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One Bad Night

Beers, blunts,
robbery, public
urination, malicious
wounding.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Criminals recognize people who have been drinking as an easy mark. That's what happened one steamy night in July when two teenagers from the Berg were at CVS to buy Black and Tan cigars to make a marijuana-laced "blunt." According to court testimony, it was shortly after 1 a.m. when the boys decided to start following the man with the intention of robbing him at gunpoint.

That's when Stephen Johnson decided to urinate in a dark alley off Royal Street.

The two teenage boys followed Johnson around the corner of King and Royal south toward Duke Street and finally into the driveway behind CVS. One of the teenagers put a 9-millimeter gun to Johnson's head and loaded a round into the chamber. Johnson testified that he heard the sound and immediately knew he was being robbed.

"Give me all your [expletive] money," the assailant said, according to his victim.

Johnson told the court he spent the evening drinking in Georgetown and Old Town, consuming about 15 Bud Lights over

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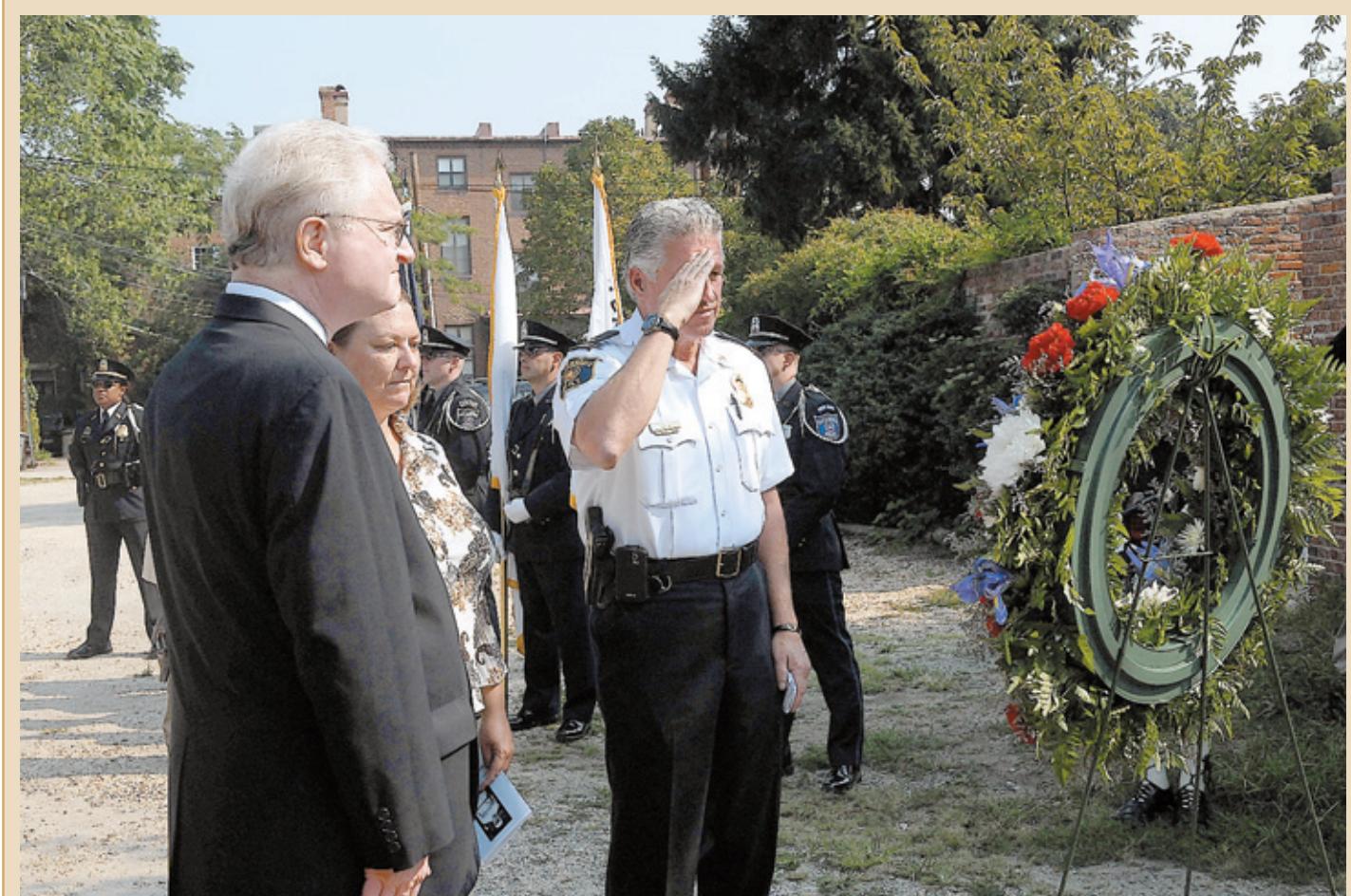


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Memorial

APD Chief David Baker salutes the memorial wreath placed inside the alley. With Chief Baker are former president of the Alexandria Historical Society Douglas Thurman and Amy Bertsch. The alley off of South Alfred Street is where Sgt. Hummer was killed on Aug. 18, 1928, a year and a day after he had joined the force.

First Day on the Job

Morton Sherman arrives at Ramsay Elementary School to begin his new gig as superintendent.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The children in Beth Wilson's K-Prep program were gathered on the classroom floor at William Ramsay Elementary School one day last week when something out of the ordinary happened. A delegation of adults arrived at the door as Superintendent Morton Sherman bounded through the door and introduced himself. The new superintendent sat down with the students and began chatting amiably as the teacher asked the students what would happen if she mixed yellow and green liquids on a small table in front of her. The student next to Sherman announced the answer was green,

then asked the superintendent why he didn't know a simple thing like that.

"I'm new at this," Sherman admitted, shrugging his shoulders.

As it happened, Sherman's first day on the job was also the last day of this year's "K-Prep program," a three-week course for rising kindergartners in Alexandria. The program is aimed at students who would not otherwise have been in any kind of educational setting before the first day of kindergarten, giving them chance

to see their classroom and meet their teacher. According to enrollment records, one in four

Alexandria kindergartners have no classroom experience when they arrive for their first day of school.

"In a non-mandatory setting, I think we should explore ways to offer preschool in Alexandria."

— Morton Sherman, superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools

Exandria," said the new superintendent.

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Meeting the Press

Dealing with reporters can be a difficult experience. Some are pushy and crude. Others can be abrasive and loud. It's a tough business, especially in the current economy.

