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## Air Board Issues Permit

City, Mirant join forces urging permit approval.

By CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE PACKET

After years of confrontation and legal maneuvering between Mirant Mid-Atlantic, LLC, and the City of Alexandria, the State Air Pollution Control Board finally approved a new state operating permit for Mirant's Potomac River Generating Station during a special July 30 meeting at the Holiday Inn on Eisenhower Avenue.

The new permit allows the plant to begin a stack merge project that is designed to improve air quality in Alexandria by increasing the height of emissions, thereby dispersing them over a larger regional area. It also requires Mirant to activate those units first that provide the highest level of pollution control.

This pollution control feature of the 23 page operating permit by the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality issued to Mirant CEO Robert Driscoll on July 31, was drafted and presented at the last minute by the City during the public hearing. The

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Dance Around

The Washington Ballet is bringing classes to The Athenaeum.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE

### Railroad Days at the Lyceum

Saturday and Sunday, the Potomac Division of the National Model Railroad Association set up the tracks again in the Assembly Room at the Lyceum and the trains started rolling. Over 2000 visitors were counted at the exhibit on Saturday and Sunday brought a steady stream of train enthusiasts throughout the day. As the little HO engines pulled the trains around the tracks countless dozens of spectators filled the viewing platform.

## Special Election Set for Tuesday

Voters in District B head to the polls for an unusually heated summertime campaign.

By MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

With the Aug. 12 special election for School Board fast approaching, the four candidates to replace former Chairwoman Claire Eberwein in the city's centrally located "District B" have moved into the final stages of the campaign. Yet during one-on-one visits with voters and in public forums, few issues have come to define the race. During the final campaign forum last week at T.C. Williams High School, the candidates were in agreement on matters of substance — everything from raising expectations beyond standard-

ized tests to creating a better image for the school system. As a result, voters must make a choice between the candidates based on personal background and area of emphasis.

"I think one of the reasons we're not seeing a lot of policy distinctions between the candidates is that they are waiting to see what direction the new superintendent will take," said Melynda Wilcox, president of the PTA Council, referring to incoming Superintendent Morton Sherman. "I would like to think that whoever is elected will have an open mind about proposals and ideas from the new superintendent."

JOHN LEARY has raised more money than any of the other candidates and picked up a lengthy list of endorsements. Aside from being the choice of the Teachers Union known as Education Association of Alexandria, Leary has also picked up endorsements from several former School Board chairmen, including Ferdinand Day, Mark Wilkoff and Mollie Danforth. He also has the support of former Mayor Kerry Donley, former School Board member Arthur Schmalz and current chairman of the Alexandria Early Childhood Commission, Sean McEneaney. If elected, Leary promised, he would advocate for early childhood education and work toward increased transparency.

"I want to make sure everyone has the information they need to make an informed choice," said Leary, adding that the School

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## COMMUNITY



The Cora Kelly Dance team performs a tribute to the Buffalo Soldiers.



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Lakahn Doherty arrives at Lynhaven Gateway Park with her son, Deandre and two friends for the 25th anniversary National Night Out activities.



Osborne Banks of the Lynhaven Citizens Association announces the raffle prizes as Mayor Bill Euille arrive and the children draw with chalk on the sidewalk while there is still light.

# National Night Out

## The People's Sheriff

Dana Lawhorne transforms his office into a community organization.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Perhaps the most radical change Sheriff Dana Lawhorne has made since taking office in 2005 is definitely the hat. Gone is the old brown Stetson in favor of an "eight-point" model long favored by the Police Department. It's a subtle shift, but a significant one — the kind of behind-the-scenes change that Lawhorne has quietly been making at the jail, inside the courthouse and in the community.

During Tuesday's National Night Out, for example, Lawhorne and his deputies were out in force. It was the kind of community involvement that former Sheriff Jim Dunning would have discouraged in the Sheriff's Office. Yet since Lawhorne became the new sheriff in town, things have

changed. Sheriff's deputies are now encouraged to walk in parades and appear at neighborhood events. They make appearances at Del Ray's First Thursday events and welcome visitors to the city jail on Mill Road.

"For a long time, our job was in the jail and at the courthouse and nobody knew who we were," said Mondre Kornegay, a 23-year-veteran of the office, at the Clover College Park event for National Night Out. "But now we are out in the community and I feel like we have become part of the community."

Between National Night Out events this week, Lawhorne said his biggest accomplishment since being elected has been to

restore the credibility of the Sheriff's Office. He said Dunning was "disengaged" during the final stages of his time in office, describing the long-time former sheriff as someone who "checked out six or seven years before the end of his term." The first step toward restoring credibility, according to Lawhorne, was to create a better working relationship between the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office.

"We've had several joint warrant-serving operations," said Police Chief David Baker. "That kind of thing didn't happen before Dana became sheriff."

**A NATIVE OF ALEXANDRIA**, Lawhorne

**"He's even changed the way the phones are answered."**

— Harry Covert, public-information officer for the Sheriff's Office

has lived in Del Ray his whole life. He decided he wanted to become a law-enforcement officer since he was in the eighth grade at Parker-Gray Middle School, when a police officer visited his class to talk to the students about law enforcement. As a teenager, Lawhorne became obsessed with law enforcement, participating in ride-along programs with police officers. When he graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 1976, he was too young to be a police officer so he became a security guard at the Hamlets, a west-side apartment complex owned by the Mark Winkler Company.

As soon as he became 21, Lawhorne joined the Alexandria Police Department as a patrol officer. Within a year, he was training other patrol officers. Within two years, he was an acting supervisor. In 1986 he became a detective specializing in crimes

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## The Governor's Lieutenant

After weeks of rumors about the potential of Councilman **Rob Krupicka** considering a run for lieutenant governor, the second-term City Council member confirmed to the *Alexandria Gazette Packet* this week that he is, in fact, mulling it over. A native of Seattle, Krupicka has lived in Alexandria since 1993. He was first elected to council in 2003, and he enjoys broad support in the Del Ray community where he has been building a base of support for years.

"People have asked me about it," said Krupicka of a potential campaign for lieutenant governor. "To be honest, I have mixed feelings," said Krupicka. "I'll probably have something more definitive to say in September."

The job of lieutenant governor isn't exactly the highest profile position in the commonwealth, although the duties include presiding over the Virginia Senate and making rulings during the General Assembly sessions. The race could be further complicated by the presidential election. If Democratic presidential candidate **Barack Obama** chooses Virginia Gov. **Tim Kaine** as a running mate and the duo heads to Washington, Lt. Gov. **Bill Bolling** would become governor — opening up the position for someone like Krupicka to step in and fill the void.

"At this point, I want to focus on promoting early childhood education and environmental issues," said Krupicka. "So it's sort of my summer project to figure out what the best way to accomplish those goals."

## What's in a Name?

Political campaigns have always used names as a weapon of sorts, edging out the competitors with a clever turn of phrase. Who could forget **Bill Cleveland's** City Council campaign motto "Move to Cleveland?" Or **Rob Krupicka's** pneumonic reminder that his name "Rhymes with Eureka." Now that the special election for the Alexandria School Board is heading into its final days, candidates in that race have a few of their own.

"On election day, please give Alexandria a great Marc," declared **Marc Williams** during a candidates' forum at T.C. Williams High School last week.

"I want to change my name," interjected candidate **Elynn Simons**.

"District B is for Bernie," added **Bernie Schulz**.

"I'm not going to attempt that," concluded **John Leary**.

## The Learymobile

It's a time-honored tradition in Alexandria: the **Jack Taylor** campaign vehicle. It all started in 2005 when Taylor offered an in-kind contribution to **Dana Lawhorne's** campaign for sheriff. Then Taylor provided a campaign vehicle emblazoned with **Justin Wilson's** campaign logo during last year's special election for the City Council — a vehicle that became known as the "Justinmobile." Now the automotive political mogul has donated a white Toyota minivan to **John Leary's** campaign for the School Board.

Campaign finance documents released this week show a \$543 in-kind donation from Taylor to Leary for "use of van with signage."

"I thought I had that copyrighted," joked Wilson upon learning about the Learymobile.

