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Derailing the West End

Charges and counter-charges fly as city officials brace for extended battle with Norfolk Southern.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

One Friday evening in October 2006, a Norfolk Southern railcar loaded with ethanol was making its way from Illinois to New Jersey when it came to a bridge in New Brighton, Pa. Disaster struck the east-bound train, and 23 cars derailed spilling thousands of gallons of ethanol. Several of the cars fell into the Beaver River as local officials organized an evacuation of a seven-block radius. The derailment of approximately 20 cars caused an ignition of thousands of gallons of ethanol, resulting in a fire that burned for 48 hours before firefighters were able to extinguish the flames. Last month, the National Transportation Safety Board determined that the probable cause for the 2006 derailment was Norfolk Southern's "inadequate rail inspection and maintenance program that resulted in a rail fracture from an undetected internal defect."

"Because Norfolk Southern did not have an adequate rail inspection and maintenance program, they put the public, crew and environment at risk," concluded board chairman Mark Rosenker in a May 13 written statement announcing the decision. "This accident illustrates the importance of having a comprehensive rail inspection and maintenance program that will account for factors such as rail head wear and loss of

signal during internal testing."

Here in Alexandria, West End residents are fearful that they could soon experience their own New Brighton disaster. Last month Norfolk Southern transformed an old truck

"This could happen to any community in the United States."

—Mindy Lyle, West End resident

transferring operation into an ethanol loading facility, currently operating 16 trucks a day for five days a week. Members of the Alexandria City Council didn't find out about the "transloading facility" until it had already been operational for more than a month, and City Manager Jim Hartmann took full responsibility for the delay by explaining he wanted to fully understand the situation before presenting council with a recommendation. Meanwhile, Norfolk Southern officials admitted they knew the city didn't have the resources to fight a potential fire there during the first

seven weeks of operation.

"This could happen to any community in the United States," said West End resident Mindy Lyle, noting recent federal mandates to increase the use of ethanol production.

LYLE WAS ONE of a handful of outraged residents and elected officials who staged a protest outside the ethanol transloading station earlier this week. The protest came even as charges and counter charges were flying between city officials and Norfolk Southern. The first volley was fired by the



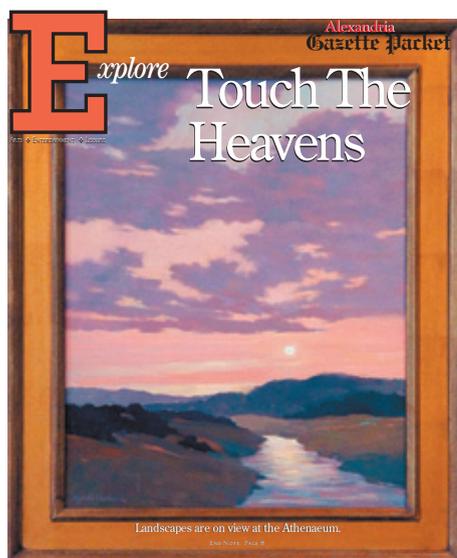
Vice Mayor Del Pepper, left, participates in a Monday afternoon protest of Norfolk Southern's ethanol offloading station.

PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

city on June 16, when City Attorney Ignacio Pessoa filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board seeking a declaratory order that would subject the transloading facility to the city's special-use permitting process. Because the site is operated by a contractor, Pessoa will argue to federal regulators, Norfolk Southern cannot claim immunity under federal laws protecting railroads.

"They seem to think they have some kind

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Those Who Didn't Get a Diploma

At T.C. Williams graduation, officials worry about increasing number of dropouts.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Even as graduation robes were flowing in the muggy hallway circling the Patriot Center last week, school officials waiting in the Hospitality Room of the building were trying to make sense of the numbers. Over the last three years, the dropout rate has been spiraling downward.

Administration officials complained that the numbers were miscalculated, but the city's standing is far below statewide standards. Hispanic students are showing the most drastic decline, with the graduation rate falling

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—School Board Member
Eileen Cassidy Rivera

from 62 percent in 2005 to 44 percent in 2007. Alexandria's Hispanic students dropout with a frequency far greater than the statewide average, which was 68 in 2005 and 64 percent in 2007.

"Why is nobody doing anything about this? Why is nobody talking about this?" asked School Board member Eileen Cassidy Rivera while waiting for the

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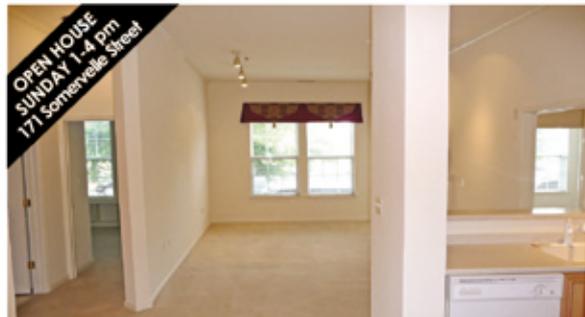
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Painted Lady

People who own buildings in Old Town know they can't paint brick walls on a whim. Alexandria has a tradition of deliberation, and a well-known penchant for preservation. Developer **Rob Kaufman** admitted Tuesday night that he should have known better, yet he painted his building at 900 Prince St. without approval from the Board of Architectural Review.

"Somewhere along the way of all that I'm supposed to know I didn't know, and we painted a building," Kaufman told City Council members Tuesday night. "This building was fireplace brick. We can call it whatever we like but it was just an absolutely horrible brick."

City Council members must now decide what the appropriate punishment should be for not following the rules. Forcing Kaufman to remove the paint might leave the building looking worse for wear, yet leaving it painted could set an unwanted precedence. Then there's the matter of what kind of a fine would be within the bounds of the law yet act as a sufficient deterrent for others who might want to act like Kaufman. Council members decided to stall for the summer to discern the right number.

"Today's trendy styles may beckon, just as the haircut of the '70s made the mayor and myself happening guys back then," said newly installed Old Town Civic Association President **Poul Hertel** Tuesday night.

"Just for the record, I think the mayor's haircut is still happening," added Councilman **Rob Krupicka**.

"**Duncan Blair's** is gone," said Vice Mayor **Del Pepper** in reference to Kaufman's dome-headed attorney.

Wait Until May

Voters who participate in the presidential election this November will not be deciding the fate of Alexandria's springtime elections. The City Council decided to defer the reform effort earlier this week, essentially killing the proposal for now. The stalling tactic came after a letter from the Electoral Board warning of widespread problems administering an additional strain of what's expected to be a high-turnout November election. Council members decided to take the matter up again in May, just after the city elections for City Council and School Board.

"I wouldn't call this a victory," said **Dick Hobson**, who was chairman of an advisory panel that recommended against moving city elections from May to November. "But it's a move in that direction. It's certainly better than having adopted it."

Predatory Shakedown

Councilman **Justin Wilson** has abandoned his bid to raise taxes on car-title lenders and payday lenders to the highest possible rate available under Virginia law. Instead he offered a "voluntary program" Tuesday night in which industry officials agreed to make ongoing commitments to fund financial literacy programs in Alexandria.

Wilson said he felt this was "a good start" and that he expected the General Assembly to take up the issue of car-title lenders next year. Meanwhile, he said, the city's next legislative packet could include support for a car-title reform effort similar to the one crafted for the payday lending industry earlier this year. He offered the motion as measure that would "pass by indefinitely" so he could threaten to bring the tax hike at any time.

"There's no reason we can't move forward with this in the future," he said. "This is not done."

Speaking of Deferral

Let's see. For those keeping score, that's a deferral on the painted-brick controversy, a deferral on election reform and a deferral on the institution of a predatory-lending tax increase. Obviously members of the City Council wanted to avoid making rash decisions before heading out of town for their summer vacations. It's also worth noting that their failure to act on the smoking-ban "reenactment clause" from last year means that Mayor **Bill Euille's** use of the city's regulatory powers to limit smoking has gone, well, up in smoke.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Claire Eberwein has been chair since July 2007.

Eberwein's Final Meeting

Without a television camera in sight, the School Board chairwoman bids Auf Wiedersehen.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

School Board Chairwoman Claire Eberwein is the kind of elected official who likes to control the message. Phone calls to her telephone number go unreturned, although she occasionally sends written statements — if she decides to respond at all. Since taking control of the board in a five-to-four vote last year, Eberwein has used her position of leadership on the School Board to speak directly to Alexandria residents by using her bully pulpit of televised meetings, which are usually broadcast live on Comcast channel 70.

But not Eberwein's last meeting.

When board members assembled for the Monday night meeting, the Comcast camera was nowhere to be found. As a result, television viewers were deprived of watching Eberwein's last appearance as chairwoman of the Alexandria School Board. It was to be her final meeting before stepping down from her elected position to move to Austria with her family, and she had asked each committee chairman to prepare a report on their work during her year as chairwoman. The television event was intended to be a sort of counterbalance to the spate of negative publicity the School Board has received over the last year — everything from bad press over Eberwein's decision to change the locks on the final day of former Superintendent Rebecca Perry to the unexplained termination of the first search firm hired to find a new superintendent.

"I still want to know why we are not on TV," she said during a part of the meeting known as the "chairman's report" Eberwein created last year. "I'm frankly disappointed."

"It may have fallen through the cracks," said interim Superintendent Bill Symons, who was also attending his last meeting.

"That's a disappointingly large crack for the end of the year," Eberwein shot back.

THE ERA OF Claire Eberwein has drawn to a close, leaving a divided community behind.. After loosing

re-election to the City Council in 2003, Eberwein launched a comeback in 2006 and returned to the School Board chamber where she had served before the 2000 city election. She then worked with four other board members to oust Perry, launching an effort which the four minority members described as overly secretive and potentially illegal.

"They clearly violated board procedures to meet fully as a board before delivering a personnel message as important as the superintendent's contract," School Board member Eileen Cassidy Rivera wrote in a May 9 e-mail to Sheryl Gorsuch. "The message needs to be that if they don't clean up their act, we will go public and expose their unethical actions."

Shortly after the five-to-four vote on Perry, Eberwein took control of the board in another five-to-four vote and immediately began putting her imprint on the proceedings. Eberwein's

"I believe this board has been able to work together quite well."

— Claire Eberwein

new leadership style for the board quickly became apparent. During a September meeting when board members were considering the makeup of an advisory panel, Rivera tried to make a motion that would restore a name that had been removed from the final version of the ballot. Eberwein cut her off and tried to barrel through the meeting without regard to her colleague.

"I'm actually going to rule your motion out of order, and I'm going to proceed with the superintendent search update," Eberwein said during the Sept. 20 meeting.

Gorsuch had to ask for a ruling from the vice chairman before Eberwein finally relented and allowed Rivera to offer her motion, which failed on a seven-to-two vote. This was only Eberwein's second School Board meeting as chairwoman, and she frequently found herself in control over a deeply divided board. The scars created by the controversial way Perry was fired continued to strain relationships between board members, even as they tried to move on and take action on other issues.

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GRADUATION DAY



The T.C. Williams Concert Choir directed by Dr. Patricia Jarvis sings 'Time to Say Goodbye' and 'May Your Roads Be Straight and Narrow.'



Anthony Snead, Jr. sings the National Anthem as the Colors are presented.

TC Celebrates Graduation

The class of 2008 graduated from T.C. Williams High School Friday in ceremonies at the Patriot Center on the campus of George Mason University.



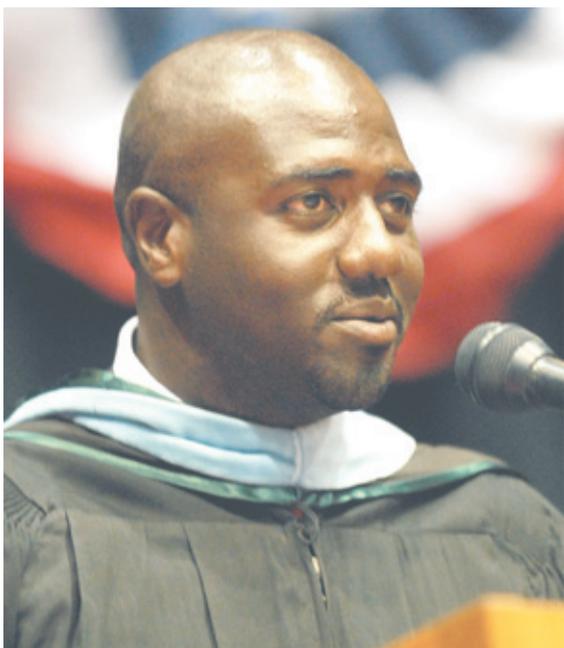
Class Valedictorians Rebecca Newsham and Katherine Wolfe.