Perhaps that's why **Barack Obama**'s presidential campaign issued guidelines recently to help supporters of **Hillary Clinton** know how to handle media inquiries. According to a document emailed to Clinton supporters in Alexandria on July 25 by the Illinois-based national headquarters of the Obama campaign, all media interviews should be cleared through the campaign first. According to a document obtained this week by the *Alexandria Gazette Packet*, titled "Guidelines for Delegates Contacted by the Press," Clinton supporters have been directed to wait for approval before meeting the press.

"Please do not get into specific policies or try to be an expert on all aspects of the campaign," explained the two-page document. "If there are exceptions where campaign staff thinks your focus on a specific issue will be helpful, we will let you know."

Read His Lips

Question: How do you know Attorney General **Bob McDonnell** is campaigning for governor? Answer: His teeth aren't moving.

The attorney general was injured in a pickup game of basketball earlier this month while vacationing with his family in hurricane-ravaged New Orleans. Apparently, McDonnell and a volunteer from the Virginia Beach-based Operation Blessing International were ahead by a 9-2 score against the attorney general's 16-year-old twins, Bobby and Sean. While chasing a loose ball out of bounds, McDonnell crashed into a boxing ring at the Adullam Christian Fellowship gymnasium. He returned to Northern Virginia with a jaw that was wired shut and a calendar full of campaign appearances.

"I've learned that you can run your mouth without moving your teeth," said the attorney general through a clenched jaw Sunday at a fundraiser for mortgage broker **Mark Ellmore**, who is hoping to unseat nine-term incumbent U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8).

Staffing Virginia

Suddenly, Virginia has found a new role for itself as a swing state. Yet this is a change that's been slowly gaining traction for years. Back in 2000, Democrat **Al Gore** had one full-time staffer that was responsible for all of Virginia, a token presence taken by many to mean that he did not anticipate winning the Commonwealth. Then in 2004, **John Kerry** brought in about 20 full-time paid staffers in an early effort to move military voters. But after the Swift Boat attacks, the Kerry campaign moved all the full-time paid positions out of Virginia and into other swing states — a defensive move that demoralized Virginia Democrats even though they tried to put lipstick on the proverbial pig.

"Our official position at the time was that we had so much confidence in Virginia that we didn't need them," recalled **Susan Kellom**, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "Unfortunately, that didn't pan out."

This year is clearly different, and **Barack Obama**'s presidential campaign has full-time staffers working in 25 offices throughout Virginia. Last weekend, the campaign opened an office on Upper King Street. Next week, Old Town resident and former Gov. **Mark Warner** will deliver the keynote address of the Democratic Convention in Denver.

"I think Mark Warner was chosen for the same reason Barack Obama was chosen to deliver the keynote address in 2004," said Kellom. "They both represent the future."

\$34 for 34

What's age but a number? If you are a candidate for public office, your age could also be a fundraising opportunity. Take Del. **David Englin** (D-45), who turned 34 this week. In an e-mail to supporters, Englin's wife and political strategist **Shayna Englin** asked for a birthday tribute to the Team Englin fundraising machine.

"Please join me in wishing him a happy birthday with a gift of \$34 for 34 years (of course, more is always welcome) so he can keep fighting the good fight for years to come," she wrote in the Aug. 15 e-mail.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

ELECTIONS 2008



Attorney General Bob McDonnell, left, chats with **Mark Ellmore** about his campaign to unseat nine-term incumbent U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8).

Breaking with Bush

Virginia Republicans are uniting behind new leadership while keeping a traditional message.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

While Democrats have been leading high-profile voter-registration campaigns in Northern Virginia, the Republican Party of Virginia has been quietly realigning its power base and setting the stage for a new generation of leaders to move the party into the future. Attorney General Bob McDonnell has moved into a central position within the party, distancing himself from President George W. Bush and creating a Republican base of support in Northern Virginia for his gubernatorial campaign next year. Meanwhile, the attorney general has teamed up with the Republican lieutenant governor and the Republican Party of Virginia to wage the "AG-LG-RPV Challenge," offering a \$1,000 bonus to any Republican committee that can double its membership by Labor Day.

"Given President Bush's consistently low approval ratings, you won't find too many Republican politicians boasting about their similarities or close ties these days," said Matthew Smyth, director of communications for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "In areas like Northern Virginia, where Democrats have seen a resurgence, it remains to be seen whether Republicans have been able to make the progress they need to remain competitive."

During a fundraising event for congressional hopeful Mark Ellmore, who is trying to unseat nine-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), McDonnell acknowledged that the party has some issues to overcome with voters. He admitted that the party was battling against an unpopular president, an unpopular war and an economic downturn that reflects

poorly on the current Republican administration. Nevertheless, he said that the demographics of Virginia remain solidly Republican.

"This is a conservative to moderate state," said McDonnell, a 1972 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School in Alexandria and a long-time resident of the Mount Vernon area. "We need fresh energy on the ground to do what I call the work of freedom."

MCDONNELL SAID

the Republican Party's message this November will be organized around three core issues: energy, taxes and security. He said Republicans can make inroads with voters in shock over \$4-a-gallon gasoline by advocating for offshore drilling. Advocating for lower taxes is a traditional Republican staple, and McDonnell is urging a strategy that seeks to paint Democrats as a tax-and-spend liberals.

Yet conveying a coherent message on national security could be problematic for Republicans seeking to walk a fine line between distancing themselves from the current administration while defending many of its foreign policy

"Jim Moran is just like Barack Obama. He's never seen a tax he doesn't like."

— Attorney General Bob McDonnell

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Rally For ‘Change’ To Change The Rolls

Gaining voter registration volunteers was the primary goal.

By CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Enough though the Obama “Change” Bus rolled into Sacramento Center nearly 45 minutes later than its scheduled 10 a.m. arrival time Saturday morning, the overwhelmingly partisan crowd greeted it like it was the last life boat off the Titanic.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Howard Dean and his newfound political cheerleader, Washington Wizards center Etan Thomas, were mobbed as they stepped off the large land cruiser to plead for voter registration volunteers. “Unless you are willing to knock on doors, we are not going to win Virginia. We can’t do this without you,” Dean told the nearly 150 Obama enthusiasts gathered in front of him on the center’s hot parking lot just off the Rt.1 corridor.

“We need your help with every neighborhood. Each of you needs to knock on 25 doors, the same 25 doors, three times between now and election day,” Dean said.

“Virginia is a classic state. It has every economic level, every ethnic group, every race. Virginia is a very special place for us. More than one million voted in the Democratic primary here,” he said.