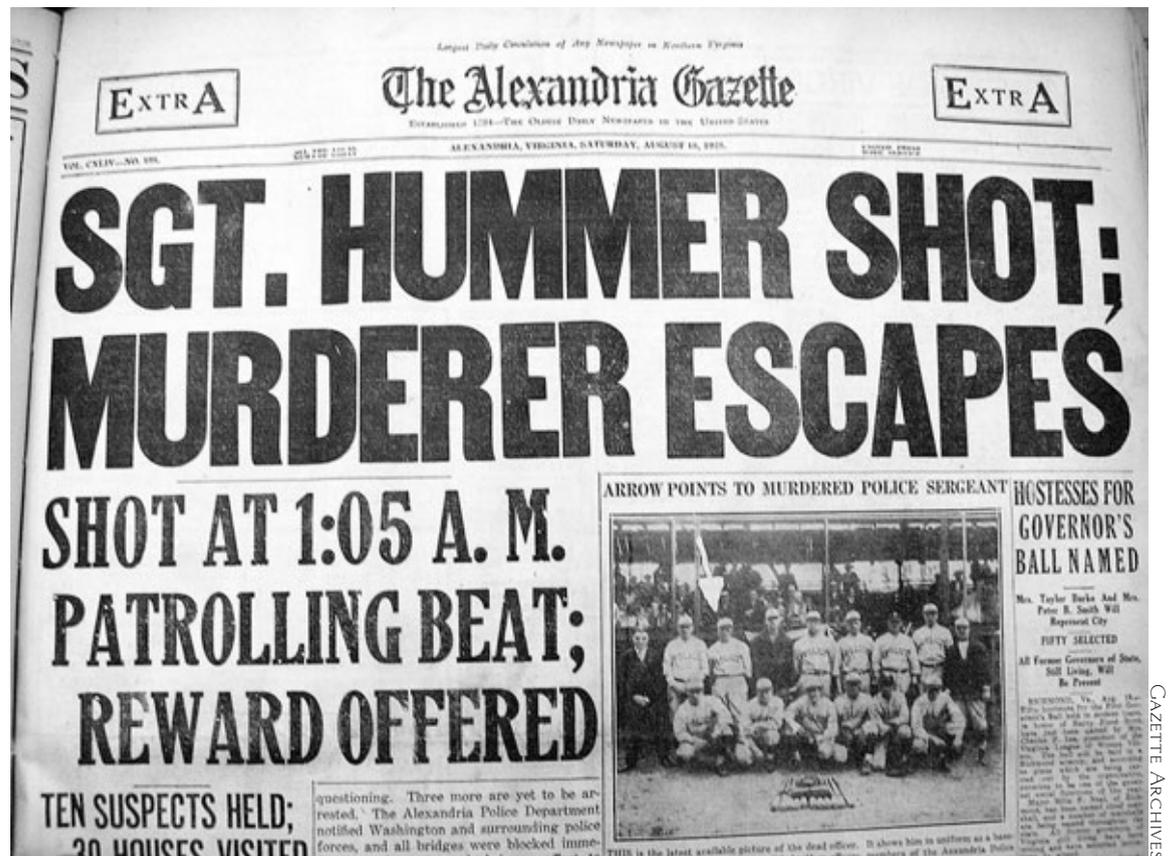
## Do You Live in B?

Tuesday's special election will not be open to all voters, only those who live in the central part of the city — known to election officials as District B. The following precincts will be open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Aug. 12: Maury Elementary School, George Mason Elementary School, Agudas Achim Congregation, Blessed Sacrament Church, MacArthur Elementary School, Chinquapin Recreation Center, Temple Beth El Synagogue, NOVA Arts Center, Polk Elementary School, and St James Church.

For more information about the special election, call the registrar's office at 703-838-4050 or visit alexandriavoter.org.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



An extra edition of the Aug. 18, 1928 Alexandria Gazette reports the murder of Sgt. Elton Hummer.

## Welcome to Hummer Alley

Alexandria's only unsolved murder of a police officer could prompt a memorial alley.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

It was just after 1 a.m. on a steamy August night in 1928 when the voices began cutting through the humid summer air near an alley connecting Alfred and Columbus streets. According to one woman who was in her house reading at the time, the voices became progressively louder and louder. At first she tried to ignore the men. But their voices grew increasingly heated.

"I've warned you the last time," she recalled hearing one of the men say to the other.

Three shots rang out in the night, and the woman ran to a window to see what had happened. She saw a man in a dark suit and cap running west on Duke Street. One man rushed outside to find Police Sgt. Elton Hummer barely clinging to life, moaning loudly when questioned about what had happened. An investigation later determined that Hummer had been shot by a .45-caliber pistol, once in the left breast and once in the groin. A third shot lodged in a fence across the street. Hummer apparently also fired at his assailant, although it was unclear whether the sergeant hit his mark.

"The department has absolutely no clues to work with in this case," the *Alexandria Gazette* reported in a front-page article dated Aug. 18, 1928.

A patrol wagon rushed Hummer to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead on arrival. About 20 suspects were brought to the police station at City Hall for questioning. All bridges were blocked, and cars were searched in an effort to find the murderer.

City Manager Paul Morton offered a \$500 reward — an amount that would be more than \$5,000 in today's value. Hummer was buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery with six police officers acting as pallbearers. He was 30.

"There were many wild rumors circulated since the officer was slain," the *Gazette* reported. "Thus far, however, all have proved barren of results and the murder may go down as one of Alexandria's unsolved mysteries unless something unforeseen develops."

**UNFORTUNATELY, NOTHING** unforeseen developed. The case remains the only unsolved murder of an Alexandria police officer — a lingering mystery that haunts the alley connecting the 200 block of South Alfred to the 200 block of South Columbus Street.

Flash forward 80 years. When Office of Historic Alexandria spokeswoman Amy Bertsch delivered a presentation about the history of the Police Department to the Alexandria Historical Society, the part about Hummer struck a chord.

"I was stunned because the Hummer family lived next door to where I lived," said Doug Thurman, who was president of

the society at the time. "This is the type of thing that people should remember because these guys are risking their lives every day of the year."

After that presentation, which took place last September, momentum started growing for finding ways to memorialize Hummer — the victim of a once notorious crime that has now receded into obscurity. Slowly, the contours began taking shape, and a coal

**"I think naming the alley for Hummer is long overdue. He was a hero."**

— **Ruth Lincoln Kaye,**  
**Alexandria historian**

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# Housewarming at the Carlyle House



Scott Smith portrays an 18th century surveyor with all of his maps and instruments. It was John West who originally surveyed in land that is now Alexandria in the 18th century.

Saturday afternoon celebrated the anniversary of John and Sarah Carlyle moving into their home on N. Fairfax Street in 1753.



Thomas Bouquet arrives at the mansion prepared to accompany the ladies with his fiddle.



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## COMMUNITY



Captain Luis Santano helps Mary Pawley get into a firefighters clothing. Firefighters get into all of this clothing and gear in a less than two minutes after the station alarm sounds.

## Friendship Firehouse Celebrates

Friendship Firehouse hosted its annual open house and block party Saturday afternoon in Old Town.



A line of children and their parents waiting to sit and tour one of the fire engines stretches around the far side of the truck.



Alexandria Fire Department Captain Michael Sharpe lifts a young boy into the front seat of the fire engine during the annual open house and block party.

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT  
GAZETTE PACKET

Intrigued by the firefighters mask, young Jameson Lover asks Firefighter Jefferson Harrison if he can try it on too.



# Stunted Furniture

Restaurants adapt to meet the 36-inch height limitation for outdoor furniture.

MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he raised tables and chairs that were once popular at Bittersweet have been packed away in storage. The legs of the tables at Hard Times have been chiseled down several inches to meet the city's new height requirement for outdoor seating. And the barstools at Old Town Theatre that ignited the furniture controversy have been moved inside to an area of the building owner Roger Fons calls the "Richmond Room." Quietly, almost without notice over the past few months, barstools have been eliminated from King Street.

"I think it's totally ridiculous," said Fons, who was forced to install \$600 worth of new furniture because of the City Council's new height restriction on all outdoor furniture on King Street. "The City Council should not try to run other people's businesses."



Old Town Theatre before.



Old Town Theater changes its seating to garden furniture.

**"To many people, including myself, King Street just doesn't seem to be an appropriate place for barstools."**

— Councilman Paul Smedberg

Since the city began a "pilot project" allowing King Street restaurants to set up outdoor tables and chairs in 2004, council members have received a hefty amount of feedback on the program. Some did not like the colors chosen for the furniture. Others were unhappy about the limited amount of sidewalk space on lower King Street. Many people voiced concern over the silver-and-black barstools at Old Town Theatre. So when a series of revisions were moving through city government earlier this year, Councilman Paul Smedberg suggested a 32-inch height maximum to prevent King Street from taking the appearance of what he called "an outdoor bar." The plan was approved in March, and restaurants have since found ways to adapt to the new rule.

"When most people see these stools, they think of a bar," said Smedberg. "To many people, including myself, King Street just doesn't seem to be an appropriate place for barstools."

**THE TENSION** between a business



Hard Times Café before.

owner's ability to operate independently and the city government's responsibility to exercise oversight is nothing new in Alexandria. Yet the outdoor dining program seemed to crystallize many lingering disputes between regulators and the regulated. Bittersweet owner Jody Manor purchased his raised tables and chairs with every confidence that his new furniture was in full compliance with city code. But then the code abruptly changed.

"As with many things the city does, this seems arbitrary," said Manor, adding that the raised tables and chairs were popular



Hard Times Café lowers its chairs and tables to meet new city regulations.

with tourists. "I had an approved permit, and they changed the rules."

During the debate over potential changes to the outdoor dining ordinance, some businesses argued that setting a height limitation would unfairly target restaurants that had already invested in raised furniture. Because the effort was clearly aimed at getting rid of the barstools at the Old Town Theatre, Fred Parker asked City Council members if there was a way to creatively address the problem without creating what

he called "collateral damage."