Robert Kirk Purdy is called forward by Tammy Ignacio to receive the Titan Award.



Aleksandra Kirillovna Denisin (center) is announced as the winner of the 2008 T.C. William's faculty award.



Titan Coach Ivan Thomas delivers the graduation address to the students.

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The T.C. High School Band begins the playing of Pomp and Circumstances as the Class of 2008 enters the Patriot Center.

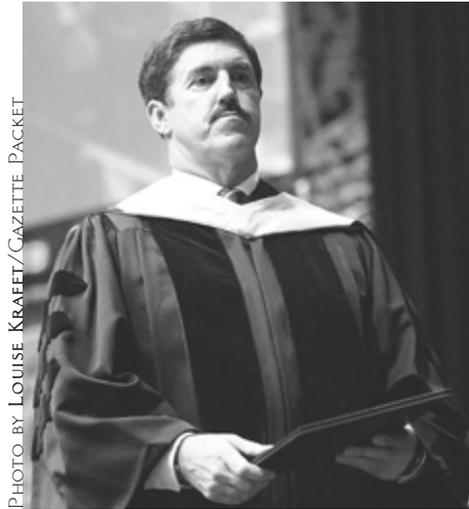


SCHOOLS

Number of Dropouts Increasing

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graduation ceremony to begin last week. "We've been distracted for the last three years with finding a new superintendent and approving a plan for talented and gifted students."



Mel Riddile

Rivera said that she would like to see the current School Board members focus next year on building support structures for those who are falling behind. One reform she said she would be advocating involves each elementary school issuing a contract with parents about the performance of each stu-

dent in Alexandria City Public Schools. Rivera's own child at Lyles-Crouch Elementary School has such a contract, and she said she would like to see all city schools adopt the contract model of formally setting up expectations for parents.

"We need to be focused on why these students are leaving the system," Rivera said. "Our school system is not taking care of them."

ADMINISTRATORS HAVE LONG argued that No Child Left Behind forces them to compile statistics that are misleading. T.C. Williams High School Principal Mel Riddile said the feds require a four-year graduation rate, so students who graduate after a summer session are counted as dropouts. He also pointed out that the city's high rate of mobility contributed to numbers that overstated the number of students who drop out of high school instead of graduating, with state governments grappling to deal with massive relocations prompted by changing attitudes toward Hispanic immigrants. When students leave, Riddile said, school administrators must count them as dropouts unless they enroll in another Virginia school.

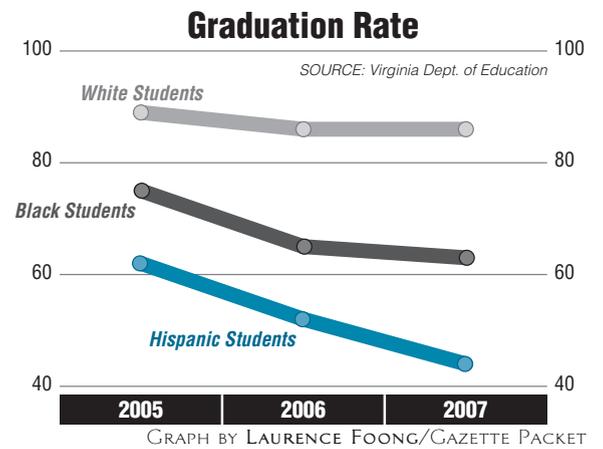
"If a student moves to Maryland, there's no way for us to determine if that student enrolled in a school there or not," said Riddile. "Sometimes students leave and

they don't tell us where they are going, and that all contributes to the graduation rate."

A controversial report released last year charged that Alexandria City Public Schools has a "two-track system," one in which a privileged white minority receives an education that sets them on a path for college while black and Latino students are marginalized or ignored. The report, titled "Obstacles to Opportunity," was issued by George Mason University Sociology professor Tony Roshan Samara, the Advancement Project and Tenants and Workers United. It was ignored by the School Board, which declined to even docket the recommendations for discussion. Now board members and administrators are trying to figure out a way that Alexandria's statistics could at least become closer to the statewide average.

"Some people just don't have the motivation to go to school," said Carlos Canales, a member of the class of 2008, while waiting for the processional to begin. "Others need money to support their families, so they get a job."

BLACK STUDENTS have also been dropping out in increasing numbers during recent years, falling nine percentage points below the statewide average of 72 percent



last year. Some visitors to the graduation ceremony remembered a time when Alexandria didn't even offer high-school classes to blacks, a time when the African-American graduation rate was virtually nonexistent. Waiting outside the building for the pomp and circumstance to begin, 97-year-old Alexandria native Mabel Burts recalled a childhood attending classes at the Hallowell School for Girls in the 400 block of North Alfred Street. In 1920 she was there for the opening day of the segregated Parker Gray School, which only offered classes through the eighth grade. The Burts family had to pay tuition to send her to high school in the District of Columbia, a path to graduation that current No Child Left Behind rules would classify her as a dropout even though she graduated from Armstrong High School in 1924.

"Everybody should have been created equal," she said while waiting for her great-great-granddaughters to walk across the stage. "But they didn't do that."

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BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Outstanding volunteers and retiring Board of Directors members received special recognition last Thursday during Senior Services of Alexandria's 40th Annual Membership Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Luncheon at Goodwin House.

Robert Bussler received the Outstanding Volunteer Award for his decade-long participation in SSA's Meals on Wheels Program. A veteran of World War II and the Korean Conflict, Bussler is one of SSA's "Key Volunteers" who are responsible for garnering other volunteers to cover six routes per month, according to Samantha Pipkin, Meals on Wheels coordinator, who presented Bussler with the special award.

"A key volunteer has the responsibility of supplying 60 volunteers, five days a month to make our meal deliveries possible. That's a heavy responsibility," Pipkin said in making the award.

Also honored for her role in the program was Virginia Smith who has been an SSA volunteer for nearly 20 years, according to Pipkin. Smith was not able to attend the luncheon.

Special recognition was also paid to Susan Winn and Sandy Calhoun as outgoing members of SSA's Board of Directors. Winn,



Samantha Pipkin, coordinator, SSA Meals On Wheels, presents a special recognition to Robert Bussler as an "outstanding volunteer" for the program during SSA's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

an SSA past president, served as this year's nominating committee chair and presented the incoming slate of officers and directors during the membership meeting portion of the luncheon. Alfred P. Duncker, a third outgoing Board member, was not present.

Kicking off the two hour event, Senior Services of Alexandria President Carl D. Behnke told the audience that SSA is "a very credible organization that is well respected within the Alexandria power structure. The picture that has emerged is that we are well run and well organized." He attributed "the lion's share" of that assessment to SSA's new



Susan Winn, left, and Sandy Calhoun, outgoing members of the SSA Board of Directors, were presented with gifts for their years of service and dedication during SSA 40th Annual Volunteer Recognition Luncheon.

executive director Janet Barnett who assumed that role at the beginning of 2008.

Behnke also alerted the membership that, "We need to strengthen our relationship with major donors. To accomplish that we are hiring a development specialist to increase our visibility with potential major donors." Prior to presenting the special awards, Behnke conducted the formal election of the new offices and Board members. By voice vote the following slate of officers, as proposed by Winn's nominating committee, were elected unanimously:

Behnke, president; Mark N. Roth, vice

president; H. Arthur Sauer, secretary; John B. Smith II, treasurer; and Barbara Lord, corresponding secretary.

In addition ten new members were elected to the SSA Board of Directors. They join six members serving a second term.

Following the award presentation, Barnett introduced Barbara Barton, president, Barton and Barton Travel Consultants, as the event's guest speaker.

Her topic, "Seniors on the Move - A Road Less Traveled," spelled out various travel considerations particularly aimed at senior citizens.

Kitten Tangles With Lawnmower

Despite being run over by an industrial lawnmower, Joe is now thriving and waiting to be adopted.

BY BEN GEIER
GAZETTE PACKET

Though the Vola Lawson Animal shelter contains dozens of cats, dogs, rabbits, birds, ferrets and other animals waiting to be adopted, there is one animal that seems likely to catch the eye of anyone scanning the cages. This is because one small kitten- known affectionately as Joe- is missing the fleshy parts of his ears after remarkably surviving an encounter with a running lawnmower.

According to Diann Hohenthaner, the Special Events Coordinator for the shelter, Joe was run over by an industrial lawnmower cutting a field of tall grass. Unlike his younger sibling, who died at the scene of the accident, Joe was able stay alive, though not without serious injury.

"He was just hunkered down, and his ears were cut and mangled. His head was also cut down to the bone," Hohenthaner said. She added that Joe was "found sometime later by a good Samaritan."

After being treated by a local veterinarian, who wished not to be publicly identified, Joe was surrendered to the shelter and immediately he began the process of getting ready to be adopted. Despite the unusual circumstances, the normal paperwork was filled out- albeit with a few extra questions- and the situation moved forward as it does with all pets.

"We really stick to procedure here, even with fantastic stories," said Lisabeth Adams, Director of Development for the shelter. Adams explained that allows the shelter to make sure that they "provide the same care for all ani-

mals."

Amazingly, there seems to be no lasting personality issues in the small orange kitten, who is scheduled to get his stitches removed and go off antibiotics within a week- after only two weeks in the shelter.

"It's just amazing to me to interact with him and what a dear, sweet soul he is. I don't think I would recover so quickly," said Adams. Equally incredible is the fact that Joe will not require any special care or veterinary attention due to his injuries. The only thing different for him will be that he will not be able to go out in the rain, though according the Hohenthaner and Adams the shelter highly recommends that all cats be raised indoors. Adams even managed to find one way that Joe would be easier to raise than other cats.



Joe is waiting for a new home

"I think his ears will be easy to clean," she noted.

Though Joe's story seems to be heading for a touching movie script ending, Hohenthaner pointed out that incidents like this happen too often, and are more often than not fatal.

"If [people] learn anything from his situation, it's just to look in the tall grass," she said, noting that lawnmowers frequently run over and kill or mangle animals like rabbits. Hohenthaner also pointed

out that this situation is not limited to large industrial mowers operated in public places.

"It can also happen to people in their own back yards," she said.

Despite these grave warnings, and despite how perilously close Joe himself came to death, the story is still one of overwhelming hope and joy.

[Joe will] be looking for another home pretty soon," said Adams- and it seems that is all anyone could ask for.

Smoldering Hope

As government-led efforts fail, voluntary smoking bans are on the rise.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Ask Eric Jones how many years he smoked, and you're likely to get a curt answer: "Too many." Jones said he would bum cigarettes from anyone who happened to be around, an on-again-off-again habit that was controlled partially by his environment. If people were smoking around him, Jones was likely to light up. And like many smokers, Jones found himself working in an environment where smoking is commonplace. About two years ago, he took a position as one of the managers of Capital City Brewing in Shirlington.

"I just woke up one day and decided to quit," said Jones after a recent lunch rush at the restaurant. "It's just healthier this way."

Jones is not alone. His employer has also given up smoking. Starting on July 1, Capital City Brewing will become a no-smoking establishment, joining about 300 of Arlington's 700 restaurants that have self-identified as a smoke-free environment. In

Alexandria 120 out of 360 restaurants have voluntarily banned smoking. Yet even as more and more establishments decide to go smoke-free on their own, government-led initiatives have fizzled in recent days.

"It clearly is going to take some persistence," said Sen. Mary Margaret Whipple (D-32) shortly after her statewide smoking ban passed the Senate but died in the House. "We know that we've got our work cut out for us in the House of Representatives."

PERHAPS THE MOST creative government-led proposal to ban smoking was unveiled last year by Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, who suggested a plan to use the city's zoning authority. If bars and restaurants failed to give up smoking, under the mayor's plan, they would lose their special-use permit. Restaurant owners balked, and City Council members deferred the issue under a rare "reenactment clause" that would force another vote to finalize the plan. Alexandria officials said the reenactment clause was a stalling plan that would give surrounding jurisdictions a chance to form

a regional approach. But the regional approach never happened, and now City Council members are planning to recess for the summer without taking action on the plan — essentially killing the proposal by letting it fade into oblivion.

"It will not become effective," said Alexandria City Attorney Ignacio Pessoa. "At least not at this point in time."

Meanwhile, voluntary efforts to ban smoking have taken off in recent years. And government officials have been encouraging the use of voluntary bans even as regional and statewide efforts have faltered. Since 2005, the Alexandria government has offered a "Smoke-Free Dining Program" that offers incentives for participation, such as publicity in advertisements of restaurants participating in the voluntary program. The



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More restaurants are joining voluntary programs even as government-led efforts are faltering.

program started with 75 participating restaurants and has since doubled its membership roster. Arlington offers a "FitArlington Smoke-Free Restaurant Guide" that lists the name and phone number of participating smoke-free establishments, and county officials say they are constantly updating the list when they find out more restaurants have voluntarily gone smoke free.