THOMAS, WHO SPOKE before Dean, fired up the crowd by spinning off a litany of reasons to vote for Obama and capping each one with the presumptive Democrat presidential candidate’s favorite election campaign slogan that he has used throughout the primary race, “It’s time for a change.”

“It’s time to focus on the issues at hand. We are in desperate need for a new pioneer,” Thomas said.

Dean noted the “Change” bus tour began in President Bush’s home territory of Crawford, Texas. “We did that on purpose. To show that we can gain public support everywhere. One third of that town’s 700 residents came out to greet us,” he said.

“We can’t do this without you.”

Howard Dean, chairman, Democratic National Committee

“This is going to be a very close election. Polls don’t mean anything. What counts is getting people to register and then to vote. This election is about policy,” Dean said.

THE OBJECT of the rally was to sign up voter registration volunteers and to inspire attendees to work constantly from now until election day, Nov. 4. “We need everyone here to sign up before you leave today,” he said.

The latest statistics show that Virginia has



National Democratic Committee Chairman Howard Dean (rear center) is surrounded by admirers following a voter registration rally at Sacramento Center on Rt.1.

added nearly 225,000 voters since the last presidential election. Much of that was in the increasingly Democratic stronghold of Northern Virginia, according to registration figures.

However, Virginia has not voted for a Democrat presidential candidate since Lyndon Johnson in 1964. President Bush carried Virginia in 2004 by 30,000 votes more than the recent increase in registered voters—his margin of victory was a little over 269,000.

While recent statewide elections have gone in favor of the Democrats — two successive governorships and the U.S. Senate—the Virginia General Assembly remains split. The Democrats control the House of Delegates and the Republican maintained their grip on the Virginia Senate. The vast majority of the state remains red while Northern Virginia and the Tidewater area tilt blue.

“We are privileged to live in one of the most historical areas of the nation,” said Mount Vernon District Democratic Committee Chair Janet Myhre in introducing Dean. “It wasn’t long ago that Virginia was a dedicated red state. And we can’t change that by hoping. It has to be done neighborhood by neighborhood.”

Conspicuous by their absence from the rally were nearly all the locally elected Democrat politicians from the immediate area. That included both Mount Vernon and Lee district supervisors as well as all locally elected Democrat members of the Virginia General Assembly.

The only Northern Virginia elected leaders present were Alexandria City Mayor William D. Euille and Fairfax County School Board Chair Daniel Storck, who is known for his resemblance to Republican Party founder Abraham Lincoln.

Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille stands by the National Democratic Committee’s Obama “Change” bus following a voter registration rally at Sacramento Center on Rt. 1 featuring National Committee Chairman Howard Dean.



PHOTOS BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE PACKET

NEWS

MySpace Contributes to Detention of Teenager

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the course of nine hours. He was on his way to the cabstand at the Hotel Monaco when he decided to duck into the Royal Street alley and relieve himself. Yet now he was faced with a split-second dilemma. Should he hand over his cash or fight back?

"I knew the kid was nervous," Johnson told the judge. "At that point is when I made the decision."

Johnson grabbed the gun with his right hand and tried to land a punch with his left hand. But the gun went off, ripping through Johnson's arm. The boys ran toward Market Square and Johnson followed them across King Street until he realized that he was bleeding profusely. It was then that he realized the full extent of his injury and asked for help. Johnson, a Fairfax County man who works in the construction industry, said that he has lost 70 percent of the feeling in his arm and hand.

"I can't use it on an everyday basis," he said.

WITHIN THREE DAYS, the Alexandria Police Department announced the arrest of Robert Boyd Jr., an 18-year-old who lived in the 300 block of Oronoco Street. Within six days, the police announced a second arrest in the case — taking a 16-year-old Alexandria juvenile into custody. Because of his age, the juvenile's name has not been released. But prosecutors say he's already struck a deal to plead guilty in the case, with the next hearing scheduled in early

September.

Meanwhile, Boyd walked into the courthouse a free man on Monday morning — out on the streets after his father laid down \$1,000 for a bond. Yet he was taken into custody by the Sheriff's Office after District Court Judge Don Haddock learned about pictures of the youth throwing gang signs

on his MySpace page. The site apparently also had a photo of a weapon, and the 9-millimeter involved in the crime has never been found by officers working the case. The detective who arrested Boyd said he denied being involved in the crime at first. Yet when the defendant found out about surveillance footage from the CVS cameras, he admitted to the crime. Judge Haddock sent the case to the grand jury, which is expected to hear the case early next month.

"Obviously he is really sorry about what happened," said Bradley Haywood, the public defender assigned to the case.



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PEOPLE

When Downtown Became Old Town

Marjorie Nesbitt Land helped transform Alexandria to what it is today.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When Marjorie Nesbitt Land opened the Market Square Shop in 1952, Alexandria was a sleepy southern town where she and her business partner Joan Miller had to have their husbands co-sign in order to get a telephone line. But this was a woman who had attended the College of William and Mary in the 1940s — clearly not someone who would let gender get in the way of business. Over the next few decades, she de-

veloped the Market Square Shop into a staple of Old Town commerce, the kind of place where generations of families bought fabric and interior design advice.

"She had worlds of taste," said Nancy Richards, a longtime friend who lived around the corner. "Anything that she liked, everybody else would like. She kind of set the tone."

Land died last week; she was 93. A native of Cecil County, Md., Land studied marketing at William and Mary before taking a job as a buyer at the venerable Thalhimer's department store in Richmond. She married Henry Carter Land Jr. in 1947 and moved to Bladensburg, Md. While having lunch one day with Miriam Crocker at the Tasty Bakery in Georgetown, she was introduced to the owner of a Wiscon-

sin Avenue gift shop known as the Caledonia. One thing led to another, and soon Marjorie Land was offered a position managing the store's fabric department for 75 cents an hour.

It was there on Wisconsin Avenue where she met Joan Miller, a former War Department employee who took a job at Caledonia decorating the windows for 75 cents an hour. Before long, Land and Miller began dreaming of opening their own store. They proposed the idea to their husbands over a fateful picnic lunch in Hollin Hills. Although the women were considering Arlington as a location, Henry suggested downtown Alexandria as a potential market. Since that time, the Market Square Shop has developed into a Washington establishment, serving first ladies, second ladies, diplomats and denizens.

Marjorie Land and Joan Miller didn't just talk about opportunities for women, they created them," said Bruce Schafer, a former business partner and current owner of Market Square Shop. "They had foresight and vision in a time when ladies didn't work, but they put their shoulders back and did it anyway."

