virginia Paving is using recycled materials to eliminate waste and energy required to build and maintain many of Northern Virginia's, as well as the nation's, roadways. Virginia Paving is extremely proud to receive this recognition from such an important state association," said Dennis Luzier, district manager, VPC.

VRA, is the leading resource of recycling information for the general public, the Virginia Legislature, local governments, business and industry.

Virginia Paving's integrated waste management program incorporates reduction, reuse, recycling, and buying recycled materials. Over the past two years, the company recycled 250,000 tons of old asphalt, which went back onto Virginia's roads instead of into Virginia landfills. VPC also utilized two million gallons of recycled fuel-oil.

Since 2006, Virginia Paving, whose Alexandria branch is located in the city's West End, just east of the Eisenhower Avenue/Van Dorn Street intersection, has invested over \$3 million to operate more efficiently and environmentally eliminating thousands of tons of pollutants, according to John Irvine speaking for the company.

This expenditure included a \$500,000 storm water management system, the planting of 282 large trees and underbrush over two acres at a cost of \$178,000, the purchase of seven new clean-emission Tier-3 dump trucks for \$790,000, and the installation of a \$1.6 million high-efficiency cartridge mist-collector to capture plant emissions, Irvine announced.

"Virginia paving is seriously committed to protecting and enhancing the environment. We thank the City of Alexandria for bringing the waste programs to our attention, and most importantly, we thank the residents of Cameron Station and Summer's Grove for also helping make this facility one of the cleanest operations in Virginia," said Luzier.

—CHUCK HAGEE

Anger Explodes Over Ethanol

FROM PAGE 1

said Mayor Bill Euille. "We are going to do everything we can to cease operations, shut you down and get you out of the city."

During a tense three-hour hearing Tuesday night, City Council members grilled their own staff about why they hadn't learned about the ethanol-transfer operations earlier. City officials learned that

operations would begin several days before April 9, when the facility became operational. Yet City Manager Jim Hartmann didn't inform City Council members until May 15, more than a month after Norfolk Southern had already begun loading liquid ethanol from rail cars to tanker trucks at the West End facility, which runs between Eisenhower Avenue and Van Dorn Street. Norfolk Southern officials were able to move forward with the new operation without a permit from the city as the result of a February ruling by the Surface Transportation Board, a regulatory agency that was created in 1995 as the successor to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

"When our staff reviewed this, they did not feel there was a significant explosion risk to the community," said Doug McNeil, director of distribution services for Norfolk Southern Corporation. "There are a lot of concerns about explosions, and I'm not saying there's not an explosion hazard here. But it's down the line in terms of risk."

ETHANOL IS A highly flammable liquid that is frequently used as a motor fuel and fuel additive. It

Ethanol Timeline

June 2006: Norfolk Southern Corporation first approached the city of Alexandria with a proposal to transform a trailer-truck transfer station to an ethanol-loading facility about 2,000 feet from Tucker Elementary School.

August 2006: City officials communicate to Norfolk Southern that Alexandria would use its zoning authority to prevent the company from intensifying use at the site.

Feb. 1, 2008: The Surface Transportation Board publishes an opinion that preempts local zoning laws, allowing Norfolk Southern to move forward with its plans without first obtaining a special-use permit from the city government.

April 9, 2008: Ethanol transfer operations begin at the Norfolk Southern location.

April 25, 2008: Senior city officials meet with representatives of Norfolk Southern to let them know the Alexandria Fire Department had no equipment to fight ethanol fires.

May 15, 2008: City Council members are finally informed that the ethanol-loading station has already been in operation for more than a month.

May 27, 2008: The Alexandria Fire Department receives specialized equipment to fight ethanol fires, although only a handful of personnel have been trained to use it.



PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

On April 9, the Norfolk Southern Corporation began loading liquid ethanol from rail cars onto tanker trucks at its West End location, which runs between Eisenhower Avenue and Van Dorn Street.

cannot be transported in pipelines like gasoline because it could pick up water and other impurities. As a result, the highly volatile liquid must be transported by rail and "transloaded" onto trucks. Here in Alexandria, Norfolk Southern ships liquid ethanol by rail to their new West End "transloading facility," where the material is off-loaded by the railroad's contractor into tanker trucks for final delivery to gasoline tank farms in Springfield and Fairfax City.

"We are all very disappointed that you have chosen this particular neighborhood," Vice Mayor Del Pepper told the Norfolk Southern representatives. "I bet you didn't even know that we are in the process of doing an extensive small area plan and turning Van Dorn Street into a boulevard. Now it's going to be a boulevard for your trucks. How exciting?"

Currently about 16 trucks use the terminal five days a week, although city officials say that number could change depending at any time depending on the level of business. The hours of operation at the facility are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., with transloading operations taking place from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The current operation involves one train arriving daily for transloading, although city officials say train arrivals could occur any day of the week at any hour based on volume and crew availability.

"It's like the neighbor that moves into the vacant house and turns it into a crack house," said Councilman Ludwig Gaines. "It's so out of keeping with what's in the surrounding community because it's a use that absolutely does not fit and should not fit."

WEST END RESIDENTS who live near Norfolk Southern's ethanol transloading facility are outraged to learn about that operations had already initiated before neighbors had a chance to oppose it. Many residents of Cameron Station and Summers Grove are still upset with the four-to-three vote of the City Council members in 2006 to extend the hours of Virginia Paving.

"Once again, this is a neighborhood that's being dumped on," said Gwen Lewis, a former School Board member who has lived in Cameron Station since 1998. "And the city manager or the fire chief or somebody should have told the City Council members what was going on. In my opinion, heads should roll for this."

One-Hour Inequality

Arlandria convenience store protests alcohol restrictions that don't apply to other neighborhood stores.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The 24 Express on Mount Vernon Avenue has a friendly neighborhood atmosphere, with baked goods and fried chicken beckoning regulars who frequently linger to chat with clerks after making a purchase. But customers at this Arlandria store aren't able to purchase alcohol after 11 p.m. even though they could walk a few blocks to other stores that are able to sell wine and beer until midnight. The restriction was placed on the convenience store's special-use permit in October 2006 as a way to combat problems with public drunkenness in Arlandria, with an expectation that other neighborhood stores would be asked to voluntarily agree to a uniform limitation.

But that never happened.

Customers who are now turned down at the 24 Express can easily walk a few blocks to buy beer until midnight at a Seven-11 convenience store, a Giant grocery store or a CVS drug store. Although an 11 p.m. uniform neighborhood restriction was supposed to be the first step toward a coordinated effort to combat alcohol abuse in the troubled neighborhood, the condition has instead become a matter of business inequality. Now that the store's owner has petitioned the City Council to remove the restriction, elected leaders are trying to figure out how a coordinated effort to combat alcohol abuse became an economic hardship for a locally owned store that's been in business since 1986.

"Who dropped the ball?" asked Mayor Bill

Euille during a public hearing last week.

NOBODY SEEMED TO have an answer to the mayor's question, although a task force has now been appointed to ask Seven-11, Giant and CVS to enter into a voluntary agreement.

Few of the City Council members seemed to think a voluntarily sales limitation would work when the issue was broached last week, but Councilman Justin Wilson said it was worth asking the question. The effort to stem alcohol abuse in Arlandria dates back to 2006, when Capt. Eddie Reyes was appointed "Arlandria area commander" and put in charge of coordinating city services and crime prevention efforts.

"When you are staggering down the street, you're an easy target for crime," said Reyes. "For others, alcohol is like liquid courage and they end up committing violent crimes they would never think about when they were sober."

Crime statistics show a mixed picture for the neighborhood tucked between Del Ray and the Arlington border. Incidents of violent crime have gone down slightly since Reyes was appointed Arlandria area commander, decreasing from 149 in 2006 to 141 in 2007. The largest decrease in that category has been aggravated assault, which has decreased from 32 in 2006 to 20 in 2007. Other statistics have seen an increase, with instances of disorderly conduct rising



In 2006, beer and wine sales at 24 Express were limited to 11 p.m. when other nearby stores are able to sell alcohol until midnight.

from 46 in 2007 to 59 in 2007. But Reyes said that understanding the statistics has to take into account the rising number of patrols moving through Arlandria on a regular basis.

"Most people don't report disorderly conduct, so that's mostly something an officer would identify," he said. "So the increasing numbers we see with disorderly conduct are a direct result of having more officers on the street."

WHEN THE SPECIAL-use permit for 24 Express was on the docket in October 2006, the Alexandria Police Department recommended that City Council members impose a 10 p.m. restriction for alcohol sales. After several hours of debate on that topic, Mayor Euille offered an 11 p.m. restriction as a compromise — with a promise that other alcohol retailers would also be approached with requests for a uniform restriction that would not put the 24 Express at a competitive disadvantage.

"Over the past year, as we feared on the implementation of the cutback in hours, 24

Express has lost business from customers who return from work late in the evening and who would normally purchase food and beverage together to take home," wrote William Thomas Jr., the attorney representing 24 Express, in a written statement. "Those sales still occur in Arlandria but other businesses are receiving the benefit."

Thomas said that the restrictions have cut into overall sales about 20 percent. Meanwhile, planning officials say that Giant and CVS are not required to obtain special use permits because they are "general retail stores," a use that's encouraged in certain zones of the city. The 7-Eleven has an existing special-use permit that was approved in 2004, although city officials say that City Council members wouldn't be allowed to make an amendment to it unless the establishment was found to be in violation of the permit's restrictions. So that puts the 24 Express in the crosshairs of city officials hoping to combat alcohol abuse in Arlandria.

"I believe this is an unjust lynching of 24 Express," said Charles Niphadkabin, son of the business owner. "

COUNCIL MEMBERS will now face a difficult choice. Do they abandon the Alexandria Police Department's recommendation to limit nighttime alcohol sales? Or do they target a locally owned business for a restriction that will not apply to other neighborhood corporate businesses? The choice was framed by diametrically opposed viewpoints that were expressed last week during the public hearing on the request to extend alcohol sales to midnight.

"I don't know what we are doing differently that allows the hours that the police just 18 months ago asked us to restrict," said Keven Beekman, president of the Arlandria Civic Association.

"I believe this is an unjust lynching of 24 Express," responded Charles Niphadkabin, son of the business owner. "We feel that we've been pinpointed as the root of all evil, but that's not the case."

New Task Force - Same Problem - Motorcoaches

ACVA makes a "gift" to Bus Association Foundation.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Tourist season is here again. And, along with the cherry blossoms, summer festivals, Civil and Revolutionary war re-enactments, come those hulking monsters that seem to increase in mass and scale with each passing year—the motorcoaches.

But, when they enter Old Town that mass

and scale hits a critical deterrent to their dominance—the size of the streets and tightness of turns.

How to deal with motorcoaches in Alexandria has been the mission of the Motorcoach Task Force for several years. The first one was allowed to die because, as stated by several of Alexandria's elected leaders, "it did not produce a viable solution."

On May 19 the newly constituted Motorcoach Task Force held its initial meeting in Room 2000 of City Hall. Consisting of 15 members, it is composed of civic, business and governmental representatives from throughout the city.

Its mission as stated in the draft charter presented that night is:

"Working collaboratively with multiple stakeholders, the Task Force will develop a proactive approach to motorcoach management that recognizes the economic value of the industry and balances its operational needs with measures to limit intrusive effects on Alexandria's neighborhoods, the environment, quality of life, traffic and parking. The Task Force will review best practices and build consent on measures that balance the multiple interests of the City."

All that being said, the primary question remains — why are these huge rolling behemoths

allowed to clog the byways of Old Town? And, what is the best way to solve the problem while continuing to appeal to the tourism trade they supposedly transport? The answer to those two questions is the real mission of the reconstituted Motorcoach Task Force.

"I don't want people to think this is a long drawn out process. We need to get our arms around this situation as soon as possible," Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille told the Task Force which includes

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Managing the Magistrates

Judicial officers prepare for their new role after General Assembly approves sweeping reform.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Uncertainty has gripped Virginia's magistrates, a little-known group of judicial officers who issue warrants, admit bail and issue emergency protection orders. With a July 1 deadline fast approaching, magistrates across the commonwealth are trying to piece together a new role for themselves as a result of a sweeping reorganization crafted earlier this year by the General Assembly. The reform moves oversight of the magistrates from the Circuit Court in Alexandria to the Virginia Supreme Court in Richmond, shifting control over personnel decisions from the chief judge of the Circuit Court to the executive secretary of the Supreme Court.

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— Chief Magistrate George Ball

"There's a certain amount of discretion that magistrates have, and I think that community standards should be part of any decision made on the part of the magistrates," said Del. Benjamin Cline (R-24), who voted against the reorganization measure earlier this year. "I think that we are going to start seeing localities receiving orders from Richmond that go against historical

practices."