"We are finding that the public is really driving this issue," said Richard Cole, chief of Arlington's Environmental Health Bureau. "Many of these businesses on the list have decided that going smoke-free is a good business decision."

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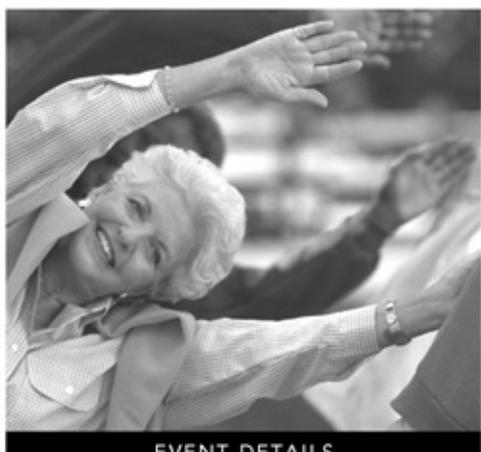
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Hoping for Something Special

Special session in search of transportation solutions begins this week in Richmond.

Snatching defeat from the jaws of victory, the Virginia Supreme Court overturned an unlikely and hopeful transportation funding plan passed by the Virginia General Assembly earlier this year.

At the same time, funding for rail to Dulles has hit several bumps that could derail the project.

But at the beginning of this week, members of the General Assembly were back in Richmond, supposedly to produce a plan that would replace the \$300 million or more that the now defunct plan would have raised.

Gov. Timothy M. Kaine has made some sensible proposals, but the forces of “no, never, no taxes” say they will scuttle many if not all of the possible sources of new revenue to pay for transit, roads and other transportation improvements.

Kaine points out that Dulles Airport and the Port of Virginia are responsible for an estimated 375,000 jobs and \$895 million in state revenue. “These are our two most valuable connections with the global economy, but they depend upon a network that will allow easy movement of people and goods to and from these critical transportation hubs,” Kaine said at the opening of the special session Monday.

Here’s what he proposes:

- ❖ Raising the annual vehicle registration fee by \$10 and increasing the sales tax on automobiles from 3 to 4 percent. Virginia’s auto title tax would still be significantly below the national average.

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❖ Raising the annual vehicle registration fee by \$10 and increasing the sales tax on automobiles from 3 to 4 percent. Virginia’s auto title tax would still be significantly below the national average.

❖ Fix the regional packages by imposing a 1 percent regional sales tax on goods other than food, medicine or automobiles.

❖ A grantors’ tax on property sale proceeds — 25 cents for each \$100 in value to create a Transportation Change Fund, with 75 percent of the revenue going for new transit strategies and 25 percent dedicated to projects for economic development. This would support public transit, carpooling, teleworking, etc.

These add up to a sensible proposal, and would provide money needed for maintenance as well as dedicated funding for Metro.

Meanwhile, if you’re sitting in traffic, higher gas prices might be the future source of some relief. Finally, with a clear economic motivation, perhaps some real alternatives will arise, some plan that calls for something other than millions people with jobs getting into cars one person at a time and heading to and from work at about the same time every weekday.

We can only hope that new technologies and new approaches developed over the next decade or two will provide less need to clog the roadways.

Without Basics

Electrical storms have left many people without electricity in Fairfax, Loudoun, Arlington and Alexandria in the past few weeks, most of us for brief periods, but some for a couple of days at a time.

Across the river in Montgomery County, hundreds of thousands of people lived without drinkable water for a couple of days.

Being without either or both serves as a reminder that ordinary events (rather than terrorism) also require a little preparedness.

Recommended: Three days worth of non-perishable food and water for everyone in your household, plus flashlights, a battery powered radio and extra batteries. What’s in your storage cupboard?

Help Wanted: Snow Jobs Available

Job seekers need to be wary of Internet scammers.

BY EDWARD JOHNSON

Desperate people do desperate things. The fallout that can result from losing a job is wrought with examples of rational people making irrational decisions. That’s because losing a job equates to more than simply a loss of income. The adverse consequences can quickly pile up and become insurmountable. Even though the ability to earn money may be on pause, you cannot put a pause on monthly bills. In short notice, an uncertain future becomes reality. Add in a troubled economy, a high unemployment rate and the ease by which unscrupulous businesses can hide behind a fake web site and you have the job-scammer’s perfect storm.

In a recent report on job searching, The Conference Board noted that in 2007, 73 percent of job seekers reported using online

resources. While the Internet has made searching for jobs easier, it also provides an opportunity for ID thieves and schemers to take advantage of eager — and unsuspecting — job seekers.

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) provides the following guidance to help people spot the most common red flags associated with online job search scams:

RED FLAG #1: Employer e-mails are full of grammatical and spelling errors

Most online fraud is perpetrated by scammers located outside the U.S. Their first language usually isn’t English and this is often evident in their poor grasp of the language that can include poor grammar and the misspelling of common words.

RED FLAG #2: E-mails purporting to be from job posting Web sites claiming there’s a problem with a job hunter’s account

After creating a user account on sites like Monster.com or Careerbuilder.com, a job hunter might receive an e-mail say-

ing there has been a problem with their account or they need to follow a hyperlink to install new software. Such phishing e-mails are designed to convince readers to click a link within the message to fix the issue, but actually take them to a Web site that will install malware or viruses on their computer.

RED FLAG #3: An employer asks for extensive personal information such as social security or bank account numbers

Some job seekers have been surprised to learn they’ve gotten a job without having to do a single interview. However, when the employer then asked for personal information in order to fill out the necessary paperwork suspicions were raised — and rightly so. Regardless of the reason or excuse given by the employer, a job applicant should never give out his or her Social Security or bank account numbers over the phone or e-mail.

RED FLAG #4: An employer offers the opportunity to become rich

without leaving home

While there are legitimate businesses that allow employees to work from home, there are also many scammers trying to take advantage of senior citizens, stay-at-home moms, students and injured or handicapped people looking to make money at home. Job hunters should use extreme caution when considering a work-at-home offer and always research the company with the BBB first at www.dc-easternpa.bbb.org.

RED FLAG #5: An employer asks for money upfront

Aside from paying for a uniform, it is rarely advisable for an applicant to pay upfront fees or make a required purchase to get a job. Most recently, the BBB uncovered a scam where job hunters were told they had to pay \$64.50 for a background check before they could be considered for a cleaning job. Predictably, after paying for the background check, the job seeker never heard from the company again.

Edward Johnson is president and CEO of the Better Business Bureau serving the greater metro Washington, D.C. region.

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CRIME

Man Charged with Killing His Wife

The Alexandria Police Department have arrested a West End man and charged him with beating his wife to death June 22. On June 23, police officials identified the man as Mesfin Hussin, 35, of the 3000 block of Park Center Drive. Police were called to the scene around 11:55 p.m. Sunday night after receiving a report of a deceased fe-

male.

"He remained at the scene," said Police Chief David Baker. "And then we made the arrest."

The wife was later identified as Hawlet Mohammed, a 27 year-old Alexandria woman who died at



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Warren Brown Puts CakeLove on Paper

BY GREG PATTON
GAZETTE PACKET

Warren Brown is a busy man. The founder of CakeLove is opening his bakery's sixth location later this year, is engaged with a wedding planned for October, and has just come out with a book, *CakeLove: How to Bake Cakes from Scratch*. The lawyer-turned-baker agreed to sit down and answer a few questions during a recent stop on his book tour in Shirlington where a CakeLove bakery is located.

So you got through law school, you were a government litigator—and cooking was always just in the background?

In the background, but also really in the foreground in a lot of ways, because I would end up in the kitchen doing something elaborate three or four times a week, whether it was for breakfast, or serving lunch on the weekends—friends coming over, just doing a lot of things. What I discovered was, it's a very easy way to share time and have company over, because I love entertaining. Well, that's the thing, I don't actually love entertaining, but I love cooking.

What made you decide to make this your day job instead of practicing law?

The reality that I couldn't do both. The reality that I had to make a choice. There's freedom and liberty in making a choice. Since I have, I've really excelled and been able to not just be at peace but really grow. The problem was, How am I going to pay for anything? How do I pay the rent, how do I buy the ingredients, how do I actually find the resources to make it happen; and secondly, how do we even know that customers are going to keep coming or come at all? Those are answers that no one can provide, really just time will provide.

How did your family take it when you told them you were going to be a baker instead of a lawyer?

They were supportive in general. You know, it took some convincing and persuading by way of showing them what I have, what my plan is, what the product is, and my energy and interest level. I took my time, and I think I approached the subject with them in a way where I said, "This is what I'm thinking of doing and what I would like to do, what do you think of it?" and waited for their reply. And then, the next time I saw them, I brought a cake. I guess they just saw from the beginning how much I liked it, and they also have a lot of faith in me. I knew I could do it, too, but knowing you can do it and doing it are two really different things.

Why did you settle on baking as opposed to any other form of art?

I tried different kinds of art. I used to draw a lot with oil pastels, a lot with chalks, did a lot with poetry..... I did try, and worked and enjoyed, and I think I've made some pretty interesting stuff with art, and I prob-

ably would have continued if I felt like I'd had a better foundation to work with. But I suppose when I looked at it, and I was really looking to make strides with something, I noticed that cooking was something I naturally excelled at.

You make European buttercream and American cake. Explain that.

The difference with cake is, typically European cake is like a sponge cake. It's a very low amount of butter relative to the sugar, flour, and eggs. It's a foam-style cake where you're whipping air into the eggs and sugar, then you fold in the flour, then you fold in a little bit of butter. In American cake, you cream the butter and sugar, very slowly incorporate air into the butter and sugar, and then add in eggs, flour, and some kind of milk item. There's a lot more moisture in there from the milk, and the result is that the cake has a great ability to be a platform for supporting other flavors—frostings and fruit fillings.

PROFILE

Buttercreams, there's a lot for that. Essentially, it's American buttercreams, and then European ones. Europeans are Italian, French, Swiss—several different ways. The one we make the most is Italian meringue buttercream. American buttercream is butter whipped together with confectioner's sugar, add in milk, sometimes cream—some kind of liquid dairy agent, until it's smooth. Confectioner's sugar is ground up so finely that when you bite into it, it just passes right through your mucous membrane and gives you a sugar rush. I don't think it tastes that good. It's just so sickeningly sweet that it's too much to handle. We don't go with that one.

You're interested in what goes on at the molecular level in your food. Can you explain that for someone who doesn't know anything about cooking science?

I like to think in terms of the smallest units. I like to imagine myself in the bowl as the mixer is going around, and get a sense of how the ingredients are bonding and coming together with one another. A cake batter is all the ingredients in there mixing around air. As I think myself into the bowl, I feel like I can get an idea of how much more of anything I can add. How much dairy agent can I add before I overwhelm the starch's capacity to absorb moisture and give structure to the cake? I like to think at that level, and watching cartoons when I was a kid actually helps me to imagine that, because you have to have some basis for your imagination. So I guess CakeLove is the way it is because of Smurfs.

What's your favorite cake?

New German Chocolate. Without the coconut. The frosting is particularly soft. I think it's a fun construction of cake. It's very liberal, I suppose, because there's no frosting on the sides. And it's not too overwhelming—when you get to the end of the cake, you're not faced with a whole slab of frosting. I guess I like cake more than I like frosting. So yeah, the NGC. Plus, it makes me think of Prince and the New Power Genera-



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Warren Brown signs a copy of his new book at Shirlington Library.

tion.

What made you want to write the book?

My interest in getting people into the kitchen, and offering out cake as a means for them to break through some of the barriers to baking that a lot of people have. I always said, 'I can cook, but I can't bake,' and I know I hear that a lot. What I learned is, it's not as hard to bake as you might expect.

You've got the blessing of Oprah, which carries a lot of currency in this world. What was that like for

you?

It was great. Meeting Oprah was very much a highlight of my life, and very much a feeling of validation, that what I had done was the right choice and that someone of that stature was recognizing me. It was an incredibly satisfying feeling.

What would you want to say to your former self, the lawyer, or to someone like you who's up baking at night?

I'd tell him to get a lot of sleep, get focused on what you want, and make all the moves to get it.



Graduation

Deputies Wakeatin Carter (left) and Brooke Curtis appear with Alexandria Sheriff Dana Lawhorne after graduating Friday, June 20, from the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy in Ashburn. They begin service immediately with the Alexandria Sheriff's Office. A total of 91 law enforcement officers earned their diplomas. Both new deputies joined the sheriff's office in August 2007. Carter is a navy veteran and Deputy Curtis graduated from Virginia Union University. (Photo by Monique Edwards.)