THERE WAS ONLY one problem with the plan. Downtown Alexandria — this was a time before Realtors began calling it "Old Town" — was a rundown collection of crumbling and decrepit old buildings. In 1952, when the Market Square Shop first opened at 313 Cameron Street, the mayor of Alexandria was engaged in a public campaign to clean up an area of lower King Street he called "Skid Row." Four years later, in 1956, Henry and Marjorie purchased a 1797 building known as the Chequire House in the 200 block of King Street.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carter Land Jr.

The building had its own storied past, originally built by a distinguished French merchant named Bernard Ghequierre. It later became a disreputable hangout for government workers known as the Torpedo Bar before being renovated into an elegant home by Supreme Court Marshall Thomas Wagaman. Nevertheless, it was a neighborhood that was undoubtedly down on its heels. When one visitor arrived from Richmond, the taxi driver became skeptical when he heard the address.

"Lady," the driver exclaimed, according to a family story, "you do not want to go to the 200 block of King."

This was a time when the so-called "urban renewal" movement was ripping through Alexandria, demolishing 18th-century buildings because restoring them would be too much work. Land reacted by taking up the cause of historic preservation, a movement that became close to her heart over the next few decades. She became involved with the Historic Alexandria Foun-

dation and the Old Town Civic Association. She also helped create the "Tourist Council," an organization now known as the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association. When developers would arrive at City Hall with demolition permit applications, there was Land to speak in favor of preservation.

"She wasn't leading the charge," said Morgan Delaney, president of the Historic Alexandria Foundation. "She was bringing up the rear and getting everyone organized."

LAND ORGANIZED a celebrated exhibit at Gadsby's Tavern in 1956 titled "Our Town," a series of portraits featuring leading figures in Alexandria's history. The simple display of portraits was a smash sensation because each of the narrative labels were meticulously researched, including exhaustive research about history and commerce on the Potomac River. When the Fire Department limited the number of visitors to nine at a time, a line stretched around the block to experience "Our Town."

Marjorie Land considered her greatest preservation accomplishment to be saving the historic Lloyd House, a 1797 building that now serves as the administrative headquarters for the Office of Historic Alexandria. Developers had eyed the property for years. But Land worked with other preservation advocates to find a way to save it as well as other buildings, such as the Atheneum. Yet she also advocated for the location of the Safeway at Royal between Wilkes and Gibbon, a controversial zoning decision overturning a residential development that created somewhat of a civil war between opposing factions within the Old Town Civic Association.

"One group believed that a conveniently located grocery store was important to the quality of life in downtown Alexandria, while the other group insisted that such a zoning reversal within the ranks of preservationists was downright betrayal," wrote Osborne Phinizy Mackie in a 1997 profile of Land for a publication of the Historic Alexandria Foundation. "The situation became so tense that several of the ladies put on their hats and white gloves and went to visit the Safeway manager in Washington to try to work out a solution."

"She was a lady," explained Delaney, who now lives in her house above the Market Square shop.

Marjorie Nesbitt Land was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Henry Carter Land Jr. She is survived by her sons Henry Carter III (Anne) and Charles Edwards Land (Margaret); grandchildren Juliet McLure Land, Cameron Barclay Land, Charles Edwards Land Jr., Henry Carter Land IV and Caroline Hunt Land; and sister Dorothy Pendleton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either St. Paul's Episcopal Church or Historic Alexandria Foundation.



East Meets West in Design

Beyond Dragons- an east-west fusion of interior design, presented by the Women's Committee for the National Symphony Orchestra was announced last Wednesday at a luncheon at the Kennedy Center. The design show will be held this year at the Chevy Chase Women's Club on Oct. 22-26. Ten local designers will be featured.

They include Camille Beers, Reston; Sally Steponkus, Washington, D.C.; Liz Levin, Washington, D.C.; Sandra Meyers, Rockville Md; Shannon Munn, Springfield; Janet Morais & Anna Bimba, Manassas; Luis Florendo, Baltimore; Karen Luria & Mary Beth Schepp, Alexandria; Tracy Morris, Washington D.C. and Ian Simpson of Smith & Hawken in Chevy Chase Md.

Feng Shui, table settings, Ikebana and

window treatments are some of the workshops and demonstrations already scheduled for the five-day show. The Embassy of Japan is tentatively planning a Tea Ceremony. In addition to the Women's Committee and the designers; members of the ASEAN Women's Circle are participating with this years show. This non-profit organization is composed of wives of ASEAN Ambassadors and diplomats, and lady diplomats from the 10 ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) embassies. For more information on the upcoming show visit www.kennedy-center.org/celebrations

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE
Karen Luria and Mary Beth Schepp of Karen Luria Interior Identity Inc., will display a dining room.

NEWS

A Walk For Ellen

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria was founded as a seaport town. One of its major attractions throughout its long history has been its waterfront. That irreplaceable asset has also been coveted over the decades by developers and even the National Park Service.

But, to the benefit of all Alexandria citizens, there have been those willing to take on all odds to not only preserve the waterfront, but also enhance its open space visage. One such person was the late Ellen Pickering. She took one fight all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and won.

This Sunday, Aug. 24, her legacy as an Alexandria preservation/open space advocate and champion of the City's waterfront will be honored with an "Ellen Pickering Memorial Walk." Commencing on the steps of the Atheneum, 301 Prince St., at 4 p.m., the walk, sponsored by the Greater Alexandria Preservation Alliance, will also feature a presentation by

Robert L. Montague, III, "who fought in the trenches" with Pickering to preserve the Alexandria waterfront.

"Bob will explore and explain the sites that Ellen's activism had the most profound impact upon. This is only the first of what we hope will become an annual event," said Boyd Walker, a founder of the Preservation Alliance.

"We are also viewing this as a way to start to develop a citywide consensus on how to preserve the waterfront. The waterfront planning process is supposed to get formally underway in January and we hope this will stimulate some considered thought on the matter rather than wait until it gets before the Planning Commission," Walker said.

SOME OF THE SITES to be covered Sunday that Pickering's vigilance impacted include Founders Park, Oronoco Bay Park, and the George Washington Memorial Parkway bike trail. It was the pres

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OPINION

Local Olympians

Lost somewhere in the quest for gold and medal counts and world records of the Olympics is appreciation for the effort and talent it takes to qualify, to go, to be an Olympian, whether or not an athlete comes home with a medal of any color.

Last week, we celebrated Justin Spring of Burke who contributed to U.S. winning bronze in men's team gymnastics.