"I submit that the high-top tables used by the Hard Times creates no more a 'bar-like' atmosphere than do high-top tables in an ice-cream parlor," Parker explained to the City Council members in a Feb. 4 letter. "If people are going to drink outside and create a nuisance in the neighborhood, it can be done just as easily with tables 32 inches high."

**THAT ARGUMENT** didn't win the day at City Hall, and council members were clearly headed toward institutionalizing the 32-inch requirement when Councilman Rob Krupicka suggested that restaurant owners such as Parker should have some sort of mechanism for appealing the rules. If they wanted to put the time and effort into making a case, Krupicka said, the city should allow them an opportunity to be heard.

"Most restaurants will not want to go through a Board of Architectural Review appeal process," said Krupicka. "But I thought was should provide those who wanted to with the opportunity to make the case for why their furniture should be allowed."

**"As with many things the city does, this seems arbitrary."**

— Jody Manor, owner of Bittersweet

Krupicka's motion failed on a six-to-one vote, and King Street has now become a 32-inch zone. Smedberg said that he thought the rules should be uniform, and that all businesses should have to follow the same code — one that he said should have been more explicit when the program was originally adopted back in 2004. He disagreed with the criticism that the City Council has acted in an arbitrary fashion, defending the new 32-inch limitation as a necessary regulation to guard against unwanted changes that he said were degrading historic King Street.

"Everything we do in city government is a judgment," said Smedberg. "So if we are going to have a standard, it needs to be a consistent one that applies across the board."

# OPINION

# Seek Help

Local governments, schools, authorities, should get expert, citizen input on budgets.

Local governments and school districts are facing the prospect of actually having less money in the next budget cycle, and higher expenses.

While the just-concluded budget setting included gnashing of teeth over "shortfalls," overall this meant that schools and government programs didn't get quite as much of an increase as they needed to continue spending at the same rate as before.

The looming year will be different. There will actually be less money, not less of an increase.

Many families and businesses in Northern Virginia have already been coping with

higher costs and less income and without the option of raising the tax rate.

Alexandria has instituted a budget process called the managing for results initiative that analyzes how the money is spent and whether each program does what it is supposed to do and what the outcome is. Each action of the government is analyzed and the cost of each is named. It is a level of detail that citizens did not have before. Alexandria's public school system should do the same

But in addition to analyzing themselves, each locality and school system should seek the free, expert help that is available right next door in the process.

Northern Virginia is blessed with residents that include some of the top economic and policy minds in the nation. Some would be willing to donate their time despite busy lives to analyze and bring perspective to different parts of the budget.

Each branch of local government should establish its own "Blue Ribbon Commission" (using any name each one chooses) to study these huge, complex budgets, most in the billions of dollars and containing thousands of programs.

Seek out citizens with budget and program expertise in particular areas, and set them to work assigned to specific parts of the budget. Then take their recommendations seriously.

But in tight times, it's important to resist ending programs that are needed and important, even if we could live without them for a few years. Some programs should be eliminated; many can operate on reduced funding for a few years. But it's important to recognize that if you cut something out entirely, it will probably not be back.

Many families and businesses have faced cost cutting in the past year at a level that local governments will probably not have to achieve. But this year will require that they actually spend less than they did the year before.

— MARY KIMM

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Vote for Marc Williams

To the Editor

We, as former School Board Chairs, enthusiastically encourage voters in Alexandria to select Marc Williams for the open seat on the Alexandria School Board in the special election to be held on Tuesday Aug. 12.

We believe Marc Williams is the right choice to bring unity and consensus building during a very challenging time for the school system and to provide the support for the new superintendent who has an excellent reputation for innovation and problem solving.

Marc has been deeply engaged in the school system with three children enrolled; one in George Mason Elementary School, one at George Washington Middle School and one at Minnie Howard School. More importantly, he has actively participated and contributed to curriculum reform responsive to the needs of every child in the school system, providing programs to provide challenge and to advance the individual whether he or she is a special needs student, in the middle, or a gifted student. Much more about Marc is available at <http://www.marcwilliamsforschoolboard.com/>.

Melvin Miller served on the School Board for nine years and as Chair from 1983-85 at a challenging time to further the excellence of public education in Alexandria. Carlyle C. ("Connie") Ring was on the

school board during the exciting changes portrayed in the movie "Remember the Titans" and served as Chair from 1976-78.

We know the qualities that make a good School Board member and our choice is Marc Williams.

**Melvin Miller**  
**Carlyle C (Connie) Ring**

### Teachers Endorse John Leary

On Tuesday, Aug. 12, the citizens in the ten precincts that comprise District B will have an opportunity to choose a new School Board member. This Board member will work with the rest of the Board and the new Superintendent on many policy issues that are of critical importance to our city's teachers and support staff. The political action committee of the Education Association of Alexandria (EAA), the local affiliate of the Virginia Education Association (VEA) and the National Education Association (NEA), is proud to endorse John Leary in this Special Election.

Candidates for the District B school board seat participated in the same process followed by the NEA in endorsing Barack Obama for President. Each candidate filled out an extensive questionnaire that asked about issues of importance to educators, and qualifications for serving on the Board. A panel comprised of the EAA's elected lead-

ership then interviewed each candidate. After this process was complete, the panel's choice was clear. John Leary is the candidate for School Board who we believe has the experience and qualities necessary to be a successful School Board member.

It is the job of the EAA's political action committee to work on behalf of its nearly 1,000 members to determine who is best-qualified and will be the most effective advocate for our students and staff. We believe that person is John Leary. Please consider giving him your vote on Aug. 12.

**Francis Chase**  
President

Education Association of Alexandria

### The Straight Facts About Open Enrollment Honors

We have worked closely with Marc and Nancy Williams for nearly three years to bring more opportunities to all students who want to work hard and undertake a more challenging course of study.

We are writing to set the record straight. For a decade or more, ACPS has offered open enrollment honors and AP classes in grades 9-12. In 2003, the administration and the previous school board implemented the first open enrollment honors course in middle school. This offering, in science, was

well-received. Nevertheless, no progress was made in implementing other open enrollment honors classes for core offerings in language arts, math, and social studies.

Following the election of eight of nine new school board members in 2006, the School Board's Curriculum Committee directed the administration in September to flesh out how honors could be expanded in the middle school. In December 2006, the administration delivered a proposal to phase in language arts and social studies honors classes over a two-year period, and which completely ignored mathematics. This proposal lacked a sense of urgency and would have delayed implementation of core honors offerings to the detriment of significant numbers of Alexandria's middle schoolers who would have lost the opportunity to better challenge themselves. But the Board listened carefully to the issues raised by a large group of concerned parents led by Marc Williams, the undersigned and many others, and chose a less timid approach.

When the School Board authorized implementation of additional open enrollment honors classes, it did not do so pursuant to the recommendation of the ACPS Administration or the Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee (TAGAC). In fact, the TAGAC recommended even less, asking that the transition be made on a "pilot" basis and beginning in a single grade for fall 2007. The plan did not include any option for open

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## LETTERS

# Moving Our Schools Forward... Together

BY JOHN LEARY

**F**ew matters are of more importance to parents than the education of their children. As the father of three sons who will attend Alexandria's public schools over the next fifteen years, I have a considerable interest in the success of our schools, and how well they teach and nurture my kids, and the kids of every other parent in our city. That is the reason I am a candidate for the school board in the August 12th special election in District B.

I am a life-long resident of Alexandria. I am a proud graduate of T.C. Williams High School, and not a day goes by that I am not grateful for the education I received in this city. But I know that the task facing Alexandrians now is to move our schools from being good to being excellent, to make them the best in the region and the Commonwealth.

This year the school board will put in place a strategic plan that will set the course of our school system for the next four to five years. During this process, I am committed to providing leadership in several important areas: increased transparency and efficiency of operations; better communications between and among teachers, administrators and parents; and, importantly, more accountable governance.

**Transparency** – Every parent and taxpayer should have the information they need to

make informed choices for their children, their schools, and their community. Accordingly, one of my priorities will be to ensure that all appropriate policies, procedures, and proceedings of our school board, central office and schools are readily accessible on the Internet, and in-person at the School Board's offices.

**Efficiency** – In these uncertain economic times, we must take particular care to see that our precious taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely. To that end, there must be adequate metrics in place to enable the Board and the community to evaluate how successfully policy goals and objectives are being met. As a public affairs professional who directs multi-million dollar client projects, I am accustomed to finding ways to achieve efficiencies and deliver results. We should once again explore opportunities to collaborate with the City to eliminate redundant services and achieve economies of scale and efficiencies that otherwise would not be possible.

**Communications** – As a professional who has spent the last seventeen years working in the public policy arena, I'm acutely aware of the vital role that communications play in the success or failure of any endeavor. One notable example in our city is the significant increase in the number of neighborhood families who have chosen to attend Maury in recent years. This change resulted not only from successful programmatic changes, but also because of effective communication of those improvements to citizens.