LIFE

Market of Plenty

The Farmers Market in Brenman Park, off Duke Street in Cameron Station is open on Sundays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Vendors offer everything from fruits and vegetables to meat and cheeses and baked goods.



Sweet Spanish onions, spring onions and radishes fill one of tables at J&W Valley View Farms from Westmoreland County VA.



Alexandria artist Len Garon shows his work at the market. Many of his paintings depict Alexandria.



Bigg Riggs has fresh fruits and vegetables as well as relishes and condiments and now strawberry daiquiri and bloody Mary mixes. The farm know as Smith's Orchard is in Loom W.V. and has been operated by his family since 1940.



A new vendor at the market is 'On the Gourmet.' A small specialty food.

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Konigsberg Retires — To Start Anew

Universal health care seen as not probable for 20 years.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

In this era when physicians are opting out of general medicine, many steering their practices to boutique delivery systems where patients are required to pay a “retainer” premium just to be assured the doctor will see them if needed, Charles Konigsberg, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., is the personification of a caring medical practitioner as they used to be.

Last Thursday night, at The Lyceum, he was paid professional and personal tributes by fellow health officials and the City of Alexandria. They not only praised his efforts as Alexandria’s Medical Director but also his dedication to his profession and his personal mission to make the Hippocratic oath, to which all physicians pledge their life work, a daily truism.

In presenting Konigsberg with a proclamation during that event, Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille, stated, “Dr. Konigsberg has enriched our community by his service.” He commended Konigsberg for “his role in improving the health and quality of life for all residents of the Alexandria community” over the years he has served as head of the Alexandria Health Department.

That sentiment was echoed by Michelle Evans, deputy city manager. “He has created a very strong relationship between the city and the Health Department. Before 9/11 we had no emergency management. Now we are a national leader in that area,” she said.

“Dr. Konigsberg has been instrumental in developing our community partnership. He personifies our “Caring Community” motto,” Evans said.

Those thoughts were buttressed by Debra Collins, director, Alexandria Department of Human Services. “The thing I will miss the most about not having Dr. Konigsberg is that he has been such a team player. Every time I have called on the Health Department he and his staff have always helped. And, he has always been direct with us. If he thinks an idea is a bad one he will tell you — that is valuable,” Collins said.

PRIOR TO HIS 1999 arrival in Alexandria, Konigsberg served as the State Health Official in both Kansas and Delaware and as the director of local health departments in Broward County, Fla.; Memphis and Shelby counties, Tenn.; and Tuscaloosa, Ala. Prior to that he served as a general medical officer in the U.S. Air Force with the rank of Captain.

Following his official retirement Monday,

Konigsberg plans to teach at George Washington University’s School of Public Health and Health Services. He presently holds the rank of Associate Professional Lecturer there. His new teaching assignment, in the area of Public Health Leadership, will be directed at PhD candidates in public health.

It will also afford he and his wife Barbara, who reside in the Springfield area, the opportunity to stay close to their three grown children, Robert and Sherry Konigsberg and Debbie Diaz, and their three grandchildren, all of whom live in Northern Virginia.

“I’ve actually been contemplating retirement since about the first of the year. I’ve been doing this for 35 years and if I’m ever going to do anything else this is a good time to do it,” Konigsberg said sitting in the conference room adjacent to his office at the Health Department’s headquarters, 4480 King St.

A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Konigsberg received his bachelor’s degree from Vanderbilt University and his M.D. from the University of Tennessee. He then went on to get his Masters of Public Health (MPH) from the University of North Carolina School of Public Health. He is certified as a specialist in public health by the American Board of Preventive Medicine.

“I became more interested in the needs of the overall population than in having my own clinical practice. That has been one of the real pluses working here in Alexandria,” he said.

“When I first came here it was very clear that this City had a real interest in public health and the Health Department. They actually pay more of this department’s costs than the State of Virginia,” Konigsberg said. “It works well here. It’s a very special relationship,” he said. Although Konigsberg is actually a state health official, the department is a dual functioning entity of both the state and city.

“Budget constraints are always a challenge. But, we have managed to keep things going pretty well. Unfortunately, my replacement will be facing even greater budgetary challenges I’m afraid,” Konigsberg speculated.

“I will miss this job and the people of Alexandria.”

—Dr. Charles Konigsberg, Jr., Alexandria Health Director

THERE HAVE been many challenges and opportunities during his community health

stewardship in Alexandria, not the least of which was moving the department from its old headquarters in Old Town to the present site.

“That was a real challenge. People still ask me how I like the new building and I have to stop and think what they are talking about. After all, that move was in 2004,” Konigsberg said.

One of the real accomplishments during his tenure in Konigsberg’s assessment is the establishment of the health clinic which serves residents that cannot receive such services elsewhere. But, “A continuing chal-

lenge will be ensuring care for the 10,000 and growing uninsured city residents,” according to Konigsberg.

A primary and ongoing challenge is how Konigsberg and the Health Department assess Mirant’s Potomac River Generating Station. Last August the Mirant controversy burst full force onto the Health Department’s agenda. That was when Konigsberg called on the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) in Atlanta, Ga., to review “the existing air quality and other environmental data related to Mirant’s PRGS.”

He stated at that time, “We would request that ATSDR assess the relationship of these data...in relation to past, present and future health effects on residents living near the facility. The advice I will give the City about Mirant’s operations will be based on the ATSDR report.” As yet, they have not come through for him.

“We still have not received the report from ATSDR. I’m very disappointed that it hasn’t come before my retirement,” he said.

“It’s been a tightrope representing the Health Department and the city in the Mirant situation. But, I have always tried to give a fair and honest assessment of that situation,” he said.

Konigsberg has worked hard creating a good executive team that has a depth of knowledge and know how in the public health arena. One of the triggers that got Konigsberg serious about his retirement was that a prime player on that team, his chief administrator, Michael Weiner, retired in May.

His own replacement, Dr. Lisa Kapowitz, currently the Deputy Commissioner, Virginia Health Department, commences her duties as Alexandria Health Director on July 1. “She is inheriting an excellent, dedicated team,” he said.

TWO PROGRAMS of which Konigsberg is most proud are the Alexandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc., and The Partnership for A Healthier Alexandria. “I’ve been delighted at the community’s support for these. We’ve had a lot of people step up to the plate,” he said. “These programs aren’t about who is running the programs. These are about solving community health problems,” Konigsberg said.



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Charles Konigsberg, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., reflects on his 35 years in public health service as he prepares to begin a new stage of his professional life on July 1.

On the subject of universal health care he expressed real concerns for its implementation in the near future. “Most industrialized countries have universal coverage for their citizens. But, I’m not optimistic there will be a universal plan in this country in the next 20 years,” he said.

“It’s not just the financial considerations. There is a lack of willingness to arrive at a total solution. Although, I must say, this President (Bush) has been very supportive of community health centers like we have here,” Konigsberg said.

“But, it’s just filling the gaps, not tackling the total problem. And, it’s not all about the money. There are a number of things at play,” Konigsberg stated.

“The states are where the actions for universal health care will take place if the feds won’t act. The states are the ones facing the everyday problems,” he said.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness is seen by Konigsberg as a major challenge today and in the near future. “What we have now is too fragile. It’s too dependent on federal grants. We spend far too little in protecting the health of our residents nationwide and visitors to this country,” Konigsberg said.

“This department has two epidemiologists and an emergency planner on board. We will be ready to detect a problem and manage it from a public health standpoint should that need occur,” he said.

“People have asked me why I’m retiring — am I unhappy. It’s just the opposite. I’m very happy with what I’ve been doing and, especially, working with the leadership of this city. And, that’s the time to retire — when your happy,” Konigsberg said. “But, I will miss this job and the people of Alexandria. It’s been a great partnership.”



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Trees growing on private property that have fallen on private property are the responsibility of the homeowner. Debris should be bundled and placed curbside for pick up on your normally scheduled refuse collection day. Brush materials must be bundled in lengths no longer than four feet, and weigh no more than 70 pounds per bundle. Branches or brush pieces should not be larger than 2 to 3 inches in diameter, and should not include logs or stumps. Debris should not block fire hydrants. For more information about refuse collection, please call the City's Solid Waste Division at 703.519.3486.

If a City tree has fallen onto private property, notify the City at 703.838.4999 for removal. If a tree falls onto City streets, or is blocking streets and/or highways, contact the Alexandria Police Department at 703.838.4444.

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

The Alexandria chapter of the Coronary Health Improvement Project (CHIP), will sponsor a **Community Health Expo and Seminar** on Sunday, June 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Community Praise Center, 1400 Russell Road. The event highlights include a fitness clinic, vegan cooking demonstrations, health information on hypertension, diabetes, cancer, cholesterol, door prizes. Free health screenings for blood pressure, diabetes, body fat analysis and more will be provided. Services for alternative health therapies will also be offered for a nominal fee. The expo is free and open to the public. For more information or to RSVP, call 703-823-2139 or email cpchip@comcast.net

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.

Seniors 50 years of age and over are eligible to enter the 2008 **Northern Virginia Senior Olympics** to be held Sept. 20-Oct. 2. Registration information is available now at local senior centers, community centers, senior residences or by calling 703-228-3600, ext. 9996. They can also be downloaded online at www.novaseniorolympics.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 5.

The **Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria** (SAPCA) invites youth (6th - 12th grades) and adults who live in the City of Alexandria or work with Alexandria youth to complete a short online survey that asks for perceptions and opinions about youth substance abuse in our community. Incentives are provided for youth participants, and adult survey participants have access to recent statistics on youth substance abuse in Alexandria. Community members are asked to

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Jordan stays after school every day to help her teacher clean up; she goes out of her way to intro-

duce new students around the room; she helps her Girl Scout troop make sandwiches for homeless people. Jordan is a gymnast and a musician (piano and violin) and she loves school.

Taylor Run Civic Association decided to give the award about fifteen years ago because it seemed appropriate for a neighborhood association to reward the qualities, which make for a good neighbor. The faculty chooses the recipient; the association gives a \$100 savings bond to the winner, and has the name put on a plaque, which hangs in the school.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

VOLUNTEERS

Send volunteer notices to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com or call Rebecca Halik with any questions 703-917-6407.

Community Lodgings needs tutor/mentor a child in the Alexandria community. The after school program provides homework assistance as well as character development. Contact: Emily Barnes, 703-739-5856 emilybarnes@communitylodgings.org

The **Alexandria Commission for Women** needs volunteers to work with its Court Observation Program. This program is a volunteer-based court monitoring and research project which follows cases of sexual and domestic violence. Volunteers are asked to commit to working at least one morning each month in the Alexandria City Courthouse. Contact Laura Mandala at 703-798-5452 or Laura@MandalaResearch.com.

Port City Playhouse-construct and paint sets for the theatre. Box office and ushering help also needed for performances. Groups and youths age 15 and older are welcome. Contact: Robert Kraus, 703-838-2880 portcityinfo@aol.com

Alexandria Legacies, the City of Alexandria's Oral History Program, is seeking volunteers to help collect the oral histories of long-time Alexandria residents by documenting their memories of living and working in Alexandria. If interested, contact Jen Hembree by calling 703-838-4399 or by e-mail at jen_hembree@hotmail.com.

There will be a **volunteer management boot camp** from 9 a.m.-noon in

Alexandria. Part of Volunteer Fairfax. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org. The fee for this session is \$35. For more information, e-mail Emily Gibbs at egibbs@volunteerfairfax.org.

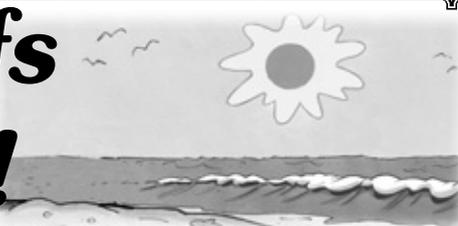
UCM's Transitional Housing Program is looking for volunteer groups to help provide a prepared well balanced meal for about 60 people, this includes children. Groups would be asked to sign up for 1 meeting per year on the third Tuesday evening of each month. The grocery bill would be at the group's expense and a tax donation slip would be provided. Assistance with child care is needed. Call Betsy Damitz, volunteer coordinator 703-768-7106 ext. 328.

The Child & Family Network Centers has many volunteer opportunities, including volunteering in classrooms, field-trip assistants, ESL and Spanish language tutors, clothing drive assistant and office assistant. Volunteers to help prepare for their annual wine tasting fundraising event in the spring. Contact Patricia Chapman at 703-836-0214 or pchapman@cfnc-online.org.

