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T.G.I. Friday's found guilty of discriminating against an H.I.V.-positive employee.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Shortly after an employee of T.G.I. Friday's on King Street disclosed to his regional manager that he was H.I.V. positive, he was fired. Company officials said he was terminated for signing a contract for cleaning the restrooms he was not authorized to approve, then lying about the amount of money that was involved. But the Alexandria Human Rights Commission unanimously rejected that theory, concluding in a decision announced this week that James McCray was the victim of discrimination according to the protections afforded to him under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Human Rights Code for the city of Alexandria.

"They only presented one witness as to the facts and circumstances in the case," said Andrew Rivera, a member of the commission, referring to T.G.I. Friday's claim McCray had lied about the cleaning services contract. "And in my opinion, he was not credible."

The case was presented before the commission in a 10-hour public hearing on May 31. After the hearing, the commission deliberated and announced its decision in a press release issued Tuesday. According to the city's Human Rights Code, a written decision in the case will be released before

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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE

Celebrating the Fourth

Boy Scout Pack #135 present the Colors at Rosemont's annual Fourth of July celebration. For more photos see page 13.

Taking on More Debt

City Council members approve a plan to increase the amount of money that can be borrowed.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Who should pay for the city's new \$76-million police headquarters? Should the city's current residents shoulder the burden for a facility that won't exist for several years? Or should Alexandria's future residents pay for the construction after it becomes operational? According to a plan recently circulated by City Manager Jim Hartmann, budget officials should expect more from the city's future residents. Last month, the city manager recommended a proposal to increase the city's debt limit, and City Council mem-

bers unanimously agreed to the plan. The debt limit, which is calculated as a percentage of total personal income of all city residents, was raised from 3.25 percent to 4.5 percent.

"Back in the 1980s and 1990s, the city did very little borrowing," said Councilman Tim Lovain, who advocated for raising the limit when he was the chairman of the city's budget-advisory committee. "As a result we



didn't do enough capital construction during that time because we were limited to the amount of money that was available in a given year."

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Meet the Candidates

Four contenders emerge in advance of the Aug. 12 special election.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Four candidates have filed the necessary papers to stand for election in the Aug. 12 special election to fill the vacancy left by former School Board Chairwoman Claire Eberwein, who stepped down last month at the end of her term as chairwoman to move out of the country. Because the School Board seats represent various areas of Alexandria, the election will be restricted to the central part of town, an area known as “District B.” To find out if your precinct is in District B, visit alexandriavoter.org. The successful candidate will serve an extremely brief term, with the May 2009 School Board election less than a year away.

JOHN LEARY is a sixth-generation Alexandrian, graduating from T.C. Williams High School in 1987. He has a bachelor’s degree in government and international studies from the University of South Carolina. Returning to Alexandria after college, Leary spent seven years of his professional career as the director of political and grassroots membership at the American Medical Association, and he is currently a vice president at Goddard Claussen, an advocacy communications firm. Leary said that his background as a product of the city’s public-school system gives him a long-term perspective on the issues confronting the city.

“There is a perception among some parents that the curriculum is not challenging to some students,” said Leary. “We need a greater emphasis on differentiation of instruction.”

Leary said his campaign will advocate for small class sizes, consistency of instruction

throughout the city, ensuring a challenging curriculum for every student and an increasing environmental sustainability of the school system’s facilities. He also said he would like to see more transparency in the governance of the school system, using the ACPS television channel to broadcast committee meetings. He said the board’s Web site should feature complete documentation of all issues before the elected leaders in a format similar to the one used by the Alexandria City Council.

“We can and should do a better job increasing transparency,” said Leary. “I think we have an underutilized resource in the ACPS cable channel.”

BERNIE SCHULZ is a native of Arlington, and he has lived in Alexandria since 2000. He has a bachelor’s degree in political science from Radford University, a master of education from the University of South Carolina and a master of public administration from the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University. Professionally, he serves as a special assistant to the vice president of campus life at American University. Schulz said his experience as a university administrator has given him an important perspective on the value of public high-school education.

“Currently, no one on the board has a university perspective,” said Schulz. “With my professional background as a university administrator, I know what it’s going to take for Alexandria’s students to get into college and to graduate.”

Schulz said that the current School Board has been distracted recently by narrow issues, taking a micromanaging approach. He said he would like to broaden the perspective into a more strategic view that would set a clear vision for administrators. Schulz

said that he would like to see the School Board take a “balance of priorities” that placed a greater emphasis on low-performing students and an administration that spent more money in the classroom.

“It’s not a big shocker that there’s been a lot of money going into the central administration,” said Schulz. “I’d like to see a more responsible approach to the budget.”

ELYNN SIMONS is a native of New York, and she has lived in Alexandria since 1973. She has a bachelor’s degree in psychology from American University and a master’s degree in conflict management from George Mason University. Since 1990, she has operated a tutoring and educational consulting business. She is also a substitute teacher in Alexandria City Public Schools. Simons said that her professional background in conflict management would be an important asset to the Alexandria School Board, whose members have frequently been at odds since being elected in 2005.

“I think our schools are really the best because our teachers are the best, and I want to get that word out to Realtors,” said Simons. “I would like to see people move here because of our schools.”

Simons said that too much money is going into central administration and not enough is going into the classroom. Yet she said it was difficult to get a grasp of the problem because the administration’s budget document was poorly organized, making it difficult to follow the money. As a result, she said, increasing the transparency of the city’s budget would be a priority for her campaign. She also said she would like to raise the level of achievement for the city schools, starting with an increase in the number of students who take Algebra in the eighth grade.

“Right now, the tendency is that only certain groups are encouraged to take Algebra in the eighth grade,” she said. “But I would like to see all students actively encouraged to take Algebra in the eighth grade.”

How to Vote Absentee

With the special election taking place in the dead of summer, elections officials expect heavy absentee balloting for the voting for the Aug. 12 balloting in District B to fill a vacancy on the School Board created by the departure of Claire Eberwein. The absentee ballots will be available on July 18, and the registrar’s office at 132 North Royal Street will accept in-person absentee ballots through Aug. 9. For more information, call 703-838-4050 or visit alexandriavoter.org.

MARC WILLIAMS is a native of Versailles, Ky., and has lived in Alexandria since 1992. He received bachelor’s degree in political science from the University of the South and a juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law. Williams joined the IBM Corporation 11 years ago and served as IBM’s national-security counsel for eight years. He is currently part of IBM’s governmental programs group, and he is responsible for IBM’s global intellectual property policy. Last year, Williams helped lead the effort to expand enrollment of honors classes last year and he said that effort should continue at the middle-school level.

“We should continue to look at expanding the number of children given the opportunity to take Algebra in the eighth grade and prepare them to do that in the lower grades,” said Williams. “I believe in the ability of our students to do that work.”

Williams said he would like to see the system hire more science teachers, citing George Mason Elementary School as an example of a school that does not currently have a science teacher. He said he would also like to see small class sizes maintained, a goal that is widely shared by administrators and community members. He also said he would like to use his position on the School Board to take a look at nutrition in the schools.

“A lot of kids are having two meals a day at school,” he said. “I’d like to take a look at the food service to make sure those meals are as nutritious as they can be.”

Mirant Agrees To Pay \$52,000 Fine

Violations cover plant emissions and dust from coal pile

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Six days prior to the landmark agreement between Mirant Mid-Atlantic Corporation and the City of Alexandria calling for Mirant's establishment of a \$34 million escrow account to deal with air pollution concerns at the company's Potomac River Generating Station in north Old Town, the company agreed to a fine of \$52,000 imposed by the State Air Pollution Control Board pertaining to a violation dating back to February 23, 2007.

That enforcement action consent order was agreed to and signed by Robert Driscoll, president, Mirant Mid-Atlantic, on June 25, and Thomas A. Faha, regional director, Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, on July 2. Mirant has 30 days to pay the fine and 90 days to meet the provisions of that order.

Imposition of the fine stems from Mirant's actions in supplying power during a "scheduled outage of an electrical transmission line serving Washington, DC" beginning February 19, 2007 and ending March 6,

2007. At that time the plant was operating under the direction of PJM Interconnection, a regional transmission organization, and in accordance with U.S. Department of Energy orders, according to the Consent Order.

However, during that operation the plant committed several violations, according to the Air Board's findings:

"A fence-line ambient air monitor on Mirant's property detected increased levels of sulfur dioxide" and "Mirant did not have written procedures and training records that demonstrated the plant operated in a manner consistent with minimizing air emissions."

DEQ's staff, on several unannounced visits to the plant between February 23, 2007 and February 13, 2008, also found a series of procedural and operating violations that resulted in the Department's issuance of a Notice of Violation to Mirant citing the following:

"Failure to maintain and operate the Plant and associated air pollution control equipment ... in a manner consistent with air pollution control practices for minimizing air emissions.

"Failure to notify the Board no later than four daytime business hours after a malfunction is discovered.

"Failure to submit a written report to the Board when the breakdown was expected to exist for 30 days or more."



One of the primary violations cited in the Consent Order had nothing to do with emissions from the plant but rather with maintenance of the coal pile that occupies a large area just inside the plant's main gate. It is required to be secured in such a way as to prevent coal dust from getting into the air. During a January 30, 2008 surprise visit by DEQ staff they discovered the windscreens on the coal pile, designed to prevent wind erosion and suppress dust,

were "not properly" secured for approximately 170 feet. DEQ determined that constituted an "unsatisfactory condition" and "a violation of the Plant's obligation to operate in accordance with air pollution control practices for minimizing air emissions."

On a February 13, 2007 unannounced reinspection trip, DEQ personnel discovered the windscreen remained unrepaired. Finally, on February 16 Mirant notified DEQ that the windscreen had been repaired.

ACVA Marketing To Budget Conscious Tourists

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

As "staycations" gain popularity with every penny's increase in gasoline, coupled with escalating costs of just about everything else, the forecast for long distance tourism seems to drop exponentially. So what's a City like Alexandria, with so many of its financial eggs in the tourism basket, to do?

The Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association (ACVA) thinks it has found part of the answer with its newly launched marketing campaign to attract visitors to the city this summer and offset predictions of a weak travel season. Tourism spending in Alexandria contributes an estimated \$18 million in revenue to the local economy, according to ACVA.

"Alexandria's charming streets, unique shops and trendy restaurants offer a great escape for time-crunched travelers. This promotion helps visitors get away for more fun with less cost. The promotion encourages tourism in Alexandria by helping travelers defray some of the increased transportation costs," said Stephanie Brown, president and CEO, ACVA.

This summer's promotion complements ACVA's spring marketing campaign, which doubled visits to VisitAlexandriaVA.com, and a \$180 million investment by Alexandria's tourism industry which has

added new hotels and upgraded existing properties, according to Brown.

ACVA's \$150,000 summer marketing campaign, "Getaway with More Fun!," targets value-conscious travelers by featuring a \$25 gift card and more than \$600 in value redeemable coupons honored at attractions, restaurants and shops throughout the city. The gift card and coupons are available with every two-night stay at a participating Alexandria hotel through Labor Day weekend.

It must be booked through VisitAlexandriaVA.com. Advertisements promoting the offer appear online at the New York Times, Travelocity and Google websites and through the NY Times Great Getaway E-Blast.

The Travel Industry Association (TIA) reported a six percent increase in the Travel Price Index this past April compared to the same period a year ago. Airfares and the price of gasoline are the primary fun time grinchs. Those two factors alone have increased 10.1 percent and 21.1 percent respectively over the same period in 2007.

To further enhance Alexandria's appeal, ACVA has entered into a collaboration with the online travel company Travelocity. ACVA has added Travelocity's booking engine to www.VisitAlexandriaVA.com.

This will enable potential Alexandria visitors to search for and book flights, car rentals, and hotel rooms all through the internet. ACVA expects to be constantly



Gift cards and coupons offered by ACVA to tourists.

adding to this new service.

"ACVA is excited to work with Travelocity in an effort to better serve visitors to the

city. We believe this arrangement will add visibility to Alexandria and our many offerings and historic attractions," Brown said.

SUP Process Reduction Recommended

Small Business Task Force recommendations prevail.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Although the Alexandria Planning Commission recommended its approval by a 6 to 0 vote, the text amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance eliminating the requirement for public hearings when considering many Special Use Permit (SUP) requests, remains controversial.

In making the second presentation of the revised text amendment to the Commission at its July 1 meeting, Planning & Zoning Department consultant Barbara Ross said, "This proposal probably does not go far enough to help small businesses." However, according to many speakers at the May 6 Planning Commission meeting, when it was first aired, it not only goes too far but also may be unnecessary and, perhaps, even detrimental to the city's planning and zoning process.

The proposed text amendment would change the long-established SUP process by

eliminating SUP approval for a variety of land uses, changing them to either a permitted use or administrative SUP uses. The latter would be solely in the hands of the Planning & Zoning Department staff, thereby eliminating the need for a public hearing before the Planning Commission.

The change was originally recommended by the Small Business Task Force to City Council in June 2007 as a way to ease the perceived burden on small business entrepreneurs of going through the detail-oriented SUP public hearing process. This abbreviated process was also "strongly" endorsed by the Economic Sustainability Implementation Monitoring Committee.

In a memorandum dated June 16 to the Planning Commission the Committee stated, "The types of small businesses that would be subject to the proposed zoning changes do not warrant the degree of time-consuming regulation that currently exists for those uses, with no guarantee that the result will be positive for the applicant."