My wife, Maureen, and I are proud to have been involved with those efforts within our community. On a system-wide basis, we can and should do more to inform the community of our schools' many notable successes. Among other things, I believe we have an underutilized resource in ACPS' cable channel that could be leveraged to engage more citizens.

**Governance** – School Boards in Virginia are entrusted with evaluating and adopting policies to improve achievement for all students. In shouldering this responsibility, an old proverb comes to mind: Failing to plan is planning to fail. If elected, as part of the upcoming strategic planning process, I will be a tireless and effective advocate for: small class sizes across all schools; an appropriately challenging curriculum for every student; consistency of quality instruction; meaningful partnerships between our community and schools; and, an increased focus on environmentally sustainable schools.

Candidates for office should have both a cogent and compelling plan of action, as well as a proven track record of accomplishment. My vision for the future of our schools is based upon my experience within our schools – as a student, parent, taxpayer, PTA officer, and School Board Advisory Committee member. I am the President-elect of the Maury PTA and a former member of the

School Health Advisory Committee.

My wife, Maureen, is a teacher and a native Alexandrian who has been involved in school and city activities for many years. We are raising our three sons, Brendan, Sean, and Colin, in a way that reinforces the concepts of community and responsibility, and which views our schools as partners in that important endeavor.

I'm confident that my long-term perspective and community involvement will be helpful in providing a moderating voice on our School Board after several years of unnecessary and often damaging distractions and divisions. With a nationally respected Superintendent starting next month, we should all be focused on the future – a future that promises to be bright and successful if we work together.

I am honored to have the endorsement of Alexandria's teachers in this election, an endorsement all four candidates sought. I'm also honored to have the support of respected Alexandrians such as Ferdinand Day and Kerry Donley who have helped make our city the place we love to call home today.

If you'd like to learn more, please visit our campaign Web site at [www.JohnLeary.org](http://www.JohnLeary.org). If you have any questions or would like to share your thoughts on our schools, I'm interested in hearing from you. You can reach me by e-mail at: [john@johnleary.org](mailto:john@johnleary.org). Please vote this Tuesday, Aug. 12.

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## BUSINESS

# Tanning Salon Fades Away

What happens when a tanning salon shuts its doors and the owners leave town without refunding customers?

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Patricia Webb had been a member at Club Tan for more than a decade when the business abruptly shut its doors on June 30. Like all the other customers of Club Tan, Webb had no advance notice that the business would soon be closing and she now believes that her loyalty to the tanning salon was abused. With an economy in freefall and a business climate in peril, the plight of Club Tan customers could form a template that is repeated with some frequency.

Webb, who estimates that the salon owes her anywhere from \$50 to \$100 worth of unused credits, said “And I think this is a kind of problem that we could start seeing more frequently.”

Fairfax County government records indicate that Club Tan opened in 1993. It was located in a strip mall known as the Plaza at Landmark, just across the boundary with the city of Alexandria. Government documents show that the owners applied for a business tax license every year through 2007. But the incorporation did not file for a business tax license in 2008, so it’s clear that owners Jeff and Darlene Davison knew their operation would be closing at some point. Yet Webb did not learn that the tanning salon had closed its doors until the owner of a nearby nail salon told her that the business abruptly shut down on June 30.

“They didn’t just decide to close on June 30,” said Webb while standing outside the shuttered business last week.

**THE STORY OF** Club Tan is a sad one for Webb, who said she had many friendly encounters with the husband-and-wife team

who owned and operated the store. She even recalls Darlene Davison telling her about the family’s new antique business in McGaheysville, a small community near Harrisonburg in the Blue Ridge Mountains. When the Fairfax County Office of Consumer Affairs received Webb’s formal complaint, they sent a copy to a McGaheysville address listed on government documents as a forwarding address.

“At this point, we are still waiting for a response from the Davisons,” said Susan Jones, branch chief for the Fairfax County Department of Consumer Affairs.

But even if the Davisons never respond, Jones said, the county’s Department of Consumer Affairs could only post an Internet notification that Club Tan was not responsive to complaints — a recourse that would do little to damage a tanning business that’s no longer operational. Repeated calls to the Davisons’ new phone number in McGaheysville went unreturned, although the voice mail message indicated that Jeff and Darlene

Davison are now selling “designer party chocolates.”

“The bottom line is that we can’t force a business to respond to complaints,” said Jones.

**IF CLUB TAN HAD** been a health spa, its customers would be covered under the provisions of the Virginia Health Spa Act. Created in 1984, the act stipulates that eligible health spa members must be issued refunds within 30 days of closure. Yet no such provision exists for members of tanning salons. A spokesman for Del. Brian Moran (D-46), whose district includes the Plaza at Landmark, said that extending the provisions of the Health Spa Act to other businesses could be a potential remedy to stem future abuses.

to Inova Health System.

He also implemented a Rapid Response Team and served as the hospital’s liaison with the Warwick community. Prior to joining Kent Hospital, Dr. Audett owned an internal medicine private practice and held the position of general medical officer for the U.S. Health Service.

“Dr. Audett has a proven track record of achievement and we’re very excited that he will join us. We are all confident that his experience and commitment to quality healthcare will continue to enhance our level of service to the community,” said Christine Candio, CEO, IAH.

Dr. Audett graduated from and trained at the University of St. Louis School of Medi-



Patricia Webb peers into the darkened former location of Club Tan.

“There’s no question that a solution is warranted,” said Jesse Ferguson, communications director for Moran. “That could be a practical remedy or a legislative fix or a mixture of the two.”

Practically speaking, Webb could seek to get her money back in small claims court. Yet proving the case would be difficult because the records about how many hours she had on her account are in possession of the Davisons. Because she had been regularly using the service for more than a decade, Webb said, she did not feel like she had to keep detailed records of when she paid money and how many tanning hours she had left on her account. Yet it’s unclear whether Club Tan could be subject to an action under the Virginia Consumer Protection Act.

“Every breach of contract is not a violation of the Virginia Consumer Protection Act,” said David Irvin, chief of the Virginia attorney general’s consumer litigation section. “For there to be a violation, we would have to be able to prove a misrepresentation or deception.”

He earned a Master’s Degree in Business Administration from the University of Rhode Island and completed studies at the American College of Physician Executives.

—CHUCK HAGEE

## IAH Nurse Wins DAISY Award

Cari Freeman, RN, was recently named Inova Alexandria Hospital’s first recipient of the DAISY Award for extraordinary nursing. Freeman, who works in the hospital’s oncology unit, was recognized for consistently nurturing cancer patients and

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**PROVING DECEPTION** might be difficult, although county officials say that Club Tan would have technically been in violation if money was accepted with no intention of providing services in return. Documenting a misrepresentation would prove challenging, although county records indicate that Jeff and Darlene Davison never applied for a business tax license for 2008 — meaning they were in operation from Jan. 1 to June 3 without having filed for the necessary paperwork.

According to Fairfax County spokesman Jeremy Lasich, the county will implement a statutory assessment essentially filing a retroactive business license tax the Davisons should have filed last year. Depending on the gross receipts of the business, Club Tan could be fined anywhere from \$30 to \$50 for the license plus a 10 percent penalty for not filing in time in addition to interest on the late payment. Meanwhile, Webb said she is still waiting for a refund.

“These are nice people who made a bad decision,” she said, peering into the darkened strip mall property.

mentoring new nurses.

“Cari goes above and beyond in caring for patients. The DAISY Award program is one way for us to recognize dedicated nurses who really make a difference in the lives of patients and their families,” said Joy Solomita, RN, chief nurse executive, IAH.

The non-profit DAISY Foundation, based in California, was established by family members in memory of J. Patrick Barnes who died in 1999 at the age of 33 from complications of an auto-immune disease. The care Barnes and his family received from nurses while he was ill inspired this unique means of thanking nurses for their care and caring.

—CHUCK HAGEE

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### IAH Names New Chief Medical Officer

Inova Alexandria Hospital has named John Audett, MD, as its new chief medical officer. In that capacity he will be responsible for the oversight of the Medical Affairs Office as well as physician relations and patient quality and safety.

Audett, with more than 20 years experience in healthcare, served as senior vice president and vice president of medical affairs at Kent Hospital in Warwick, R.I., before coming to Alexandria. In that capacity he led the medical staff and plotted the strategic direction for the hospital, according

# Sheriff's Office Transformed

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against children. Detective Lawhorne appeared at football games and dances, breaking up fights and chasing teenagers down city streets. In 2005, he ended a 23-year career with the police department to become sheriff and began quietly transforming the office.

"He's even changed the way the phones are answered," said Harry Covert, a public-information officer for the Sheriff's Office. "Dana is a people person, and I think that's reflected in the kinds of changes he's made since taking office."