Higher Achievement seeks teacher mentors to work with motivated scholars at Hammond Middle School from 6-8 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. Karen Berry, Volunteer Coordinator, 202-544-3633 or kberry@higherachievement.org

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BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
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When Virginia's delegation takes its seat on the floor of the Democratic National Convention in late August, Lowell Feld will be right next to them.

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) selected Feld, an Arlington resident who runs the left-leaning www.raisingkaine.com, to be Virginia's "embedded" blogger at the event in Denver, Colo. After receiving approximately 400 applications, the committee picked a handful of bloggers — people who voice their opinions through online diaries — to cover their state delegations and provide a "local angle" on the convention's proceedings, according to letter posted on the Web site.

Launched in 2005, Feld's blog, which he calls RK, focuses on state and national politics from a Democratic perspective. The Web site features about 12 regular contributors and is popular with political activists, journalists and elected officials around Virginia.

The DNC's decision to hand out convention credentials to more bloggers like Feld, an unapologetic partisan, speaks to the growing influence of this type of media.

According to Microsoft's www.sitecounter.com, RK averages 2,751 visitors every day. Some Democratic activists say they turn to local blogs before newspapers, radio or television for the most up-to-date information on local politics.

"I find [bloggers] to be a very thoughtful and fair group. They are good about getting information out," said Mame Reilly, an Alexandria resident who is a Democratic Super Delegate and Gov. Mark Warner's former political director.

YET FELD and others are not bound by the same rules as traditional journalists. He and a few other local Virginia bloggers have been paid by candidates to do "netroots outreach" and other political consulting.

A mainstream news organization would not employ a journalist who took money from a political campaign, but, for bloggers, the practice often coincides with their reasons for starting a Web site.

"[Blogs] are a hybrid. They are sort of journalism, sort of citizen activism. We are like political operatives in a way," said Feld.

Feld founded RK to help get progressive Democrats elected in Virginia and his paid work on political campaigns can comple-



Lowell Feld, who runs www.raisingkaine.com, will be Virginia's "embedded" blogger at the Democratic National Convention in August.

ment the mission of the blog, he said.

The Democratic activist worked on U.S. Sen. Jim Webb's campaign and is currently consulting for Democratic congressional candidate Judy Feder, a Democrat who will face U.S. Rep. Frank Wolf (R) in November.

Feld also received at least \$500 from former congressional candidate Leslie Byrne, according to Byrne's campaign manager, Joe Fox.

Feld and other local Democratic bloggers only work for candidates who share their values, candidates they would support regardless of whether they were paid.

"I think Judy Feder is great. I did two years ago when she was running in 2006 and I didn't receive a penny from her then," he said. Feld uses political consulting to make ends meet. He quit his day job with the U.S. Department of Energy a few years ago, in part because he was prohibited from raising money for political candidates. "I could make more money in a lot more stable job working for the government. I choose to do this," he said.

THERE IS some question about whether bloggers who work for political campaigns should be thought of as journalists at all.

"This is an example of the difference between a journalist who blogs and a non-journalist who blogs. The blogosphere is filled with people who are not journalists. They wear multiple hats," said Bob Steel, who studies and teaches journalism values for the Poynter Institute.

Steel went on to say: "Bloggers are not necessarily journalists. A blogger might own a hardware store and write about a product he sells in the hardware store. There is nothing wrong with that but [he is] not being a journalist."

It is important to always bring a dose of skepticism when reading a blog, according to Steel. For bloggers who also work as political consultants, he suggests transparency.

"I think if something is written by a political consultant, the reader deserves to know that it is written by political consultant," said Steel.

SOME LOCAL BLOGGERS handle the overlap of their paid political work and Web site content in the way that Steel suggests. If Feld writes about a candidate that pays

him, he discloses his relationship to the campaign at the bottom of the post, he said.

"I am very clear about what I am doing," said Feld.

Kenton Ngo also revealed that he would be managing Ramona Morrow's campaign for school board in 2007 and then shut down his blog www.kentonngo.com/750volts, until after the election.

"One of first things I did was to put the blog in mothballs. ... You can say you are going to talk about things other than the campaign but eventually you are going to say something that shouldn't be associated with the candidate," said Ngo.

Blogger Ben Tribbett did not disclose he was being paid by state Sen. Chap Petersen every time he posted about the politician's campaign on his Web site, notlarrysabato.typepad.com, last fall. But Tribbett, who is from the Burke area, has also restricted his paid work to candidates who had already employed him during previous campaigns. "I have avoided taking on new people even though I have been asked to work on a number of campaigns," said Tribbett, whose political blog is among the most popular in Virginia.

For Petersen, Tribbett worked on campaign strategy, a topic he would not be posting about on his blog. He also made it clear that "Not Larry Sabato" would not be a "mouthpiece" for the campaign, he said.

"I was not putting anything up on behalf of the campaign. That was the one of the agreements we came to," he said.

Tribbett did promote Petersen and disparage his opponent, Jeanne Marie Devolites Davis, frequently on his blog in the weeks preceding the election. The Democratic activist said he would have championed Petersen, whether the candidate had paid him or not.

STILL, THE PRACTICE of paying bloggers has unsettled some local Democrats, especially those who have been suffered under their attacks. "I, myself, don't believe in putting bloggers on the payroll. I think it is akin to putting journalists on the payroll," said Fairfax County Board of Supervisors chairman Gerry Connolly, who is the Democratic nominee for Virginia's 11th district congressional seat.

Blog Excerpts

Commentary on political blogs ranges from the thoughtful to the ridiculous. Here are some excerpts related to the Democratic primary for Virginia's 11th congressional district earlier this month. Fairfax chairman Gerry Connolly won the election by a wide margin, though many Democratic bloggers favored candidate Leslie Byrne over Connolly.

"It is important to note that Gerry Connolly did not win this by running on his record as a proud pro developer centrist moderate. He won by running more to the left than he has in a long time."

✦ wrote Karen Duncan on <http://anonymoussawoman.blogspot.com>, Duncan supported Byrne but has endorsed Connolly since he won the Democratic primary.

"There is plenty of ammo on Connolly; unfortunately none of it has proven effective yet. However, with the bevy of material, there is bound to be some good hits in there somewhere."

✦ Posted on <http://tooconservative.com> by a blogger who supports Connolly's Republican opponent, Keith Fimian.

In spite of being a Democrat, Connolly has been one of the left-leaning blogging community's top targets for criticism. Several local bloggers backed Connolly's opponent, Leslie Byrne, in the Democratic primary June 10. Connolly won the primary by a wide margin. In the days leading up to the primary election, many bloggers posted disparaging remarks about Connolly on their Web sites. Tribbett ran a bracket, much like those put together for a college basketball tournament, of Connolly's "worst moments" as an elected official.

Last week, the Virginia Democrats' 11th congressional district committee chair, George Burke, announced he would circulate a petition among Virginia's Democratic delegates asking them to remove Feld's "embedding" privileges at the national convention. Among Burke's concerns is the fact that Feld and Tribbett do work as political consultants.

"I think it is just inappropriate for people who promote themselves as journalists to be paid hacks for candidates. They present themselves as journalists but they are actually public relations practitioners," said Burke.

But candidates who have hired bloggers for political consulting said they are paying for a person's expertise at networking over the internet, not positive

coverage on the blogger's Web site. "I have known Ben for a long time but I don't attempt to have any editorial control over anything he does on his blog. I have pretty much no input on that," said Petersen.

Feder's campaign manager, Luke McFarland, said Feld has mainly been involved in developing a Web site, www.farewellfrank.com, on the Democrat's opponent, Republican Rep. Frank Wolf.

McFarland and others said it is common for campaigns to hire bloggers.

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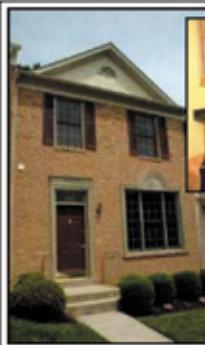
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The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities will hold summer programs and activities for the Charles Houston Recreation Center community at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Recreation Center, 1605 Cameron St., for youth ages 6 to 12. 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 Wash-

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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.lon1basketball.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>."

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Galdos Receives \$3,000 Scholarship

Hispanic Heritage Youth Awards ceremony on Capitol Hill last Wednesday, June 11. She is a senior at Bishop Ireton High School and is one of 21 high school seniors who were honored for leadership in the classroom and community and promoted as a role model for her peers.

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We'd love to hear from you!

For more information regarding the "Voices of National Harbor Candlelight Processional," please contact Dr. Emory Andrews at 301-749-4324.

ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

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complete one of the seven questionnaires, which are all available at alexandriava.gov/sapcasurvey and can be completed in about 10-15 minutes.

The **4Paws Rescue Team** is allowed to keep foster cats at the Petco in Alexandria to increase their chances of finding a loving home. Petco volunteers are asked to commit to one evening or morning each week to care for 2-4 cats. Currently are in dire need of Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning volunteers (until noon), but volunteers for other shifts are encouraged to apply as well. (If interested, contact info@fourpaws.org or by phone at 703-715-6369.

On Friday, June 27, **Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille** and the City of Alexandria's Health Department will host a rally in recognition of National HIV Testing Day. The rally will begin at noon at Market Square in front of City Hall (301 King St.). Vice Mayor Redella S. "DeI" Pepper will make remarks, followed by persons with HIV/AIDS, who will give their personal testimonies about living with the disease. T. C. Williams High School student Young Lyric, a rap artist and winner of the Citywide Spoken Word competition, will provide entertainment at the rally. For more information, please contact Nechelle Terrell at 703-838-4400 ext. 305.

Thursday, June 26: **"Managing for Results in a Downturned Economy."** The workshop is open to Alexandria restaurant and retail businesses and will be from 8 - 9:45 a.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. There is no charge for this workshop, but space is limited so attendees must register in advance. Send an e-mail to pmelton@alexandriasbdc.org. Indicate "Willson Workshop" in the Subject line and include the name of the attendee(s), business name, address, telephone and e-mail.

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.alexandriarchaeology.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.

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SCHOOLS

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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>

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.

Three Minnie Howard School students each won \$2,000 for being regional winners in the annual eCYBERMISSION science and technology competition. **Erfanul Islam, Arvind Mohanan and Daniel Wolfe**, and their fourth team member from New Jersey, **Shekinah-Glory Dhanie-Beepat**, received the Criterion Award for earning the highest score in the "Team Collaboration and Communication" judging category. Two other teams of three students from Minnie Howard also competed. **Jennice Bonilla, Diego Gonzalez-Cruz and Nelson Majano** investigated which fruits yield the most DNA in a DNA extraction experiment. **Corrine Conn, Nora Elnahas and Alexis Gabon** investigated budding hormones' effects on cloning plants.

Wesley H. Schmidt of Alexandria, was inducted into Lynchburg College's chapter of Beta Beta Beta, the National Honor Society for biological science. Schmidt is a senior environmental science major at Lynchburg College.

Paul Piontkowski has been inducted into the German National Honor Society (GNHS) at Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal. Paul, a junior at R-MA, is the son of Paul and Karen Piontkowski of Alexandria.

Laura Lloyd-Braff of Alexandria, a member of the James Madison University Speech Team, was a national finalist and placed fifth in Communication Analysis in the American Forensic Association National Individual Event Tournament.



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OBITUARY

Roger E. Wheeler

Roger E. Wheeler, a retired intelligence and management specialist for military and space programs and a prominent Alexandria civic leader, died of cancer June 5 at the Fountains at Washington House in Alexandria. He was 88.

His 29 years of civilian federal service included work at the Army Security Agency, Air Force Directorate of Targets, Air Force Intelligence Center, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. A World War II veteran, he also became a colonel during 32 years as an active Army Reserve officer, specializing in intelligence.

In the West End of Alexandria, where he lived for 60 years, he joined his neighbors, the late Mayor Charles E. Beatley and former Vice Mayor Mel Bergheim, and other local civic association members to protect

single-family neighborhoods from more intensive development. He was the founding president of the Strawberry Hill Association and of the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, which he helped found in 1964. He ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for Alexandria City Council in 1979.

Roger Eugene Wheeler was born in 1920 in Auglaizne county, Ohio. He majored in education at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, earned a master's degree in sociology at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln and took advanced courses in political science at American University. He also graduated from the Army's Command and General Staff College at Ford Leavenworth, Kans., and taught at Army and naval intelligence schools.

During the World War II, his first billet as a newly commissioned officer was with the Army unit assigned to the air defense of Washington. His active duty service in-

cluded 18 months in the European Theatre as a company commander. From 1948 to 1980, he was a member of the active Army Reserve, the last six years as an intelligence officer in the 352nd Civil Affairs Unit.