They went on to state, "With the 'by right' location allowed for some types of small businesses and the administrative standards identified for others, we believe that these uses will have little or no impact to nearby communities. We also agree with the proposed changes to allow minor adjustments to existing SUP's." They viewed the latter

as allowing small businesses to grow and expand "without having to go through a full hearing process."

The Committee memo further stated, "We believe the proposed changes will improve the environment for small businesses and will encourage them to locate in the City. We also believe that these changes will enhance the quality of life in the City for businesses and residents alike."

It was that "quality of life" assessment that has drawn the greatest criticism of the proposed change to the SUP process. Many view the traditional process as critical to maintaining Alexandria's ambiance, particularly in the historic districts.

During the Commission's May meeting, Tim Elliott, a member of Old Town Civic Association's Board of Directors and the Small Business Task Force testified in opposition to changing the SUP process and noted that he had filed "a minority report" to the SBTF's recommendation several months before their report was filed. "No actual facts have been put forth that Alexandria is unfriendly to small business," Elliott said.

Following the May public hearing, which ended in a deferral by the Commission, the text amendment was further refined particularly dealing with its most controversial subject — restaurants. As presented in

May, the amendment for approval of new or expanded restaurants would provide:

Automatically permit them within a shopping center, hotel, industrial or flex space center

The need for an Administrative SUP only in all other locations, subject to neighborhood standards

SUP requirements would remain unchanged for restaurant applicants that do not meet Administrative SUP guidelines

STAFF NOTED that SUP's have been part of the zoning ordinance since the early 1930's. Today's SUP process came into being in the early 1950's. The 1992 Zoning Ordinance revisions "relied heavily on the SUP as a discretionary mechanism," according to staff.

By removing the necessity for a public hearing from the process the decision time on an applicant's proposal would be reduced from an average of three months to three weeks, according to P&Z Deputy Director Richard Josephson.

In a 129 page memorandum to the Commission detailing the changes made to the amendment since the May meeting, P&Z Director Farroll Hamer made one final recommendation that she emphasized was "not part of the proposed legislation" but was

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PEOPLE

Getting to Know ... William Clendaniel

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A native of California, Pennsylvania., Williams Clendaniel is the interim principal at T.C. Williams High School. After receiving a degree in elementary education from California University of Pennsylvania, Clendaniel started his career as a teacher in Prince William County as a sixth-grade Social Studies and English teacher. He then moved to Fairfax County to accept a job at Fairview Elementary School before becoming a vocational counselor at Edison High School and later assistant principal of Langley High School. Since 2000, Clendaniel has been the principal at Langley, retiring from that position this year. Last month, he was named as interim principal at T.C. Williams until a permanent candidate can be found to fill the position vacated by former Principal Med Riddle.

What attracts you to education administration?

Once you get a taste of leadership, it's kind of in your blood — not that I consider myself a born leader because I think that's something you learn. You get used to being one of the decision makers. So I enjoy that part of it. I think a particular strength I have is to sort out issues and make good choices, whether that would be personnel issues or whether that would be issues about the operation of a school.

How did you see Langley changing in the time you were there?

Well it grew. It went from about 1,350

students in my first year to nearly 2,100 during my last year. That was the biggest change. We used to rattle around the halls there with plenty of room, but when I left there they were in the process of completing a 10-room addition.

What about changes to the philosophy of education during that time?

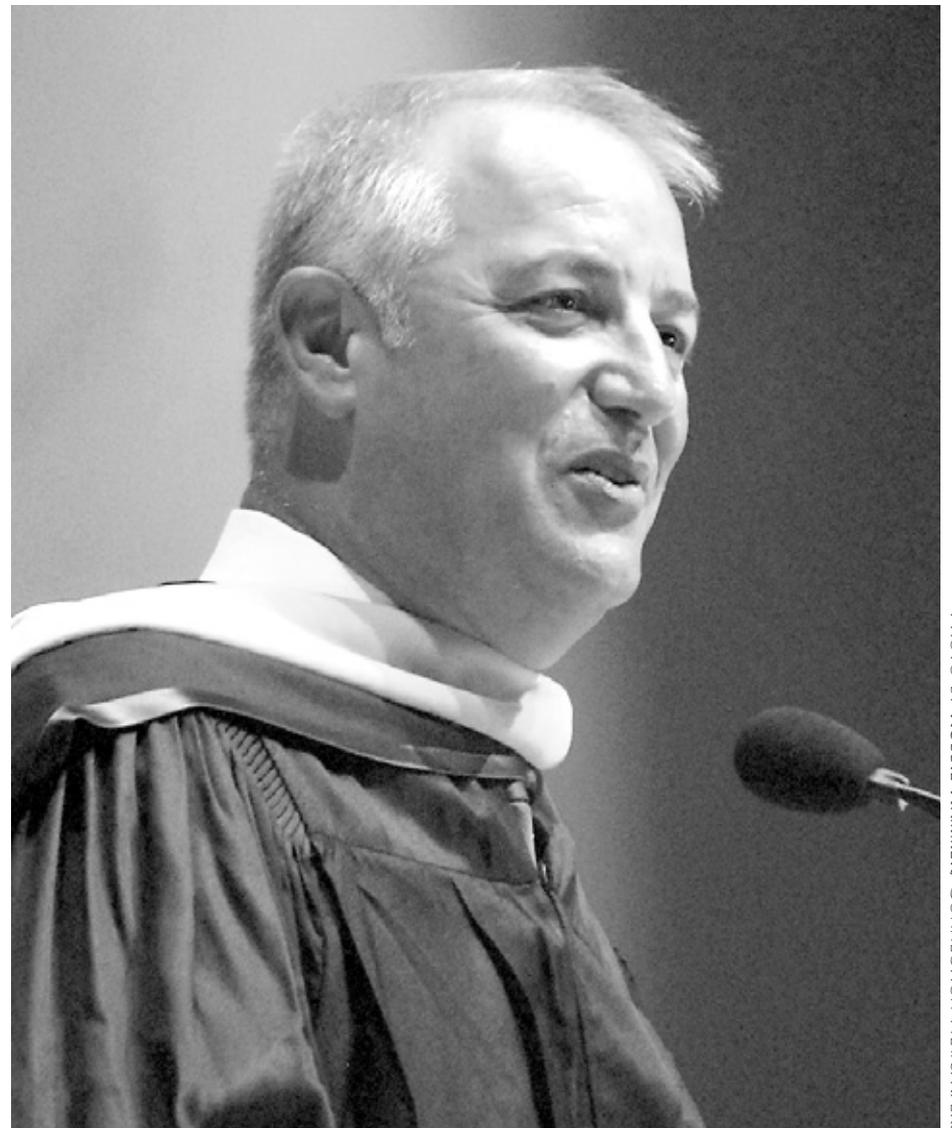
When No Child Left Behind initially came into being, my initial response was that it was a stupid idea. But it really made us pay attention to special education students and what the special-education students were learning. So that was the biggest thing. The other major change during that time was the number of Advanced Placement courses grew tremendously in terms of the number of students enrolled and the number of students taking A.P. exams. Now it's not unusual for students to take four or five A.P. exams. So I think the level of achievement really did ramp itself up during the 12 years I was at Langley.

You started at T.C. this week.

What's your initial impression?

From what I've seen in the couple of days since I've been here is an incredible school spirit. When look at the kids in the cafeteria there are lots of kids with T.C. Williams T-shirts on. And a lot of the staff has a T.C. Williams shirt of some kind. It's not that we didn't have that level of spirit at Langley, but not to the level of T.C. I still continue to be amazed at the school spirit and the level of community commitment to the school. It's something that seems to be ingrained in the community and in the school.

What kind of challenges are unique



William Clendaniel

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to being an interim principal?

We have some vacancies here. Should we put those on hold until the new principal comes in or do you take a chance on losing some outstanding people? That's a big challenge, especially with administrative positions. Will we end up losing out if we wait? That's the biggest challenge that I see.

How long do you expect to be the

interim at T.C.?

I've committed to the first of September, so I'll be here at least through July and August. The interview process and the selection process to find a permanent principal has started already. But I am committed to staying here until a suitable replacement is found. So if they don't find someone in that time, I'm not planning to run out of here on the first of September.

MILITARY NOTES

Marine Corps Pfc. Christopher M. Counts, son of Mary J. and Kenneth L. Counts of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C., designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Army Pvt. David P. Selby has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He is the grandson of Marian Selby of Alexandria, and Catherine Barber of John St., Suitland, Md. Selby is a 2004 graduate of Thomas Edison High School, Alexandria.

Navy Seaman Jermie D. Harris, a 2000 graduate of West Potomac High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

Paul Chenevert has been promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Army National Guard. Chenevert, an infantry operations officer with 19 years of military ser-

vice, is assigned to the 29th Infantry Division, Fort Belvoir, Fairfax, Va. His wife, Michelle, resides in Alexandria. The captain graduated in 1989 from Catholic High School, Baton Rouge, La., and received a bachelor's degree in 1996 from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

Marine Corps Pvt. Geoffrey L. Hughes, son of Vicki L. and John V. Hughes of Alexandria, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S. C.

Alexandria resident **Patricia Bayliss Owens '62** was awarded the Alumni Medallion from the William and Mary Alumni Association

Marine Corps Pvt. Taytra T. Todd, daughter of Georgia T. Todd of Alexandria, recently completed the Marine Corps Basic Enlisted Supply Course. Todd is a 2006 graduate of The Potomac School of Mc Lean, and joined the Marine Corps in July 2007.

Army National Guard Spec. Joshua A. Price has returned to 116th

Brigade Special Troop Brigade, National Guard Station, Fredericksburg, Va., after being deployed to an overseas forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Price, a cannon crewmember with two years of military service. He is the son of Andrea K. and Eugene R. Price of Alexandria and received an associate degree in 2006 from Norwich University, Northfield.

Army 2nd Lt. Gabriel L. LaMois has graduated from the Army Basic Officer Leader Course at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. LaMois' parents, Loyd M. and Eve L. LaMois, live in Alexandria. In 2003, the lieutenant graduated from Bishop Ireton High School, Alexandria, and received a bachelor's degree in 2007 from Virginia Commonwealth University.

Navy Seaman Apprentice **Pattama M. Intavong**, a 1998 graduate of T. C. Williams High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

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Sexual Assault Survivors Support Group: An eight-week group for women who were assaulted as an adult or adolescent. This group will address the impact that sexual assault has had on survivors' lives. Offered winter/spring 2008. Contact the SARA Program: 703-838-5030.

Creative Expression Support Group: A support group for adult survivors of sexual assault or sexual abuse that will incorporate nonverbal forms of expression, such as; poetry, art, journaling. This six-week group is for those who have previously participated in a support group. Offered winter 2008.

Contact the SARA Program: 703-838-5030.

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COMMUNITY



Michael Harlick center, head of the "Chico Project of Greater Washington," is joined by Lisa Miller, Lizabeth Adams and Tara Blot of the Animal Welfare League as well as donors Cindy Kohler far right, and Mary Jo Bush 3rd from right during his organization's presentation of animal resuscitation equipment to the Alexandria Fire Department.

To Breathe A Sigh Of Relief

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BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Firefighters and Emergency Medical Services personnel are trained to save lives — human lives. But, what about the family pet trapped inside a burning building? Do they have the training or equipment to save them?

Thanks to an organization known as "The Chico Project of Greater Washington" and its founders, Michael Horlick and his wife Liz Saint Rain of Hyattsville, MD, Alexandria Fire Department now has the equipment and will receive the training necessary to properly use it. It will enable both pets and their owners to breathe a little easier — figuratively and actually.

During a recent ceremony in the Fire Department's conference room, Horlick presented six animal resuscitation kits valued at \$70 each to the department. He was joined at that event by the three donors who provided funds for the kits, Mary Jo Bush, Margaret Mercer and Cindy Kohler, all of Alexandria, as well as representatives of the Alexandria Animal Welfare League (AWL) headed by Tara Blot, executive director.

"We started this project less than a year ago to aid firefighters in rescuing pets. This is our first donation to a fire department on the Virginia side of the river," Horlick said.

Each kit contains three oxygen masks, in large, small and feline sizes, the necessary tubing and an oxygen canister. "Each unit is normally donated in memory or honor of a pet," he explained.

"This is a way for us to remember our pets," said Lisa Miller, community outreach coordinator, AWL, whose dog died in December.

All three donors have lost pets but not in fire related incidents.

"These kits will be placed on our medic units and all EMS personnel will receive the proper training for their use. But, this is definitely a stop gap measure to give us extra time to get the animal to a veterinarian," said Bryan Meckes, EMS supervisor, Alexandria Fire Department.

"The main objective of this equipment and this project is to provide the critical time and support to the firefighters and EMS personnel until the animal gets to a vet," Horlick added.

"We started this because we are fans of animals. We would want our dog to be taken care of in case of a fire," said Horlick. However, he acknowledged that if the animal is not breathing when rescued the equipment is not a life saver. It is designed to make breathing easier not restart it.

HORLICK, a linguist by profession, and his wife, a professional artist, got the idea to start The Chico Project after reading an article in the Yakima Herald Republic. It described how a Washington state radio personality had embarked on a unusual form of phi-

lanthropy — supplying animal resuscitation units to local fire companies.

That radio personality was Lance Tormey and his dog was named Chico. "Lance had taken it upon himself to raise money to fund an effort to buy animal resuscitation masks for all the

fire departments in the area," according to the project's web site www.pet-projects.org.

To date Horlick and his wife have been able, through donations from animal lovers, to place more than 15 resuscitation kits throughout the Greater Washington area and the East Coast from Hudson, NY to Venice, FL. They are aided in their efforts by an all volunteer staff.