We're proud of Kate Ziegler of Great Falls, who showed wisdom beyond her years in interviews after she failed to make the finals of either of her two events. The 20-year-old George Mason University student was disappointed, but smiled and said: "Even though I had disappointing swims, I still am an Olympian. ... I went to the Olympics. I'm going to enjoy my experience. This is ... the end of this four-year chapter, but I

feel like I'm just ... beginning on my way."

Ziegler's best event actually isn't even an Olympic sanctioned race. The four-time world record holder shattered Janet Evans' 18-year world record time by 10 seconds in the 1,500 in October 2007. (The 1,500 is only for men in the Olympics.)

EDITORIAL

Two McLean High graduates, Giuseppe Lanzone and Sam Stitt, are both members of the U.S. Rowing Team and are rowing in the Olympic Games in Beijing, China.

The two were McLean Highlander rowing team members during the spring of 2000. The Highlanders finished undefeated that season and earned several medals in several major regattas.

Lanzone, an All-Met rower that season, went on to row collegiately at the University of Washington. Stitt, meanwhile, com-

Shoulder Injuries Shouldn't Go Unheeded

CHRISTINE CANDIO
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

As many watch the Olympic Games they may conjure up images of when they raced at their local pool or spiked the winning shot for their volleyball team. Some may even want to return to their athletic physique and begin exercising and training again. Then they remember something stood in their way years ago and still stands in their way today. The pain radiates from their shoulder every time they

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try to lift a weight or throw a pitch.

Shoulders are the most movable joint in the human body. Not only are they the most movable, but they're also the site of common problems such as overuse, dislocation, strains and sprains. Other causes of shoulder pain are tendonitis, bursitis, and arthritis.

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LETTERS

Need More Analysis

To the Editor:

Your editorial ["Seeking More Diversity at TJ," Connection, July 31-Aug. 6, 2008] demonstrates a lack of understanding of the key difference between TJ and the base high schools.

All Fairfax County high schools offer advanced (AP or IB) math and science classes. All Fairfax County high schools provide students with opportunities to participate in science fairs. However, only TJ offers a multitude of post-AP math and science classes and related co-curricular activities

for students who want to go far beyond the normal high school math and science programs.

It makes no sense to reserve seats at TJ for students whose needs can be met at their local high schools just because they live in certain neighborhoods or belong to certain racial groups. Under the admissions process proposed in the editorial, more students who would take advantage of unusually advanced TJ math and science options would be denied that opportunity because they are from "overrepresented" groups.

As a long-time TJ parent and volunteer, I have seen first-hand how TJ students who

peted in the sport at Rutgers University. Lanzone came to the United States from Peru and eventually became a U.S. citizen.

These two young men spent 10 years of hard work in hopes of making the 2008 Olympics' Team.

Kara Lawson, who enjoyed a standout career at West Springfield and who was named among the Connection's Top-100 Athletes of all time, is on U.S. Women's Olympic basketball team.

Lawson, a 5-foot-10 guard for the WNBA's Sacramento Monarchs, will make her first Olympic appearance. She is a Tennessee graduate.

At West Springfield, she led the Spartans to the 1997 and 1998 Virginia Class AAA state crowns and perfect 30-0 seasons. In college, she led the Lady Vols to a 126-17 (.881) record, four Southeastern Confer-

ence (SEC) regular season titles, the 2000 SEC Tournament crown, and four NCAA Tournaments where UT advanced to the 2001 Sweet Sixteen, 2002 Final Four and 2000 and 2003 championship games.

And Northern Virginia will be represented by at least two athletes in Beijing this year. Tyler Byers of Sterling and Josh George of Herndon were the first two American finishers in the wheelchair division of the L.A. Marathon in March, making them automatic competitors in the marathon event of the Paralympics, which will follow the Olympic games in September.

If you know of local Olympic athletes we've failed to mention (and we're sure there are), please let me know.

— MARY KIMM,

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want any health issue to stand in the way of your quality of life. Active people who use their shoulders a lot sometimes suffer from pain in that area which worsens with use. Some use the standard RICE treatment (rest, ice, compress, elevate), medications prescribed by their physician, physical therapy or a combination of all three to alleviate the pain.

If those treatments fail to alleviate the pain, some choose to suffer through their aches and discomfort for years before seeking an effective solution. Often, to their surprise, treatment is simple and provides relief within weeks.

When standard treatments don't end the problem, a consultation with your doctor may reveal that minimally invasive surgery is the best option. If the condition is left unchecked, the problem can worsen and become even more difficult to cure.

Before you let your shoulder pain prevent you from heading out to the soccer field or basketball court, ask your physician about different treatment options that may be right for you.

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is true.

Before Fairfax County revamps the TJ admissions process yet again in search of diversity, Fairfax County should gather, analyze and publish data — including middle and high school math test scores — regarding TJ graduates who majored in math, science or engineering, versus TJ graduates who majored in non-STEM subjects such as journalism, business, or history. The results of that analysis should be more important than the percentage of TJ students from "underrepresented" groups.

Louise Epstein
McLean

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ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

Photographs of 48 of **Alexandria's 2006-07 Living Legends** will move from the Lyceum to the third floor of City Hall on Sept. 9. The exhibition identifies, honors, and chronicles individuals who have made significant contributions to the quality of life in the City. The public is invited to view the exhibition and learn about the project at a reception at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria, on Thursday, Aug. 28, 6:30-8 p.m. Autographed copies of the exhibition catalog will be available for sale at that time.

The **Alexandria Workshop of Ikebana International** meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Citizen Center, 1500

Shenandoah Road, at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month from September through June except December and January. Ikebana is the Japanese art of floral arrangement. The group makes Ikebana floral arrangements, studies the history of the art and learns new techniques. New members are welcome. For more information call Julie Cimino at 202-544-5331.

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

9996. They can also be downloaded online at www.novaseniorolympics.com. Registration deadline is Sept. 5.

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

The **City of Alexandria** is offering transportation workshops to help residents cope with energy costs by providing information and education on

traveling efficiently by bicycle, ridesharing, and public transportation.

Sept. 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in Sister Cities Conference Room 1101, Alexandria City Hall, 301 King St.

Visit alexandriava.gov/localmotion to register for a workshop. For more information, contact Donna Norfleet, Local Motion Program Coordinator, at 703-838-3800.

The **Space of Her Own** (SOHO) program is seeking adult female volunteers for its art-based mentoring program for fifth grade girls. Each mentor is responsible for designing the new room, incorporating her mentee's artwork, and developing ample lighting

and study space, using a shoestring budget of just \$250. Volunteers are required to attend an orientation session on Thursday, Aug. 21, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Art League Annex, 1 Duke St. RSVP by e-mailing SOHO@alexandriava.gov. This year's program begins on Sept. 25 and concludes on June 11.