At NASA, where Mr. Wheeler was a management specialist from 1962 until he retired in 1976, he helped prepare long range plans from communication and the facilities and equipment to support them. Because of his background in both communications and intelligence, he supervised installation of cryptographic linkages for NASA's space missions.

After retiring from federal service Mr. Wheeler earned an electrician's license, a real estate license and an instrument-rated pilot's license.

A skilled craftsman, he built or remodeled several homes, including the one he lived in for 50 years. He also was a property manager for Better Homes Realty.

In addition to working with his hands, he enjoyed flying. He was an officer of Associated Pilots, Inc., a small air charter and leasing service. He also was active for many years in the Fairlington United Methodist Church in Alexandria.

This year, he and his wife, Dorothy Salisbury Wheeler, celebrated 65 years of marriage. They met at a freshman reception in college. In retirement, they established Wheeler Enterprises—he was treasurer, and she managed the gift shops they owned.

They also enjoyed traveling: They visited six continents and all 50 states together.

In addition to his wife, survivors include son, James (Marjorie), a daughter, Sandra Wheeler, all of Alexandria; a granddaughter, Michelle Wheeler Muller (Eric), and a great-granddaughter, Kelsey Muller, all of Canton, Ga.; and a brother, Howard Wheeler (Dorothy), of Norwalk, Ohio.

FAITH

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Come have a blast at **Power Lab** the week of July 21 - 25. This free week-long Vacation Bible School is open to first through sixth graders. It will be held at Harvest Church each night from 6:30 p.m. until 8:45 p.m. Kids will experience incredible music, hyperspeed games, wacky snacks, mind-blowing

Bible adventures, amazing crafts and much more! Pre-registration is suggested by calling 703-971-7070, however walk-ins will be accepted. Harvest Church is located at 7401 Beulah Street in the Kingstowne area of Alexandria.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, has special summer hours: services are at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays and at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Kolot Shabbat (musical service) the first Friday of every month at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 703-370-9400 or

visit www.bethelhebrew.org

Kid's Club will be from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on July 9 and Aug. 13 at Washington Street United Methodist Church, 115 S. Washington St. The church playground/courtyard and Children's Library will be open all morning for kids and parents to come and go as they please. Visit www.wsumc.com or 703-836-4342.

Children ages 3-through those who have just completed 2nd grade will learn what it means to know, speak, and live

with God's love. The adventure will be Tuesday, July 15-Friday, July 18 from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Washington Street UMC, 115 S. Washington St. To register, visit www.wsumc.com For more information contact the church at 703-836-4324 or office@wsumc.com.

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

HEALTH 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.

The **Alexandria Mental Health Family Support Group** of NAMI/FOCUS is open to all dealing with mentally ill family members suffering from depression, bipolar or schizophrenia. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30-9:30 p.m. at the Alexandria Mental Health Office, Community Service Board Clubhouse, 4480 King St. Contact J. Gulka, Facilitator, 571-451-0773.

Dr. John Albrigo, orthopedic surgeon, will discuss hip and knee replacements that are minimally invasive, Monday, July 28 at 7 p.m., Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road. To attend, visit www.inova.org or call Inova HealthSource 703-750-8800.

Dr. Stefano Agolini, board-certified surgeon, will discuss new options for hernia repair, Wednesday, July 30 at 7 p.m., Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road. To attend, visit www.inova.org or call Inova HealthSource 703-750-8800.

Dr. Corey Wallach, orthopedic surgeon, will present "Treatment for Neck Pain", Thursday, July 31 at 7 p.m., Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road. To attend this free lecture, contact Inova HealthSource at 703-750-8800 or visit www.inova.org and click on "Health Info & Classes."

Body in Balance Center, 1423 N. Powhatan St., offers fusion flow for parents and babies, a class specifically designed for parents with babies who are crawling and beginning to walk as well as pre-crawlers. Classes are offered Thursdays at 11 a.m. and Saturdays 11:30 a.m. \$20.00 drop in fee or 6 class pass for \$90.00. Visit www.bodyinbalancecenter.com or 703-518-4434.

Yoga Classes are offered by YogaKala at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., on Saturdays, 10 a.m. for intermediate and 11:25 a.m. for beginners, and at the Carlyle Towers, 2151 Jamieson Ave., on Thursday 6 p.m. for intermediate and 7:15 p.m. for beginners, as well as Fridays, 10 a.m. gentle yoga. Cost: \$15 per class or \$96 for eight classes. For more information, call 703-549-0484 or e-mail YogaKala@aol.com.

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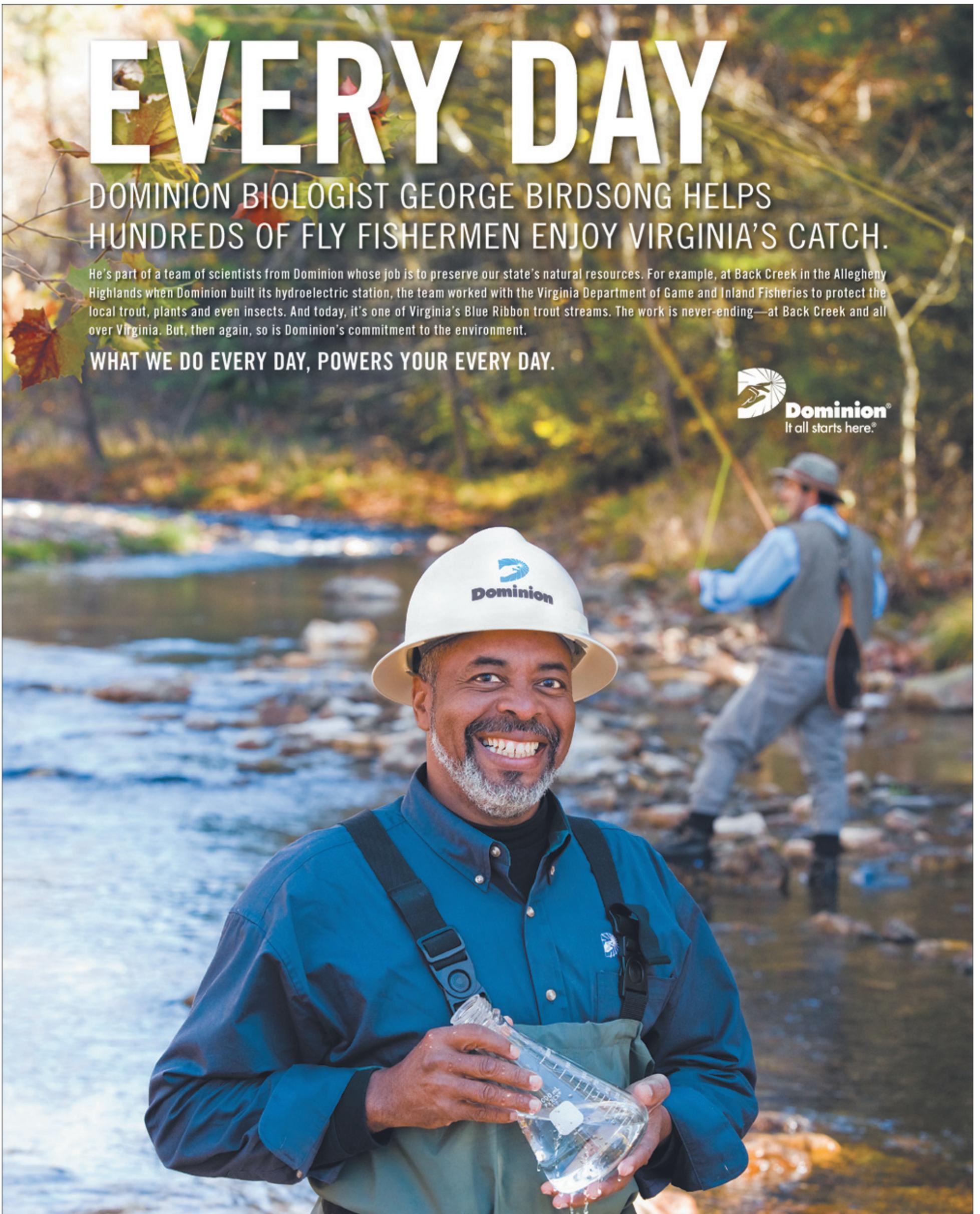
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2008 Senior Send-Off

As this year's class of graduating seniors prepare for the next phase of their lives, the Connection Newspapers would like to take one more look at the student-athletes that made a difference, on and off the field, during their four years of high school. Honorees were chosen for a variety of reasons – whether to highlight the top athletes in our area one last time, to shine light on an athlete who may have been overlooked during their time in school, to praise those whose success on the field was matched by their success in the classroom, or just to tell a story that needs to be told.

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Cara Donley, middle, was recently named the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Rower of the Year.

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A Rower Of the Year

T.C. Williams grad headed to University of Indiana.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE

Kerry Donley, the T.C. Williams director of student activities who will leave his post August 1, approached the microphone at a recent Alexandria Sportsman's Club banquet in lieu of his daughter.

Cara Donley, a recent T.C. Williams graduate and one of only a select few Titans to grab Division I scholarships, was unable to make the award presentation. Turns out as Kerry Donley, the former Alexandria mayor explained that his fourth daughter was actually receiving another award the same night.

Ever since eighth grade, the 5-foot-10 blonde has been rowing with Steve Weir and T.C. Williams. A year later, she was awarded a seat in the first varsity eight boat, and never relinquished the chair over the following four years.

"I think what's been good for her is her build," Donley said. "She's got long legs and that lends itself to being a good rower because you're really using more of your legs than your arms."

She played basketball for three seasons, but relented and instead focused her determination crew. A normal day means a structured school schedule, which tips off with a 4:45 a.m. wake-up call before heading out to the Potomac.

"It really helps me with my school work," Cara Donley said. "You have to be really committed."

As a freshman, Donley recalls placing an unexpected third at the Canadian Championship. A year later, her boat won the Canadian Championship, along with the Virginia Championships in 2006 and 2008. As a junior she was named the Old Dominion Boat Club Rower of the Year.

"What set her apart was the mental aspect," Kerry Donley said. "She developed an attitude that set, I'm not going to get beat and it translated into field hockey. It

meant that when she does the runs, she's first. That attitude is infectious and gets to other kids on the boat."

Donley also played field hockey for five seasons, even getting second-team all-district honors as a senior. The Titans tied St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, giving the Saints their only blemish en route to a perfect record. But crew remained her true passion.

"It's the one sport where you can push yourself to the max," Cara Donley said. "In field hockey, you can try your hardest and always give a little more, but with crew, it's

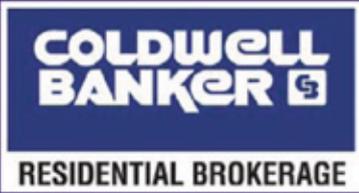
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The T.C. Williams senior also played field hockey for five seasons.

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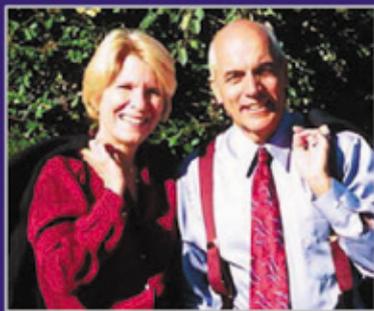
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Driven To Succeed

Taylor will try to continue winning ways at U-Va.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE

Annie Taylor talks a million miles per hour, almost like she's in a race with an opponent as to who can intelligently articulate and announce the fastest. Racing, competition and sheer sport is what makes the recent St. Stephen's & St. Agnes standout so special.

“She is one of those intense, all-around, could play any position type kid who does anything you ask of her”

— Cathy Jenkins, the SSSAS girls lacrosse coach

position type kid who does anything you ask of her,” said Cathy Jenkins, the SSSAS girls lacrosse coach who recently cracked the 500-win mark. “She’s could have been a top notch

athlete in any sport she played. If she concentrated on basketball or field hockey, she would have been as good as lacrosse.”

Jenkins can easily imagine it, her ultra intense elite recruit, at six years old, completely flabbergasted that she didn't win — by even more. That's Taylor, who spearheaded an assault on the Saint history books as a key member of the famed senior class.

First, it was field hockey. A four-year player — she played three sports all four seasons — she was the senior captain who helped Marsha Way earned her 500th win. They capped an undefeated season by becoming the first-ever SSSAS team to win the Independent School League regular season and tournament title, along with the Virginia Independent School Athletics Association state championship.