The legislation was introduced by Del. Lacey Putney (I-19) in the House and Sen. Janet Howell (D-32) in the Senate, with all members of the Alexandria delegation voting in favor of the reform. Del. Brian Moran (D-46) added a grandfather clause that will temporarily stall one of the measure's most dramatic changes that limits the employment of the judicial officers. Under the new rules, magistrates will be forbidden from practicing law or engaging in any business without the approval of bureaucrats in Richmond. But Moran's amendment allows magistrates with current outside legal practices to keep their jobs while remaining to work as magistrates.

"One of the concerns we had during the session is that we would lose many of our magistrates if they could no longer have private law practices," said Bernard Caton, the city's legislative director. "So we worked with Moran to add the grandfather clause."

THE OFFICE OF magistrate traces its development through centuries of English and American history, a role that was known for most of that time as "justice of the peace." But a major 1974 reorganization of Virginia's justice system did away with the elected "justice of the peace" officers and created a new system of appointed magistrates with local supervision by

the circuit court. That local oversight will now move to a series of seven regional managers reporting to a magistrate director in the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court. The regional managers will supervise chief magistrates who would have authority over teams of 14 to 18 magistrates.

"I guess you are going to have to sell yourself to the highest bidder in Richmond," said



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

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The reform effort was spearheaded by Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Leroy Rountree Hassell Sr., who was named to head the court in 2002. Hassell has made reforming the magistrate system a priority, creating a task force to investigate a potential reorganization that included representatives from a wide cross-section of the judicial system. The final version of the legislation passed the House on an 84-to-13 vote in the House and 28-to-11 vote in the Senate. In addition to removing local control of the magistrates and forbidding them from practicing law, the reform legislation also increases minimum educational requirements, adds about 20 new magistrates and increases the use of videoconferencing and other Internet-based technology.

"I can't tell you how this will change our

office because the truth is that I don't know," said Ball, who oversees seven Alexandria magistrates at the city jail. "If someone leaves, am I going to end up with six lawyers and a non-lawyer?"

ACCORDING TO THE Supreme Court of Virginia, the increased educational requirements outlined in the legislation would warrant salary increases bringing the total magistrate salaries from \$2 million to \$8 million. But elected leaders did not budget any money for increased pay scale because they decided to review the reform effort first. An analysis of the legislation by the Virginia Department of Planning and Budget states explained that "it was thought that any magistrate salary increase should be deferred until such time that it can be determined that the overall restructuring process is yielding the desired improvements to the system (performance)."

"I guess we'll have to wait and see how this all pans out," said Ball.

Mount Vernon Welcomes New Citizens

Fifty three individuals from 24 countries became new American citizens on Monday morning, May 19, during the eighth annual Immigration & Naturalization Services Ceremony to be held at Mount Vernon Estate and sponsored by the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association.

Gathered under a tent on the east lawn of Washington's home overlooking the Potomac River the new citizens were administered the Oath of Allegiance by Jonathan Scharfen, acting director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS). Joie A. Gregor, assistant to the

President for Presidential Personnel at the White House, delivered the keynote address.

Mount Vernon Ladies Association Regent Shephard Ansley welcomed the new citizens as Susan Dubbins, director, USCIS Washington Field Office, introduced and presented each candidate for their U.S. Citizenship Certificate. The candidates hailed from countries as far away as Vietnam and Russia and as close as Canada and Mexico.

—CHUCK HAGEE



PHOTO COURTESY OF MOUNT VERNON

New citizens take the oath of citizenship.

Old Town Landmark Says Goodbye

Wilfred-Rodgers is closing after 35 years.

By CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Another Old Town retail institution will close its doors June 30 leaving a noticeable void in the upscale shopper's market that once dominated King Street from Washington Street to the river. After 35 years Wilfred-Rodgers will be only a memory.

First opened in 1972 by Wilfred Puchin and Rodger Dougan on the corner of South Lee and King streets, the present home of ArtCraft, it has been the place to shop in Old Town for fine quality brand names in home furnishings, gifts, collectibles and accessories. During the Christmas season Wilfred-Rodgers offered holiday decorations and china that was hard to match.

In 1976, Jean Eaton, a store employee purchased the store from Puchin and Dougan and moved it to its present location, 320 King St., directly across from Market Square. Four years later, 1980, current owners, Bourne Garner and Stanley Rudy purchased it from Eaton.

Experienced businessmen, Rudy and Garner, prior to acquiring Wilfred-Rodgers, operated four businesses simultaneously — three retail operations and a travel agency. Rudy operated gift/ accessory shops in Annapolis, Md., and Washington, D.C., as well as "The Gift Horse," located in Old Town's former Small Mall in the 100 block of King



A sign attached to the large display window at Wilfred Rodgers, 320 King St., announces the store's closing after 35 years as an Old Town institution.



Stanley E. Rudy (right) and Bourne Garner, owners of Wilfred Rodgers gift and specialty shop, 320 King St., hold several items now on sale as the Old Town retail institution prepares to close June 30.

Street. Bourne operated their travel agency.

"We decided five years ago that it was time to retire. We put the store on the market last year. However, we also decided that if it didn't sell we were still going to close this year," Rudy said.

"But, we want everyone to know that we are closing because we want to, not because we have to. It has been a really great experience and our customers have been very faithful," he said.

Actually, there was a potential buyer but the deal fell apart at the last minute due to the buyer's inability to put together the necessary financial package, according to Rudy and Garner. "Since the lease will expire at the end of June we couldn't wait any longer," they said.

"Our potential buyer said they intended to operate the store exactly as it has been.

Now I don't know what will come in here," Rudy said.

"This town needs more upscale specialty shops. How many more banks, real estate offices, and restaurants do we need?" Rudy asked rhetorically.

"We are really going to miss our customers. They have become our friends as well as our customers," they both agreed.

Also to be missed is Beatriz Shunny who has worked at Wilfred-Rodgers for the past 25 years. "She can operate the store every bit as well as we do. We leave it in her hands when we are not here. She has been the perfect employee," Rudy said.

Plastered across the colonial-paned, display window next to the store's main entrance is a large red-lettered sign announcing the close out sale. All store merchandise is marked down 40 percent except for the Herend china pieces, which are discounted 25 percent.

"Normally you are not allowed by the company to discount Herend pieces. But, since we won't be reordering, they said okay to our selling off as much of our Herend stock as possible," Rudy said.

After closing the store, Rudy and Garner plan to take up residence in a new home they are having built in Lewes, Del.

The question is who or what will take up residence at 320 King St.?

BRIEF

McGuire Indicted for Sexual Offenses

An Arlington County grand jury last week indicted a 29-year-old Alexandria man for two sexual offenses. He is Matthew Edward McGuire of 30 block West Myrtle St.

Until recently, he taught Spanish and helped coach track at Chantilly High. But he was placed on unpaid leave after Arlington police arrested him Jan. 9.

Authorities say he allegedly used the name, Eric Avery, to communicate online with someone he thought was a 13-year-old Arlington girl. But in reality, that person was an undercover, Arlington detective assigned to the regional Internet Crimes Against Children task force.

Police also say McGuire reportedly sent a photo of a naked male to the "teen," plus a Webcam of a male masturbating. They charged him with attempted indecent liberties with a minor and use of a computer to solicit sex with a minor.

Last Thursday, May 22, the grand jury indicted him on both counts. He's now scheduled for a July 23 jury trial.

— BONNIE HOBBS

New Task Force - Same Problem - Motorcoaches

FROM PAGE 4

Councilman Paul C. Smedberg and is functioning under the staff aegis of the Transportation and Environmental Services Administration headed by Richard Baier, director.

The Task Force is scheduled to make their report to City Council this fall. The present target is October, according to Baier's assessment at the May 19 meeting.

TO MEET THAT deadline the Task Force agreed to meet the second and fourth Monday of every month throughout the summer and early fall.

One of the primary problems to regulating large buses within the city is that state law does not give the city that right. The city can regulate trucks but not buses, according to Baier. However, other cities, such as Williamsburg and Virginia Beach, have found ways to deal with this situation.

"Our arguments can't be based only on economics. You have to consider the community as a whole. If we base the solution only on economics we will be in trouble," said Rob Aronson, Task Force member representing the Old & Historic District Residents Group.

Several times during the nearly two hour meeting members attempted to look at the overall transportation challenges facing the

city such as parking, access and egress, and the new trolley, from King Street Metro Station to the river, having an adverse impact on upper King Street merchants. Each time Baier insisted that they stay focused on the motorcoach challenge.

"I must insist that we concentrate on the motorcoach situation or we will wonder astray and not meet the deadline to report to City Council," Baier stated at least three times. It worked. At least for this initial session.

However, as Euille pointed out "Alexandria is not just Old Town" he said in answer to the question of what is the transit capacity of Old Town? "We need to spread out the tourists into various areas of Alexandria," Euille said.

ONE OF THE PRIMARY solutions to the motorcoach/Old Town dilemma is having them disembark their passengers at the King Street Metro Station and then park at the George Washington National Masonic Memorial Temple. Passenger could then take the free trolley to the river with stops along the entire route.

However, various bus companies have resisted this solution while others, many operating as small independent companies, are unaware of routes, regulations, and parking possibilities, according to the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association

(ACVA). Daytime parking permits are \$10 and overnight permits cost \$35 for the Masonic site.

To make those costs more palatable to tour bus operator and the American Bus Association (ABA), ACVA agreed to donate \$5 of each paid fee to ABA's Foundation Scholarship Fund, according to Stephanie Brown, president and CEO, ACVA.

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— Rob Aronson, Task Force member

"The tour industry contributes essential economic benefits to cities nationwide. ACVA is excited for an opportunity to give back to the tourism community, and support the students who will lead this industry in the future," Brown said in announcing the donation program. It is too early to judge its success or failure as an incentive to get tour bus operators to utilize the Masonic parking area.

During a community meeting on motorcoach management in April, Brown

said, "ACVA believes it is beneficial to have motorcoach groups visit Alexandria. We communicate with tour operators on a regular basis. But, we also support enforcement of all rules and regulations pertaining to motorcoaches operating in Old Town."

ACVA has sent emails to all tour group operators informing them not only of Alexandria motorcoach operating rules and regulations but also of their parking options when visiting the city. She has also chastised those operators that park in Alexandria while their passenger stay in Arlington. "We are not Arlington's parking lot," Brown said.

Although Baier insisted that the reconstituted Motorcoach Task Force focus solely on motorcoach management, it was apparent to various members of the task force that this is not a isolated subject. It involves all the various elements of tourism transportation within the city — motorcoaches, the water taxis to and from National Harbor, the new King Street Trolley, and vehicle parking and maneuverability.

Motorcoachs are also a prime factor in Alexandria's quality of life. As one Task Force member stated, "Not all motorcoach tourism is necessarily good. It all depends on who is on those buses and their buying power." How to evaluate and deal fairly with that assessment should be a prime consideration in the Task Force's report to Council.

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Different Rules for Different Neighborhoods

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With the best of intentions, Alexandria is reviving a variation on that custom. In an attempt to control public intoxication and the stupid and dangerous things people do while under the influence, the Alexandria police supported the sensible notion of changing the hours during which alcohol is sold from stores.

The problem was how the city went about it. One store — the 24 Express on Mount Vernon Avenue in Arlandria — was operating under a special use permit so the hours it could sell alcohol could legally be con-

trolled. They were not allowed to sell alcohol after 11 p.m. while stores within walking distance of them could. It's not hard to figure out what happened. The 24 Express lost business.

Apparently the restriction was supposed to be accompanied by a campaign to get other stores in Arlandria to voluntarily stop selling alcohol after 11 p.m. but that never happened. And it is not clear how much cooperation the city would get if they did try.

The police are right that alcohol abuse can lead to crime. The drinker is both an easy target and may commit a crime he or she would never imagine doing if sober.

On the other hand it is disingenuous to pretend that only Arlandria has a drinking problem. There are plenty of drinking scenes in Old Town and on the West End, not to mention the parking lots of some shopping centers and even apartment buildings and condos. Everyone has an equal opportunity to act stupid and people cer-

tainly take advantage of it.

The city could try a voluntary ban on not selling alcohol in stores after 11 p.m. but they should make that ban citywide. And if that doesn't work, then it is time to approach the state to change the rules.

Limiting nighttime alcohol sales to limit

crime seems a sensible goal — but not at the expense of one business. Changing attitudes and behavior is a whole lot harder than blaming businesses, but that is really what society should be doing.

—MARY ANNE WEBER

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EDITORIALS

Call for Father's Day Photos

Every year at this time, the Connection puts out the call for photographs of fathers and their children, grandfathers and their children and grandchildren.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 15, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Father's Day photos.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including names of everyone in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and where the photo-

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Prom, Graduation and Beach Week: Rite or Risk?