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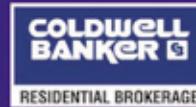
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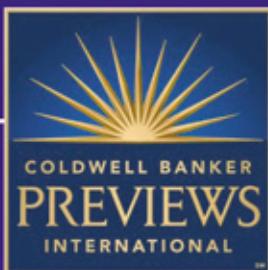


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SCHOOLS

Tackling a Big Issue on Day One

FROM PAGE 1

WHEN HE ENTERS a classroom, during a break in the action Friday, Sherman usually ignores the teacher and watches the students. He observes their facial expressions and watches their eyes. Before walking out of the school, he made a point to find the custodian and thank him for the pristine condition of the school. When the water-cooler talk turned to sports, Sherman joked about the custodian's support for the Dallas Cowboys.

"Didn't you see the new board policy on that?"

Sherman drove one of his employees to the West End school in his city-owned sports utility vehicle, parking near the scenic Dora Kelley Nature Park. He toured through all four K-Prep classes at Ramsay, inspecting the building and offering words of encouragement to school officials along the way. He met the teachers, specialists and administrators who helped develop the program over the last decade.

"This is a program that's targeted to kids who have no preschool experience," said Wanda Allen, coordinator of the program who helped launch the idea of K-Prep back in 1999. "It's also an opportunity for the teachers to get to meet some of their students."

THE ISSUE OF early childhood education is a complex topic, and one that has

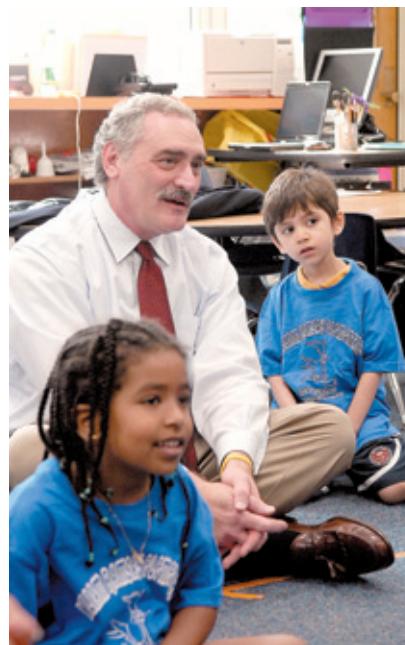


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Morton Sherman

become a hot-button political issue in recent years. Councilman Rob Krupicka is considering running for lieutenant governor partially to advocate for a broader approach to preschool education. Early Childhood Commission Chairman Sean McNearney is considering a run for the School Board in May, and his role on the commission would undoubtedly become the centerpiece of a McNearney campaign. Advocating the issue has become so popu-

Joining the Team

Morton Sherman began his new job of superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools last week. He will now lead a division that has 11,000 students in 17 schools with a \$189 million operating budget. Here's a look at how his salary compares to others working in the central administration headquarters on Beauregard Street.

Employee	Position	Annual Salary
Morton Sherman	superintendent	\$240,000
Larry Byers	interim assistant superintendent for human resources	\$202,795
Cathy David	deputy superintendent	\$164,989
John Grymes	assistant superintendent for federal and state programs	\$158,338
John Porter	assistant superintendent for administrative services	\$151,714
Monte Dawson	executive director of monitoring and evaluation	\$134,932
Margee Walsh	executive director of secondary programs	\$134,932
Kristen Clark	executive director of elementary programs	\$134,932
Amy Carlini	executive director of information and outreach	\$110,904
Margaret Byess	executive director of financial services	\$110,904

source: Alexandria City Public Schools

lar that nobody ever seems to take the other side of debate although funding levels are always in dispute.

"The world is really waking up to the importance of this," said Gov. Tim Kaine during a March visit to Alexandria's Hopkins House to draw attention to funding early-childhood education. "This is the thing I care most about of all the things I've done in office."

The numbers explain the urgency that underlies the force behind the political issue. According to last year's enrollment data, 274 out of 1,071 rising kindergart-

ners had no classroom experience on the first day of school. Many of these students have not learned socialization skills like how to sit in a circle or stand in a line. Sometimes parents avoid preschool because they have different international cultural norms. Whatever the reason for their lack of preschool experience, all 31 K-Prep classes offered this summer were a sort of boot camp for Kindergarteners all over the city.

"If we don't get it right for early childhood education," Sherman said as he walked out of Ramsay. "The rest is an uphill battle."

Traditional Message

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choices.

"The Bush administration has made mistakes, but we are where we are," admitted Carlyle Ring, former chairman of the Alexandria City Republican Committee. "But I would add that even though the disapproval rating for President Bush is high, the disapproval rating of Congress is even higher."

Ring said he was confident that Republicans could keep Virginia in the red, maintaining a streak of presidential victories dating back to 1968. Meanwhile, Ellmore said he hopes to ride McCain's coattails into Congress. Since winning a close primary fight against small-business owner Amit Singh in June, the Republican congressional candidate has been steadily raising money travelling through the district to canvas for votes. He faces a popular Democratic incumbent who has safely defended his seat against Republican challengers since unseating incumbent Republican Rep. Stan Parris (R-8) in 1990.

"Jim Moran is just like Barack Obama,"

"Republicans have an image problem that's tied to the current administration."

—Mark Ellmore

America even as he sought to distance himself from President Bush.

"Republicans have an image problem that's tied to the current administration," Ellmore said between greeting supporters. "But we also have a new generation of Republicans like Bob McDonnell and myself to step in and lead this party into the future."

Ellen Honored

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ervation and creation of Founders Park that was at the heart of the Supreme Court case that has still not be fully settled.

As noted by Montague at Pickering's funeral this past April, "In 1973 Watergate (developers) wanted to build four 19-story high rises in what is now Founder's Park. Ellen pointed out to City Council that Watergate did not own the land. But, Council ignored her so she sued them and won." She based that suit on a 1790 waterline that she had thoroughly researched.

"Ellen stayed with the Waterfront issue throughout her life. The fight continues today. Ellen is leaving us a legacy — to continue this fight for the waterfront," Montague told the audience packed into St. Mary's Catholic Church on May 1 for Pickering's funeral.

Pickering never stopped her battle for preservation and common sense planning and development. She applied that tenacity to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Project, preventing the Torpedo Factory from becoming a condominium, and the efforts to close Mirant's Potomac River Gener-

ating Station, just to mention a few of her causes.