“We knew it was time to make history or be history,” Taylor said. “I was the probably the voice of the team. I am the loudest girl, coaches often tell me that. What I took upon myself was to be the motivator, the encourager and one of the hardest working players on the team so everyday I would try to work my butt off to set an example.”

During basketball, the 5-foot-10 Taylor matched up offensively against bigger opponents, but still guarded the shiftier perimeter players on defense. She admits basketball is a distant third, but found similarities between her main sport, lacrosse, and basketball.

“It's so much like lacrosse,” Taylor said. “It took me awhile to see the parallels be

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Annie Taylor will join four other former Saints at U-Va. next season.

A Quick Study

Three-sport SSSAS alum headed to Amherst.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE

To most nose tackles, James Williams looked like a menacing muscular tower, the kind you don't want to anger. A brute 6-foot, 310-pound captain, the recent St. Stephen's & St. Agnes graduate anchored the Saints offensive line, while also splitting time bull rushing the quarterback as a defensive tackle.

“I kind of saw myself as the leader of my grade, my class,” Williams said. “I felt like I've been leading silently when I can.”

But behind the mean façade and 320-pound bench press, according to wrestling coach Joe Shabelski, is a gentler thought-provoking athlete, who spends his leisure time in the math and French clubs.

“He's a big teddy bear,” Shabelski said. “You wouldn't think he'd be a tough person on the wrestling mat, but when he gets in an athletic competition, he can turn it on. He's tough as nails.”

Before dabbling in wrestling as a heavyweight for the first time, Williams was the

linchpin for the run-oriented Saints football team. Behind senior running back Isaiah Carpenter, who averaged over eight yards per game over the first six games, SSSAS opened the season 5-1, including four straight wins to open the season.

Williams cited a home 16-13 victory over Woodberry Forest as a season highlight, and was content that the Saints traveled to Liberty University in the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association semifinals.

As a wrestler, Williams knew little, other than that fact that he had to drop almost 30 pounds to get under the 285-pound heavyweight threshold.

“It's easier for a guy like me because I'm so

big already than it is for a little cat,” Williams said. “Wrestling was all the exercise I needed. By allowing the coaches to do what they wanted with me, I pretty much got it done.”

He proved to be a quick student, catapulting himself to a third-place showing in the Interstate Athletic Conference tournament and a seventh in the VISAA tournament by season's end.

“He's really smart,” Shabelski said. “He came out in late December and had never wrestled before. We were estastic with how he did. He became one of our leaders and the kids really gelled with him.”

Williams parlayed the momentum into baseball season, where he was a starting first baseman for a team that started the season

with nine straight wins. The baseball team finished 20-6 under second-year coach Jim Supple, one of the best in school history.

“We were always playing in big and important games and you can't ask for anything more than that,” Williams said. “We felt like this was a season we were ready for and was a long time coming. We were definitely happy with our record and what we did this season.”

THOUGH HE HAD opportunities to pursue a football career, Williams, who maintained a spot on the Head's List (A average) or Dean's List (A/B average) throughout high school, chose to follow his sister at Amherst College.

“I feel like it's a perfect fit for me. I feel like if she wasn't there ... I'd still want go,” Williams said. “I got to see some stuff that the normal high school senior doesn't normally get to see.”

Amherst is a highly selective, private liberal arts college in Amherst, Mass., one that certainly saw Williams' afterschool activi

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tween the two sports, but now I realize that how similar they are.”

HEADING INTO her senior season, Taylor knew that SSSAS had an opportunity to be an elite team. Having lost 10 Division I athletes from last season’s championship squad, however, she never imagined that she’d

“I was the probably the voice of the team. I am the loudest girl, coaches often tell me that.”

— Annie Taylor

be a captain and voted the team’s most valuable player of the nation’s best team.

“I dream about this,” said Taylor, who had 36 goals, 14 assists, 35 groundballs and 61 draw controls. “The emotions that are inside of me are overwhelming. It’s been such an honor to play for this team. Playing with those girls has been the biggest prize of the season, and it’s only fitting that we end up No. 1.”

Taylor, a midfielder, was voted an All-American in lacrosse, all-state in

field hockey and lacrosse and was the runner-up for the Heather Leigh Albert Award at the national tournament, an award given to the top player.

As one of the nation’s blue-chip recruits last summer, Taylor verbalized on the University of Virginia, which she called her “dream school.” She will join four other SSSAS grads already on the Cavaliers.

“She compares to the top players because of her intensity and her work ethic in how driven she is,” Jenkins said. “The top players that have done really well at the next level and at the USA level have that intensity that they are not going to lose.”

Taylor credits Jenkins, the longtime uber-successful Saint coach for molding her into the player she’s become. She cited a specific instance prior to the St. Paul’s game this season, when Jenkins didn’t start her senior captain because she was two minutes late.

“Words can’t even describe what I think of her,” said Taylor, who is also the senior class co-president and maintained a 3.85 GPA. “She’s been the positive role model in my life. I can’t even think of the amount of girls that have gone through her program, but she makes sure that each one feels special. She gives her 100 percent attention to make sure that everyone gets into the right school, making sure they improve themselves as a person. She’s amazing.”

Rower Of the Year

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and I knew I really wanted to be a part of that.

so mentally tough. It separates the weak ones from the other people.”

Cara Donley will row at Indiana University next season, where she received almost a 70 percent scholarship. After visiting IU following a camp at Ohio State, she was hooked.

“When I went there, I knew,” Cara Donley said. “The atmosphere was so fun

“It’s the one sport where you can push yourself to the max”

— Cara Donley

As one of five daughters, she admits she didn’t have much choice, but to be tough. With crew as her main objective, she feels like she’s found a sport that translates to her strong suits.

“We wanted to be the best at something,” Cara

Donley said. “We all have our niche and crew was mine.”

A Quick Study

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ties as an admission plus.

At SSSAS, he was a member of GUILD, a signature service organization who run annual food and clothing drives. Williams also spent time last summer working with Habitat for Humanity.

“If you want to get involved, you can,” Williams said “I feel like I’d be selling myself if I didn’t engage myself in at least a

decent number of activities.”

Williams, who plans to spend his summer working and relaxing, was excited to finally don his graduation cap.

“You’re really excited and that you deserve to be there and have worked hard to end up in some way or the other at that graduation, but at the same time it’s sad because you’re not really ready to let go of everything,” Williams said.

Mutts Travel With Owners To Office

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Last Friday, June 20, there was a lot of petting going on in offices throughout the area. Not to worry — it was accompanied by scratching and woofing as well. It was Take Your Dog to Work Day.

One local firm that really got into the spirit was Meridian Title, LLC, 1451 Belle Haven Road. The boss, Jennifer Holt Enriques, even brought her canine “Angel” to participate in an effort to encourage adoptions from animal shelters.

The driving force behind the adoption plea was Struttin’Mutts Inc. and its owner Victoria Burnett-Miller. “I love animals and I wanted a change from corporate America. That’s why I started Struttin’Mutts,” said Burnett-Miller as she staffed a display outside Meridian Title with Enriques and volunteers from the Alexandria Animal Shelter, who brought along “Moe,” a nine week old boxer mix, and “Roxy,” a five year old dachshund.

Struttin’ Mutts, started in 2004 by Burnett-Miller, is a dog walking and pet-sitting company based in her home in Mount Vernon District. “We service the area from Mount Vernon to Kingstown including Old Town,” Burnett-Miller said.

“Meridian Title registered for Take Your Dog To Work Day and we felt it would also be a good spot to highlight the need for pet adoptions. There is a pediatric office in this building and that doesn’t hurt getting attention. All the kids want to pet the dogs,” she said.

In recognition of Meridian Title’s willingness to participate in and support Struttin’Mutts’s adoption efforts, Burnett-Miller presented a plaque of appreciation to Enriques and Raymond Sidney-Smith, a Meridian Title executive. “I want to thank you for participating in this event,” Burnett-Miller said in presenting the plaque.

Additional information about Struttin’Mutts can be gained by visiting www.struttinmutts.com and www.petsit.com or by calling 703-717-0700.



Victoria Bennett-Miller, president, Struttin’ Mutts Inc., second from left, is joined by Meridian Title executives Jennifer Holt Enriques, third from right, and Raymond Sidney-Smith, third from left; and Animal Welfare League representatives Claire Moran far left, Lisa Miller and Abbie Hoffman, right in front of the Meridian Title building on Belle Haven Road as they promote animal adoption during “Take Your Dog To Work Day.”

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Derailing the West End

FROM PAGE 1

of grant that goes back to Abraham Lincoln,” said Vice Mayor Del Pepper during the Monday afternoon protest.

The day after the city filed its petition with federal regulators, Norfolk Southern sued the city in federal court. Their civil lawsuit questions the city’s authority to issue a “haul route permit” that limits the hours of operation at the facility and the number of trucks that can use the city’s roads. Rail-

road officials will argue that the city’s authority to issue such a permit is preempted by federal law. City officials countered this week that the haul-route permit was issued to protect public safety, which they have an obligation to protect.

“Unlike every other business in the city, Norfolk Southern seeks unfettered discretion to select its truck routes, and the ability to expand its operation to a 24/7 schedule with no regulation by the city,” wrote Pessoa in a June 23

letter to City Council members. “The city will vigorously defend our ordinance and permit requirements, and seek an order from the court forcing Norfolk Southern to comply with the law.”

AS THE CLAIMS and counter-claims work their way through various federal agencies, Sen. John Warner (R-Va.) and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) have requested a formal threat assessment from the Department of Homeland Se-

Pending Actions

Contractor Question: The city is challenging a Feb. 1 ruling by the Surface Transportation Board, a regulatory agency that was created in 1995 as the successor to the Interstate Commerce Commission. The petition, filed on June 17 by City Attorney Ignacio Pessoa, seeks a declaratory order that would subject the transloading facility to the city’s special-use permitting process. The city will make the case to federal regulators that because a contractor works the site, exemptions carved for railroad companies to not apply to operations at the West End facility. The Surface Transportation Board is expected to make a ruling on the petition before the end of August.

Questioning Authority: Norfolk Southern has brought a federal lawsuit questioning the city’s authority to issue a “haul route permit” limiting the number of trucks that could drive on city roads and the hours they could operate. The lawsuit, which was filed by the Fortune 500 railroad corporation on June 16, claims the city’s authority is preempted by federal law. The permit, which was issued on June 3, limits the hours of operation for truck traffic from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. and restricts the number of trucks to 20 a day. City officials countered this week with a request for an injunction forcing Norfolk Southern to comply with the terms of the permit.

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at 9:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time

the following property being the property contained in said Deed

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TAKE NOTICE

The Alexandria City Council will hold a Special City Council Meeting on Tuesday, July 1, 2008 at 6:30 p.m., Alexandria City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, for the purpose of discussing Mirant. Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the City Council meeting may call the City Clerk's Office at 703 838-4550 (TTY/TDD 703 838-5056.) We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made. Copies of the docket are available in the City Clerk's Office, Room 2300, in City Hall. Jackie M. Henderson City Clerk and Clerk of Council (APO #132407)

OBITUARY

Margaret Ann Holloway Barefoot, 83, of Alexandria, VA, died June 13, 2008 at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

Mrs. Barefoot was born and reared in Worcester County on the eastern shore of Maryland.

She received her education at Worcester County schools, at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA, and was an alumna of the University of Vermont.

She was a member of the Delta Delta Delta sorority.

For a number of years, Mrs. Barefoot was employed by the U.S. government in Japan, Germany, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C., her last position being that of personnel staffing specialist at the former U.S. Civil Service Commission.

Her first husband, Lt. Colonel (Ret.) John W. Thorne, died in 1964.

In 1971, she married Thomas E. Barefoot, Jr., who died in 1995.

She is survived by two nephews, Bill Scheer, Minneapolis, Minnesota, Hank Scheer, Martinez, California, and two stepsons, Brian Thorne, Port Hueneme, California, and Thomas Barefoot, Warren, Vermont.

A memorial service is pending. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Doctors Without Borders PO Box 5030 Hagerstown, MD 21741-5030.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020560-01-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
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curity. In a June 20 letter to Secretary Michael Chertoff, they said it was important for federal, state and local governments to “thoroughly understand the risks associated with such facilities.” They requested prompt action to determine the specific threats an ethanol offloading facility would pose.

“We request that you proceed expeditiously on this threat analysis, particularly given the vast quantities of ethanol that are being transferred in this community,” Warner and Moran wrote in the June 20 letter to Chertoff. “It is our hope that your analysis includes a determination as to whether there is sufficient coordination between Norfolk Southern and Tucker Elementary School, the adjacent community, and the respective public safety agencies and responders of the city of Alexandria.”