As prom, graduation and beach week approach, teens need greater adult guidance

BY ALLEN LOMAX
CHAIR, SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION
COALITION OF ALEXANDRIA (SAPCA)

During the next few weeks, hundreds of Alexandria teens will celebrate the end of the school year at high school proms and graduation parties, and many will head to the beach for "senior beach week." Will these celebrations be fun-filled celebrations with friends or risk-filled events with excessive drinking, drug use and impaired driving?

Unfortunately, the risks are all too real, especially the dangers associated with underage alcohol abuse. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, during prom and graduation season, 58 percent of traffic fatalities are attributed to alcohol-related incidents involving teen drivers. While school and parent groups in Alexandria work hard to keep alcohol and drugs away from students during alcohol-free graduation parties and proms, much of the hard-core drinking and other risky

behavior occurs after these events.

The notion that Alexandria teens aren't using alcohol in significant numbers is flat out wrong. The 2007 Alexandria Youth Risk Behavior Survey revealed that 30 percent of high school seniors have had five or more drinks in a row (binge drinking) at least once in the previous month, a level of dangerously excessive drinking that occurs apart from end-of-the-year parties and celebrations. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services research shows that more than 40 percent of teens who start drinking before the age of 15 will develop alcohol abuse or alcohol dependence at some point in their lives.

One thing is certain: Parents have a critically important role to play in reducing teen substance abuse, especially during prom, graduation and beach week season — but also throughout the school year. There are many ways parents, especially if they work together, can help protect their teens. Talking about the dangers of drugs, tobacco and alcohol is one of the most effective, along

with establishing a zero-tolerance policy for use of these substances. Parents need to know that these discussions with their teens do not fall on deaf ears, even when their teens don't appear to listen. Research shows that kids who learn about the risks of alcohol and drugs from their parents are up to 50 percent less likely to use these substances.

Fortunately, there are a number of excellent resources for parents. The Web site of the Partnership for a Drug-free America (www.drugfree.org/Parent) gives specific tips for how parents can connect with teens to prevent substance abuse, and there is an excellent blog for parents, www.decoder.drugfree.org, which discusses teen behavior, including substance abuse at proms and parties.

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers a comprehensive online resource for parents at www.theantidrug.com, including an e-newsletter for parents and several free handbooks on keeping teens drug free.

As prom, graduation and beach week approach, teens need greater adult guidance. Parents should take the opportunity—for many this may be one of the last teach-

able moments before their teens leave home—to discuss the dangers and consequences of drinking and drug use. As a community, we applaud the accomplishments of our teens, but it's the teens' parents, working individually and in collaboration with one another, who have the power to keep these rites of passage filled with fun and laughter, not heartbreak and disaster.

SAPCA is an alliance of parents, youth, schools, city health and recreation agencies, nonprofits, businesses, policymakers and law enforcement who are working together to reduce underage substance use and abuse in the City of Alexandria. SAPCA last year organized a "Sticker Shock/Know the Law" campaign that placed "Stop" stickers on beer cases and other alcohol products in more than 50 Alexandria stores. SAPCA members are also reaching out to community groups with presentations on youth substance abuse, and SAPCA is currently engaged in community-wide research to learn more about parent, teen and community perceptions and attitudes about underage alcohol, tobacco and other illicit drug use in Alexandria. For more information, please visit www.alexhealth.org/partnership.

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LETTERS

Best City Can Do?

To the Editor:

In mid April, the Norfolk Southern Corporation began operation of an ethanol transloading station in the West End of Alexandria. (Ethanol, which is mixed in various proportions with gasoline as an automotive fuel, is a flammable liquid that requires a special type of firefighting foam to extinguish.) The tanker cars pull up on the railroad tracks behind Cameron Station, a residential area with 2,100 homes and condominiums, and sits for days or weeks on end. The site, which is located near the Van

Dorn Metro Station, is used for transferring liquid ethanol from rail cars into tanker trucks for delivery to gasoline tank farms in Springfield and in Fairfax City.

Alexandria's City Manager, Jim Hartman, wrote a memo dated May 15 (one month after operations started) stating that the city "negotiated" an accommodation with Norfolk Southern on behalf of the City. The Mayor, City Council members, and the city staff didn't inform area residents of these developments before or after this agreement was reached.

The only reason this issue came to light in the first place was that residents of Cameron Station noticed up to 30 tanker

cars sitting on tracks for weeks at a time and inquired with a few members of the city council, waited several days for a response, and were eventually sent the May 15 memo from Mr. Hartman.

While Norfolk Southern may be within its legal rights to build such a transfer station, there is much doubt in the minds of West End residents whether or not the Mayor, City Council members, or city staff are looking out for the public good of Alexandrians. Were the Council members uninformed, and if so, why? Was city staff given the responsibility of investigating and "negotiating" the issues of increased truck traffic, safety, public nuisance, and environ-

mental impact with no input from the people who actually live in the area?

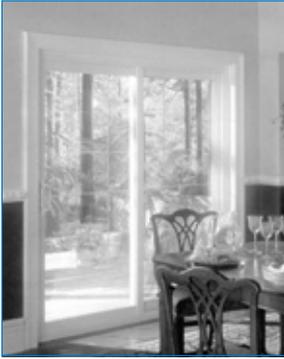
To add insult to injury, residents were informed in an email message on May 15 from the City Manager's office that we should await a "community meeting" with the Norfolk Southern public relations department to discuss this vital issue. Apparently City staff, and perhaps Council, are willing to abrogate its responsibilities for citizen involvement to private interests.

Is this the best we can expect of a Mayor and Council that profess to work for "one Alexandria?"

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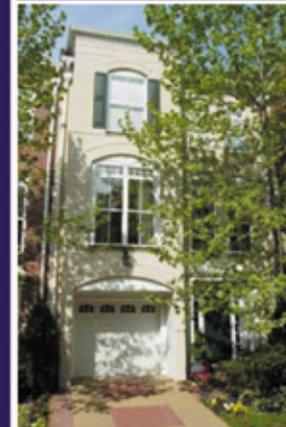


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Persistence of Memory

FROM PAGE 1

THE ALEXANDRIA National Cemetery is the final resting place of hundreds of Union soldiers who died fighting the Confederate States of America. The graveyard includes more than 100 unknown soldiers, most of whom perished in 1862 on the battlefields near Manassas. Since that time, other veterans have been added from every major conflict and a select few gravesites are being reserved for the current wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Those modern-day conflicts were in the thoughts of many participants during Monday's service at the graveyard.

"There's a great debt to be paid for the courage of those who are buried here," said Ben Kirby, an Eagle Scout with Troop 1509 who plans to join the Marines after

graduating from Virginia Military Institute. "Coming here today to remember them just seems like the right thing to do."

For many veterans, Memorial Day is an opportunity to remember old friends and reconnect with their own past. Bill Jones, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 609 and caretaker of the cemetery, said he always enjoyed spending time with veterans, especially on Memorial Day. A graduate of Wakefield High School in Arlington, Jones earned four Purple Hearts in Vietnam and helps coordinate services at the cemetery. He said that parts of the historic graveyard are now being renovated, with new sod replacing weed-infested areas as each headstone is being carefully leveled to a uniform height.

"The renovation really brings this place to the dignity it deserves," said Jones, an expert in the history of the Alexandria National Cemetery. "The men and women who are buried here deserve every bit of dignity we can give them."

"Americans must remember that freedom isn't free."

— Richard Evans, a past commander of American Legion Post 24



Robin and Elizabeth Ryan also received the Patriotic Citizen Award from VFW Post 609 Commander Bill Jones.



The marker flags are distributed to the scouts.



President of the Virginia Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America Ray Jobber waits to retire the colors after the flags are changed.

LIFE

Music, Food, Fun At Garden Party



Tommy Dyson gets started with a game of bean bags with his dad, Craig at the garden party. Later the bean bag game went up in the live auction.



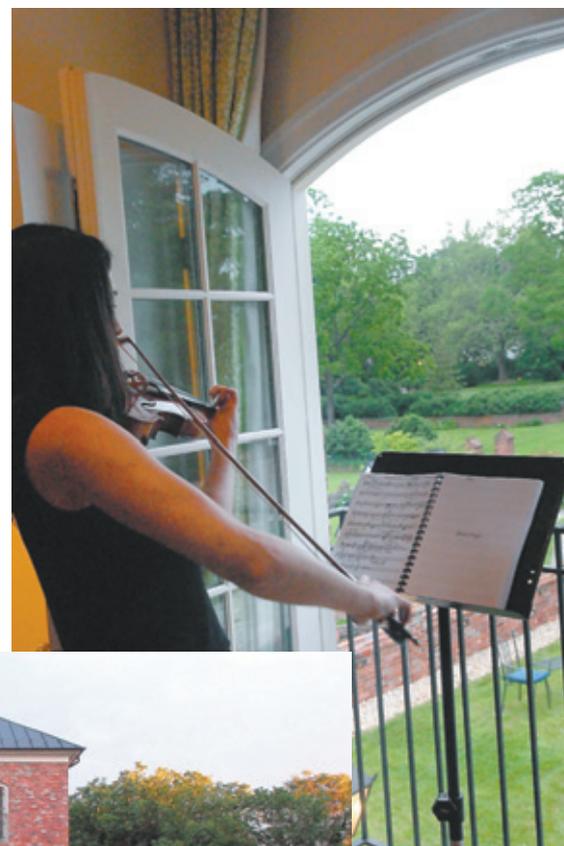
Senator John Warner and his wife Jeanne admire the gardens surrounding the Lankford's pool and terrace.



Joe Viar talks with Donnan Wintermute at the party.

Last Wednesday evening, Tom and Harriet Lankford opened up their garden and pool house for the annual Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Garden Party. The evening proved chilly with the change in weather though the skies cleared and the rain was postponed. One of the highlights of the evening fundraiser was the live auction with Grady Frank.

A seat at an upcoming rehearsal with guest artist Branford Marsalis captured the attention of many of the guests. Symphony president of the board Jim Singerling offered a golf package in Scotland that included a day in the Old Club and on the links at St. Andrews.



Musicians from the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performed throughout the evening.

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Frank and Betty Quirk with Jim and Molly Singerling.



The skies cleared in time to watch the sun set on top of Seminary Hill at the Lankford home.

OBITUARY

Ellen Holly Dies

Ellen E. Holly died on May 12 in Micanopy, Fla. after a battle with colon cancer. She was 95 years old. The daughter of Muncie and Lula Ray Greer, Ellen was born March 29, 1913 in Laurel Bloomery, Tenn. where she married Rhudy Holly who died in 1965. She left Tennessee with her husband and children in 1939 to settle in Mount Vernon where her family continued to grow. She was a committed member of Groveton Baptist Church for 52 years and served in Fairfax County Schools before retiring in 1978. She was the loving, devoted mother of Jeanette Norris, who died in 1995, daughter and son-in-law Barbara and George Bement, son Wallace Holly, daughter and son-in-law Patricia and Richie Zaia and son Jerry Holly. She had 13 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, two great great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Grace Williams and sister-in-law Ola Greer and many nieces and nephews. She deeply loved her church, neighbors, friends, crocheting, gardening, cooking and photographing her family at every opportunity. She worshiped God in everything and became who she was created to be. Interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.

FAITH NOTES

E-mail announcements to 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.

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.

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

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

The Christian Women In The Marketplace meets to study God's word at the Royal Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria. The CBWC meets **every Wednesday at 7 a.m.** for breakfast. Additional information contact Pamela Nilsen at 703-660-6759.

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PUPPY DOG TALES

You Rescue me, I Rescue You

Have you attended any of the All-Alexandria Reads program? This has really been fun for me. Not surprising because it has been all about dogs! How very clever of the library to connect creating a dialogue about reading with the selection of a book about dogs.

On Saturday the 17th I went to the Duncan Library with my brother Mikey and my neighbor Pugs, Stewie and Chewie. We participated in two programs that were a part of All-Alexandria Reads. The first was a clicker training workshop with Sandy Modell of Wholistic Hound and the second was on pet massage with Joyce Tischer of Tails of Olde Towne.

I was really impressed with the attitude of the instructors. Joyce said that what she does is "Give back to these special companions a little of the love that she has received from them throughout her life." While teaching us about clicker training Sandy said, "Dogs already know everything you want to teach them." Yep, that's true. My person and I read a good book by Edward Hoagland a few years back titled "Hoagland on Nature: Essays." My favorite piece in there was "Dogs and the Tug of Life." Mr. Hoagland wrote, "In order to really enjoy a dog, one doesn't merely try to train him to

be semi-human. The point is to open oneself to the possibility of becoming partly a dog." These two ladies did a great job in getting that message across to the owners attending the sessions.