In ways large and small, Lawhorne has expanded the role of the office. He created a liaison program for civic associations, proving lines of communication that had not previously existed. He joined Chief Baker in "Operation Clean Sweep, arresting 61 felons and serving 88 outstanding criminal warrants. He worked with the Virginia attorney general's office to reduce victimization of elderly citizens. He even acquired a K-9 "bomb dog" named Sherman from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. When the jail's air-conditioning broke, he brought in large chunks of ice to cool the inmates.

"He's not a morning person," warned Deputy Sheriff Monique Edwards. "But once he has a cup of coffee, he'll start cracking jokes."



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

One of the ways Sheriff Dana Lawhorne has transformed the office is by making more community appearances, such as this week's National Night Out.

**FAMOUS FOR HIS** goofy sensibility, Lawhorne will frequently use his sense of humor to lighten the mood and make those around him feel more comfortable. Take, for example, that hat. According to Sheriff Lawhorne, his uniform could be disheveled and his clothes could be wrinkled. But nobody would notice those

things once he puts on that eight-point hat.

"Watch this," he says, doffing the cap and ambling toward the National Night Out crowd assembled at Lenox Place. "Notice how long it takes before someone comments on the hat."

He introduced himself to a crowd munch-

ing on barbeque and listening to blues music. They turned their attention to the sheriff and notice the hat. Lawhorne engages them in small talk about the weather. Within 20 seconds, one of the barbeque-eating men told the sheriff how much he likes the hat.

"What did I tell you?" Lawhorne asks with a grin.

## MOVING OUR SCHOOLS FORWARD... TOGETHER.

Real experience. A broad community perspective. That's what we need to bring our School Board together and move our schools forward. That's why Alexandria's teachers and many others who have worked so hard to improve our schools are endorsing John Leary.

John is a life-long Alexandria resident, a TC Williams graduate, a PTA President-elect, and a former School Health Advisory Committee member. He's also the father of three sons who will spend the next fifteen years in our schools. John will combine his professional public policy experience with his real community involvement to make a difference.

This Tuesday, August 12th, please vote for the future of our schools. Please vote for John Leary.

To find out if you are eligible to vote in this special election in District B, and to learn more, please visit [www.JohnLeary.org](http://www.JohnLeary.org).



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**Raighne Delaney**  
Chair, Alexandria Community Criminal Justice Board

(partial list)



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enrollment honors classes in math, something still sought by the group of parents Marc had helped organize.

Many people played a role in getting the Board to approve this expansion, but the facts demonstrate that Marc Williams has worked hard through thick and thin. Specifically, Marc was instrumental in convincing the TAGAC, even though he was not a mem-

ber of that committee, to hold a board level public forum at which nearly every speaker asked the board for more opportunities for hard-working, high-achieving students. Likewise, Marc helped lead the effort to build community support and express that support through two public letters signed by numerous concerned parents exhorting the Board to expand academic offerings in the middle school.

All elections matter. If you live

in School Board District B, we urge you to vote for Marc Williams on Aug. 12 to continue the direction of providing opportunities to all students for academic excellence. Your vote will make a difference.

**Beth Ladd  
John Ladd  
Aileen LaGanza  
Dennis LaGanza  
David Rainey  
Meghan Rainey**

## Good Energy Ideas

To the Editor

Gas prices recently reached an all-time high. Families are feeling these prices every day, forced to make tough choices and looking for relief.

Sen. John McCain says he has a plan – a Gas Tax Holiday. This isn't a plan with Virginia families in mind. The truth is Sen. McCain's

plan would save Virginians no more than \$30 over the entire summer – only half a tank of gas! In turn, it would cost our state over \$188 million that we need for our roads and highways and over 6,000 jobs across the commonwealth.

Sen. McCain's plan is exactly why we need real change and why I am supporting Sen. Barack Obama this November. Sen. Obama will move aggressively to reduce our dependence on foreign oil. He's proposed investing \$150 billion over 10 years in renewable fuels, a plan that would create 5 million new, good-paying jobs.

To help Virginia families immediately, Sen. Obama has called for a second stimulus package. He would also enact a tax cut for the middle class that would mean up to an additional \$1,000 annually in the pockets of Virginia families.

He also believes we need to force the energy companies to use or lose 68 million acres of federal oil and gas leases they're stockpiling, and he's offered a plan to close loopholes to curb energy speculation that's driving up the cost of oil.

We need leaders who are willing to stand up and tell us not only what we want to hear, but what we need to know. It is time for real solutions, not gimmicks. And that's why I hope you will join me in supporting Barack Obama.

**George E. Ross**  
Alexandria

## Marc WILLIAMS for School Board

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"Marc has demonstrated his commitment to providing a quality education for All children in the ACPS system." —A. Melvin Miller, Former Chair, Alexandria School Board

"I've researched the candidates and come to believe that Marc Williams brings the best promise of a progressive, positive and reasonable approach to strengthening the public educational efforts in our community."

—Ken Hill, Chair, Alexandria-Gyumri, Armenia Sister Cities Committee

"While I was on the TAG Advisory Committee, Marc encouraged me to find my own voice and advocate for what I believed in. I know that as part of the school board, Marc will become the voice of many who have been ignored. Vote for Marc."

—Gretchen Colon Miranda, former Talented and Gifted Advisory Committee member

"Marc impresses me with his willingness to listen, his calm demeanor as well as his understanding the issues facing all students—including those with disabilities. I urge you to vote for the future and support Marc in the special election."

—David Cordell, Former Co-chair of ACPS Special Education Advisory Committee

"Marc has been an advocate for children for many years. He is a born leader with long standing involvement in the Alexandria community. I look forward to voting for him on August 12th."

—Scott Littky, Chair, Family Life Education Advisory Committee, ACPS

"This special election is NOT about partisan politics—this is about ALL the school children of Alexandria. Vote for our kids—vote for Marc Williams."

—Jim Laycbak, parent of TC Williams and GW student

"As a brand new US citizen I am aware that voting and participation in the democratic process is my responsibility rather than a choice. It is with honor and pride that my first vote in America goes to Marc."

—Silke Duke, parent of ACPS student

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## Use Housing Vouchers

To the Editor,

The article "ARHA Sees Braddock Differently" (31 July 2008) contains two errors that, uncorrected, serve to shift blame for problems associated with public housing redevelopment away from local officials and to either the federal government or an undefined concept of "economic viability," as well as to mask a broader problem with the city's approach to public housing.

The first is the statement from P&Z Director Faroll Hamer: "There must be two market rate units for every public housing unit in order to maintain the area's economic viability." This is not true; the economic viability of the Parker-Gray neighborhood is not dependent on the ratio of public to market-rate units. In fact, its economic vitality has been depressed for generations by concentrated public housing.

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The ratio Ms. Hamer proposes relates only to the viability of the specific redevelopment project. She is claiming that the estimated profits gained from the sale of two new market-rate units are needed to pay for a single redeveloped public housing unit. If 500 public housing units must be replaced, then 1,000 market-rate units must be built. Yet Ms. Hamer is ignoring other alternatives to the costly approach of building replacement housing units from the ground up.

The second is the reporter's statement related to the 500 ARHA units in the plan area: "That number must be maintained or replaced one for one in order to comply with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) rules." This is also incorrect; there is no HUD rule requiring one-for-one maintenance or replacement. A quick review of HUD policy and press releases shows that HUD is supporting and touting projects that reduce the density of public housing in urban areas. HUD is not supportive of programs, like Alexandria's, that concentrate public housing.

The linkage between these two errors, and the real reason for the City's continued efforts to maintain concentrated public housing in Parker-Gray, is the City's anachronistic approach to a flawed legislative act, Resolution 830. This act, passed in 1982 and based almost completely on a 1972 resolution, requires that no public housing unit be demolished unless a replacement unit is available, and fixes the number of public housing units at 1,150. The City Council and ARHA continue, in the face of local opposition, evidence to the contrary, and a nation-wide shift away from concentrated brick-and-mortar public housing, to treat that resolution as requiring one-for-one replacement at the existing locations. If unchallenged, they will succeed in continuing a long tradition of maintaining concentrated poverty in a small section of the city, this time with the hope that market-rate units will mask the problem.

A solution to this problem is simple and at hand: end the reliance on a 1940's-era view of housing assistance for low-income residents, and shift to housing vouchers. This will allow public housing residents to choose where they would like to live, and help to eliminate concentrated poverty in our city.