The company that supplies the equipment does not usually sell directly to the public, according to Horlick. The instructions provided with each kit are the result of information from the manufacturer and licensed veterinarians.

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OPINION

A Question of Debt

Among financial advisors, the conventional wisdom has always been that taking on some debt can be a good financial tool. The question has always been what kind of debt and how much. How do you decide?

The principle still holds true both for individuals and governments — despite the current financial mess the country finds itself in because of bad decisions by individuals, by businesses and by government.

So is Alexandria's decision to raise the debt limit from 3.25 percent to 4.5 percent a prudent one?

That limit is calculated as a percentage of the total personal income of all city residents. The philosophy is that going into debt for capital expenditures — such as new schools, open space acquisition, a new

police facility — makes sense because those improvements not only benefit current residents of the city but future residents as well. There is also the issue of maintaining and improving the city's infrastructure. To let things go in the name of staying out of debt would be like a homeowner letting his roof continue to leak eventually destroying his home, rather than borrow the money to replace it.

As Councilman Tim Lovain pointed out, back in the 1980s and 1990s, the city did very little borrowing and as a result the burden on the present city government has only grown. Now there are so many capital improvements needed that the city will have to make hard choices deciding what absolutely must be done and what can be deferred. This policy is reflected in the fact

that the city borrows less than its neighbors in northern Virginia.

Currently the city is operating from a position of strength because for several years they have received a double triple A bond rating from the two bond rating agencies. Those agencies have verified that the city does not borrow too much and as a result when the city goes to the bond market, it gets favorable rates.

That is how the new T.C. Williams was financed. That is how the new police facility on Wheeler Avenue will be financed.

So the city is making a sensible decision, a financially prudent one. The position they are taking is the same a family takes when they take out a mortgage to buy a home, but take out a mortgage they can afford, calculating the cost of the

mortgage plus taxes, insurance and utilities as a percentage of their income. A family might also borrow money for a car or further education. These could also be logical choices.

But borrowing money for operating expenses, for day-to-day living costs would not be wise, either for a family or the city.

That is why the debt they are talking about will be brick and mortar debt. It hopefully will be for necessary projects to maintain the quality of life for city residents — projects such as acquiring open space, affordable housing and improving schools and recreational centers.

The city has made a reasonable choice during uncertain, economic times. They cannot do nothing and watch the city deteriorate, nor hopefully will they go on a spending spree.

EDITORIAL

Memories of the 1956 Democratic Convention

BY MIKE SERLIN

When people hear about a National Democratic Convention in Chicago, the tumultuous 1968 convention, with college kids and police battling in the streets comes to mind. My experience of twelve years earlier was of a more peaceful time, when Adlai Stevenson gained his nomination at the 1956 convention to run against President Dwight Eisenhower. I even had a pleasant confrontation with the Chicago police.

A college friend of mine who was president of the Stanford Young Democrats convinced me we should drive from California to Chicago, where he was sure he could get us in to see the convention. We arrived the day before it started and it became clear he was unable to get us tickets. I then volunteered for the Stevenson group working out of a large ball-

I still had no credentials, but found myself walking straight down a path with Chicago police on either side directly onto the convention floor.

room 3rd floor bullpen in the Conrad Hilton Hotel and told them I had a car.

A few minutes later Stevenson's Press Secretary called down from their 17th floor suite seeking someone to take several reporters to a meeting. I did so, but after returning to the hotel, realized this wasn't getting me toward my goal.

I went to the Press Secretary's suite and sat down. Shortly someone on his staff noticed me and asked why I was there. I explained that rather than calling down to the volunteer bullpen, wouldn't they like me to be assigned directly with them to drive reporters. The

staffer asked a reporter who I had driven to a meeting earlier in the day if I was O.K. He said, "Yes." That constituted my entire security clearance in those less frightening times, and for the rest of the convention I was driving the press.

Within minutes of that first encounter, they told me that Governor Stevenson was going to a meeting, to bring my car to the hotel entrance, and park it behind his white Lincoln. While I was arguing with the doorman about parking there (I had no credentials), Stevenson came out to his car, four reporters jumped in mine, and advised me to turn on my

headlights as we rushed in a police escorted caravan through the streets.

Later in the week, as the balloting was being conducted, Stevenson was in his law offices downtown and I was hanging out with the reporters watching TV and listening to speculation regarding whether he would break precedent by going to speak at the convention after he was nominated (it was not the norm in those days). While everyone was speculating, a Stevenson staffer quietly asked me to get my car, so I learned about fifteen minutes ahead of the reporters that he would be doing so.

We drove in a long caravan with police escort to the convention site. Stevenson's chauffeur told me all the cars would need to be turned around for the caravan to leave after his speech, but if I left my keys in the car, he'd have it turned around for me so I could

go in to hear him give his acceptance speech. I still had no credentials, but found myself walking straight down a path with Chicago police on either side directly onto the convention floor.

For an uncredentialed college senior with no tickets who simply drove from California to see the convention, it was quite an experience. With today's concerns for security, it seems unlikely that it could ever be repeated.

About that pleasant confrontation with the Chicago police: before I had hooked up with the Stevenson campaign, I made a right turn after stopping at a red light. A police man pulled me over and as he did I said, "Officer, I realized why you pulled me over. In California, it is legal to turn right after stopping at a red light, but that is not the case yet in Illinois." He simply waved me on with the admonition, "When in Rome....."

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COMMUNITY

Scout Completes Project, Helps Wildlife

Boy Scout builds shelters for wildlife at Huntley Meadows Park.

BY SARA RONKEN
GAZETTE PACKET

Despite the intense heat and overwhelming humidity, 13-year-old Cole Rosenberg and a crew of 45 to 50 volunteers spent Friday and Saturday, June 27 and 28, building brush pile shelters for the wildlife at Huntley Meadows Park in Alexandria.

In the hopes of gaining Eagle Scout status in Boy Scouts of America, Cole began organizing a project that would help out the surrounding community. He spoke with several businesses regarding possible donations and was in almost constant contact with Huntley Meadows Park officials. The plan was to build brush pile shelters in an effort to restore the meadows.

"The forest is overwhelming the meadows," said Cole. "The project will help to reintroduce the meadow habitat and facilitate the restoration of the meadow."

Cole's mother, Cheryl Rosenberg, was supportive of the project. "I thought it was a great idea," she said. "Cole got to see how important the park can be to animals and the role it plays in animal habitats."

The team spent both days building shelters made of logs and brush. They used 40 trees and about 43,000 cubic feet of brush for the project. The volunteers included friends, family, people from Cole's church and members of his youth conference.

Ryan Colpitts, a friend of Cole's



PHOTO BY SARA RONKEN/THE CONNECTION

Boy Scout Cole Rosenberg worked with 45-50 volunteers to build brush pile shelters at Huntley Meadows Park.

from school, was one such volunteer. Ryan, 12, decided to help out with the project and was at the park on both Friday and Saturday. "I was doing really badly in math and he helped me out," said Ryan. "I was just returning the favor for a good friend."

Cole's mother and father also helped out. "It was neat to see a group of people working for a common goal to improve nature," said Cheryl Rosenberg. "I think it was important to the people who go to Huntley Meadows all the time to see that people were taking time to preserve it and make it a better place."

The shelters will allow for more animals to inhabit the park. Prior to the completion of the project, the forest and surrounding residential areas were making it difficult for the meadows to survive.

Now with more brush pile shelters and less trees, the meadows are reappearing and attracting more animals.

"The animals will be able to find shelter when it rains," said Ryan. He was able to witness a snake seek refuge under the newly made shelters mere days after the shelters were completed.

Dave Lawlor, the natural resource manager at Huntley Meadows Park, explained to Cole how the park's wildlife was in need of brush pile shelters. "A lot of species require those kinds of habitats to survive," said Lawlor.

Overall, Cole said he had a great time completing his service project. "It was definitely hard but it was rewarding," he said. Cole is now one step closer to gaining Eagle Scout status in Boy Scouts of America.

2008-09 Legends are Nominated

Living Legends of Alexandria is now in its second year. The project, jointly sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alexandria and the Alexandria Gazette Packet, was conceived by artist-photographer Nina Tisara who serves as project director. This year the project is the recipient of a grant from the Alexandria Commission For the Arts.

Living Legends of Alexandria identifies, honors and chronicles the extraordinary contributions of individuals to the quality of life in Alexandria. The 2008-09 nominees are Engin Artemel, Melvin

and Donna Bergheim, Kathryn A. Brown, Hon. William D. Euille, Charles Euripides, Bernard M. Fagelson, T.J. Fannon, Lillie Finklea and Louise Massoud, Carlton Funn, Arlene Hewitt, Susan Kellom, Dr. John D. Kling, Marlin G. Lord, Eula and Melvin Miller, Hon. James P. Moran, Mike Oliver, Hon. Del Pepper, Rev. Dr. George Pera, Alice Quint, Rev. Dr. Elbert Ransom, Jane Ring, Charlotte Ross, Charlene Schiff, Pam St. Clair, The Steurele Family, the Swanson Family and Pat Troy. From these nominees, a committee will select twelve for in-depth

features to be published in the Gazette Packet. Photographs of all the nominees and a description of their contributions will be exhibited at the Lyceum beginning in April 2009. The records will be donated to the Alexandria Library where they will be retained.

The project is designed to be ongoing and nominations may be made now for 2009-2010. Information and nomination forms are available at www.tisaraphoto.com/legends. The current exhibition may be viewed at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, through September 8, 2008.

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Transit Problem Unsolved

Representatives talk about the need for more transit.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
GAZETTE PACKET

Rep. Jim Moran (D-8.) holds many of his town halls in accessible, transit-friendly areas like Arlington and Alexandria but the congressman decided to host his latest public meeting on transportation in the belly of the beast, Tysons Corner, July 3.

Standing at the Freddy Mac headquarters, Moran looked out to a crowd of approximately 200 people and said: "I think you know why we are here."

"Tysons Corner is the worst, most notorious choke point for traffic in Northern Virginia. It is the epicenter of what has gone wrong," said Moran.

Members of Moran's guest panel and some people in the audience, a few of whom wore "Tysons Tunnel" stickers, agreed. Tysons Corner had become a symbol of practically all that was wrong with the United States approach to transit and transportation, said Rep. Jim Oberstar (D-Mn.), chair of the transportation committee in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Most industrialized countries have made huge strides in mass transit in recent years. China has a train that travels at 220 miles per hour and can carry passengers from Beijing to Shanghai – approximately the same distance as from Boston to Richmond – in four hours, said Oberstar.

He added that high-speed trains have allowed people in France to commute over 200 miles daily to and from Paris in a reasonable amount of time. Thirty percent of trips for any purpose in the Netherlands are made by bike.

"What is wrong with us? Are we a third world country?" said Oberstar.

THE MINNESOTA congressman, who has been a representative for over 30 years, said there has always been pushback in the United States when it comes to

transit.

Several years ago, the Washington D.C. appropriations committee held up funding for the original construction of Metro until work was started on a new bridge connecting Virginia to Maryland over the Potomac river.

Minneapolis light rail attracted 10 million passengers nine months ahead of its projections but supporters are having difficulty getting more funding to expand the mass transit system, because the federal government keeps shifting its criteria, said Oberstar.

"Everywhere that light rail has been developed, the usage has been tripled," he said.

But the Dulles rail proponents are hitting a similar wall with rail to Dulles Airport and beyond. Oberstar said negotiations over the project – when it appeared as if the federal government might pull its funding – made it clear that the Bush administration was not

supportive of the project.

As with light rail in Minneapolis, the federal administration has not used the appropriate criteria to measure

and rate the project. He said they deliberately threw out factors like energy consumption and cost to the commuters when evaluating Dulles rail and other projects.

If those benefits could have been left in the financial analysis of the project, the cost effectiveness of the Dulles rail project – which has been criticized for its "medium low" rating – could be higher, said Oberstar.

Additional factors that should have been part of the Dulles rail project analysis may also have led the federal government to conclude that tunnel option was cost effective. Currently, the federal, state and local governments are pursuing an "above ground" option because the tunnel option was deemed too expensive and would stall the project significantly.

"You should have a tunnel under 495 and that lets you have real transit-oriented development. ... A tunnel could be built for a cost similar to the above-ground option," said Oberstar.

The Minnesota congressman said he would be willing to engage in a "conversation" about how to pursue the tunnel but the option would have to be talked about as the above-ground track proposal con-



PHOTOS BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE/THE CONNECTION

Rep. Jim Moran (D-8.) hosted a meeting on transportation issues in Tysons Corner July 7. Virginia Department of Transportation official Barbara Reese, U.S. House of Representatives transportation committee chair Jim Oberstar (D-Mn.) and Arlington County board member Chris Zimmerman participated.

tinued to move forward. He and Moran would not want to jeopardize the aboveground rail proposal in the hopes of getting a tunnel.

"The question of above or below. This is the symbol of doing it right the first time," said Scott Monett, president of Tysons Tunnel, an advocacy group pushing for the tunnel option.

MANY MEMBERS of the audience questioned what funds the federal government could divert from several places – ranging from the Iraq War to the Interstate 66 widening project – for Dulles rail.

Oberstar agreed that money going to Iraq's infrastructure development could be spent in the United States.

"We are building roads, tunnels, sewage systems, and bridges. We are just not building them here in this county," said Oberstar.