What really made the morning special were the owners and the dogs that came to the presentations. Joan brought Odie and Heidi. Odie is 9 and \square and has been with Joan since he was a pup. Heidi is a rescue. She was thrown from a car and has severe brain damage. (Joan is going to send me Heidi's story so I can share it with you.) My pals, who live with Nancy, Chewie and Stewie are both rescues, and so is Tina's pal Coco. Sheila has Wilson who was not with us. He is a wonderful Lab who cannot be around other dogs until he has some advanced socialization training. Diane was accompanied by Hercules and Zena, two adorable Malti-Poos. Susan and Quinn attended on behalf of their two rescue dogs. They were at the event to learn about training and massage techniques. Krista with her Golden, Abbey and Joanne with her Golden, Sunny came in for the massage. Both Sunny and Abbey are 8 years old. We also had in the group, Mary with her Havanese, Rufus and the massage lady, Joyce Tischer brought her 12 year old Whippet, Ginger Rogers. It was an honor to be around these loving

humans and their companions.

Did you know gentle readers that I am a rescue dog myself? I was born on a cold dark night in February 2003; one of three wee Shetland Sheepdogs, our tiny eyes still closed. I can still remember the warmth of my mother's body, the taste of her milk and the fun of playing with my brother and sister. I grew up in a manner not unlike every other dog except that my parents were show dogs. Champions both, and my destiny was to spend time in the show ring, get my championship and then to become a mother myself. I didn't like that I was going to be a show dog. I enjoyed the people but got lonesome with only the other dogs to talk to and did not do well in the kennel. When I was nine months old I was sold to people who should have bought a stuffed animal instead of a dog. They wanted me to be absolutely perfect and quiet. They kept me in a crate in the kitchen



Daisy Mae

all day and let me only go outside to do my business. After three months they took me to the animal shelter in Stafford County. I was so humiliated and frightened. It was noisy at the shelter and there was a sign on my cage that said that I was a barker and not able to be housebroken. A year old, two homes and tagged as unsatisfactory. After about a week someone from Lost Dog Rescue thought that they could find me a home so they checked me out of the shelter, spayed me, and put me

at their farm to see how I was going to be with other dogs. One day they crated me up and took me to the Petsmart at Potomac Yard. That is where I met my person, who was coming in to buy cat food. To hear the rest of my story and how I was certified as a seizure alert dog and became a writer be sure to keep reading my column.

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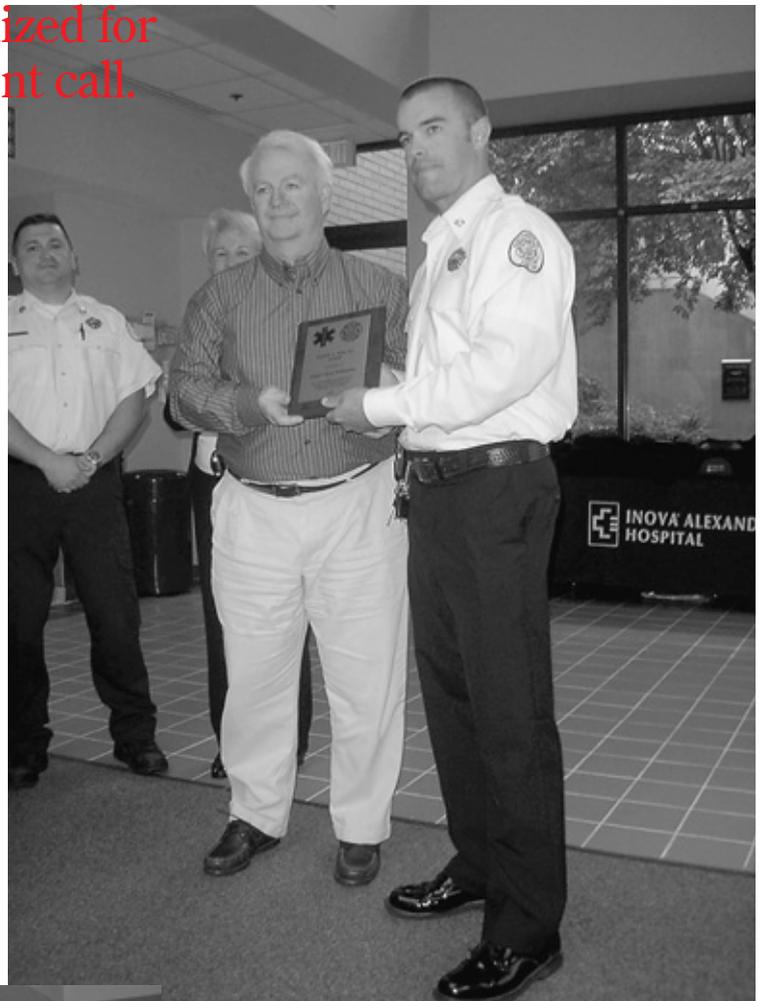
Residents Honored

Paramedics recognized for life saving judgement call.

By CHUCK HAGEE
 GAZETTE PACKET

Highlighting the annual kick off of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week, May 18 to 24, was the presentation of the Gerald L. Fair, Sr. Award to Alexandria Fire Department's retired Deputy Chief, EMS, Vince Whitmore, who was characterized by Chief Adam Thiel as "the dean of EMS." Whitmore, who recently retired, served as the Fire Department's second EMS director.

"EMS is a system that includes not only our personnel but also the hospital staff and education. This Fire Department is one department that includes all its personnel with one mission — to protect the citizens of Alexandria," Thiel said in presenting the award to Whitmore during the annual EMS Recognition Breakfast at Inova Alexandria Hos-



Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel (right) presents the Gerald L. Fair, Sr. Award to retired Deputy Chief of EMS Services Vince Whitmore, during EMS Week ceremonies at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

Prior to their initiative, as McDade said at the 30th Anniversary recognition ceremony last year, "If you had an emergency the last place you wanted to be was in an emergency room." Gerald R. Fair, Sr., was Alexandria Fire Department's first EMS director.

In 1976 Alexandria's Fire Department decided to replace its Firefighter Emergency Medical Technicians — essentially first aid and CPR technicians — with highly trained and skilled medical specialists. Formed under the leadership of Fair, they began operation on July 15, 1977.

"The city of Alexandria's EMS are the first line of defense against accidents and serious injury. I have always had the utmost respect for EMS personnel. That respect was raised to a very personal level five years ago when my son was severely injured in a head-on automobile collision. The EMS personnel on the scene saved his life," said IAH CEO Christine Candio.

"EMS personnel are a vital extension of any hospital's emergency department. What you do at the scene of an emergency directly affects our ability to successfully treat patients that come through our doors at the ER. We are very grateful for contributions you make every day," said Martin Brown, MD, director, Emergency Medicine, IAH.

"Not a week goes by without a life being saved. You are doing an outstanding job for the citizens of Alexandria," Brown told the group gathered in the hospital's Atrium.



Pamela Copely, chair, Alexandria EMS Council, presented the Council's "Call of the Quarter" Award to Paramedic Trudy Williams during EMS Recognition Week ceremonies at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

pital.

Alexandria was the first to establish, 31 years ago, EMS as a Paramedic specialty rather than a cross-training for firefighters. Doctors John P. McDade and Chalmers A. Loughridge, two Alexandria Hospital physicians, perceived the need for a paramedic specialty and made it happen.

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EMS Chief Honored

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That assessment was punctuated by Emergency Medicine Physician and IAH Medical Director, Alexandria EMS, James Vafier, MD. "You guys and gals are heroes. I've seen, first hand, what you do and nobody in the world can do

what you do any better," Vafier said.

Alexandria Vice Mayor Redella "Del" Pepper presented the annual EMS Week Proclamation to the Fire Department and hospital adopted by City Council and signed by Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille. Noting that this

year's EMS Week theme is "Your Life Is Our Mission," Pepper told the EMS personnel, "We are very mindful of the great job you do everyday."

THE OTHER HIGHLIGHT of the breakfast was the presentation of the "Call of the Quarter" Award

by Pamela Copely, chair, Alexandria EMS Council, which recognizes the efforts of individual EMS personnel for their actions during a specific incident. The award for this quarter went to Paramedics Elizabeth King and Trudy Williams.

Their teamwork was credited

with saving the life of a taxi driver on Feb. 2, 2008, who was found in the driver's seat of his cab with a gunshot wound to the right side of his chest, plus three additional wounds on the left side of his chest, according to Copely.

"Paramedic Elizabeth King did an outstanding job dealing with a severe trauma patient and having only a new paramedic, Trudy Williams, as her partner. They both worked well providing outstanding care under highly unusual circumstances," Copely said.

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Realizing the critical nature of his wounds, the paramedics first transported the patient to IAH for stabilization before the MedStar crew transferred him to Inova Fairfax Hospital's trauma unit. "The patient survived, and this incident demonstrated good teamwork and judgement under pressure," Copely said.

"The world knows that Alexandria EMS teams were the first responders when terrorists attacked the Pentagon. But, the people of Alexandria know that it is the everyday commitment of our EMS services — the EMS field teams, the communications personnel, and the medical teams at Inova Alexandria Hospital — that makes them a source of great pride to the community," Copely said.

"Call of the Quarter" recipients each receive dinner for two donated by an Alexandria restaurant. This quarter that donation came from Chadwick's Bar & Grill.

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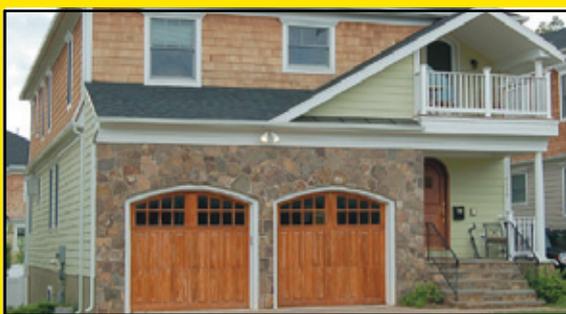


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ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

The **Alexandria Animal Welfare League** has created a new TV show, "Alexandria Animal Matters" under the aegis of Comcast's community outreach program. The new show starts on June 9 at 6:30 p.m. on Comcast Cable 69. Each 30-minute show will feature an animal segment, as well as two interview sessions with interesting guests talking about varying topics that will inform and entertain the entire family. Visit www.alexandriainimals.org.

Alexandria Masters Swimming begins the summer season of swim workouts starting Monday, June 2. The group is one of over 300 local clubs belonging to US Masters Swimming, an organization promoting adult swimming and fitness. Swimmers interested in summer fitness and triathletes interested in maintaining or improving their swimming skills are invited to come swim with us, and can try a workout with no obligation. There are six early morning workouts and four evening workouts a week during the summer. Swim workouts will be held at Waynewood, Little Hunting Park, Virginia Hills, and Hollin Hills pools. Interested swimmers can obtain more information on the club's Web site: HYPERLINK "<http://www.AlexandriaMasters.com/>"

Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session on Saturday, June 14, 11 a.m. -noon at the John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. To learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, call 703-273-3526, ext. 22 or e-mail ekosarin@casafairfax.org for more information.

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. A staff report and proposed changes for Small Business Zoning were presented to the Planning Commission on May 6. If there are any questions or

comments regarding the proposed changes prior to the Information Session, please 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; Email: richard.josephson@alexandriava.gov. 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 information, visit www.alexandriava.gov/wayfinding or call Carrie Beach at 703-838-4666 ext. 325.

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.alexandriainimals.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.

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

The Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC) is now accepting nominations for the

Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award. The Brenman Award is open to 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 or by calling the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at 703.838.4399. The deadline for nominations is June 30.

Alexandria Library now offers its patrons a chance to write their own reviews of almost all of the Library holdings (books, movies, music, and other materials) on the Alexandria Library Web site online catalog at www.alexandria.lib.va.us. To access the online catalog, visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us, click on "Library Catalog," and begin browsing. To write a review, simply register and type your review for all to read. For more information, contact Mark Schwartz at 703-519-3498, or e-mail mschwartz@alexandria.lib.va.us.

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. Send your check to Community Partners for Children, PO Box 2738, Alexandria, VA 22301.

- * A Show of Hands, 2204 Mt. Vernon Ave.
- * Burke & Herbert Bank, 306 E. Monroe Ave.
- * Caboose Café, 2419 Mt. Vernon Ave.
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Seminary Valley

Congratulations are once again in order for high school senior Meg Glassco, who has been nominated for Best Comic Actress in a Play in the annual Cappies awards. The Cappies (Critics and Awards Program) awards are the area's high-school equivalent of Broadway's Tony Awards. Meg was nominated for her role as the Nurse in T.C. William's fall production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Meg also served as student director for T.C.'s spring musical, "Aida." Our family was wowed by the superb voices of the show's leads. The play's too-short run was held last month and featured several West-End participants: Maham Ayaz (stage manager), Blake Butler, Selina Johnson, Zachary Frank, Bianca Lipford, Nancy Velasquez, Andrew Flack, and Roberto Small. Band members included Brittany Sparks, Katie Jones, Sara Neilson, Victor Younge, Ahmed Sesay, Hannah Levy, Kedest Firdaweke and Patrick Horner. Production team members included KaylaWalak,

Chelsea Spriggs, Carl Eckel, and Domalik Williams.