**Todd Foust**  
Alexandria

## Write

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**NEW LISTING**



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**Phyllis Patterson**  
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**Jen Collier**  
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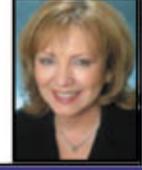
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700A Norfolk Lane

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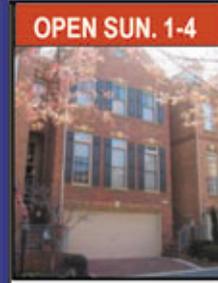
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**Alexandria \$329,000**  
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*Sue Feintheil 703-819-1964*



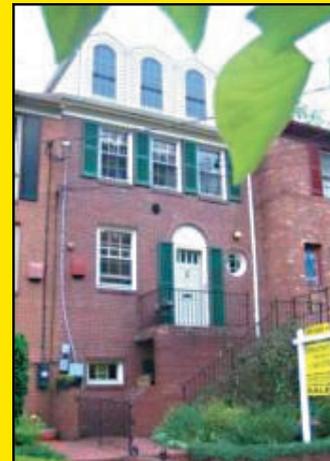
**Alexandria \$625,000**  
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**535 Tobacco Quay**

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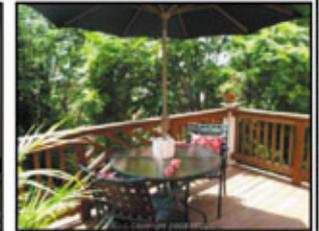
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# “Russian Kettlebells” — Caviar They Are Not

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BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE

**R**ussians don't use simple dumbbells when they exercise. They prefer “Kettlebells.” And, that takes some serious getting used to.

That was the point being made last Saturday at the grand opening of Dynamic Solutions, a new health and fitness center, at 6328 H Richmond Highway, in the Krispy Korner Shopping Center. The star of the opening was what some have described as “a cannonball with a handle.”

“It's an intimidating piece of equipment, but for a growing number of people, this is all they need to get a whole body workout. This is much more dynamic. It involves all the body's muscles,” said Christina Smith, co-owner, Dynamic Solutions, along with Darius Gilbert.

Used in Russia since the 1700's, kettlebells are believed to have originated as weights in the local markets and evolved as people started throwing them around for amusement. Kettlebells have become popular among certain fitness groups including the U.S. military, police and fire departments, sports teams, and martial arts enthusiasts, according to Smith.

“My clients used to be mostly serious athletes who came after all the buzz the Russian athletes got in the 80's training with kettlebells. Then it became popular with the military because they noticed dramatic changes in their power and stamina,” Gilbert said. “Now I see more and more women and weekend warriors because they've heard that they can get a better workout in a shorter time. People don't have two hours to spend in a gym doing cardio and weights. They don't expect a quick fix, but they do want to see results.”

That was evident from the crowd that poured into the basement center last Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 70 potential customers had visited the demonstration opening before noon, according to Smith, a certified holistic life style coach and metabolic advisor. The latter teaches people how to control their diet according to their genetic makeup.

Three Dynamic Solutions instructors joined Gilbert, who is Russian Kettlebell certified, in demonstrating the proper use of the strange looking weights, that actually do resemble a cannonball with a handle, for the audience inside the health center.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE

**Darius Gilbert, co-owner, Dynamic Solutions, puts on a weight lifting demonstration using Russian “Kettlebells” during the grand opening.**

Unlike traditional dumbbells and weight machines, kettlebells are markedly different. The weight is not evenly distributed. The user's body has to act as a counter balance.

Kettlebell exercise involves lifting, swinging, pressing and pulling this uneven weight. In one demonstration Gilbert pressed an 88 pound kettlebell above his head with one arm. “I normally work with 55 pound kettlebells,” he acknowledged after he lowered it to the floor.

Each movement requires not only work from the target muscle, but also from stabilizing muscles to counter the momentum and gravity. The result is a more efficient, effective total body workout, according to Smith.

The kettlebell is ideal for anyone trying to burn fat quickly, increase flexibility, mobility and agility, build muscle strength, boost energy levels, reduce stress and tension in the body, and get results fast for optimum wellness, according to Gilbert.

Dynamic Solutions is part of a new trend by fitness studios to help clients obtain overall health and wellness, Smith explained. “We do it by combining the old with the new,” she said.

Russian Kettlebells, yoga and QiCong, a meditation exercise similar to Tai Chi, are offered along with modern services such as life style coaching, and other services at Dynamic Solutions. Additional information can be found at [www.kettlebellstronginva.com](http://www.kettlebellstronginva.com).

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# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

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## Del Ray Celebrates

Alexandria Police Chief David Baker takes the stage at the Mt. Vernon Community Center field welcoming everyone to the National Night Out activities Tuesday. Del Ray was one of several neighborhoods who celebrated the event with music, dance and food and visits from their local police.

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# All-Star Swimming Season Winds Down

The Northern Virginia Swimming League (NVSL) held their individual all-star meet on Aug. 2 at Little Rocky Run pool in Centreville.

Top swimmers from each of the 17 divisions competed for the honor of league's best swimmer in their respective event or events. Individual medley races started first and the team relay events were eliminated. Regardless of the abbreviated contest, those in attendance witnessed close finishes and dominating performances alike.

Though all the swimmers who competed represented the elite in the NVSL, a few stars shone brightest. Winners of multiple events included: Cassidy Bayer of Mount Vernon (girls eight and under backstroke and butterfly); Miller Surette of Lee-Graham (boys 9-10 breaststroke and IM); Suzanne Dolan of Overlee (girls 9-10 freestyle and backstroke); Janet Hu of Mosby Woods (girls 11-12 freestyle and IM); Alessandra Troncoso of Old Keene Mill (girls 13-14 breaststroke and IM); Sean Fletcher of Hunter Mill (boys 15-18 butterfly and IM); and Ashley Danner of Cottontail (girls 15-18 breaststroke and IM).

Hu and Danner turned in some of the day's most impressive performances. Hu won her freestyle event by almost two seconds (27.85) and her IM event by more than five seconds (1:08.45).

And there was no shortage of thrilling finishes, either. Fletcher captured his first win, in the individual medley, by only .03 seconds over Bradley Phillips of Pinecrest. Even closer, Matt Weinberg of Orange Hunt defeated Michael Hallock of Fox Mill Woods in the boys' 15-18 backstroke by only .02 ticks in the day's most heart-pounding finish. In all, 12 races were decided by .18 seconds or less.

Still, perhaps nothing captured the thrill of All-Star Saturday quite like the final race. In the last heat of the last event — girls' 15-18 butterfly — Elizabeth Hall of Poplar Tree sped to a record finish of 28.93 seconds.

The time broke the record she had tied at the Divisional Meet the previous Saturday and which had

been set 24 years ago, by a mere one-hundredth of a second.

**THE NVSL-DIVING DIVISION** (NVSL-Dive) crowned individual champions in eight different categories at its annual All-Stars Dive Meet on Aug. 3 at the Dunn Loring Swim Club in Vienna.

More than 170 divers from across Northern Virginia earned the privilege to compete at All-Stars through the performances at the eight individual division championship meets that were held on July 27.

Divers in the following categories competed: freshmen (10-and-under); juniors (11-12); intermediates (13-14); seniors (15-18).

NVSL-Dive is a league comprised of 47 teams from community pools throughout Northern Virginia. The teams are seeded into eight divisions based on the strength and depth of their teams. Each week, as many as 1100 divers competed in 23 dual meets with other teams in their divisions. Team championships are determined based on the results of these meets. Following the conclusion of the regular season, each division holds an Individual Divisional Championship Meets, which determines who was eligible to compete in the All Stars Meet.

Full results are posted at: [www.nvsl Dive.nvblu.com](http://www.nvsl Dive.nvblu.com).

**THE COLONIAL SWIMMING LEAGUE** (CSL) also held its annual All-Star meet on Aug. 2 at Burke Centre. There were 35 different swimmers who took first-place medals.

The top individual performers included Hayden Village's Christopher Crapco, who won all three of his events for the third consecutive year. The Broadlands Piranhas had three triple-winners — 8-year-old Isaiah Fitzgerald, 12-year-old Kristin Haufler, and 14-year-old Alli Haufler. Matt Jones, a 12-year-old representing the Burke Centre Penguins won three all-star gold medals for the second time.

— MICHAEL GARCIA AND ERIC J. GILMORE



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

The CSL and NVSL held their swimming and diving all-star meets on Aug. 2-3.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Golf Tournament a Family Affair

Three generations of the Riley family baked in the afternoon sun as they gathered above Belle Haven's 18th green. The last groups were finishing the final round of the Bob Riley Junior, and Danny Riley, 13, signed his card. Off to the side stood his father, Tom Riley, who won the same tournament as a teenager. Behind the table, the tournament director and Danny's grandfather, Bob Riley, supervised scoring. Alexandria boasts many families who play golf together, but the Riley's long-time passion for the game is exceptional.

"I started helping with junior golf tournaments in 1976," said Bob Riley, an Alexandria resident and Belle Haven member. "When I closed my building supply business in the early 1980s, I became the executive director of the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association."

Bob Riley spent 20 years organizing golf tournaments and chasing

myriad details associated with running one of the oldest regional golf associations in America.

When he retired in 2003, the WMGA honored his many years of service by renaming the DC Junior as the Bob Riley Junior Open.

His son Tom, an insurance executive, learned the game hanging around the golf course. "As a little kid, I chipped and putted for five or six hours when my dad played, first at Reston, then Belle Haven.

Tom Riley attended St. Stephen's High School and in the summer of 1982, and played golf on scholarship at University of Richmond. He and his family live in the Wilton Woods neighborhood of Alexandria.

Danny Riley, a rising seventh-grader at Alexandria's Mark Twain School, shot a 78 on the first day. His final round 88, however, took him out of the hunt.