He did not agree with a suggestion to take revenue from the Metropolitan Airports Authority, which is supposed to manage the Dulles rail project, for the metro extension. Resident Brenda Balke wanted to know why the local airports, who will make money off the metro, could not contribute more money to the project.

A federal law prohibits money raised at airports to be used for federal purposes other than the airport.

"We have airport and airway funds for that purpose," said Oberstar.



Rep. Jim Oberstar (D-Mn.), chairman of the House of Representatives transportation committee, spoke to Fairfax County residents about transit at a meeting in Tysons Corner.

Oberstar said it could also be difficult to transfer highway funds – such as those set aside for widening of Interstate 66 inside the

beltway – to a transit project. "Shifting dollars from highway to transit? In this administration, that anathema," said Oberstar.

LIFE

4th of July at Rosemont



Brandon Scorce, 'Most Energetic Boy'



Charlotte Keeler 'The Most Beautiful Blond'

Georgia Neaderland, born on the 4th of July 'Most Beautiful Birthday Girl'



Grace Hotchkiss shows her blue ribbon for 'Most Patriotic Bike'



Desmond Rubin and his dad wait for the judge at the Beautiful Baby Contest.



'Sweetest Smile' goes to Andrew Callahan



Beautiful Baby Judge Bill Schultze holds Fiona Mary Hagan 'Crown Princess of Rosemont'

Dr. F. J. Pepper takes over the keyboard and plays patriotic music while lunch is served.

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Sam Cordell and Theda, a service dog, relax on the hardtop before the start of the opening ceremonies last Friday afternoon.

PEOPLE



Thalia and Tess Sidley and their dad, Taki.



Founder of 'Outside in Fitness' Sarah Robertson talks with prospective clients about her early morning fitness program in the park on Mt. Vernon Avenue. Robertson holds a class outside at 6:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information visit www.OutsideFitness.com

First Thursday in Del Ray

Craig Lancto and his granddaughter Kaitlyn.



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Young couples stroll along the Avenue listening to music and talking to neighbors.



While the moms shop, children and their dads wait outside Kiskadee.



Ann Shumard enjoys a frozen custard cone from the Dairy Godmother with her mom Rosemary Matteson.



The Clay Queen, Renee Altman watches as her students work the wheels in the evening pottery class.

NEIGHBORHOOD

Seminary Valley

Back in town after a quick trip to Paso Robles, Calif., to see my mom and sister. Had a bird's eye view of the Big Sur fire as we flew from Orange County to San Jose. Instead of the usual balmy clear June skies I was expecting, we spent the days indoors away from the smoke.

Back at home, the Dowden Terrace Dolphins are swimming a blue streak in Division 8, with a record of 3-0. Congratulations to Colleen Cox and Brendan Richichi, who each placed first in their age groups in the Todd Potts IM Carnival. Their neighborhood teammates include: Tory Atkinson, Will Augustine, Ethan and Harrison Brock, Mia, Natalie and Nick Brown, Caroline and Maggie Chamberlain, Claire Costello, Abby and Patrick Cox, Larry Dow, RJ Firestone, Jacob and Shannon Foster, Eme Golden, Ryan Goodale, Jenn Hatstat, Steve Hetzer, Jenna and Julia Lindsey, Megan, Robert and Ryan Mejia, Gabrielle Richichi, Kathy Tanner, Kai Taylor-Deak, Erica and Gabrielle Thompson and Brendan and Ryan Zack.

A recent article in the Washington Post caught my eye as it highlighted an award named after a Seminary Valley denizen. The Anne Lipnick Award for Inclusion, presented for the second year by the Special Education Advisory Committee, was given to Maury second-grade teacher Martha Walsh.

It's easy to see why Ann's passion has translated itself into an award for Alexandria educators. In a recent conversation, Anne described her work as the

parent coordinator for special education at the city's Parent Resource Center; she has held that position for about twenty years. Anne came to be active in special education through her social work degree and by navigating the pathways of special education as a parent. Ann's main goal is to make sure parents have access to information about special education laws and the services that are available to Alexandria's children. Her focus is to make sure that children with special needs are educated in the closest possible proximity to their peers...hence the term "inclusion."

Anne was quick to tell me that inclusion is not mainstreaming because mainstreaming emphasizes fitting special-needs children into a set environment. Rather, a more inclusive approach may mean that a child is with non-special needs students for part of the day, while having other classes that target special needs. One of Anne's mantras is "special education is a service, not a place". Anne also stressed that inclusion is a good thing for every child at a school, not just the special needs child. Students exposed to children with special needs learn compassion, problem-solving and citizenship.

Dates to keep in mind: the special election for the District B school board seat (of which Seminary Valley is part) is slated for Aug. 12. If you are in town, please vote! Also, don't forget the annual Neighborhood Night Out, set for **Monday, August 2, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** at Polk Elementary School. For more information, please contact Jon Sargeant at jon.sargeant@bsvca.net.

—MIA JONES

VOLUNTEERS

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

The **Alexandria Tutoring Consortium** (ATC) needs tutors! Call 703-549-6670 or e-mail atc@opmh.org to learn how you can give a child the gift of reading. Visit www.alexandriatutors.org to learn more.

United Community Ministries Backporch Thrift Store is looking for volunteers to help accept donations, sort and price items and place on store floor. Contact Betsy Damitz, volunteer coordinator at 703-768-7106, ext. 328.

Habitat for Humanity ReStore is a store located at 7770 Richmond Highway that combines business with philanthropy. The 16,000 square foot store is filled with donated home-improvement goods ranging from doors, appliances, furniture, floor, tile and hardware. All items are donated by local contractors, suppliers and individuals; they are then sold to the general public for 50-90 percent of retail price. Contact Virginia Patton from Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia at 703-521-9890 ex. 105 for more information or e-mail her at vpattton@habitatnova.org.

If you enjoy meeting people, particularly the elderly, and can serve during the weekday, the **volunteer ombudsman** position may be for you. Volunteer advocates are assigned to a specific local nursing home or assisted-living facility in Northern Virginia convenient to where they live or work. Applicants

must be available to volunteer four hours per week, primarily during regular business hours. Interviews of applicants will be held this summer in preparation for the next annual training, scheduled for Sept. 17, 18 and 28 from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. each day. For further information and an application, call 703-324-5435, TTY: 703-449-1186 or visit our Web site www.fairfaxcounty.gov/LTCOmbudsman.

The **Alexandria Commission for Women** is seeking volunteers to work with its Court Observation Program. The Court Observation Program is a volunteer-based court monitoring and research project which tracks sexual and domestic violence cases. The program is designed to provide feedback on sexual and domestic violence cases that helps the criminal justice system improve its response to them. Volunteers must commit to working at least one morning each month in the Alexandria City Courthouse, located at 520 King St. Training will be provided on one of two Monday evenings, Aug. 20 or Sept. 10. For more information or to sign up for the training, contact Laura Mandala at 703-798-5452 or Laura@MandalaResearch.com.

ESL and Immigrant Ministries needs volunteers to teach English as a second language to adult immigrants in 16 locations in Northern Virginia. Training is provided. Day and evening classes begin in September. For more information or for an application, visit <http://www.eslim.org>. You may also send e-mail to eslim02@gmail.com or call 703-271-8341, Ext. 3, and leave a message.

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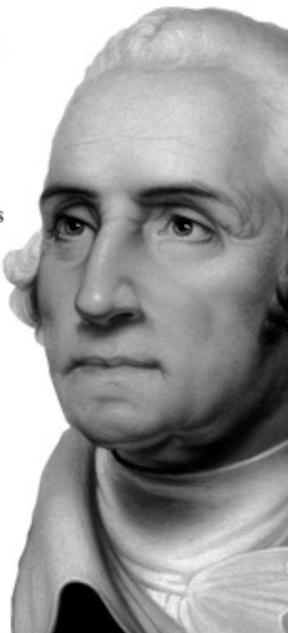
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The Howard Gardner School, a progressive high school for grades 9-12, is hosting an open house on July 28 from 6-7:30 p.m. The Howard Gardner School, located at 4913 Franconia Road. RSVP 703-822-9300.

T.C. Williams High School class of 1973 will have their 35th reunion from July 25-27 at Hilton Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road. Call Vicki Warren at 770-396-7783 or Jodi Finn at 703-627-3769 for information.

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

T.C. Williams High School senior **Zachary C. Whitacre** is the recipient of a 2008 National Merit college-sponsored Scholarship. Whitacre, who plans to study business at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., is one of 25 Virginia students who received college-sponsored scholarships, announced on May 28 by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Colleges and

PEOPLE NOTES

To have a People Note published in the Gazette-Packet, send an e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com or call Rebecca Halik 703-917-6407. Pictures encouraged.

Joyce Anne and Allan Lee Boteler, Alexandria residents for all their lives, will celebrate their 50th anniversary on Aug. 16. They have three children and five grandchildren.

Volunteer Fairfax and Mount Vernon Supervisor Gerry Hyland honored **Dallas Shawkey of Alexandria**, with a Community Champion award. Nominated by Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Dallas has committed himself to public safety and justice for 20 years. He is the president of the Riverside Garden Civic Association, and chair of the Mount Vernon Council of Citizens' Association's Public Safety Committee. In addition, he serves on the Community Criminal Justice Board and the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. In these many roles, Dallas has been involved in gang prevention, fostered neighborhood watch initiatives, expanded services to juveniles and those with mental health issues, and he worked to minimize unsafe highway crossings.

The Center for Alexandria's

universities financed more than 2,800 National Merit Scholarships nationwide.

Rives Wiley from St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School has been selected and chosen to attend this summer's Governor's School for Visual & Performing Arts at the University of Richmond.

The following local residents have graduated from Boston College:

* **Galen Griffin** of Alexandria has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the university's College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in communication.

* **Eric Gehrke** of Alexandria has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the university's College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in English and studio art.

* **Joseph Conran** of Alexandria has graduated with a bachelor of arts degree from the university's College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in political science and communication.

Several T.C. Williams High School students will participate in prestigious academic and leadership programs this summer. Students selected to participate in the 2008 Summer Residential Governor's School for Academics, Arts and Mentoring Programs include **Alexander Amanuel**, Humanities; **Abe-Meleke Bekele**, Mathematics, Science and Technology; **John Fitzsimmons**, Humanities; **Alexander Hampl**, Mathematics, Science and Technology; **Ariana Meltzer-Bruhn**, Humanities; **Yi Ping Roberts**, Humanities; and **Eliza VanZoeren**, Visual and Performing Arts. The month-long programs for gifted students take place at colleges throughout the state.

Matthew Argao, Tiroune Oates, Ethan Livin, Seth Livin, Ryan Haskins, Kevin Lu and Carl Gunter will represent the school at Virginia American Legion Boys State, a comprehensive one-week "leadership action program" designed to educate students about how government works. Representing T.C. Williams at Virginia Girls State are **Marie Brown** and **Shinada Phillips**.

Sasha Denisin, a graduating senior, was selected to represent Virginia at the 2008 National Youth Science Camp.

Children (CAC) welcomes Giselle L. Pelaez, LICSW as its new executive director. Pelaez joins the Center for Alexandria's Children with an impressive background in the field of child welfare. Pelaez most recently served as Deputy Director of Safe Shores ~ The DC Children's Advocacy Center.

Alexandria Police Chief David Baker praised four members of the Sheriff's Office this week for their assistance in a police security detail during Democratic Sen. Barack Obama's February presidential rally at T. C. Williams High School. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Lt. Frank Milano, commander, Sheriff's Special Operations; Sgt. Robert McCray-Brown; and Deputies Rawle Kelly and Marvin Pitts.

Master Deputy Joe Pankey, a 22-year veteran of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, has been directing mandatory refresher patrol training for all sworn deputies since February. His assignment for the past 11 years has been at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy where he is a senior training officer. One of the most effective "deputies" has been Sherman, the sheriff's yellow Labrador retriever and first bomb-sniffing dog. He has become an effective and popular member of the

This month-long, all expenses paid residential science education program will be held in West Virginia for "the two most promising high school science students from each state." Participants will attend lectures, interact with scientists, pursue their own areas of interest and research in the sciences and explore other disciplines such as music and art. Potential candidates were required to be graduating seniors intending to pursue science, mathematics, engineering or medicine. They also had to demonstrate superior academic and leadership ability and show skills outside of the science and academic fields.

Five Early Childhood Education II (ECE II) students at T.C. Williams High School who took the recent National Occupational Competency Testing Institute (NOCTI) test scored from 86.8 to 75.3, all higher than the national average score of 73.9. The participating students include **Nicole Brown, Makia Burns, Shiquana Barr, Kiara Horton** and **Tahkina Sellers**.

Alexandria City Public Schools Department of Food and Nutrition Services will sponsor the **USDA Summer Food Service Program** at all of summer school sites. Free breakfasts will be provided to all enrolled elementary summer school students weekdays from June 30-July 25. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to all enrolled summer school students on weekdays June 30-Aug. 1. Free breakfast and lunch will be provided to all Kindergarten Prep students weekdays Aug. 4-15. 703-824-6640.

Kevin Starr, the son of Tom Bradley and Judith Starr of Alexandria, graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy on May 31, 2008. While at R-MA, Kevin was active in the band and handbell choir, the National Honor Society, and the National English Honor Society. Cadet Second Lieutenant Starr was also a leader in cadre, the Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps leadership group at the Academy, serving as the band equipment officer. At the end of the school year, he received the Band Performance Certificate. Kevin plans to attend College of William and Mary in the fall. He received a total of \$76,000 in scholarship offers.