Two Seminary Valley parents helped make the production a success: Stacey Kenkarameth headed up costume construction and Richard Glassco was a parent booster coordinator.

POOL HUNT

Looking for a pool to join this summer? There are two neighborhood swim clubs that newcomers to the Valley might enjoy. Dowden Terrace Swim Club is located off Seminary Road, and the Bren Mar Recreation Association pool is located on Edsall Road about 1 mile from Van Dorn Street. Both clubs boast competitive swim teams and community atmospheres; Bren Mar also features tennis courts. Check out www.dtpool.org or call Bren Mar at 703-750-1711 for more information.

BIKE RIDING

Hammond Middle School's bicyclists aren't keeping to the school's track anymore. The 30-member Bike Club meets every Monday for off-campus rides, and Hammond

and GW students are participating as Local Motion Bike Ambassadors this summer. The Ambassadors will provide information at various city events about bike safety. Misty Stahr Boyd heads up the effort for Hammond.

QUESTIONS

This column should be back to a regular schedule now that our spring travels (college visits and Morocco) have concluded. We have gotten to know Virginia much better...and Morocco is certainly a country to be recommended. It was great, however, to get back to jogging in Cameron Station without worrying about running into a camel! Send your breaking summer news to me at mamamiajones@gmail.com or call me at 703-823-5261.

MIA JONES

Taylor Run

PAINT OUT

The Mid-Atlantic Plein Air Painting Association had a glorious day for its paint-out at historic River Farm, home of the American Hor-

tical Society. Nineteen artists signed up and reveled in the blissfully beautiful flowers. The 27-acre property, originally one of George Washington's farms, was purchased by the great garden-lover Enid Annenberg Haupt and given to the Horticultural Society in 1971.

The pictures will be hung right there at River Farm on July 1 and will stay until August 25.

CONNALLY PARTY

Janice Connally of Ruffner Road, one of the artists, gave a party next day so her friends could see her garden, on which neighbor Craig Hudson had been working hard for two weeks. It was truly lovely, and so was the party.

Most of the Executive Committee of the Cosmos Club Associates was there; so were Jean Federico, Leonardo Contardo, Radm Masterson and wife Sally, Kirby Rodriguez, historian Ruth Kaye, Jean Getlein, Charles and Ruth Hanszlik, Margaret Cerruti, and Mr. and Mrs. Stan Krysa.

LOIS KELSO HUNT

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS

Send announcements to the Gazette-Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

DADS ("Dads And Daughters & Sons") Project encourages and supports father (figures) in their quest to become actively involved in the education of their children, primarily through literacy and educational trips. Using a library of children's books provided by the D.A.D.S. Project, father (figures) are invited to read several books each month to their child and to post entries in a monthly journal about their experiences. Father (figures) who complete their books and journals then participate in educational weekend trips with other fathers and their children. Free. Located at 1224 Princess St. Contact J.D. Walker at 703-549-4232 x 4095.

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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 www.thehowardgardnerschool.org

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will hold summer programs and activities for the Charles Houston Recreation Center community at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Recreation Center, 1605 Cameron St., for youth ages 6 to 12. Programs for pre-teens and teens will be held at the George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave. Summer programs begin Monday, June 23 and continue through Friday, August 15. Youth Programs include structured activities for participants, as well as opportunities for free play. Activities include sports, games, tournaments, arts and crafts projects, swimming, and reading activities. Special events include an ice cream social, international food tasting, field day, a pre-Fourth of July cook out, movies and a Show Your Talent contest. In addition, participants will take field trips to the Skate and Fun Zone, Port Discovery, City libraries, the MAC Hoffman Theater, and to Bull Run Park and Pool. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Recreation Center. Children who are residents of the City of Alexandria, between the ages of 6 and 12, are welcome to participate (children 5 years of age may participate if they have completed kindergarten).

The G.W. Power-Up Summer Program, located at the George Washington Middle School, is a summer day camp program for youth ages 11 to 14. Structured, age-appropriate activities, sports, games, arts and crafts, 4-H project clubs, field trips and other special events will be offered. Operating hours are 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. In addition to the Power-Up Summer Program, evening activities for teens will be available at the George Washington Middle School, Monday through Saturday from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Activities include table games tournaments, video games, pizza parties, movie nights, sports and use of the gymnasium, a weight room with fitness

equipment, multi-purpose room, and classrooms. Scheduled field trips include visits to the Skate and Fun Zone, the Cameron Run Wave Pool, and a boat ride to the National Harbor. For additional information and to register for summer program activities, call the Charles Houston Recreation Center staff at 703-838-4814.

One on One Basketball presents its first overnight camps this summer. Located at the 130 acre Episcopal High School campus. The Northern Virginia Basketball Camp caters to boys ages 7 - 16 and provides a day camp option. The Northern Virginia overnight Camp runs July 6-10 for \$475. The day camp option (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) is \$350. The Intensive overnight Camp runs July 11-13 for \$350. Team and group discounts available. One on One Basketball runs other day camps throughout the region. Call 202-244-BALL or visit <http://www.1on1basketball.com/dc/>

Over 200 George Washington students boarded buses for the Annual "Music in the Parks" Competition in Williamsburg. They competed before tough and discerning judges who evaluated them on musicianship, interpretation and presentation. Alexandria's GW band and orchestra students scored "Superior" rankings; the competition's top category. The Concert and Symphonic Bands took home first place trophies in their individual divisions. The scores placed them as two of the top four bands among 22 competitors. Video clips of past performances are available on youtube "<http://www.youtube.com/user/belowthehill>."

The 2008 Summer Technology Institute for students completing the 7th or 8th grade (rising 8th and 9th graders) will be held at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (TJHSST), 6560 Braddock Road, July 7 through Aug. 1. Students may attend the TJHSST Summer Tech Institute regardless of where they are enrolled in school. TJHSST is a Fairfax County public school. Complete information regarding all course offerings, dates, and descriptions is available at <http://information.tjhsst.edu/sumtechins.html>

Hammond Elementary School will accept gently used or new books, both fiction and non-fiction, geared toward elementary and middle-school students. Drop off books in the main office at the school, 4646 Seminary Road, by June 13 so that students will receive them before

the end of the school year. Book pick-up also is available. For more information, contact Jodie Peters, reading peer coach, at Hammond at jodie.peters@acps.k12.va.us or 703-461-6559.

Alexandria Archaeology will be hosting an **archaeology camp** for kids this summer, and registrations are being accepted now. Campers will learn professional excavating, recording, and artifact-processing methods as they help uncover Alexandria's buried past while protecting historical resources. The camp is open to children ages 12 through 15. There are two one-week sessions, which run from Monday, July 21 through Friday, July 25, and from Monday, July 28 through Friday, Aug. 1. The camp day starts at 9 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m., and campers supply their own drinks, snacks and lunch. Camp costs \$350 per session and some scholarships are available. Space is limited to just 15 campers per session and a non-refundable deposit of \$100 is required to hold a slot. Each camper will receive a commemorative T-shirt. For more information or to register for camp, visit www.AlexandriaArchaeology.org or call 703-838-4399.

Two Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) volunteers received recognition at the recent Northern Virginia District PTA Meeting and Awards Dinner. **Mimi Carter**, immediate past president and current fundraising co-chairperson of the Mount Vernon Community School PTA, received the 2008 Northern Virginia District PTA Volunteer of the Year award at the annual event, which took place on April 17.

T.C. Williams High School volunteer **Brooksie Koopman** was nominated for the Secondary Volunteer of the Year award for her dedication to the T.C. Williams PTSA over the past 11 years. Koopman has served as co-editor of the Parent Handbook and co-chair for the Committee on Community Programs. A familiar face on the All Night Grad Committee, she is appreciated for her efforts to improve lighting around the perimeter of the school.

Michael Reynolds, a senior at T.C. Williams High School, won first place in Automotive Services Marketing at the DECA International Career Development Conference 2008, held April 26 through 29 in Atlanta, Ga. T.C. Williams senior Alia Elnahs, who placed in the state competition's Marketing Management event, also participated in the international competition.

go, come when you can. Call 703-549-2997 for more information.

Learn about Medicare on Friday, June 13 at 2 p.m. at NOVA's Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free. 703-845-6222.

Capital Hospice is starting a Grief Support Group at the Hollin Hall Senior Center on Mondays, from 2-3 p.m. to talk with others who have also had losses. Carol Mansfield of Capital Hospice will facilitate. Call Senior Center at 703-4573 or sign up on their Bulletin Board.

The **Alexandria Mental Health Family Support Group** of NAMI/FOCUS is open to all families dealing with mentally ill family members suffering from depression, bipolar or schizophrenia. Alison Malmon will be the guest speaker at the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Call 571-451-0773

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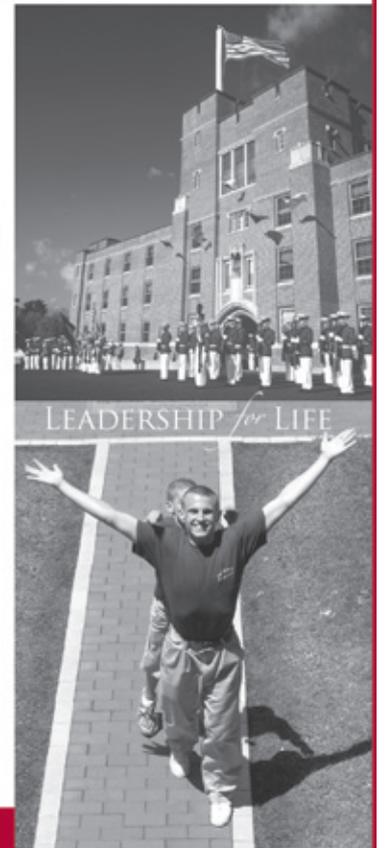
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The Elephant In The Room

“Suicide is the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about.”

— Dr. Millie Osborne

Arlington author examines suicide through a young person.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Dr. Millie Osborne, the medical director of Arlington County's Behavioral Health Care Services and an assistant clinical professor of psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at George Washington University, has been helping people recover from mental illness for over 20 years. She also is the mother of four children. Recently she gave a talk about suicide at the Beatley Library in Alexandria based on her new book, "The Inner World of a Suicidal Youth: What Every Parent and Health Professional Should Know," is an examination of Electra, a college student whose ongoing psychological turmoil leads her to

commit suicide.

Osborne wrote the book after being given Electra's diary by members of her extended family who found them after she died. The result is a rare bird's-eye view into the mind of a deeply troubled young person.

In an interview Osborne talked about why her book is relevant now, what could have been done to help Electra and why society needs to change the way it thinks about suicide.

Tell me about your book.

Suicide is the elephant in the room that no one wants to talk about. As a result of all the stigma around it, the rates aren't getting any better. They're getting worse. Young people, in particular, are attempting suicide more. My goal in writing the book is [to] follow a young lady through adolescence as she goes through college. The young lady has a lot going for her. The point is to show how on the surface people can appear as though they're fine. We have to look beneath the surface to try to understand young people.



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Dr. Millie Osborne

How did you find these diaries?

Her family found them and sent them to me. A lot of people ask me if she was a patient of mine. She was not ... Even if a patient had given me permission to do something like this, I would have felt that was too intrusive.

What did you learn through the writing of this book.

I learned a lot of what I already knew. I've been a psychologist for many years so working with

people who had trauma is not new to me. What I'd been learning over the years is how no one wants to talk about it. Preventing suicide is really a multi-faceted effort. The community thinks that the psychiatrists have the answers but the bottom line is that, with all these medications and all this therapy in place, young people are still attempting to kill themselves.

Why do you think this is?

In general, people have a kind of tunnel vision in terms of suicide. One of the insights that I hope to bring to the community is just how complex this can be. A lot of people want to believe that if you're depressed you become suicidal. But most people who are depressed do not try to kill themselves. What Electra does for the community is that she presents multiple facets to this lethal condition, facets that even the most seasoned psychiatrist wouldn't have the opportunity to see.

How did you get involved in this area of study?

I started out in family practice. In attempting to treat basic hyper-

tension and diabetes, I found that a lot of my patients had other issues that contributed to their illnesses but needed another level of understanding and treatment. I switched to psychiatry ... I've always loved people and wanted to help them. It's second nature to me. And I've always loved children.

Could anything have been done to prevent Elektra's suicide?

I know a lot could have been done. But, that said, what was done at the time was based on how we understand suicide ... One of the things I've noticed is that the therapists are trained to do therapy in a certain way. The psychiatrists they are trained to assess and maybe start them on medication. But very often there is so much more to the picture that we don't see in a professional setting. This [book] is a bird's-eye view that experts don't get to see.