"I made a birdie on the first hole," he said afterward, "but it went downhill after that."

Danny Riley has played in the Boys 12-13 division of three junior tournaments sponsored by the Middle Atlantic section of The PGA. "I won one, and finished second and third in the other

two," he said proudly.

### Post 129 Finishes Shy of Legion Title

Alexandria Post 129 tied Vienna Post 180 in the eighth inning, but gave up the game-winning run in the ninth to get eliminated in the recently completed American Legion District 17 double-elimination tournament.

Up two runs in the first inning, eighth-seeded Alexandria was down 7-5 in the sixth inning. Post 129 tied the game in the eighth, and had another chance with the balls loaded, but failed to plate another runner.

Vienna, the defending champions, scored the game winning walk-off run off of a wild pitch. Post 180 was eliminated by Arlington Post 139 on the following night. Annandale 1976 eventually downed Springfield Post 176 for the second straight time to take the league title.

Bob Delelle, the Alexandria coach for the past 14 seasons, announced his retirement.

### Ruffin-Pratt Struggles With Shoulder

Tierra Ruffin-Pratt continues to struggle with the shoulder injury she suffered in the third quarter of the Patriot District championship. First, it forced her to withdraw from the Northern Region tournament. Later, it hampered her in the U18 USA Basketball women's tryouts in mid June, causing the selection committee to overlook her name.

Ruffin-Pratt will likely have another opportunity to make the USA U19 team should the U18 team get a top-four finish in Argentina this summer. The U19 World Championships will be held in Bangkok next summer.

This past weekend, Ruffin-Pratt's was again bothered by her shoulder when her Boo Williams Summer League squad lost by three points to the Tennessee Flight in the Nike AAU girls national championship. BWSL defeated the Flight twice over six days, but was unable to capitalize for a third. To make matters worse, she didn't score.

### High Schools Starting Football Practice

It's that time of year again. Football season is upon us.

Area public high schools started practice on Aug. 5.

Bishop Ireton had seniors report at 5 p.m. The Cardinals started two-day practices on Aug. 6.

With temperatures hovering in the mid 90s, the Virginia High School League (VHSL) set out a policy reminder on how the schools are to cope. The VHSL recommends that if the temperatures are between 95-104 degrees, then schools should not use helmets, pads or heavy equipment. If the temperature ranges between 90-94 degrees, the VHSL recommends that equipment be removed as often as possible provided the schools are monitoring their players. With anything sub-90 degrees, coaches are urged to provide "adequate water supply at all competitions with breaks every 20-30 minutes for hydration."

# ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

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There is a basic business course on Wednesdays through Sept. 17 at **UCM-Workforce Development Center**, from 7-9 p.m. Call 703-360-9088 ext. 101 for cost.

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The **Review Meeting of the Alexandria Marketing Committee**, scheduled for Monday, July 28, has been rescheduled. The committee will now meet on **Monday, Aug. 11**, at 8 a.m. in Sister Cities Conference Room 1101, City Hall (301 King St.). The purpose of the meeting is to review applications for the Alexandria Marketing Fund, now in its second round of funding. For more information about the Alexandria Marketing Fund, visit [alexandriava.gov/index\\_quicklinks.aspx?id=11060](http://alexandriava.gov/index_quicklinks.aspx?id=11060)

The **Alexandria Commission for the Arts** is seeking nominations for the 2008 Alex Awards. All nominations must be submitted to the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St., by 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19. Barbara Boehm, 2008 Alex Awards Chair, announced this year's theme as "Global Arts" to recognize and celebrate the influence of world cultures on art in Alexandria. To receive a nomination form, request further information, inquire about sponsorship opportunities, or purchase tickets, call the Commission's office at 703.838.6348, e-mail [aca@alexandriava.gov](mailto:aca@alexandriava.gov) or visit [alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation)



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## Welcome to Hummer Alley

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lition formed to support naming the alley after Hummer. Alexandria historian Ruth Lincoln Kaye determined that the alley had no historic name that would be displaced by a new name. Then a letter supporting the idea was sent to City Hall signed by the Alexandria Historical Society, Historic Alexandria Resource Commission and the Old Town Civic Association.

"I think naming the alley for Hummer is long overdue," said Kaye. "He was a hero."

**HUMMER WAS A** rookie sergeant who had been with the department for a year before being shot. The *Gazette* described him as "absolutely fearless," a man who joined the force to replace a motorcycle cop who had been shot while attempting to arrest two men in an automobile. He was a member of the police department's baseball team, and he lived in the

800 block of Duke Street — right around the corner from where he was murdered.

"I look forward to reviewing the proposal," said Vice Mayor Del Pepper, chairwoman of the Naming Committee. "It sounds like an intriguing idea to me."

The Police Department plans to lay a wreath in the alley on Aug. 18 to mark the 80-year anniversary of the unsolved crime. Meanwhile, Pepper said, that the Naming Committee could make a recommendation as early as next month. Bertsch, whose 2006 history of the Police Department sparked the movement, said there is precedent for naming streets and other facilities for fallen officers.

"Yoakum Parkway on the West End was named for Eugene Yoakum, who was killed in the line of duty in 1964," said Bertsch. "And there's a park in Del Ray named for Charlie Hill, who was killed in the Berg in 1989.

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## NEWS

# Mirant Gets Permit

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city asked for it in order to insure that the highest level of pollution control would be achieved when the merged stacks are activated, according to City Attorney Ignacio Pessoa. The amendment was approved unanimously by the Air Board as was the operating permit.

Without the amendment, Mirant could have been required by the regional purchaser of power, PJM, to produce the lowest cost power by not using the stacks fitted with the most advanced technology. By being required, through the wording of the permit, to operate the best pollution control units first, the City's air quality is further protected from contamination.

However, as stated in VDEQ's letter to Driscoll, "This approval to operate shall not relieve Mirant Potomac River, LLC, of responsibility to comply with all other local, state and federal permit regulations." It also gives federal, state and local officials the right to enter the plant during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, to conduct operating inspections.

**SHOULD MIRANT SELL** the plant to another entity that party is also bound by the rules and conditions of the new operating permit, according to its specific wording.

Both Mirant representatives as well as Alexandria City officials, present at the meeting, urged the Air Board to approve the operating permit for the two-stack merge. It also encompasses many of the key terms of the settlement agreement between Mirant and the City reached earlier in July and makes those terms federally enforceable, according to the City.

"The Virginia Air Board's approval of the state operating permit for the Potomac River Plant allows us to continue our long-planned stack merge project so the people of Alexandria and the entire region can benefit from the subsequent air quality improvements it will provide. This permit is doubly important because it allows us to produce more electricity to meet the region's growing energy demand," Driscoll said.

**BOTH DEPUTY MAYOR** Redella "Del" Pepper and City Councilman Paul Smedberg, attended the Air

Board meeting, along with Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille. All three thanked the Board for approving the operating permit. The Board also recognized the long running efforts of citizen activists Elizabeth Chimento and Poul Hertel in helping to bring about this mutually agreeable solution.

However, as William Skrabak, chief, Environmental Quality Division, Alexandria Transportation & Environmental Services Administration, noted at the public meeting, this is the short-term solution. The City remains committed to eliminating the plant entirely in the long term, according to Skrabak.

Mirant noted in their press release, announcing the issuance of the permit, that it sets emission limits more stringent than required by either state or federal laws, calls for a \$30 million stack merge investment by the company to reduce ground level pollutants in Alexandria. That is in addition to the \$34 million mutual agreement announced earlier to reduce small dust particulate throughout the City.

The latter agreement, which grew out of the ongoing City/Mirant battle triggered by a City Council June 2004 resolution calling for the ultimate closure of the plant, provides for the following:

A \$34 million investment by Mirant on new pollution control technology for particulate emissions, including baghouses, enhanced pollution-control equipment, or a combination of various modern technologies and giving the City control over their selection and implementation.

Imposition of emission limits over fine particulates that complies with National Ambient Air Quality Standards requires Mirant to drop its legal challenge to the sulfur dioxide emissions limit of 3,813 tons per year, thereby locking in this limit requires installation of carbon monoxide and particulate matter continuous emissions monitors, on a defined schedule, allowing enforcement of applicable limits. gives the City access to the plant during the design and installation of the new controls and to monitoring data requires immediate installation of additional fugitive dust controls as well as installation and operation of an additional fine particulate monitor.

**"This permit is doubly important because it allows us to produce more electricity."**

**—Robert Driscoll, CEO, Mirant Mid-Atlantic LLC**



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# SCHOOLS

## School Board Special Election

FROM PAGE 1

Board should adopt the same technology the City Council uses to electronically archive its televised meetings online. "I want to bring in as many voices as possible."

A sixth-generation Alexandrian, Leary graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 1987 and has frequently invoked his personal experience with the city school system on the campaign trail. Campaign finance records show that Leary supporters include Mayor Bill Euille, who made a \$100 contribution, and Toyota dealer Jack Taylor, who donated \$2,000 and the use of a white minivan with a campaign logo emblazoned on the side. The documents also show that Leary purchased pop-up advertising on Facebook and Google.