Sheriff's Office... **Chris Tebbetts**, novelist from Hinesburg, Vermont, is including booking and bail bonding procedures of the Alexandria Detention Center, in his mystery novel being completed... And, **Deputy Earlene Pierre** will be riding a bicycle 300 miles from New Jersey to Washington, May 9-13, as part of a Police Unity Tour to raise public awareness of law enforcement personnel who have died in the line of duty.

The Alexandria Democratic Committee (ADC) announces its elected officers for the 2008-2009 term. Officers and their positions are: Chair Susan B. Kellom; Deputy Chair for Finance & Administration Julie N. Jakopic; Deputy Chair for Precinct Operations - East Matt Harris; Deputy Chair for Precinct Operations - West Charniele Herring; Clerk Mary Lyman; Treasurer Elisabeth Campbell; Public Information Officer Marianne Anderson; Technology Officer Holly Wallace; Resolutions Officer Richard R.G. Hobson; Community Outreach Officers Diana Bedoya and H. Scott Johnson; Volunteer Coordinators Scott Price and Amanda Ruff; Leadership Circle Mark Feldheim; Young Democrats Liaison John Chapman; Immediate Past Chair Paul Smedberg.

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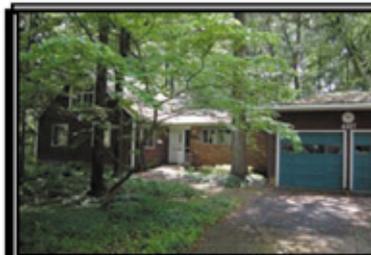
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 <p>Belle Haven \$850,000 JUST LISTED! Handsome brick colonial in the heart of Belle Haven with magnificent river views situated on lovely corner lot. There are endless possibilities—make it your dream home. 3BR/1BA, LR with FP, separate DR, screened porch, kitchen w/eat-in space, unfinished basement & attic w/connect stair in as is condition. Also available—5900 SF home for \$2.4 Mil on this lot by custom builder JD Long.</p> <p>6041 Edgewood Terrace SUZANNE BACKUS 703.338.3594 JILL DIPASQUALE 571.436.8699</p> 	 <p>Alexandria \$725,000 HOLLINS HILLS NEW PRICE Take advantage of this reduced price on a SPECTACULAR 2 level contemporary — over \$100K in renovations — in wooded enclave of unique architectural contemporaries—serene setting on half acre—totally renovated with fabulous gourmet kitchen—FR/Media room—Spacious BR's— all Thermopane windows—master suite/large walk-in closet/spa bath—Main level BR/BA—Many Special features, plus deck & patio—Don't miss this one! 4 BR/3BA.</p> <p>2114 Whiteoaks Drive FRANKI ROBERTS 703.898.0840</p> 	 <p>Mt. Vernon/Ft. Hunt \$609,000 SEE WORTHY! Renowned Waynwood Community! Totally renovated gourmet kitchen & baths in '05/'06! •Add'l improvements: '07 & '08! •Full master bath! •Screened porch & carport! •Professionally-landscaped yard! •Basement w/finished space!</p> <p>Dir: GW Pkwy S, R Waynwood Blvd to 915. 915 Waynwood Blvd. LEAH CHAPLA 703.929.4875 ANNE HAMBLEY 703.946.7266</p> 	 <p>Maryland \$1,195,000 BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED 3-level, brick home with heated, salt water swimming pool, bounded by a natural barrier fence of trees. 2008 renovations include: Updated kitchen w/granite & new appliances. Renovated spa bath on LL, 2 updated 2nd flr baths/powder rooms. Recessed & new lighting fixtures. Fresh paint, refinished oak flrs, library shelving & wood paneling in Fam. Rm. Patio walk-out & new fence with gated entry & driveway.</p> <p>9601 Accord Drive SEAN SATKUS/KENDR CAREY THE CAREY TEAM 703.731.8086</p> 	 <p>Lorton/Fairfax Station \$1,250,000 SOUTHERN LIVING Sited on a 1+ acre premium cul-de-sac lot, this grand colonial offers over 5,500 SF of luxury. Enter the dramatic 2-story foyer with graceful open staircase, framed by formal living & dining rooms. Walls of windows abound in this magnificent home. Brazilian cherry Hwd floors, handsome moldings, & custom paneling compliment the neutral palette. A true chef's kitchen, 3 FP's, 3 verandas & parking for 5 cars are just some of the wonderful amenities!!</p> <p>9051 Swans Creek Way MIKE LEKAS 703.927.9895</p> 	 <p>Alexandria/Seminary \$485,000 OPEN SUNDAY 1-4 P.M. Best buy on the market in the City of Alexandria for a detached home. Spacious 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 3 level brick detached home with finished lower level on large level lot. Updated roof, gutters and kitchen with granite. Fireplace, screened porch, gas heat, gas hot water heater and central air conditioning. Hardwood floors and on bus route.</p> <p>5101 Taney Avenue GARY ANSLEY 202.288.7946</p> 
 <p>Alexandria \$449,500 GREAT WINDY HILL TOWNHOUSE Spacious 4 level Town house, freshly painted, newly-refinished hardwoods, roomy closets. FABULOUS river views! Kitchen island, garage parking space with custom storage unit. Condo fee covers all utilities! 24 hour concierge, rooftop deck with grills. Walkable to Old Town, near Trader Joe's, Starbucks, river, metro. Dir: From Old Town Alexandria, N on Washington St, R Madison, L Pitt St to 801 on right.</p> <p>5302 Arapaho Lane LAUREN ROBINSON 703.395.9067</p> 	 <p>Alexandria/Old Town \$312,800 PORT ROYAL Large one bedroom condo, freshly painted, newly-refinished hardwoods, roomy closets. FABULOUS river views! Kitchen island, garage parking space with custom storage unit. Condo fee covers all utilities! 24 hour concierge, rooftop deck with grills. Walkable to Old Town, near Trader Joe's, Starbucks, river, metro. Dir: From Old Town Alexandria, N on Washington St, R Madison, L Pitt St to 801 on right.</p> <p>801 N. Pitt Street #1705 MARTHA DEAL 703.622.6797</p> 	 <p>Alexandria/Mt. Vernon \$2,100,000 VACATION AT HOME Dramatic 10,000 SF home in Oxford on Potomac. 7BR, 8.5BA, soaring ceilings, banquet sized formal rooms, opulent moldings & millwork. Spacious kit, library, FR & sunroom that leads to veranda overlooking pool. Walk out front & rear entry ground level in-law suite, 2nd kit & covered patio leads to landscaped rear yard & pool. Truly A Vacation Home! See me on www.marylousage.com</p> <p>9494 Lynnhall Place MARYLOU SAGE 703.851.5441</p> 	 <p>Alexandria/Del Ray \$549,000 2100 SF OF LIVING SPACE ON A VERY QUIET STREET • 3-Level Brick End Unit TH • Eat-in Kitchen w/ FRPL • LR & DR Opening onto deck • 3 Bedrooms & 2.5 Baths • 700 SF Basement</p> <p>1609 Hancock Avenue MARTINE IRMER 703.346.7283</p> 	 <p>Old Town \$599,990 BEST VALUES AT THE CARLYLE 3BR/2.5BA residence, 1605 SF of fabulous living space. Master suite with luxury MBA with Jacuzzi tub and separate shower. Views of Potomac from MBR, breakfast nook, living/dining area & open air balcony. Close to 2 Metros, Old Town shopping and restaurants. EZ commute. Extra large PS, big enough for a Suburban. Extra storage. Also, 2BR/2BA/1PS \$519,990, also with glimpses of Potomac.</p> <p>2181 Jamieson Ave. #1703 BRIAN HONG & JERY BEAMER 703.929.5764 Visit www.brianandjery.com</p> 	 <p>Marina Towers Old Town Alexandria \$414,900 JUST LISTED WATERVIEW FROM EVERY ROOM! Watch the boats go by in the 2BR, 2 FB, 1,195 SF. Totally updated, tons of closets, huge master bedroom. Open floor plan, glass walled LR with 14' glass balcony. HOA inc. all utilities. Fitness center, Convenience Store, 24/7 front desk, security, plenty of off street parking, waterfront pool/deck/grill area. Private access to bike path. Bus stop at corner to DC/Metro. Close to everything, 1 stop light into DC.</p> <p>501 Slaters Lane #910 DELAINE CAMPBELL 703.518.8740</p> 

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Alexandria \$779,000
Lovely 3 level, 3 bedrm, 3 bath colonial on large lot! Two fireplaces, 2 sitting rms, office & fabulous screened porch! CAC, new windows & hardwood floors.
917 Beverley Drive
Christine Garner 703-587-4855



Alexandria \$449,900
A real Gem in Old Town! This TH w/3 levels is a bit of magic in the midst of the city. Beautifully renovated kitchen & bath, hardwd flrs, 3 bedrms, LL family rm, fenced yard w/patio & storage shed. Within mins to Metro & shopping.
905 Bashford Lane
Susan Fitzgerald 703-402-3298



COMING SOON

Alexandria
Lovely 3 bedrm, 2 bath, 3 level colonial. Living rm w/fireplace, dining rm & inviting sun rm. Walk-out LL w/full bath & screened porch overlooking fabulous back yard! Convenient to everything.
2412 Davis Avenue
Christine Garner 703-587-4855



Alexandria \$575,000
Charming 2 bedrm, 2 bath home w/rare 2 car detached garage. Gorgeous yard w/inviting front porch. New kitchen & bath, newer windows & fresh paint inside & out. Large corner lot & back sun rm.
101 Mason Avenue East
Shannon Lombardi 703-965-7112



Alexandria \$389,900
Stunning 2 bedrm, 2 bath in heart of Cameron Station. Gorgeous cherry wood flrs. Designer granite kitchen w/cabinet space galore. Large balcony overlooks pocket park. Garage parking & shuttle to Metro.
5112 Donovan Drive #301
Erika Carroll 703-568-7376



Alex./Clover \$789,725
Bigger & better than you can imagine! Move-in ready w/attention to detail inside & out w/3 bedrms, 2 full baths & 3 finished levels. Mbr on main & upper level, hardwds, granite, crown, workshop & storage. This home has everything.
466 West Taylor Run Parkway
Phil Cefaratti 703-371-7901



Alexandria \$565,000
Just Listed! Perfectly priced! Three level colonial in prime location w/3 bedrms & 1.5 baths. Wood floors, fireplace, large level fenced yard & walk-out LL. Well maintained w/upgraded systems.
1212 Hillside Terrace
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PRICE IMPROVEMENT

Alexandria \$869,900
Beautiful 4 lvl TH convenient to D.C., Pentagon & O.T. 4 bedrms, 3.5+.5 baths, hardwd flrs & big walk-in closets, 2-car garage & community amenities include pool & tennis courts.
702 Arch Hall Lane
Bob Bazzle 703-599-8964



Alexandria \$325,000
Delightful 2 BR TH near THREE Metros in heart of Kingstowne area. Wood floors, upgraded kitchen, SGD to fenced yard & patio. Parking! Walk to shopping & steps to lake & park.
7406 Houndsbury Court
Marianne Wells 703-869-1320



PRICE IMPROVEMENT

Alexandria \$525,000
Wonderfully updated home w/4 bedrms, 2 full baths. Hardwoods just refinished, thermal pane windows, updated kitchen w/granite & updated baths. Excellent location in heart of Alexandria.
5336 Thayer Avenue
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Alexandria \$350,000
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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



Alexandria Marlan Forest

- Close-in location – non-subdivision property
- One-of-a-kind custom-built home
- Landscaped, manicured grounds of almost 1/3 acre
- Three bedrooms – Two full baths – Garage
- Totally Remodeled Interior – Two Masonry Fireplaces
- Granite Kitchen with Cathedral Family Room Addition
- Sunroom – Recreation Room – Exercise Room
- Extensive Mouldings – Custom Painting

Directions: S. on GW Parkway, from Old Town, R on Tulane, L on Park Terrace – follow signs to 7209 Marlan Drive

Offered at.....\$729,000

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



Alexandria Westgrove

- Steps to the Potomac River and GW Parkway
- Located on a quiet, well-landscaped cul-de-sac lot.
- Seasonal views of the Potomac River from rear.
- Updated Kitchen – granite counters – all new appliances
- Separate Formal Dining Room – Hardwood Floors
- Three Bedrooms – one with wall of Custom Built-ins
- Large, Breezy Screened Porch leads to slate patio
- Two and One-Half Baths with upgrades
- Loads of space for expansion on Lower Level
- Two Masonry Fireplaces – One Car Garage

Directions: From Old Town, South on Parkway, R on Tulane, R on Clemson, L on Middlebury, L on Tulsa to 6917.

Offered at.....\$650,000

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



Alexandria Westgrove

- Almost One-half Acre Lot backing to National Parkland
- Steps to Potomac River, Bike Paths, Trails
- All Brick Three Level Split – Hardwood Floors throughout
- New AC System – New Casablanca Fans
- New Roof – All Windows Replaced – Two Fireplaces
- Three Bedrooms – Two new Ceramic tiled baths w/jetted tubs
- Entire Kitchen Remodeled w/abundant Corian Counters
- Sunroom/Office Addition leads to wraparound Deck
- Walk-up Floored Attic for generous storage or expansion
- Huge Utility/Laundry Room – Freshly painted throughout

Directions: S on GW Pkwy, R Tulane, immediate R on Park Terrace, follow signs to 1206 Wake Forest on R.