What should every parent know about looking out for warning signs in their children?

I don't think it's that the parents don't pay attention. The community is agatekeeper: teachers, parents, therapists, psychiatrists. The prevention of suicide isn't on one individual. If a parent has a suicidal youth, it isn't on that one parent.

A mother [once] told me that her son doesn't talk to her. Part of the message that I tried to convey to her is that just because we're parents to our kids doesn't mean we need to think of ourselves as lone rangers. If your son won't talk to you, there's somebody he'll talk to. She could bring her son [to a local community services center] and there people there who will engage him and then eventually she can be pulled into the discussion. Many people try to experience trouble in isolation.

How did the writing of this book affect you emotionally?

It was very hard to write because I really wanted to get in the head of a young person. And she was very successful. She went to an Ivy League school. To see how successful she could be on the outside and how tortured she could be on the inside was striking.

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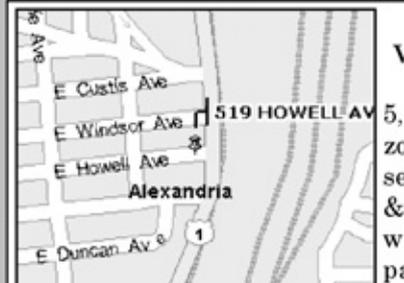
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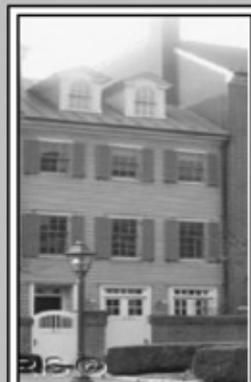


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Short bio

I was born in New York City, son of Romanian immigrants. My father was trained as a jeweler in Bucharest. As soon as he arrived in New York he began working for the jewelry trade, mostly with platinum, which had become popular at that time—around 1912. He worked in New York until the early 30's, then, after some searching, we moved to Bridgeport Connecticut

Through the Depression years, whenever I had the chance I watched him make and repair jewelry, first at his bench in our kitchen and later at his own shop, but still geared mainly for the benefit of the retail jeweler. Unfortunately, my interests moved more in the direction of natural history and other things.

At the onset of World War II I was in college, but enlisted in the army after qualifying for Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). Through this Program I was able to attend the Virginia Military Institute for an all too brief time, I went on to other training and service, which, fortunately, took me to various parts of Virginia making me a devout Virginian.

My first job after the War, and after graduating from George Washington University, was at the Library of Congress, writing abstracts for government sponsored research. I chose the library because of my love of books. I must say I loved working at the library, but there was a certain senator who happened to live a few doors from me on Capitol Hill, who seemed to be on a nationwide witch hunt, even directing his attention to people on his block namely me, which made me uncomfortable, so I started thinking that I might have to leave my wonderful job. As it turned out a store became available directly across the street from the library and I and another library employee rented it almost immediately and opened what we first called Capitol Hill Antiquarians. Later I moved and changed the name to Capitol Hill Antiques. About that time my mother joined me and we emphasized antiques and antique jewelry. After office hours I worked with her almost every day

and on weekends. When my office at the library relocated to Virginia (I didn't have to leave my job, after all) I moved the business there and changed the name to Silverman Galleries.

Why did you choose this particular business?

Long time interest in jewelry, art and antiques, and a place for my mother to work.

Why did you choose to work for yourself rather than as an employee for someone else—particularly relevant if answer illustrates the risk taken? You don't have to answer to anyone except your customers and the tax-collector.

What have you learned from being in business?

It could be both exciting and boring. Examples of exciting : discovering beautiful and interesting things. The challenge of selling something rare and interesting to someone who appreciates and understands how wonderful and unique it is. Example of boring : Being 'on duty' when you would rather be somewhere else. That's why Silverman Galleries is open two days a week and invites appointments the other days.

Share an anecdote of a challenging or humorous experience or biggest surprise learned from working your business:

Antiques attract people who are intelligent, imaginative, artistic and history minded, so we meet a lot of interesting people. Many are fun to know, some have become dear friends over the course of so many years that we nearly forget how we met. Last week one friend reminded us that we met in 1958, when, as she said "My mother bought a piece of jewelry from your mother."

A few years ago we found a surprise every morning as we approached the shop : a little pile of twigs and random items such as are typically found on sidewalks, arranged with care in an artistic pattern, in front of the display window. Every morning a different arrangement would appear, apparently the work of a night wanderer who found the objects inside inspiring.

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

Advantage : live six blocks from work, in a town steeped in history and charm where you can walk to shops and activities of all kinds.

Disadvantage: So much of the population is transient; many neighbors come and go before we get to know each other. But this is also an advantage because we meet so many people who have lived so many diverse places, and have had so many diverse



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Celebrating 50 Years. Angela and Maurice Silverman find Old Town Alexandria geared to antiques lovers. They enjoy the challenge of "selling something rare and interesting to someone who appreciates and understands how wonderful and unique it is."

experiences.

Old Town Alexandria seems to be geared to antiques lovers. A good percentage of new residents and visitors seem to appreciate antiques more and more.

Manager

Angela Silverman, Maurice's wife.

Short bio:

Born in New Rochelle, New York (25 miles north of Manhattan). Italian-American mother, Hungarian-American father; taught by nuns in Catholic schools, kindergarten through high school. Favorite childhood haunts were the dinosaurs at New York's Museum of Natural History and the Egyptian Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Undergraduate degree in Psychology from State University of NY at Binghamton; took all electives in Art History. Moved to Washington in 1973, recalling that it had many nice museums. From a starting job as "contact lens girl" went on to work 7 years as an optician. Walked into Silverman Galleries in 1982 and never left. Over the years supplemented on-the-job experience with studies to become a Graduate Gemologist (GG, GIA) and appraiser of antiques and antique jewelry accredited by the International Society of Appraisers. (ISA AM). Hobbies include 18th century vegetarian cooking, gardening.

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HEALTH

Annual Garden Party



Anne Beverly Jones and Joe Viar, president of the Alexandria Hospital Foundation



On May 21 the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation brought together members and prospective members of the 1872 Society for its 3rd Annual Recruitment Luncheon. This year's garden party was hosted and sponsored by Danny and Karen Abramson in their garden and home. Danny Abramson also serves on the Alexandria Hospital Foundation. The 1872 Society recognizes annual donors to the Hospital since the Society's founding in 1991, members of the 1872 Society have contributed more than \$20 million dollars in direct, private support to the Hospital. The current co-chairs of the Society are Foundation member Gincy Carosi and Suzanne Backus.

Gail Ledwig, Gincy Carosi (co-chair of the 1872 Society), Julie Lineberry and Currie Smith



Machele Irby, Cathy Bradford, Sue Browning, Becky Siegel and Suzanne Backus, co-chair of the 1872 Society



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Normally, the reflective times in our lives happen at the end of something. Graduation. The end of the calendar year. But the Alexandria Sportsman's Club got a jump on looking back, and honoring its best and brightest, with the 53rd annual banquet held on May 21 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Tierra Ruffin-Pratt was honored as the best basketball player for the third year in a row.

With Ryan Fannon, the play-by-play voice of Villanova basketball and an employee of the Alexandria Aces emceeding for the 10th straight year, the banquet went quickly despite dinner and a featured speaker.

Ed Cunningham, an ESPN broadcaster and documentary film producer, spoke about the difference between hard work and talent. Cunningham, hardly resembling the 290-pound beast that helped the University of Washington share the 1991 NCAA national championship with the University of Miami. A Mount Vernon alum, he is the highest-ever draft pick for the Majors. He also enjoyed a brief NFL career.

But the real treat were the honorees, most of who were present, that represented the four Alexandria high schools. The award winners each gave a quick speech. Here's a quick glimpse at the honorees.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Local Lacrosse Players Honored

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes junior lacrosse standout Kelly Austin earned the Heather Leigh Albert Award as the top player in the Schoolgirl Division at the U.S. Lacrosse Women's Division Na-

tional Tournament in Owings Mills, Md. over the weekend.

Austin, the daughter of famed fitness guru Denise Austin, helped Mid Atlantic 1 capture the title, edging New York 1, 8-7, to win its seventh title in eight years.

Stephanie Anderson was also a finalist for the award.

In the high school Seniors Only Division, Mid Atlantic defeated Upper

Atlantic 1, 11-9, behind two goals from the SSSAS's Hadley Lankford.

Earlier in the week, the rosters for the 2008 Under Armour Lacrosse All-Americans were announced, and it included four Alexandria natives.

Episcopal's Lindsey de Butts (Princeton), Georgetown Visitation's Mary Lacey Gilbridge (University of North Carolina), and SSSAS's Cassie

Pyle (Princeton) and Annie Taylor (University of Virginia) were selected to the girls' South team.

The girls' South squad will be coached by John Carroll's Krystin Porcella.

The boys' and girls' North versus South All-American games headline an all-state game on July 12 at Towson University's Johnny Unitas Stadium. The girls' game will start at 6 p.m.

The 2008 Classic features 88 players from 14 states, including players from as far as Arizona, California, and Colorado. With 26 players, New York has the most participants, followed closely by Maryland with 25 players. The boys' North team has been victorious in the first two years of the event, while the girls' South team evened up the series at one by winning last season.

AWARD	NAME	AFFILIATION
HALL OF FAME	ROBERT MCDONNELL	BISHOP IRETON
<i>A wide receiver, defensive back and punter for the Class of 1971, McDonnell scored on a 63-yard touchdown in the last meeting between Ireton and T.C. Williams. He is the state attorney general, and is hoping to run for governor.</i>		
CIVIC	IKE PARKER	ALEXANDRIA PARKS AND REC
<i>After graduating from George Washington, Parker was involved with the Parks and Recreation department for 40-plus years. He coached a Little League baseball team to the World Series in 1948 and was an official in multiple sports.</i>		
RECREATION DEPARTMENT PRENTIS CURTIS CARMICHAEL BRYANT SCHOOL		
<i>A 15-year-old, Carmichael led the 125-pound Alexandria Titans to the finals of the Fairfax County Youth Football League Championship game.</i>		
CROSS COUNTRY	BRAD KENIMER	T.C. WILLIAMS
<i>A two-year winner and senior captain, Kenimer won the Alexandria City Championship and finished third in the region. Will run at Dartmouth.</i>		
GOLF	JOEY CURLEY	SSSAS
<i>A junior, Curley was named all-IAC with a nine-hole average of 36.8. Led the Cardinal to a sixth-place finish in the VISAA state tournament.</i>		
FIELD HOCKEY	LILA SAMPERTON	SSSAS
<i>A three-year varsity starter for the undefeated Saints, Samperton helped SSSAS finish among the top teams nationally. Will play for Georgetown next season.</i>		
FOOTBALL	ANDREW RODRIGUEZ	BISHOP IRETON
<i>A three-year all-state standout, Rodriguez led Ireton to a 9-3 record and a VISAA state championship berth. Will attend Army next season.</i>		
ICE HOCKEY	BRIGGS DAVIS	SSSAS
<i>A two-year winner, he scored 35 points for the school's first-ever IAC regular season and tournament titles. Will play lacrosse at Middlebury next year.</i>		
BASKETBALL	TIERRA RUFFIN-PRATT	T.C. WILLIAMS
<i>A three-year winner, she averaged 26 points and 15 rebounds en route to a 22-1 record. Ranked among the top two players for the Class of 2009.</i>		
WRESTLER	BRIAN O'DONNELL	BISHOP IRETON
<i>Compiled a 32-5 record, including a runner-up finish in the WCAC Tournament. Will play football for Catholic University next season.</i>		
VOLLEYBALL	MARY FORAN	EPISCOPAL
<i>An underclassman, Foran led the Maroon in hitting, passing and defense en route to the best season in school history.</i>		
LACROSSE	HADLEY LANKFORD	SSSAS
<i>The school's all-time assist leader, she paced the Saints to an undefeated record and VISAA state title. Will play at Dartmouth next season.</i>		
TENNIS	JAMIE UTT	EPISCOPAL
<i>A captain and No. 1 player for the second straight year, Utt was an all-IAC and all-state performer. Went 8-1 and had a No. 3 state ranking.</i>		
TENNIS	MEGHAN BOHN	BISHOP IRETON
<i>Compiling a 15-6 record, Bohn was a top seed and captain for the Cardinal. Will attend the College of William & Mary next year.</i>		
BASEBALL	TYLER DUPRE	BISHOP IRETON
<i>A four-year starter, Dupre finished with a .400 batting average helping Ireton to the WCAC title game. Will walk-on at Virginia Tech in the fall.</i>		
CREW	ZACH WHITACRE	T.C. WILLIAMS
<i>A senior and captain of the boys second varsity boat, Whitacre set personal records in test distances. Will attend Washington University.</i>		
CREW	CARA DONLEY	T.C. WILLIAMS
<i>Headed to Indiana University on a scholarship, Donley, daughter of Kerry Donley, rowed for five years for the Titans.</i>		
DIVER	BRIGGY IMBRIGLIA	BISHOP IRETON
<i>A four-year winner, Imbriglia finished undefeated throughout his high school career. The state record holder will dive at the University of Virginia next year.</i>		
SWIM	HUNTER PERROT	SSSAS
<i>Set school records in the 200 free, 200 IM, 500 free, 200-free relay and 400-free relay en route to being an all-IAC and all-state selection.</i>		
TRACK	ALLANTE KEELS	EPISCOPAL
<i>Only a junior, Keels set five school records and is among the nation's best in the 400 and 800 meters. Finished third in the Eastern State Championships.</i>		
TRACK	TYNITA BUTTS	T.C. WILLIAMS
<i>Only a junior, Butts set a state record in the long jump, clearing 20 feet during the winter. Ranked the No. 1 sprinter and longer jumper in the state.</i>		
SOFTBALL	KRISTIN KELLEHER	BISHOP IRETON
<i>A four-year starter, Kelleher had over 140 strikeouts and a gaudy .83 earned run average. Will play at Charleston Southern University next year.</i>		
SOCCER	ABLE "SHADOW" SEBELE	EPISCOPAL
<i>Originally from Zimbabwe, he broke a school-record with 31 goals and 23 assists en route to the Maroon's 16-6, its best season in 59 years.</i>		
COACH OF THE YEAR	IVAN THOMAS	T.C. WILLIAMS
<i>Led Titans to their third consecutive undefeated season in the Patriot District, as well as the school's first ever back-to-back regional titles.</i>		
SPECIAL AWARD	T.C. WILLIAMS BASKETBALL	T.C. WILLIAMS
<i>The Titans unexpectedly won the Virginia AAA basketball title for just the second time ever in school history, and the first since 1977.</i>		