Meanwhile, members of the City Council formed an eight-member “monitoring group” Tuesday night

to oversee ongoing developments in the efforts to shut down Norfolk Southern’s operation in the West End. Members of the monitoring group will include representatives from Cameron Station and Summers Grove, the two neighborhoods that are closest to the transloading operation. The group will also include a member from Alexandria City Public Schools, which is responsible for hundreds of children who will head off for their first day of school at Tucker on July 28.

“This community group is essential for discussing and monitoring activities at the Norfolk Southern facility,” said Mayor Bill Euille in a written statement announcing the formation of the group. “This operation presents a serious threat to our residents, businesses and the people who travel our streets and the nearby highways and the city will do everything that can be done to shut this facility down.”

Eberwein’s Final Meeting

FROM PAGE 3

“You’ve gotten on our nerves, and we’ve gotten on yours,” said Blanche Maness during Eberwein’s final meeting Monday night. “It’s been difficult, and we all know that.”

DURING HER FINAL meeting as chairwoman, Eberwein thanked her supporters and reviewed the accomplishments of her term. Aside from overseeing a search to replace Perry, Eberwein admitted that her time at the helm was “at times a bit difficult.” Under her leadership the School Board revised its budget document, adding more information and clarifying stilted accounting language into a more user-friendly document. And she oversaw the completion of a complicated plan to organize talented and gifted students in the city.

“I believe this board has been able to work together quite well,”

she said.

After the meeting was over, talk quickly turned to who would run in the special election to replace Eberwein in the “B District,” the city’s central ward that includes nine precincts in the center of Alexandria. Former Republican candidate for City Council Bernard Schultz said that he was “seriously considering” launching a campaign during the special election, and former School Board candidate Elynn Simons has already organized a kickoff event at her house this weekend. John Leary, one of Eberwein’s harshest critics, has also decided to throw his hat into the ring. He was already campaigning for support Monday night even as Eberwein was walking out the door.

“I want to focus on the future, not the past,” said Leary, who spearheaded an ill-fated recall effort last year. “I want to bring a sense of collegiality to the board.”

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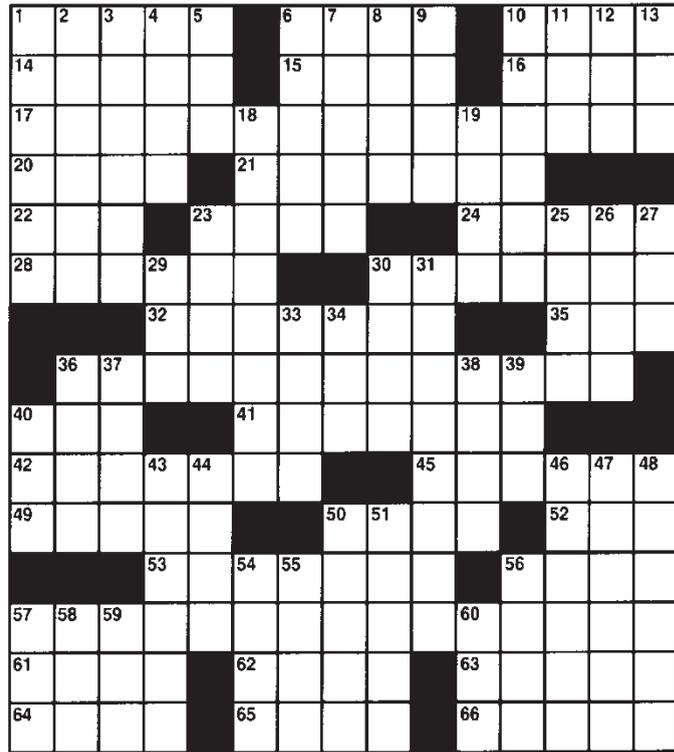
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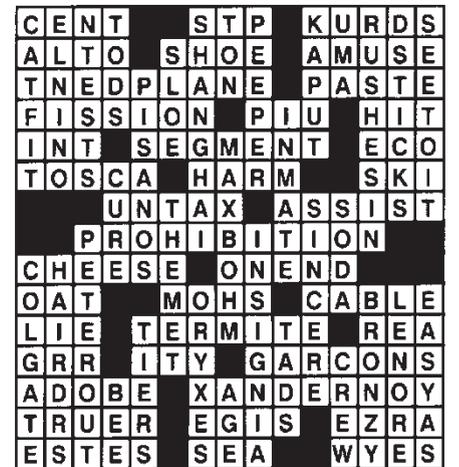
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- 6 Amo, —, amat (Latin exercise)
- 10 Fishhook's end
- 14 Positive pole
- 15 70's-80's TV alien
- 16 Theater award
- 17 Place in the news, 3/28/79
- 20 Genesis son
- 21 Moderately slow, in music
- 22 Drink in a mug
- 23 Helen of —
- 24 Shady retreat
- 28 Examiner
- 30 Shock
- 32 Duracell competitor
- 35 Bandleader Brown
- 36 They're hard to walk on
- 40 Mel's Diner waitress
- 41 Baby's room
- 42 Terriers and toy poodles, e.g.
- 45 Marvelous, in slang

DOWN

- 11 Lawyers' org.
- 12 — Tin Tin
- 13 Retirement locale?
- 18 Getting hitched
- 19 Number on a baseball card
- 23 Sign of weeping
- 25 Torero's foe
- 26 Smallest bills
- 27 Country rtes.
- 29 Robert Morse Tony-winning role
- 30 Sounds of relief
- 31 Amtrak posting
- 49 Photographer Adams
- 50 Air conditioner capacity, for short
- 52 Scot's refusal
- 53 Marsh plant
- 56 Speaker's spot
- 57 Offside setback
- 61 Persia, now
- 62 Clumsy dancer's obstacles
- 63 Like a lot
- 64 Not straight
- 65 Not — eye in the house
- 66 Legislative aides

- 33 Burden
- 34 TV hookup
- 36 Spanish custard
- 37 "Stupid me!"
- 38 Blows it
- 39 Iris's place
- 40 Neighbor of Ga.
- 43 Clothed, informally
- 44 Oil of —
- 46 Not digital
- 47 — d'
- 48 Emphatic affirmative
- 50 Justice Ruth — Ginsburg
- 51 Sloshed
- 54 Socialite's "bye"
- 55 Walked (on)
- 56 Baby's first word
- 57 Prevaricate
- 58 Wrath
- 59 Vehicle with sliding doors
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Lauritzen: Career And Life In Transition

BRAC has defined the end chapter in an interconnected career.

By CHUCK HAGEE
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Three years ago next month Col. Brian W. Lauritzen became the Installation Commander of Fort Belvoir. On July 2, he will not only relinquish that command to Col. Jerry Blixt but also complete a 26-year military career that began with a West Point graduation in 1982.

A little more than 60 days after Lauritzen took command of Fort Belvoir he was presented with one of the greatest challenges of his career. On Sept. 8, 2005 the Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) made their final report to the President of the United States.

That report, calling for a host of base realignments nationwide, established the blueprint for the transition of Fort Belvoir into one of the most strategic posts of the U.S. Army. Nearly 20,000 personnel would be added to the existing Belvoir compliment of just under 60,000.

This triggered both excitement and anxiety among national, state and local leaders as well as business and public education professionals. The opportunities were and are vast coupled with a like description of the challenges.

At the center of this socio-economic F5 twister was Lauritzen. With a BRAC deadline for full implementation of Sept. 15, 2011, it would be his job to balance the priorities of a post 9/11 military game plan with the needs and concerns of the surrounding communities and their constituencies. "A jigsaw puzzle with changing pieces," as he once described it.

"This is a very interesting time in our history and that of Fort Belvoir. We are in the next wave of Belvoir's transition," Lauritzen said sitting in his headquarters office conference room just prior to the U.S. Army's 233rd birthday.

"Over the years we have built up this base and torn it down. We have grown the population and shrunk it. We are an army at war now. Things are very different than when that is not the case," he said.

Belvoir came into being during World War I as Fort Humphrey. It was renamed Belvoir with World War II. For many years it was the home of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Now it has become much more of an overall Department of Defense organization with only about 10 percent of its overall personnel compliment actual U.S. Army personnel, according to Lauritzen.

During a recent community public infor-

mation meeting, Lauritzen noted that although BRAC implementation is a major operation now, "It is only a blip on the screen in the long run. We're the drop of a stone into the lake with BRAC." It will be over at that deadline point and things will go on.

"Will there be another BRAC? And, if there is, will Ft. Belvoir be a loser or a gainer in that one," he asked rhetorically.

With the primary BRAC change on the main post being the construction, staffing and development of the new DeWitt Community Hospital, Lauritzen theorized, "Maybe, this base will become known as an advanced, superior medical facility," he said.

"I believe DeWitt will redefine how people think of Belvoir — much like they have thought of Walter Reed over the years. I'm sensing that this new hospital will cast a long shadow," Lauritzen predicted. The new medical, campus-like facility is now rising just inside the post's main Pence Gate.

"BRAC has defined my time here. It is the primary interest of the community leaders and population, the media, and the military because it calls for the intertwining of people, time, infrastructure, and dollars," Lauritzen said.

"What is sometimes lost in all this is that there are some 23,000 to 24,000 people on this base working everyday that have nothing to do with BRAC. They were here before BRAC and will be here after BRAC," he said.

"I have many people on staff here who could have moved on in their careers but didn't because they are committed to Belvoir. I've got a whole bunch of unsung heroes here," Lauritzen said.

"This is the best time for all of us."

—Ft. Belvoir Installation Commander Brian W. Lauritzen

DURING ITS June 2 meeting, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) paid a special tribute to Lauritzen and his efforts to bring all parties to the BRAC table. "It's no secret the BRAC process has been very difficult," said BOS Chairman Gerald Connolly.

"But, through it all Col. Lauritzen has been the one who has continuously found solutions for our community. He has exemplified outstanding leadership and we wouldn't be where we are today without him. We own him a great deal of thanks on behalf of all the people of Fairfax County," Connolly said.

For Mount Vernon District Supervisor Gerald Hyland, where the majority of Ft. Belvoir is located, Lauritzen's ability to reach out to the community and keep everyone not only informed but also in the overall BRAC decision making process was

paramount. "When the BRAC announcement came out we didn't expect to have a large town in the middle of Mount Vernon District," he said.

"But, Col. Lauritzen stayed calm and cool during the process even when many were asking how we were going to accommodate an additional 20,000 people. With all the pressure put on his shoulders he performed tremendously," Hyland said.

Some of that pressure was supplied by Hyland who often raised question about incoming personnel and their impact on schools and other community concerns.

In response Lauritzen acknowledged that, "An important part of my job is to have an established link with the county and its residents. Any commander must be a steward of that relationship."

Analyzing BRAC's metamorphosis, Lauritzen reflected, during the interview, on the fact that, "A lot of what were are dealing with now is because it was not dealt with originally in the process. Three years ago we didn't realize some of these things were going to be a problem."

As an example he cited the transportation component of BRAC implementation. "We should have asked what would be the transportation impact of all this on specific areas right from the beginning. It was always under study but there were elements we should have been more cognizant of," he said.

"But, at the end of all this, I hope we've gotten it right. By that, I mean right for everyone — the Army and our surrounding communities," Lauritzen said.

As for him, following the July 2 Change of Command, Col. Brian W. Lauritzen will become private citizen Brian Lauritzen. He, his wife Anne, and their two children, Daniel, 12, and Kristen, 9, will move to Carlisle, Pa., where they have a home and two horses. Located about 20 miles west of the state capitol in Harrisburg, Pa., it is the home of Dickinson College and Law School



Col. Brian Lauritzen

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"We bought the home in 2003 when I was attending the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle. We liked the town and decided it might be a good place to retire so we kept the house when we came here," he said.

A 1982 graduate of the West Point Military Academy, Lauritzen received his Master of Arts from the Colorado School of Mines in 1992. He also holds an MA in mathematics with a specialty in Operations Research.

His military education includes graduating from the Command and General Staff College at Ft. Leavenworth, KS, in 1995 and the Army War College in Carlisle in 2004. "I have to definite plans right now. I've got a lot of interests and hope to apply my training and experience in installation management somehow," he said.

"I felt this was the time to retire and start on the next phase of my life. But, it was a family decision. Everyone had a part of it," Lauritzen said.

"If I had stayed in the military it would have required at least a five year commitment. You can't do it a year at a time and do it right," he said.

"I want to enjoy the years with my family as the children grow up and experience all those growing up events with them as well as give them a stable environment for their schooling. My son will be graduating from high school in five years," he stated.

"This is the best time for all of us. It's been a great experience. But, you just know when its time for a change," Lauritzen said.

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