Offered at.....\$625,000

Waynewood School District



Alexandria Collingwood

- One Block to GW Parkway and Bike Trails
- Waynewood Elementary School Area
- Inground Pool – Great Outdoor Summer Parties
- Three Level Split w/Nice Curb Appeal
- Mature, meticulously maintained grounds
- Sunroom Addition spans depth of House
- Expanded Master Bedroom and Bath
- Oversized One-Car Garage w/Storage

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Offered at.....\$589,000

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4



Alexandria Huntington Club

- 3 Bedroom, All-Brick End-Unit Townhome located in a small lovely enclave just steps to Huntington Metro
- All New Carpet and Freshly Painted Throughout
- Updated Eat-In Kitchen features top-of-the-line Appliances and French doors to Patio
- Utility/Laundry room with Washer and Dryer

Directions: 495 to Telegraph Road South, L on North Kings Highway to 5715 on L.

Offered at.....\$284,000

COMING SOON



Alexandria Kirkside

- Located at the end of a quiet cul-de-sac
- Elevated Colonial/Cape style with three dormers
- Formal Living and Dining Rooms
- Hardwoods on Main and Upper Level
- Two Master Bedroom Suites – One on each level
- Remodeled Kitchen with Cherry Cabinets
- Freshly Painted throughout – Move-in Condition
- Bright Sunroom at Rear Elevation
- Two-Car Garage and more!

Offered at.....\$650,000

ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

The City of Alexandria, in partnership with other regional organizations, invites residents to attend a **"Build Your Own Rain Barrel"** workshop on Saturday, July 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Drive. Registration for this workshop is required. Visit www.arlingtonenvironment.org/barrel.htm to register online. For more information about the Rain Barrel Workshops, contact Jesse Maines, Office of Environmental Quality, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, at 703-519-3400, ext. 166.

Community members are invited to attend a public hearing on the City of Alexandria's Policy on Acquired Art on Tuesday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at the Dr. Oswald Durant Memorial Center, 1605 Cameron St. The purpose of the public hearing is to gather community input on proposed revisions to the City's Policy on Acquired Art. To view the City's Policy on Acquired Art, visit the Commission for the Arts Web site at www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org or visit alexandriava.gov/recreation

The City of Alexandria reminds visitors of its **"Wireless Alexandria"** service. The service allows any user with a wireless device in the coverage area to access the Internet at no charge. Wireless Alexandria is also available at all Alexandria public library branches.

Beginning in July 2008, the City of Alexandria and Arlington County will conduct maintenance work, including the removal of excessive vegetation and sediment along the **Four Mile Run** flood control channel. This maintenance effort is required to ensure flood protection for residents and businesses along

lower Four Mile Run.

The **City of Alexandria's Department of Transportation and Environmental Services** will install state of the art multi-space parking meters in the East Eisenhower-Carlyle area throughout July. These meters will provide short-term parking to support ground floor retail space. Effective July 1, all parking meter rates in the city will be \$1/hour, Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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.novaseniolympics.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 5.

The City of Alexandria's **Department of Transportation and Environmental Services** announces new permit and fee amounts effective July 1. These rates are comparable to other municipal jurisdictions in the surrounding area. For more information, contact the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services at 703-838-4324 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/tes.

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.alexandriaanimals.org or 703-838-4774.

Nonprofit organizations and other grantseekers in Alexandria looking for funding sources now have access to a valuable new collection of resources through Alexandria Library. **The Foundation Center's** core collection includes *The Foundation Directory Online* and *Foundation Grants to Individuals Online*. All four Alexandria Library branches have access to the two databases through their catalog computers. The complete Cooperating Collection of print and electronic resources is held at the Barrett Library, located at 717 Queen St. For more information visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

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

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 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. Contact info@fourpaws.org or by phone at 703-715-6369.

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. The deadline for entries is Sept. 18. Additional guidelines can be found at <http://www.nvcc.edu/depts/nvreview/nvr-submit.htm>. Contributions are tax deductible and all donors are recognized in the publication. To make a donation or learn more about the journal, contact Managing Editor Steve Drasner at sdrasner@nvcc.edu.

The **Alexandria Archaeological Commission (AAC)** is now accepting nominations for the Bernard "Ben" Brenman Archaeology in Alexandria Award. The Brenman Award is open to businesses, organizations, families, professional preservationists, volunteers, students and other individuals who have demonstrated work or efforts in archaeological investigation, research, site

protection, education, public interpretation, open space design, collections, or conservation. Nomination forms are available at www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or by calling the Alexandria Archaeology Museum at 703.838.4399. The deadline for nominations is June 30.

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

Community Partners for Children's fourth annual baby supply drive is under way. The following Alexandria drop off locations will have donation baskets and containers at their businesses. The other way to help is to donate a tax-deductible check to support the different drives.

- * A Show of Hands, 2204 Mt. Vernon Ave.
- * Burke & Herbert Bank, 306 E. Monroe Ave.
- * Caboose Café, 2419 Mt. Vernon Ave.
- * Chinquapin Rec. Center, 3210 King St.
- * Chrysalis Chiropractic, 3140 Commonwealth Ave.
- * Dairy Godmother, 2310 Mt. Vernon Ave.
- * St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave.

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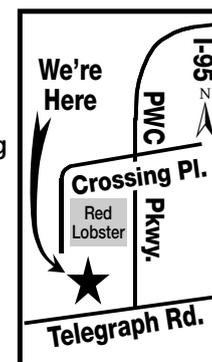
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Mark Schuermann talks with Jeb Beach as the children gather at the top of the hill for the opening ceremonies.



Cayetana Hamilton tries on a pair of holiday sunglasses.

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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.

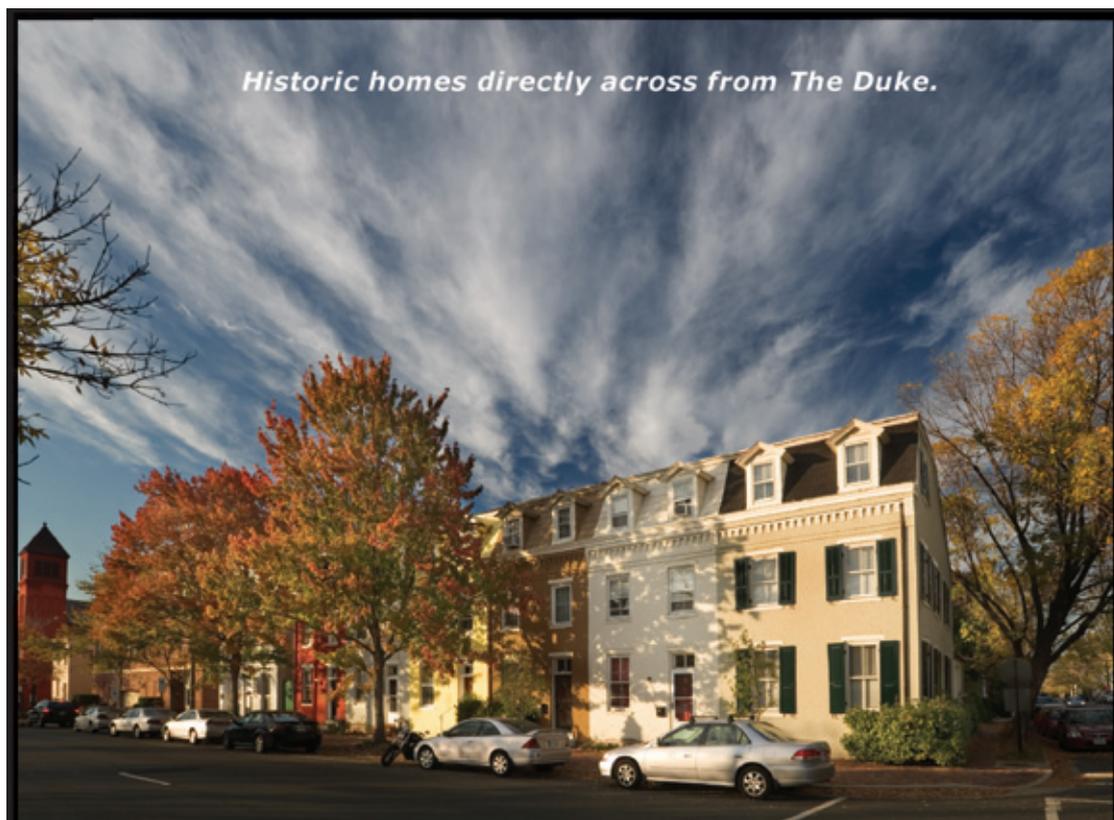
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SPORTS

King Takes Over Titans

T.C. Williams has new basketball, baseball and softball coaches.

BY ERIC J. GILMORE
GAZETTE PACKET

Julian King, a varsity assistant last season, was officially hired as the new T.C. Williams boys basketball coach on July 2, just days after outgoing director of student activities director Kerry Donley appointed new coaches for baseball and softball.

King, a physical education teacher at a private school in Washington, D.C., takes over for Ivan Thomas, who led the Titans to their first Virginia AAA state championship in 31 years during the 2007-2008 season. Thomas officially announced his resignation on June 6, opening a month-long process that included several viable candidates and two finalists.

“It’s a great reward because I felt that I’ve put in time. This is going to give the opportunity to see what I can do.”

—Julian King,
T.C. Williams basketball coach

“It’s a big relief now that I finally know because we were in limbo for so long,” King said outside the T.C. Williams gym late last week. “Now, it’s a lot of putting things in order. The excitement is here, and now it’s gone because there is a lot of work that needs to be done. It’s time to work.”

During the week-long interview process, which included a panel interview from boosters and athletic officials, King felt the familiarity he gained last season was vital as the deciding factor in the hiring process. Before Thomas announced his retirement, he had also quietly touted King to be his successor. “It’s going to be a continuation of what’s been going on,” King said. “It’s not going to be as hard as it would have been had I not been on staff last year.”

King inherits a program that went 78-11 over the past three seasons under Thomas, including a perfect 52-0 record in the Patriot District. Even though the Titans will lose seven seniors, including four college signees, T.C. Williams returns rising senior Edward Jenkins and rising junior Ryan Yates.

“The first thing I have to address that to the kids is that I have to lead my way,” King said. “And with that, a lot of the principles I have, coach Thomas has. It’s one of the reasons I took the job.”

Thomas, who is in the process of relocating to the Williamsburg, Va. vicinity, agreed that King will also need to embrace the subtle differences, and be realistic about expectations.

“It’s been 30 years since we’ve won a state title,” Thomas said. “Are you really feeling the pressure of winning back-to-back? The thing he has to do is be Julian King, not Ivan Thomas. He’ll be fine, regardless of what people say... I think Julian will do a great job here.”

KING, whose hometown is Rhine, Ga., has been on a basketball odyssey since he was a 6-foot-6, 200-pound forward in the early 1990s. Electing to attend Temple University, he teamed with future NBA players Aaron McKie, Rick Brunson, Marc Jackson and Eddie Jones before transferring to Coppin State after two years.

At Coppin State, he was a college teammate of current West Potomac coach David Houston, and helped led the Eagles into the second round of the NCAA Tournament in 1997.

After college he went on to play internationally in Germany, Switzerland, Argentina and various minor leagues across the United States. King last played for the Quad City Riverhawks of the American Basketball Association before aggravating a knee injury.

“It’s a great reward because I felt that I’ve put in time,” King said. “This is going to give the opportunity to see what I can do.”

DONLEY ALSO HIRED Andrew Simpson, who was recently promoted to become the new baseball coach, replacing Scott Grossi, who led the Titans to the Northern Region tournament for the first time in 10 years last season.

Simpson, who played baseball for Randolph-Macon College, was the head junior varsity coach for two years, before becoming a varsity assistant in 2008. He had a two-year 21-15 career record as a junior varsity coach.

“He brings a lot of enthusiasm and was part of the resurgence of baseball here, which I think he can keep going,” Donley, who will leave the DSA post on August 1. “His biggest strength was continuity.”



Kerry Donley hired Julian King to be the new boys basketball coach. The T.C. Williams DSA will end his three-year tenure on August 1.

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/GAZETTE PACKET

Dennis Day takes over the struggling softball program for Stacy Sloan, who resigned after two seasons when the Titans won two games. Day was head coach at West Potomac for seven years, winning a Patriot District title in 2005 and a career-best 19-5 record in 2006.

“He took over a program at West Potomac that had some similar characteristics and turned it around into a winning program,” Donley said. “He’s got all the tools and is very well respected around the other folks in the district.”

Day, who is also an assistant varsity coach, Day was 2-11 in his first season taking over for longtime head coach Carol Horton in 2001, but quickly turned things around. During the 2007 season, he led the Wolverines to an 11-7 record, and a berth in the second round of the Patriot District.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Wagner Changes Figure Skating Coach

Ashley Wagner, a rising senior at West Potomac high school and the 2008 U.S. figure skating bronze medalist has recently changed coaches. According to reports, Wagner will now skate under Priscilla Hill, a Wilmington, Del.-based coach who is a former two-time medalist at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Hill coached Johnny Weir to the gold medal at the 2001 World Junior Figure Skating Championships and three consecutive U.S. National Championships, before the two parted ways last summer. Hill, who also coaches four-time U.S. silver medalist ice dancers Melissa Gregory and Denis Petukhov, was named the 2004 U.S. Figure Skating Association Coach of the Year.

Wagner, a 2010 Olympic hopeful, announced on June 23 that she ended her six-year relationship with coach Shirley Hughes. After starting skating at 5-years-old, Wagner started training competitively with Hughes in 2002. She was successful at both the juvenile and intermediate levels, eventually rising to the junior level for the 2005-2006 season.