As the Reverend Father Matthew Hillyard, O.S.F.S., stated at her funeral, "The challenge is how we live our lives. It's not the number of years, but how those years are spent." Ellen Pickering was 78 when she died of bone cancer at Inova Alexandria Hospital on April 26.

"Ellen hung in there long after she should have. She was in much pain yet never complained. This walk is to honor Ellen by bringing attention to who she was, what she did, and why Alexandria looks like it does thanks to her preservation efforts," said Elizabeth Wright, an organizer of Sunday's event.

The walk is scheduled to conclude back at the Anthenaeum by 6 p.m. where refreshments will be provided. No reservations are necessary to participate.

"Ellen is leaving us a legacy."

Robert L. Montague, III

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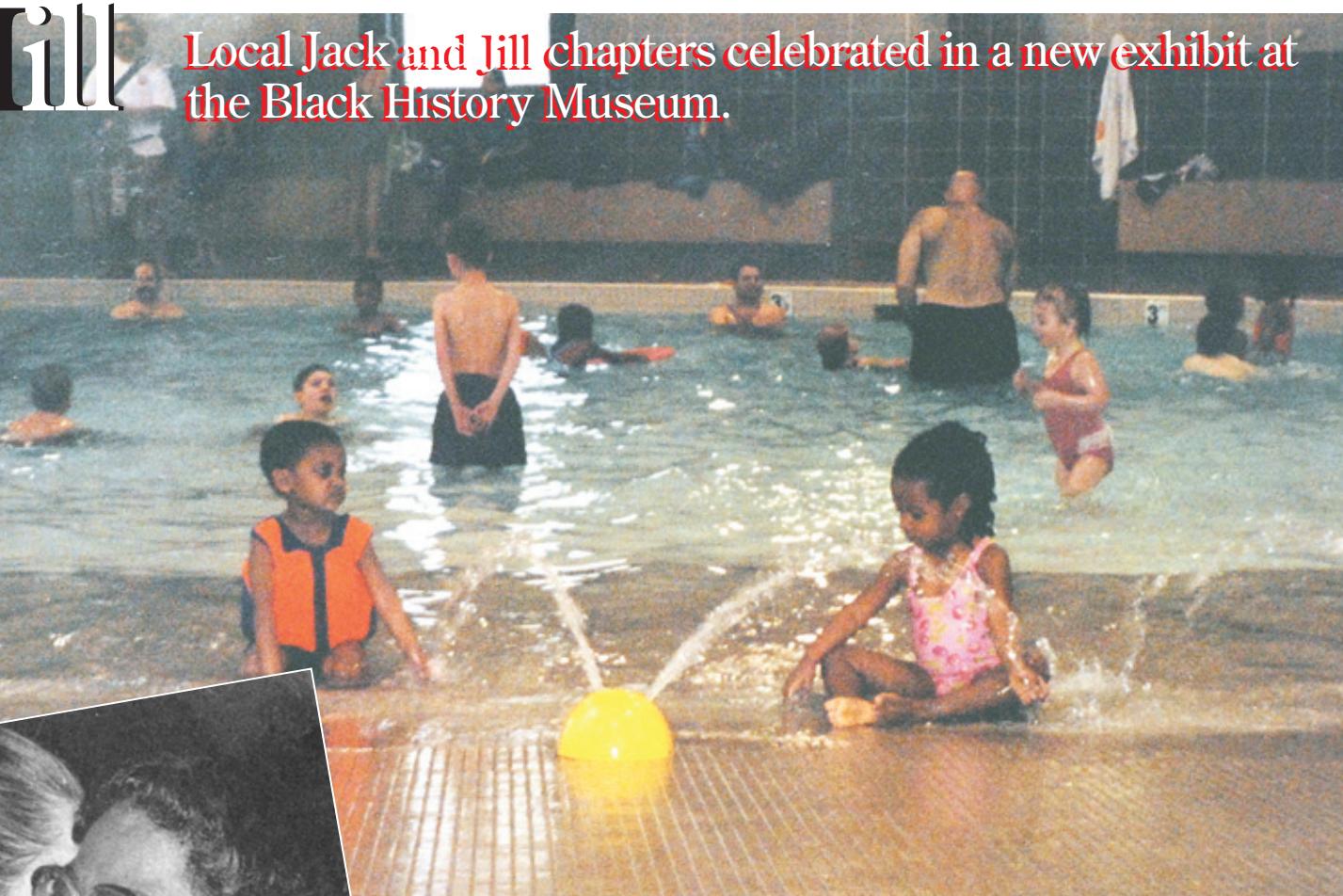
When Lillian Patterson sent out a request for memories about local Jack and Jill chapters, she was inundated with so many stories and anecdotes she will be able to use only a handful in her new exhibition at the Black History Museum. Patterson, who is curator of the Parker Gray museum, said that several of the written memorials will be available for visitors to peruse during their visit. Other items that will be on display include placards explaining the history of local Jack and Jill chapters and items of clothing worn during formal occasions known as cotillions (for the girls) and botillions (for the boys).

"It's a cultural history," explained Patterson one recent afternoon at the museum. "But there's always some community service attached."

Jack and Jill of America was founded 70 years ago by African-American mothers in Philadelphia who wanted to improve their quality of life and prepare them for adulthood. They founded a group that would combine social networking with childcare needs and community-service opportunities. The Alexandria-Mount Vernon chapter originated in 1964 as a mothers' club. Two years later, the group was officially chartered as a Jack and Jill chapter that remains active today, organizing a variety of activities from community service projects to formal dances to music, craft and holiday events.

"Using photographs, chapter records and the memories of members themselves, the exhibition shows how Jack and Jill empowers children and builds strong African-American communities," said Amy Bertsch, spokeswoman for the Office of Historic Alexandria.

FOR PATTERSON, this is an exhibit that



Memories were sent in from Jack and Jill chapters all over the country.

munity.

"This was a time when Alexandria was much smaller than it is now," she said. "Any chance to meet new friends is always good."

When the museum decided to put together the exhibit, she sent out the word to local chapters and was surprised by the wealth of raw material she received. Two chapters sent scrapbooks full of memorabilia, photographs, meeting notes and newspapers clippings. One chapter sent some awards that had been given to members. Another chapter sent a display documenting its history. To round out the offerings, Patterson is hoping to include a female mannequin wearing a white gown that was worn to one of the formal cotillions. She also has a white top hat that was worn at a cotillion, although she said she's still look-

Save the Dates

"Ah! THAT Jack and Jill! Parents Empowering African-American Children" will be open from Sept. 13 to Nov. 15 at the Museum of Black History, which is located at 902 Wythe St. in Alexandria, and is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The museum is planning an opening reception on Sept. 13 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP by calling 703-838-4356.

ing for a white tuxedo.