A Shot in the Dark — Golf Pro Gets Chance

Bowers narrowly misses cut during Nationwide Tour event.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
SPECIAL TO GAZETTE PACKET

In a story line drawn from “Tin Cup,” a local club professional tested his game against the regulars on the Nationwide Tour last week at The Country Club at Woodmore in Mitchellville, Md. While his story lacked a Hollywood finish, he enjoyed the break from his day job.

Phil Bowers, a PGA golf professional at Alexandria’s Mount Vernon Country Club, shot 71-76-147 and missed the cut by three strokes at the Melwood Prince George’s County Open. A double and a triple bogey on the back nine on Friday offset his four birdies on the round.

He made it into the starting field through a special qualifier for club pros in the Middle Atlantic section of The PGA. The Nationwide Tour sets aside two or three slots in each week’s tournament for local pros.

“It’s a way of thanking The PGA for their valuable contribution to golf,” said Nationwide Tour official Tom Hearn. “The PGA is part of our team.”

Bowers, however, was content just to have the opportunity.

“Once I made it into the tournament, my goal was to come down the stretch with the chance to make the cut,” Bowers said afterward in the clubhouse. “That’s what I did, and I’m certainly not going to hang my head. I played solid golf for two days except for one or two holes.”

Asked about the high point of his two rounds, Bowers said he was pleased with his putting. “I really rolled the ball well and



Local Northern Virginia club pro Phil Bowers studies his line during the 2008 Melwood Prince George’s County Open, a Nationwide Tour event at The Country of Woodmore, May 22-35.

made a ton of putts.” Disappointments? “None, really. Well, maybe that triple on 17. I could have been playing for money on the weekend.”

A reporting crew from WRC-TV, the local NBC affiliate, followed Bowers during his two rounds and aired segments on him both evenings.

“It was fun to get a little attention,” he said as he changed his shoes after the second round. “But it was more fun to step into the Tour golf world for a couple days.”

With that, he headed for the parking lot, and then to Mount Vernon to finish the afternoon shift in the pro shop.

FOR THE UNINITIATED, the Nationwide Tour is to the PGA Tour as triple-A baseball is to the big dance. It began in 1990 as a developmental circuit for aspiring players, and has had several names as sponsors came and went—buy.com, Nike, and now Nationwide Insurance. Players today are a mix young flat-bellies aiming

for the PGA Tour and leathery veterans, many playing a downhill lie.

Bowers is not new to serious competition. He was the runner-up in the 2003 Middle Atlantic section assistant pro championship. In 2006, he qualified for the PGA Professional National Championship, an event that started in 1968, as the PGA Tour began its eventual split from The PGA. He missed the cut in 2006, but gained valuable experience, which he will need next month. Bowers qualified for this year’s national championship, scheduled for June 19-22 at Georgia’s Reynolds Plantation, by virtue of his eighth-place tie in the 2007 Middle Atlantic PGA section championship.

AFTER FOUR YEARS on the golf team at Radford University, Bowers graduated in 2000. He started in The PGA apprentice program at Bull Run Golf Club in Haymarket, and then moved to become an assistant pro at Gypsy Hill Golf Club in Staunton. He joined the staff at Mount Vernon in 2005.

“As a kid, I wanted to be a golf pro,” Bowers said. “But I learned quickly in college that there are a lot of really good players out there. I decided to work as a club pro, but try to improve my game to the point that I could compete occasionally with the big boys.”

So far, so good.

Bowers’s wife, Danielle, walked the course during his second round, leaving their one-year-old daughter, Samantha, with Danielle’s mother. She seemed more nervous than her husband.

“He was pretty calm at home after qualifying,” she said. “Last night after his first round, he didn’t do anything except take a shower and go to bed. We had to leave the house at 5 a.m. to make his morning tee time.”

Two Locals Caddie For First Time in Nationwide Event

George Malenich and David Fagan, both from Alexandria, worked as novice caddies in the Nationwide event. Malenich, who runs the plumbing shop at George Mason University, had caddied only once at the pro level. As for Fagan, who owns a software consulting business, “I never caddied before in my life,” he said.

As the 2004 Washington Post high school golf Coach of the Year, Malenich knows a bit about the game. He won that honor coaching Centerville, and is now at Thomas Jefferson. He also hosts a weekly sports program on Mason’s radio station, WGMU.

“After I interviewed a couple of the Nationwide players for the show Wednesday afternoon, I asked if any players needed caddies,” he explained.

An Aussie named Scott Gardiner was without a caddie. Gardiner is fully exempt on the Tour, having finished 30th on the Nationwide money list last year.

Plagued by back problems, Gardiner missed the cut by two strokes, but comple-

mented Malenich afterward.

“He did well, Gardiner said. “He was always in the right place. George obviously knows the game, and I enjoyed having him on the bag.”

Malenich and his wife of 24 years had plans to travel to Boston for their anniversary on Saturday morning. What if Gardiner had made the cut? “If Scott had finished the second round in the top 10, she would have said, ‘Go have your fun.’”

Phil Bowers asked Fagan to caddie despite the latter’s lack of experience on a bag. Fagan is a member at Mount Vernon Country Club where Bowers works as a PGA pro. Paying to an 11-handicap—“I was an eight before I started playing Mount Vernon,” he said—Fagan also knows the game.

“The only instruction Phil gave me was to never let the flagstick touch the green,” he said afterward. “From my own playing experience, I knew generally where to stand, plus one of the other caddies gave me some tips.”



David Fagan, rear, worked for club pro Phil Bowers in the Melwood Prince George’s County Open.

Fagan never offered Bowers advice, and spoke only when his player initiated a conversation. “I tried to be positive, keep him relaxed, and stay out of the way.”

Like Malenich, Fagan had fun. “I had a blast,” Fagan said. “It was great to see what happens inside the ropes.”

—MICHAEL K. BOHN

All-Region First Team

Pos	Player	School
C	Keith Morrisroe	Chantilly
C	Scott Reed	South Lakes
1B	Matt Snyder	Westfield
2B	Kyle Toulouse	Yorktown
SS	Brent Frazier	South County
SS	Jacob Morley	W.T. Woodson
3B	Mike Snyder	Westfield
OF	Jeff Haeuptle	West Springfield
OF	Johnny Bladel	Stone Bridge
OF	Steve Kouril	Yorktown
OF	Shannon Mark	Lake Braddock
OF	Pike Brynildson	T.C. Williams
DH	Keith Werman	Oakton
UTIL	Kevin Wager	Oakton
UTIL	Mike Edwards	Wakefield
P	Tyler Basso	Stone Bridge
P	Ty Weaver	Stone Bridge
P	Patrick Somers	Chantilly
P	Mike Kent	West Springfield
P	Brian Derner	Lake Braddock

Player of the Year: Matt Snyder, Westfield
Pitcher of the Year: Tyler Basso, Stone Bridge
Coach of the Year: Sam Plank, Stone Bridge

Families Remember

TAPS Survivor Seminar brings families from across the country.

BY MIKE DICICCO
GAZETTE

This year, Memorial Day was a four-day affair for Sterling resident Ami Neiberger-Miller, who spent the long weekend and the preceding Friday arranging interviews and herding families around Arlington, Washington, D.C. and National Harbor, Md. She was helping to coordinate the 14th annual National Survivor Seminar sponsored by TAPS, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors. Hundreds of families who had lost a loved one to military service came from across the country to the Double Tree Hotel in Crystal City for the event.

Neiberger-Miller, who runs a public relations company with her husband, specializing in nonprofits, first contacted TAPS last October after she had gotten up to give a business presentation and “fell completely

apart,” she said. It was about a month after her younger brother had been killed by an improvised explosive device (IED) while serving in Iraq, and she decided she needed some help. Her company is now contracted by TAPS, although some of her work, such as helping to manage last weekend’s seminar, is done on a volunteer basis.

For a good part of the weekend, children and parents were separated, and the approximately 300 children and teens were broken into age groups and paired with mentors who are on active duty with the military. “By spending time with their mentors, they’re rebuilding their sense of connection with the military community,” said Neiberger-Miller. Also, she said, it was especially good for children who had lost their father or older brother to “have someone they can horse around with and ride on their shoulders.”

The children’s Good Grief camp is an attempt to help children and teens work through the pain of their loss through a variety of activities, from serious discussions to a Saturday-night party. Among the weekend’s events were a wreath-laying ceremony, a National Symphony Orchestra concert, a Marine Corps Band parade and a “balloon release,” during which all of the children released balloons into the sky carrying



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

Each child participating in the weekend program was escorted by a mentor. The mentors this year are all active duty military. The notes written by the children to their departed family members are tied carefully to the strings of the balloons.

rying messages to the loved ones they had lost.

“It’s nice to be with other people who’ve had that same experience, so you don’t feel left out,” said Brice Landstreet of Rock Hill, S.C., as he toured the monuments and military memorials on the National Mall with other 11- and 12-year-olds and their men-

tors Saturday afternoon. Brice said the sense of belonging was the biggest reason he had come back for his third seminar. “The mentors are really nice and you just meet some new friends,” he added.

“They’re not holding in their anger.