At the junior level, she skated in international competitions in Slovenia, France, The Netherlands and Bulgaria. She earned a bronze medal at the 2007 World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Oberstdorf, Germany, and thus turned her focus on the senior circuit. She came in fifth at the 2007 Skate Canada and earned the bronze medal at Trophee Eric Bompard in Paris.

Wagner won the bronze at the 2008 U.S. Championships, which earned her a berth to the Four Continents Figure Skating Championships and 2008 World Figure Skating Championships, where she placed eighth and 16th, respectively.

Wagner was born on the U.S. Army Base in Heidelberg, Germany, and has lived in four states before settling in Alexandria. Her younger brother Austin is also a skater and currently competes nationally at the intermediate level.

Iroquois Nationals In Semifinals at U-19 World Games

The Iroquois Nationals lacrosse team, consisting of members of the Six Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy advanced to the semifinals of U-19 World Games with a 28-2 win over Scotland. The Iroquois will now face host Canada, who won a 15-12 contest on July 5, in the semifinal on July 10. The Nationals are hoping to top a fourth-place finish, where they’ve placed the last three World Games dating back to 1998.

Established in 1983, the Iroquois Nationals represent the Haudenosaunee, meaning the “People of the Longhouse” in international lacrosse competition.

The Iroquois, which signed a partnership with Nike, Inc. two years ago, have long been recognized as originators of the modern game of lacrosse. The players, 95 percent of whom play in college, travel with Haudenosaunee passports. The Iroquois are comprised of the Six Nations Confederacy, including the Mohawk, Oneida, Onondaga, Cayuga, Seneca and Tuscarora tribes.

Most of the roster is derived from Ontario, Canada as well as Upstate New York. Yet the head coach, Tony Gray, was the head coach at Oakton where he won three consecutive Virginia AAA state championships from 2003-2005. He led the Cougars to a state title berth again this year, and retired from coaching after the season.

The other Iroquois representatives include defenseman Forest Cox, a Potawatomi descendent and attackman Andrew Cordia, a Choctaw descendent, who scored two goals in the quarterfinal game. Cox is a rising senior at West Potomac, while Cordia attends St. Stephen’s & St. Agnes, where he was an All-Interstate Athletic Conference selection last season.

The Nationals have lost to the United States, as well as Canada by a combined eight goals. However, the Iroquois have blasted past Japan, England, Australia and Scotland by a combined 52 goals en route to a 20-goal per game average.

The U-19 World Games, which started on July 3 will finish on July 12. Games are being played at Percy Perry Stadium in Coquitlam, British Columbia.



Keith Werman tags out an American All-Star during the 17th District's American Legion All-Star game on July 4 at Waters Field.

All-American All-Stars

Local Legions Teams Send Five to District 17 All-Star game.

A group of local standouts celebrated the nation's birthday in typical American fashion — by playing in an American Legion All-Star game.

The Alexandria Post 24 and Post 129 teams sent five players to represent the 2008 National All-Stars in American Legion Baseball District 17's All-Star game at Waters Field on July 4. Comprised of high school players from Mount Vernon, Edison, Bishop Ireton and T.C. Williams, the two teams teamed up with Falls Church Post 130, Springfield Post 176 and Fairfax Post 177 to comprise the American All-Stars. They played the best players from Vienna Post 180, Lorton Post 162, Annandale Bicentennial Post 1976 and Centreville Post 1995.

The lone Post 24 representative was pitcher/centerfielder Basil Badley (Mount Vernon), while Post 129 was represented by pitcher/shortstop John Roberston and T.C. Williams' Marc Grosser, Pike Brynildsen and Sam Alexander.

Bob DeLelle, an assistant coach for Post 129, helped Post 177 manager Craig Knoll coach the All-Star team.

As of press time, Post 129 has a 6-12 record, while Post 24 has a 5-13 record. Vienna Post 180 is currently leading with a 14-4 showing. On Tuesday, Post 24 dropped a 9-0 decision to Annandale Bicentennial Post 1976.

—ERIC J. GILMORE

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Five players from Mount Vernon and Alexandria took their turns at the plate at the recent annual American Legion All-Star game.

lor, and Jack Marlowe.

The **Hollin Hills Bluefish** are off to a strong start this summer with two big wins. The Bluefish recently tallied wins over Pinewood Lake, 258-86, and Bren Mar-Edsall Park, 223-168. The Bluefish are coached by Alex Collins and Chris Keany.

In freestyle, Keeler Fina, Beata Corcoran, Sergei Sciacca, Kylie Bostick, Barbara Peisch, Anna Leonard, Tommy Clark, Henry Luster, Matt Kuhbach and Meredith Ryan all earned first-place wins.

The backstroke winners included Genevieve Adams, Samuel Runner, Michael Valceanu, Sophia Labas, Caroline Schuermann and Sam Hirt, while Sergei Sciacca, Paul Crowley, Hannah Runner, Kylie Bostick, Henry Luster, Sophia Labas, Bradley Speakman, Jack Peisch and Ellie Kenimer took top honors in the breaststroke.

Immanuel Cromley, Rachel Robison, Caroline Hirt, Samuel Runner, Michael Valceanu, Barbara Peisch, Matt Kuhbach, Anna Leonard, Tommy Clark

and Meredith Ryan won the butterfly events.

The **Riverside Gardens Tsunami** swim team came on strong during the first week of the 2008 NVSL summer season. The Mount Vernon-area team won its first meet at home against **Sleepy Hollow Recreation Association**, 272-130. Patrick Sullivan and Sean Heffernan set new team records in the boys 15-18 age group. Sullivan broke the team's 24 year-old 50-meter freestyle record with a time of 24.90. Heffernan broke his own 50-meter backstroke record with a time 29.57.

During the meet against Sleepy Hollow, Riverside had 28 first place finishes in 38 individual events and won nine of the 12 relay races. Placing first for Riverside were Alec Dubois, Anna Selbrede, Paul Dubois, Elizabeth Dexter, Carolyn Murphy, Karley Zdebski, Patrick Sullivan, Jonathan Letai, Christopher Letai, Bayley Garland, Madison Zdebski, Sean Heffernan, Megan McCormick, Taylor Scott, Ryan Scott, Patrick Murphy, and Sean Sullivan.

Plenty of Local Ties At Tiger-less Tournament

Reporter chronicles tales from the recent AT&T National.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
SPECIAL TO GAZETTE PACKET

Among the thousands of volunteers who help make weekly PGA Tour events successful, the most visible are the marshals patrolling each hole. They raise their arms and shush the fans when players prepare to hit, and organize the gallery's flow about the course. One of them, Mount Vernon resident Ron Fitzsimmons, offered a special viewing perspective to kids on the par-3 seventh hole during the tournament.

"I had a little 'kids-friendly' program on our hole that I started last year," he said. "I selected children from the gallery to come up and sit very quietly right on the tee, inside the ropes. They had a worm's eye view, just a few feet from the players."

Fitzsimmons, who is a staff assistant to Fairfax County supervisor Gerry Hyland, said the response has been great. "The parents, needless to say, were thrilled. And the kids were great. Not one problem."

JERRY POTTER has been a golf writer and reporter for most of his adult life, and for once, he was on the other side over the tape recorder.

"This is strange. I'm usually the one asking the questions," USA Today golf writer Jerry Potter said at the start of a recent interview. "I've been reporter for 35 years, but I rarely do the talking."

Over lunch at the media center during the AT&T National at Bethesda's Congressional Country Club, Potter, 60, spun some yarns about his long and satisfying ca-



Mount Vernon resident Ron Fitzsimmons.

reer as a sports journalist.

After college and reporting jobs at the "Nashville Banner" and the Jackson, Miss. "Clarion-Ledger", the latter a Gannett newspaper, he began a temporary assignment at the chain's fledgling "USA Today" in 1983. After a year of general sports reporting, including colleges and the NFL, Potter took a permanent position with the nation's first truly national paper.

"My editor had me cover NASCAR because I talked funny, just like the drivers," he said of his southern accent. Simultaneously, he began reporting on professional golf, starting with the 1984 LPGA Dinah Shore Nabisco championship (now the Kraft Nabisco, an LPGA major). "I learned how to cover a pro tournament by reporting on the LPGA Tour," he said, crediting the openness and accessibility of both the tour staff and players.

Potter expanded his reporting to the PGA Tour in 1996, and in recent years, has enjoyed writing about golf equipment and course design. He travels extensively, alternating tournament assignments with the paper's other golf writers.

Potter has lived since 1984 in the Franconia neighborhood of Alexandria. He commuted to Rosslyn when "USA Today" was headquartered there, and now drives to his office in the paper's current building in McLean.

Asked about his own golf game, Potter answered with one word, "Bad." He plays occasionally, and said that many a great player has tried to help. "I'm just not an athlete."

WITH THE RECUPERATING Tiger Woods absent from his signature golf tournament, fewer fans turned out for the event. Official figures reflected about a 25 percent drop overall, but Sunday's gate was seemed even smaller because the Tour set early tee times to beat the thunderstorms. Fans who arrived at noon found that half the field had finished and the leaders making the turn. On the fifth hole, marshaled by Vienna's Westwood Country Club, Joe McGuire thought the crowd was down by half. "There's a big difference this year," McGuire said on Sunday. "Plus, the buzz is different without Tiger."

NVSL SWIMMING REPORT

On July 13, the Northern Virginia Swim League (NVSL) will hold its annual Wally Martin 3-meter Diving Championship at Lee-Graham Pool in Falls Church. The event, which annually attracts more than 100 divers, ranging in age from 8 to 18, is the league's high dive championship.

The 10-and-under girls will start at 8 p.m., with 55 minutes intervals occurring for the junior girls and boys (ages 11-12), the intermediate division (ages 13-14) and senior division (ages 15-18).

The results will be posted on the NVSL-Dive Web site at www.nvsl Dive.nvblu.com

In Division 5, undefeated **Dunn Loring** downed **Mansion House** by a 213-189 decision. Double winners for Dunn Loring were John McClorey, Lauren Kaup, Andrew Nyce, and George Hirka. Single winners for Dunn Loring were Alexander Tosi, Sophia Whelpley, Zachary Swanekamp, Logan Hirka, David Baueinfeind, Emily Waldron, Jacob Potter, Nabil Milani, Chelsea Tay-

Borrowing More

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payers, Lovain said, the city government will be in a better position to build the kind of large-scale projects that are currently in the pipeline and waiting for funding. In his memorandum outlining the proposal for raising the debt limit, Hartmann pointed out that other Washington-area jurisdictions have much more debt than Alexandria, which has traditionally taken a conservative approach to taking on debt. Loudoun County, Howard County and Arlington County, for example, have taken much more debt than Alexandria.

"The new guideline gives us much more flexibility to borrow money without bumping up against a self-imposed limit that seems to be unnecessarily low," said Budget Director Bruce Johnson. "It's designed to give us some idea of what a reasonable amount of debt is."

THE CITY'S DEBT-related financial policies date back to the late 1980s, a time when such policies were considered innovative by bond-rating agencies. Since that time, Alexandria has emerged as a well-respected financial institution. Just last week, a delegation of city officials traveled to Wall Street for a meet-

ing with two bond-rating agencies, which renewed Alexandria's "double triple A" rating — the highest available. This week, city officials sold \$63 million in bonds.

"This speaks very well not only for our past accomplishments, but also for our strong financial stability," wrote Mayor Bill Euille in a July 7 memorandum to City Council members.

Increasing the debt limit has been a longtime goal for members of the city's budget-advisory panel, formally known as the Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee. Earlier this year, the group's annual report to City Council members once again advocated making such a change to Alexandria's debt-related policy guidelines. Hartmann said his recommendation to raise the limit was based on the committee's recommendation and an analysis of other jurisdictions with "double triple A" ratings.

"The old guideline hamstrung the city by setting an artificially low amount for how much the city could borrow," said Tracy Rickett, chairman of the advisory committee. "People who move here 10 or 20 years from now will benefit from the new police facility, so they should help pay for it."

Guilty of Discrimination

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July 30 even though the decision has already been publicly announced.

A spokeswoman for T.G.I. Friday's disputed the commissions' finding in a written statement issued this week.

"We are disappointed in the outcome and wholly disagree with the commission decision," said Amy Freshwater on behalf of T.G.I. Friday's. "We absolutely stand by our position that we did nothing wrong or unlawful in regard to this allegation."

The commission does not have the power to levy compensatory damages against T.G.I. Friday's, although its members could make a recommendation to the city manager that the city impose a civil penalty against the restaurant. According to the city's Human Rights Code, the maximum penalty that city officials could impose

would be \$5,000 — an amount that would go to the city government, not McCray. When a final resolution in the case is finalized by the release of a written opinion in the case, McCray would be able to file a complaint in federal court under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"This may yet end up in federal court," said Jean Niebauer, director of the Office of Human Rights. The Alexandria City Council created the Human Rights Commission in 1975 to advise the City Council on matters related to human rights affecting the city, and to oversee the Office of Human Rights. The Office of Human Rights enforces the Alexandria Human Rights Ordinance, which prohibits discrimination based on age, race, color, national origin, ancestry, religion, gender, sexual orientation, familial status or disability.

A Change Too Far?

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being recommended by staff as an added safeguard. It proposed that a review and evaluation process take place by staff, followed by a full report to the Commission, after the proposed text amendment had been operative for two years.