"I think the student services section of the Web site should be beefed up," said Leary, a vice president of an advocacy communications firm.

**MARC WILLIAMS** has his own list of prominent supporters, including former School Board Chairman Melvin Miller, Special Education Advisory Committee Chairman David Cordell and former Mason Elementary School PTA president Priscilla Goodwin. His campaign literature emphasizes his role in expanding open-enrollment honors classes to all middle school students last year, an issue that narrowly passed with a five-to-four vote in the School Board last year. Williams was one of 260 names that appeared on a letter dated Feb. 27, 2007 that describes the administration's proposal for a two-year phased implementation as "far too timid."

"My proudest, most recent accomplishment has been our achievement of getting enrollment honors in the middle school to provide an opportunity to all students for a more rigorous curriculum," Williams said in a written statement released by the campaign.

A 2007 memorandum written by former Superintendent Rebecca Perry indicates that she supported making the honors classes available to all students, not just those who were part of an elite program known as "Talented and Gifted." The disagreement between Perry and School Board members was one of timing, with Perry supporting a two-year phased implementation and the five majority members voting for a complete overhaul during the next school year.

"Philosophy matters, and lead-



**John Leary**  
money raised: \$15,085  
money spent: \$8,903  
ending balance: \$6,182



**Marc Williams**  
money raised: \$12,405  
money spent: \$7,531  
ending balance: \$4,874



**Bernie Schulz**  
money raised: \$10,092  
money spent: \$7,975  
ending balance: \$2,117



**Elynn Simons**  
money raised: \$5,225  
money spent: \$3,033  
ending balance: \$2,192

ership matters," Williams said during the forum last week. "We have to unify around a central focus."

**BERNIE SCHULZ** offers the most radically different choice for voters. On the campaign trail and in two different candidate forums, Schulz suggested that a non-voting student seat be added to the nine-member School Board. He also supports the creation of a stu-

dent advisory committee to make recommendations to School Board members. Although he is the only candidate that does not have children, one of the central themes in his campaign is that students should have a greater voice in the administration of public education in Alexandria.

"The voice of students tends not to be taken seriously," Schulz said at the T.C. Williams forum. "But

when we implement policy, we need to go to the source of who is impacted."

Schulz ran an unsuccessful Republican campaign for City Council in 2006, and he transferred \$718 he had leftover from that race into his School Board campaign account. The Alexandria Republican City Committee contributed \$6,583, and committee chairman Chris Marston donated

\$250. School Board seats are non-partisan, however, and Schulz said that he would like to see fewer divisions among School Board members.

"At the end of the day, the School Board members should speak with one voice," said Schulz. "If that happens, we'll see a drastic change in the public trust and perception of the School Board."

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## SCHOOLS

# Vote On Tuesday

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**ELYNN SIMONS** is the only candidate in the race making a return appearance, having launched an unsuccessful campaign for the School Board in 2006. During one-on-one appearances with voters and in the two candidate forums, Simons said that her experience in the classroom as a tutor has informed her campaign for the School Board. She said that Alexandria City Public Schools is a great system, although many people don't know about its successes.

"I believe School Board members should be cheerleaders," said Simons. "We need to be getting the

word out."

Campaign finance records indicate that Simons has raised the least amount of money, although she is the only candidate in the race to have official summertime beach balls emblazoned with the campaign's logo. During the T.C. Williams forum, she said that the voices of teachers has been unnecessarily stifled by the central administration.

"They were told they could not talk to the School Board — that they needed to go through central administration," said Simons. "That's what they told me."

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VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re  
BRIAN MARTINEZ

The object of this suit is to:  
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS with the goal of adoption, and terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of the unknown father of Brian Martinez, Born June 8, 1992, son of Maria Martinez  
It is ORDERED that the defendant Unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/05/2008 at 2:00pm

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JASMINE POMMIER

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## Legal Notices

### OBITUARY

**Edward Donald Hite** of Lake of the Woods passed away Wednesday, July 30, 2008 at his home under the care of Mary Washington Hospice. He was born July 13, 1932, in Buffalo, New York to the late Clarence J. and Lorene M. Hite. He moved to Virginia as a youngster and spent most of his life in the Alexandria and Manassas area before moving to the Lake of the Woods in 1996. Ed was active in the LOW Lions Club, The Lake of the Woods Church, U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary and The Germanna Foundation. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He is survived by his wife Joyce W. Hite, his former wife, Barbara Hite of Warrenton and their three daughters, Bonnie Weiss and her husband, Joe, of Midland, Teresa Huff and her husband, Steve, of Warrenton and Leslie Henry and her husband, Paul, of Brandy Station; his stepchildren, Kathryn Hulseley and her husband, Mike, of Tuscan, AZ, Pamela Hleba and her husband, Ted, of Virginia Beach, Patricia Turney of Virginia Beach, and William Turney and his wife, Chieko, of Fredericksburg; five grandchildren Eric and Blake Weiss, Mark and Erin Connelly and Amie Henry; and six step grandchildren, Carly Podlesnik, Adam Bonar, Samantha Rain, Victoria Bonar and Hunter and Sara Turney. A memorial service was held at The Lake of the Woods Church on Monday, August 4, 2008 at 11:00 am. A reception followed the service at the church. Burial was private at Culpeper National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Lake of the Woods Church, Mary Washington Hospice, or LOW Lions Food Pantry.

### OBITUARY

**Murphy, Ann Marie**  
On July 31, 2008, Ann Marie Murphy of Gibson Island, Maryland. Beloved wife of the late Andrew P. Murphy, III, Chrystal A. Murphy, James Byrnes Murphy and Paul Clarke Murphy Dear sister of Mimi O'Hagan of New York City, New York, Loving grandmother of Andrew, Avery, Douglas, Cara, Patrick, Carolyn, Erin, Preston, Spencer, Genevieve, Jack, Devon, Kyle, Morgan, Caitlin and Liam.  
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city of Alexandria now have a road map for addressing emerging needs - a 2008 Community Needs Assessment report just completed through the Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations (ACHSO).

The Alexandria Council of Human Services Organizations was

created in 2006 by ACT and Alexandria's Department of Human Services, in response to a request by nonprofits and city agencies to create a forum to network, share best practices, build relationships and provide resources. One of the first recommendations was to provide a col-

lective assessment of Alexandria – an overall look at our entire community's need - 'cradle to gray' as it was referred - to serve as a baseline for addressing emerging needs. Braintree Consulting was hired to undertake a six-month assessment process which began in October 2007, and was funded by ACHSO, the Starr Foundation, the Alexandria Community Trust, the Alexandria City Public Schools, Smart Beginnings-Alexandria/Arlington and Alexandria Department of Human Services.

The resulting 98- page report offers key insights into community needs and shares strategic cross-cutting recommendations, as well as opportunities within ages and stages and locations in Alexandria.

Key issues raised in the report include:

Lack of knowledge and access to what human service resources exist in Alexandria;

High degree of dependency on a limited array of funding sources

for nonprofits providing human services support in Alexandria;

Need for co-location of services by multiple agencies to create a 'system of care' approach in communities across Alexandria;

Need to improve the educational skills of parents to support and strengthen their families;

Need to streamline collaborative and planning groups and commissions addressing human services issues; and

Noteworthy challenges related to affordable housing, transportation and cultural diversity/language for those in need of services.

The release of this report is just the first step. Next, ACT and the ACHSO will look at all recommendations and create a clear plan to proceed. The full report, "A Snapshot of Human Development: A Community Assessment of the Alexandria Human Service System" is available at Alexandria libraries as well online at the ASCHO website [www.alexandriaserves.org](http://www.alexandriaserves.org) and ACT's website - [www.actforalexandria.org](http://www.actforalexandria.org).

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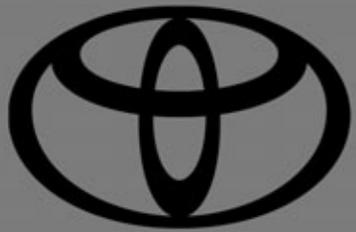
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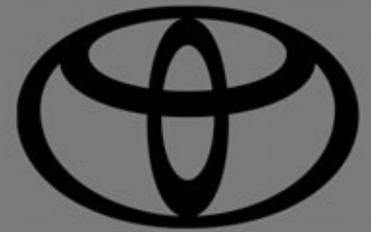
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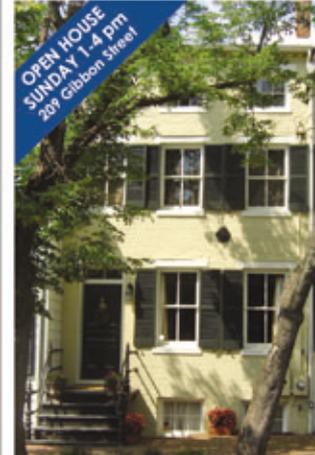
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