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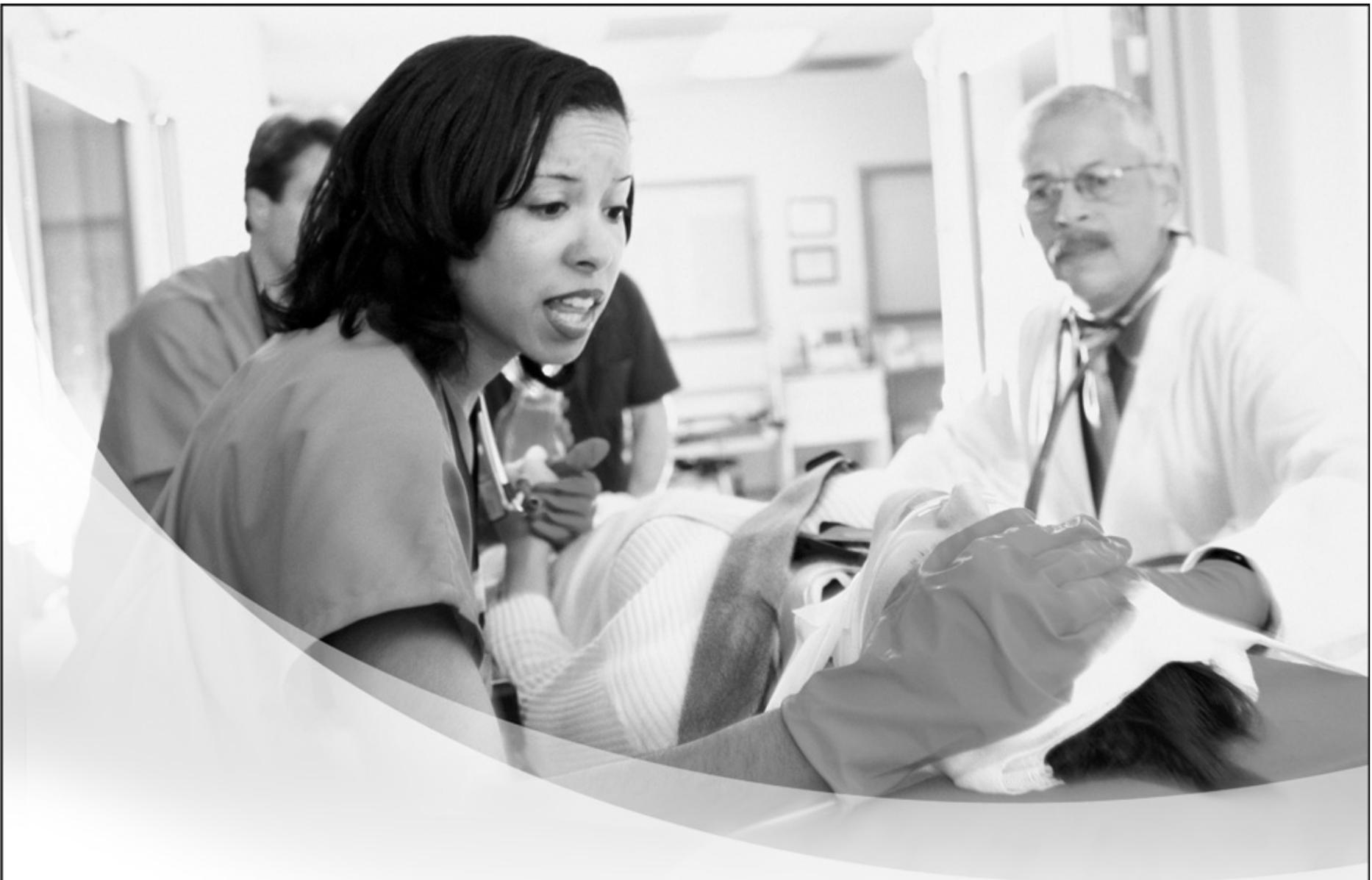
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Survivor Seminar

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They're getting it out and talking about it and relaxing and having fun at the same time," said Brice's mentor, Duaine Martin of Fort Carson, Colo. Martin said he had come to his first Good Grief camp this year looking for a chance to give something back to the community, and he said he had enjoyed getting to know the children, "seeing them smile and trying to make them laugh."

Alicia Siebert of Jacksonville, N.C. had previously attended a TAPS camp

that traveled to D.C. and Las Vegas, and she said she enjoyed seeing new sights and touring museums and monuments. "Sometimes we have to sit in circles, but we also do fun things," she said. "Circles are boring."

HER MENTOR, JAMES HAMILTON, who is stationed with the Army Honor Guard at Fort McNair in D.C., said he first mentored last year after his son's stepfather was killed in Iraq. "I wanted to do whatever I could," he said. "And I had to come back. I love it." When he helps to bury soldiers in Arlington Cemetery, he is not allowed to thank the families for their sacrifice, he said, noting that TAPS gives him a chance to show his appreciation.

"I get as much out of these camps as the kids do," said Hamilton. "I lost a couple of friends in the war myself." He said he would continue to mentor at the seminars "every year that I'm able to walk or get here." Last year, he was one of two members of his company who came. This year, he convinced the company to let him bring 16 men in spite of the busy Memorial Day schedule.

One of those was Ryan Stahl, who happened to be mentoring Hamilton's son, Austin. "These kids, a lot of the younger ones, they lost their positive male role model early in life," said Stahl. "I want to – not fill that but show them they can look up to other people too."

"It's just kind of fun and energetic," said Austin, who came from Fort Hood, Texas. Although Stahl said he had been fairly quiet over the weekend, Austin said he liked "when we all talk about our feelings and stuff like that." However, he said the monument tour was his favorite activity so far.

Sandra Drew of Herndon said her daughter had been too old

to attend Good Grief camp and her son had preferred his own network of friends for support when their father died in Bosnia in 1995. She, however, took solace in the company of "other people who were dealing with the same things I was dealing with," she said at a banquet at the Gaylord National Resort and Conference Center Saturday evening.

"It's nice to be with other people who've had that same experience, so you don't feel left out."

— Brice Landstreet, almost 11

Her husband, Nelson Drew, an Air Force colonel and military and political affairs officer on the National Security Council, had been traveling over Mount Igman to Sarajevo when the road gave

way under his armored car. He and two others were killed. He had been working to negotiate a cease-fire to end the Bosnian War and is credited with helping to lay the foundation for the Dayton Peace Accords that followed. "I believe he knew that this was what he was to be doing," said Drew.

In addition to her husband's military and diplomatic prowess, Drew said he had been "a great father." An image that she'd had in her head over the weekend, she said, was a memory of him "sitting on the couch with



Mentor Jeanette Chervony remembers her father who died in Vietnam on May 5, 1968. Jeanette helps Tess Bracy attach a note for Tess's dad.



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

At 10:45a.m. on Sunday morning over 200 red, white and blue balloons carrying notes to family and friends who have died in the Iraq War, were set free in the sky in Crystal City

our then-18-month-old daughter, and he's got a book in his hand, reading to her, and she's got a book in her hand, upside-down, reading along."

Drew said she now attended TAPS seminars to reunite with old friends and to help newcomers. "It's a nice way to spend a weekend, coming here and remembering why we have Memorial Day," she said.

Annandale resident Yolanda Acevedo said she and her two sons, now both teenagers, had been attending the annual event for the last four years. "It's very healthy for them to be here, and they enjoy it, especially the relationships with the mentors," she said, noting that spending time with active-duty members of the military was "a way to be close to their father, in a way."

Neiberger-Miller said that after she contacted TAPS she had immediately been paired with a woman who had lost her younger brother about three years before Neiberger-Miller's brother was killed, and she found they had many of the same concerns, such as worrying about their parents. She pointed out that the suddenness

of an active-duty death is devastating not only to the parents and children of the deceased. "I certainly never thought my brother would die before I would," she said. "I never thought I would have to stand there with my parents and watch them bury their son."

"I never thought I would have to stand there with my parents and watch them bury their son."

— Ami Neiberger-Miller

She said her brother, Chris, had always wanted to be a soldier and had built huge battlefields in the family's playroom with his two brothers when they were growing up in Gainesville, Fla. "Part of me thinks he would have joined the French Legion if he hadn't joined the Army," she said. His competency test results had been such that recruiters had told him he could take virtually any job he wished, and they were surprised when he said he wanted to join the infantry, said Neiberger-Miller. "But that's what he wanted. He wanted to be a soldier."

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Case No JJ021734-01-00
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Commonwealth of Virginia, in re ELIZABETH SANTOS-MOLINA
The object of this suit is to:

Custody/Visitation.
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ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020397-06-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re BRIONA WILLIAMS
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 Michael Wilkerson, the alleged father of Briona Williams born 4/16/1998, daughter of Jeannie Williams-Sandifer.
It is ORDERED that the defendant Michael Wilkerson(father) appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 7/22/2008 at 9:00am

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Case No JJ020397-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
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Case No JJ020396-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re JOSHUA WILLIAMS
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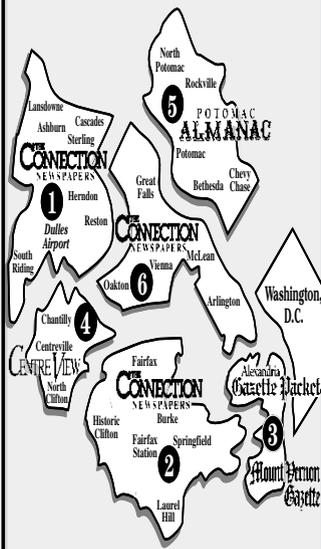
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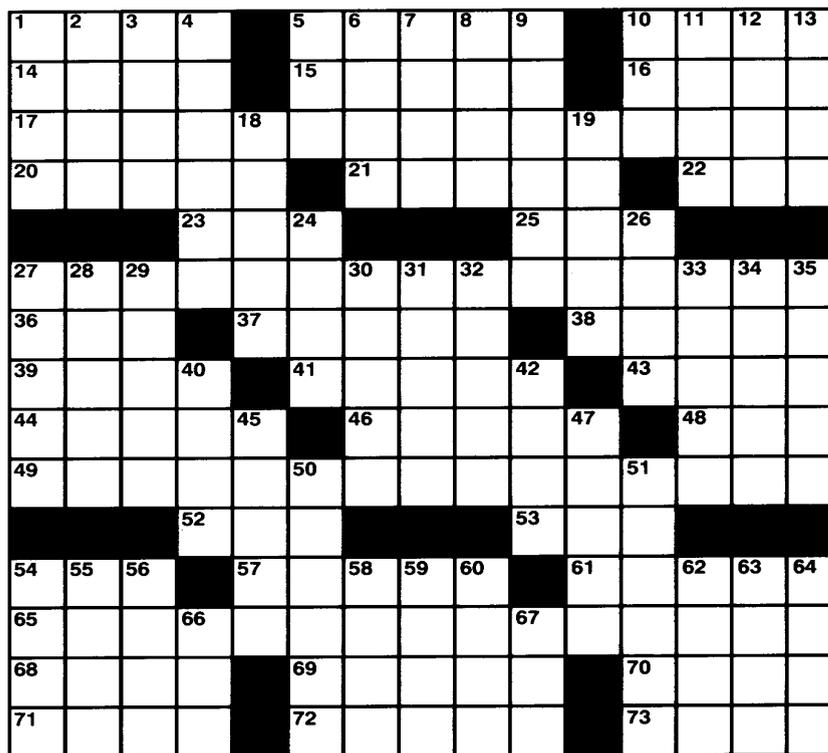
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- 1 Center of an old-fashioned roast
- 5 Old Jewish scholars
- 10 Kid
- 14 Fully fit
- 15 Coin being replaced by the euro
- 16 Got down
- 17 What boxer #1 did
- 20 Got up
- 21 More wily
- 22 Political grp. since 1854
- 23 Umbrella part
- 25 Launch of 1986
- 27 What boxer #2 was
- 36 Slice of history
- 37 "— so right!"
- 38 "Li'l" guy
- 39 Othello's betrayer
- 41 Dishonest sort
- 43 Actor Morales
- 44 Bloodhound's guide
- 46 "A Garden of Earthly Delights" author
- 48 Pipe joint

- 49 What boxer #2 then had to do
- 52 Late Cabinet Secretary Brown
- 53 White House souvenir
- 54 Draft org.
- 57 Schiller's "— Joy"
- 61 Swindler's name, possibly
- 65 What the boxers and fans now do
- 68 "What a shame!"
- 69 Certain fur
- 70 Say — (deny)
- 71 "— No Angels" (Bogart flick)
- 72 Studio stock
- 73 "Go ahead!"

DOWN

- 1 Scroogeisms
- 2 Life preserver?
- 3 Kind of flute
- 4 Like some Christians
- 5 Union in a 1955 merger
- 6 Ringling —
- 7 Wail
- 8 Hostile to
- 9 Machination

- 31 Trick's alternative
- 32 Moor
- 33 Remove stitches from
- 34 Football Hall-of-Famer Greasy —
- 35 Bird's sound
- 40 — about (near)
- 42 Hoard
- 45 — a kind (pair)
- 47 Recipe direction
- 50 Protected from the elements
- 51 Back from flying
- 54 "Pygmalion" dramatist
- 55 Only
- 56 Practice in the ring
- 58 Art Deco name
- 59 London's — Gallery
- 60 Hurler Hersher
- 62 Classic Langston Hughes poem
- 63 Play opener
- 64 Whisky amount
- 66 Opp. of WNW
- 67 E.M.T. destinations

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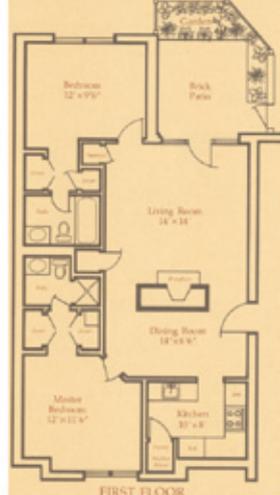


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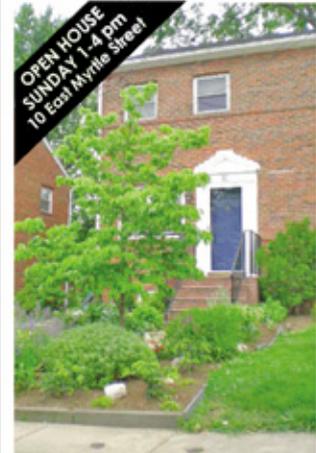
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