"The report (to the Commission) should include a tally of business proposals ap-

proved or rejected under the new small business approach, whether as a permitted use, administrative SUP or minor amendment. In addition, citizen involvement, controversial or difficult cases, appeals filed and generally instructive examples should be noted," Hamer said. She also called for "staff suggestions for improving whatever regulations are now adopted."



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WAR DRUMS?

Two of the key players in working to strengthen historic preservation in Alexandria's Old and Historic District, for as many years as I can remember, are the Old Town Civic Association and the Board of Architectural Review.

At least that's my take. The two groups work in tandem, along with many others, as reliable sen-

tinels in defending those who would tear into the historic fabric of Old Town. OTCA is made up entirely of citizen volunteers. The BAR is an official city government entity. But more often than not they come down on the same side of controversial preservation issues — while approaching them from different directions.

Or do they?

Late this spring, OTCA launched a broadside against the BAR in a letter to Mayor Euille and City

Council, charging that the BAR has made several "highly questionable" decisions that OTCA says endanger historic preservation. These decisions, says OTCA, have produced "long lasting, deleterious effects to our collective reputations for vigilantly protecting our historic heritage."

Friends, them's fightin' words!

OTCA in its letter to the city says the abominations created by often-leaky BAR oversight are many. But OTCA goes on to identify some of

what it calls the "worst of the worst."

Among them: the new Hotel Monaco at King and S. Pitt (formerly the Holiday Inn), a facade better suited to the Casbah than Old Town; the Small Mall in the 100 block of King, described as a "perfect example of BAR decision making which calls into question their consideration of basic principles of historic preservation..."; the Saul Center on the 600 block of N. Washington which is "of

questionable architectural value," and a building at 802 N. Washington that OTCA suggests is blighted property directly on the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Wow! And that's only a small part of the OTCA broadside. OTCA isn't necessarily declaring war on the BAR in its letter. In fact, the Association calls for a sit-down with city officials to discuss the issues it raises. "We respectfully request that you consider our call for action," the OTCA letter concludes. Tough to turn down, Mayor Euille.

BIG TIME DATE CHANGE

Faithful readers of this column know that for years, we've described the annual antiques show sponsored by the Historic Alexandria Foundation as the "best party in town."

Well, it still will be this year. But instead of dominating the week before Thanksgiving, this year's show and preview party will move back a week. The gala preview party will be Nov. 13, and the show days will be Nov. 14, 15 and 16.

All for now, "Townners.

<1b>—Bob Feldkamp

HEALTH & FITNESS

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.

Yoga in Daily Life, 2402 Mount Vernon Ave., offers classes for people of all ages and physical ability. Meditation classes also offered. Free trial class the first week of each session for newcomers - next session begins Aug. 4. Drop-ins welcome anytime. Lunchtime Yoga classes Wednesdays 12:15-12:50 p.m. Visit www.yogaindailylifeus.org/ for complete class schedule or call 703-299-8946.

The **Alexandria Health Department** announces new hours for its HIV Testing Clinic, effective immediately. The HIV Testing Clinic is available every Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and every Thursday from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The clinic, located at the main Health Department Building, 4480 King St., offers free, anonymous and confidential testing. For more information about the HIV Testing Clinic or other services, contact Nechelle Terrell, at 703-838-4400, ext. 305.

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.

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CRIME

Incidents reported to the Alexandria Police Department between June 15 to July 8.

FELONIOUS ASSAULT/ARREST

On July 2 at 5:42 p.m., a 47-year-old male City resident was cut during an argument by an acquaintance. He was transported to an area hospital with non life-threatening injuries.

GRAND LARCENY AUTO

900 block of N Royal St. June 9 between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. 2001 Dodge Intrepid, 4-door, silver.

Intersection of Queen Street and North Royal Street. June 20 between 9:30 p.m. at 11:30 p.m. Stolen: 2002 Chrysler Sebring, silver.

800 block of Pendleton St. June 22 between 12:01 a.m. and 8:20 a.m. Stolen: 1998 Dodge Caravan, green.

1400 block of North Van Dorn St. Between June 20 at 7 a.m. and June 21 at noon. Stolen: 2008 Suzuki motorcycle, GSXR750K8, black.

600 block of North Columbus St. Between June 21 at 10 p.m. and June 22 at 7 a.m. Stolen: 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, silver.

1900 North Beauregard St. Between June 25 at 7:20 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stolen: 2001 Mercedes-Benz, 4-door, gold.

900 block of North Iverson St. On June 26, 5 p.m. Stolen: 1994 Honda, 4-door, dark blue.

400 block of South Pickett St. Between June 15 at 6 a.m. and June 25, 6 a.m. Stolen: 2004 Chevrolet Trail-blazer, light green.

300 block of First St. On June 28 between 6 a.m. and 1 p.m. Stolen: 1998 Dodge Intrepid, 4-door, black.

200 block of South Whiting St. Between June 29 at 6 p.m. and June 30 at 8 a.m. Stolen: 2002 Suzuki GSXR 1000 motorcycle, black.

400 block of South Reynolds St. Between June 29 at 9 a.m. and June 30 at 8:25 a.m. Stolen: 1998 Plymouth Voyager van, green.

600 block of Jefferson St. On June 30, between 10:45 p.m. and 11:02 p.m. Stolen: 2000 Chevrolet Astro van, white.

2400 block of Menokin Drive. On July 2 between 7:15 p.m. and 9:15 p.m., unknown persons stole the victim vehicle. Stolen: 2007 Honda Accord, 4-

door, blue.

100 block of South Reynolds St. On July 3 between 12:30 a.m. and noon, unknown persons stole the victim vehicle. Stolen: 1997 Honda Accord Station Wagon, green.

3700 block of Commonwealth Ave. Between July 7 at 10:30 p.m. and July 8 at 9 a.m. 1996 Toyota Corolla, 4-door, blue.

ROBBERY

700 block of Montgomery St. June 7 at 12:25 a.m. The victim, a 49-year-old Alexandria man, reports that two suspects approached him and removed personal property. There were no injuries. The first suspect is described as a black male, 16 to 24 years-old, 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches and 120 to 150 pounds. The second suspect is described as a black male, 16 to 24-years-old and 120 to 150 pounds.

3800 block of Executive Ave. June 7 at 1:30 a.m. The victim, a 22-year-old Alexandria man, reports that he was struck in the head by two suspects. The suspects then removed personal property. There were no injuries. The first suspect is described as a white male, 5 feet 9 inches and wearing a red mesh shirt and blue jeans. The second suspect is described as a white male, 5 feet 9 inches and wearing a white tank top and shorts.

1300 block of Chetworth Court. On July 5 at 1:05 a.m. The suspect robbed one City resident and one Washington, D.C. resident of personal property while pointing a gun at them. Suspect is described as a black male wearing a black short-sleeved shirt and blue jeans.

3100 block of Mount Vernon Ave. On July 6 at 1:02 a.m., a Fairfax County resident was robbed of his vehicle after refusing to give the suspect some money. Suspect is a black male wearing a white tee shirt and grey jeans. Stolen vehicle is a 2002 Honda two-door, white in color, with a black hood.

WEAPONS VIOLATION

800 block of Montgomery St. July 8 at 11:38 p.m. Officers responded to the report of a fight. Upon arrival, officers heard two shots fired. It was determined that two shots had been fired into the air. No victims or property damage could be located.

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NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S

SALE OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT

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SALE TO BE HELD AT 4110 CHAIN BRIDGE ROAD, FAIRFAX, VIRGINIA 22030

JULY 11, 2008

AT 10:00 A.M.

In execution of the Deed of Trust dated August 9, 2004, and recorded in Deed Book 16387, Page 2016, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia (collectively, the "Deed of Trust"), securing The Washington Savings Bank, F.S.B. (the "Noteholder"), default having occurred in the payment of the debt secured thereby, and being instructed to do so by the Noteholder, the undersigned Substitute Trustees will offer for sale the property described below at public auction on the front steps of the Fairfax County Courthouse located at 4110 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax, Virginia 22030 on July 11, 2008, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The real property encumbered by the Deed of Trust that will be offered for sale by the Substitute Trustees is generally known as 6234 Quander Road, Alexandria, Fairfax County, Virginia 22307 and is described in more detail in the Deed of Trust and as follows:

PARCEL 2, containing 2.183 acres, more or less, of the subdivision of the PROPERTY OF ELIZABETH J. QUANDER, as the same appears duly dedicated, platted and recorded in Deed Book 1785, Page 264, among the land records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

LESS AND EXCEPT all of that lot or parcel of land containing 8,750 square feet more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a corner of Parcel 2 of the subdivision of the Residue of the property of Elizabeth J. Quander in the southwesterly line of Quander Road (Route #630) and running thence with a line of said parcel S. 44 degrees, 22' 50" W. 160.0 feet to another corner of said parcel thence running through the parcel N. 0 degrees, 37' 10" W. 98.99 feet and N. 44 degrees 22' 50" E. 90.00 feet to a point in the line of Quander Road, thence with the line of said road S. 45 degrees 37' 10" E. 70.00 feet, to the point of the beginning.

TERMS OF SALE

ALL CASH. The property will be offered for sale "AS IS, WHERE IS" and will be conveyed by Substitute Trustees' Deed (the "Substitute Trustees' Deed") subject to all encumbrances, rights, reservations, conveyances, conditions, easements, restrictions, and all recorded and unrecorded liens, if any, having priority over the Deed of Trust, as they may lawfully affect the property.

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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
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A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2008 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2008-0106

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at **309 N. West St**, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Ralph Timmons

CASE BAR2008-0107

Request for approval of addition/alterations at **309 N. West St**, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Ralph Timmons

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CASE BAR2008-0111

Request for approval of signage at **1101 Queen St**, zoned CL Commercial
APPLICANT: Smile Market

CASE BAR2008-0112

Request for approval of alterations & signage at **1000 Cameron St**, zoned CD Commercial
APPLICANT: Vincent Burgher

CASE BAR2008-0113

Request for approval of alterations at **910 N. Columbus St**, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Michael Johns

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

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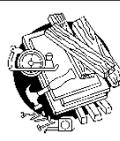
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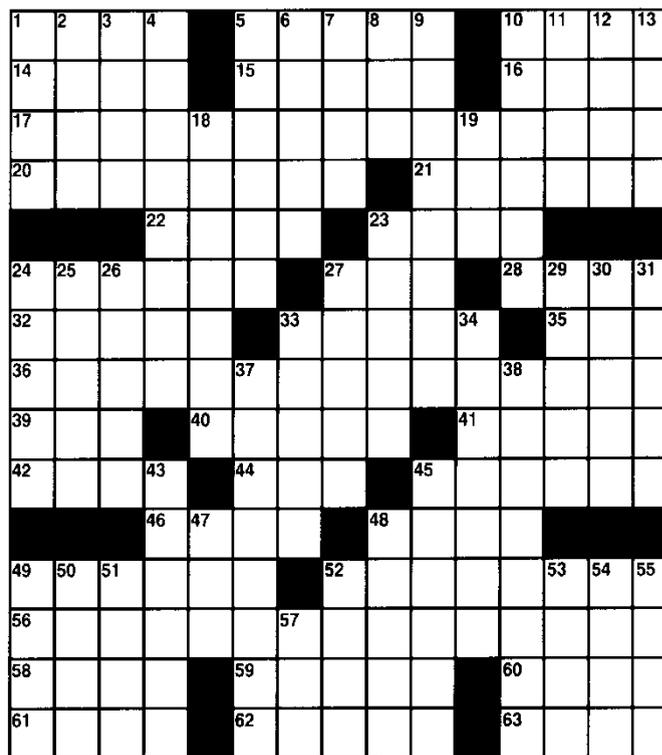
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- 1 Castoff from an ice shelf
- 5 Kind of pad
- 10 N.B.A. M.V.P., 1984-86
- 14 United Steelworkers leader I. W. _____
- 15 McGwire blast
- 16 Fad item of 1961
- 17 Basketball's Archibald injured the Dalai Lama, palindromically
- 20 Ingratiated
- 21 Where many changes take place
- 22 Sci. course
- 23 Exceedingly
- 24 Soprano Maria
- 27 Wham!
- 28 Subsidies
- 32 Disgrace
- 33 Pelvic
- 35 Coach Parseghian
- 36 Assail rioters dressed in gray, palindromically
- 39 Sphere
- 40 Business types
- 41 Small drum
- 42 Discounted by
- 44 Darn site
- 45 "Well, _____!" ("Ain't you hot stuff!")
- 46 Control spot
- 48 Shiny on top?
- 49 Flattened at the poles
- 52 Petty cash in London
- 56 "What a shame your footwear is missing," palindromically
- 58 Vampire's hideout
- 59 Measurer
- 60 Track event
- 61 Mind
- 62 Finished
- 63 "For heaven's _____!"

DOWN

- 1 Deadly poison
- 2 Israel's Abba
- 3 No longer working: Abbr.
- 4 Happy chorus?
- 5 English counties
- 6 Certain carving
- 7 "Diary of _____ Housewife"
- 8 Caught up with
- 9 Bargain hunter's delight
- 10 "So long"
- 11 Jot
- 12 Clancy hero Jack
- 13 Spanish woman
- 18 Popular vacation locale
- 19 Axle, e.g.
- 23 Annuls
- 24 Computer language
- 47 Sched. letters
- 48 Ecru
- 49 Palindromic comics dog
- 50 Palindromic ninny
- 51 Togo's capital
- 52 Dropping sound
- 53 Asta's mistress
- 54 One who's home on the range?
- 55 Palindromic suffix
- 57 Bond's Fleming

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