"The main thing I'm trying to show through the exhibit is that there are parents encouraging their children to excel," said Patterson. "They try to train leaders."

Revisiting Alexandria's Week Of Shame

The war that gave us "Uncle Sam" and "The Star Spangled Banner."

BY CHUCK HAGEE
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This Saturday, Aug. 23, Alexandria will revisit its darkest hour — Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, 1814. While Washington, The Federal City, burned and Dolly Madison risked her life to save America's early national treasures, Alexandria surrendered to the British without a single shot.

An historic re-enactment of the British occupation of Alexandria and the circumstances leading up to that event during the War of 1812 will be presented at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will include a series of

lectures on various aspects of the war to be given each hour from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. in the lobby of the historic Bank of Alexandria at the corner of North Fairfax and Cameron streets, immediately adjacent to Carlyle House.

Entitled, "War of 1812 - 'Johnny Bull' Revisits Alexandria," the re-enactment will explore the

events of those fateful five days and the rationale of City leaders to negotiate surrender. The consequences of those negotiations were noted by James Bartlinski, curator, Carlyle House, in his October 2007 article, "How a Royal Navy Midshipman's Neckerchief Saved Alexan-

dria."

The concluding paragraph of his treatise sets the scene for the re-enactment — "Soon after the British left Alexandria, its inhabitants were branded as cowards and traitors by the Democratic-Republican propaganda machine. Disgraced, the people of Alexandria slowly allowed this humiliating event fade into the murky waters of history."

Triggered by American expansionism toward Canada and Britain's meddling in the new nation's desire to expand its international trade, the U.S. Congress declared war on Great Britain on June 18, 1812 — less

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HISTORY

Five Day War in 1814

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than three decades after the signing of The Treaty of Paris, officially ending the Revolutionary War. At the time Britain was militarily involved with Napoleon and in no hurry to fight two wars separated by the Atlantic Ocean.

HOWEVER, ALL THAT CHANGED in April 1814 with Napoleon's defeat. In August of that summer, with a victorious, battlehardened Army, the United Kingdom turned its attention to the American declaration.

Although we had naval successes on the Great Lakes and the Atlantic, American ground forces were no match for the Redcoats this time. Meeting the advancing British at Bladensburg, Md., the disorganized and poorly commanded American army, with twice the number of troops as the Brits, were defeated and scattered giving the British a straight shot at the national capital.

While Washington and the White House burned, Captain James Alexandria Gordon, British Royal Navy, brought his 36 gun flagship, "Seahorse," and six other battle and cargo vessels up the Potomac River to Alexandria's front door. There they moored to accept the bounty of the surrender negotiations aimed at preserving the City, if not its honor.

There also commences the story of "A Town Occupied – Aug. 29 to Sept. 2, 1814" and the subsequent embarrassment of Alexandria and her citizens. But,

what role did that play in the British inability to subsequently defeat and occupy Baltimore? — where "at dawn's early light" after a fierce night of bombardment "our flag was still flying."

Those questions and others will be explored during the re-enactment and at the lecture series following. Presenting those insights will be: 11 a.m.- Dan Hicks, PhD, "The Wars of 1812: America's Conflicts with Britons, Greeks, Algerians, Floridians, Shawnees, and Fugitive Slaves from 1811 to 1815;" Noon and 2 p.m.- Christopher T. George, "Terror on the Chesapeake: The War of 1812 on the Bay;" 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. - Carole Herrick, "August 24, 1814: Washington in Flames."

Both the re-enactment and lecture series are free and do not require advance reservations. Additional information is available by calling Carlyle House at 703-549-2997 or on their Web site at www.nvrpa.org.

CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

OTHER ITEMS

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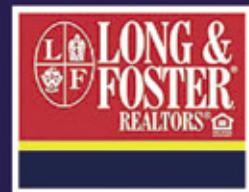


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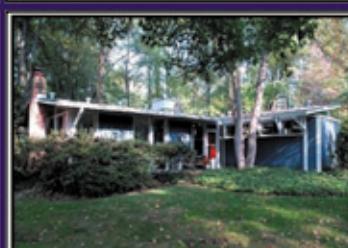


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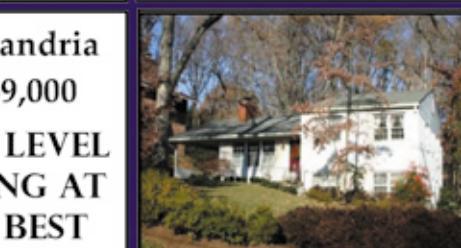
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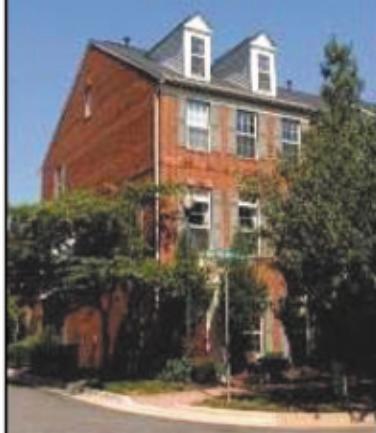




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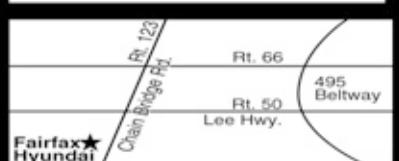
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30 between 3 and 4:15 p.m. The required group class audition will be on Sept. 22 at 3:15 p.m. Auditions and rehearsals will take place at Gold's Gym, 7770 Richmond Highway. For further information, contact the Artistic Director, Dawn Meadows, at www.studiogolddance.com, or 703-627-4570.

Aldersgate Church Community Theater (ACCT)

is holding auditions for "Dearly Departed," on Sunday, Aug. 24 and Monday, Aug. 25 from 7-9 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Questions should be directed to 703-660-2611 – please leave a message. Additional information at www.acctonline.org.

ONGOING

Tickets for **Mount Vernon's Fall Wine Festival & Sunset Tour** will go on sale Sept. 1. Tickets are \$30/person. Festival is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 3, 4 & 5 from 6-9 p.m. Visit www.mountvernon.org for tickets.

Every Tuesday and Thursday through October from 5-8 p.m. at Hotel Monaco Alexandria, enjoy **Doggie Happy Hour**. Enjoy doggie treats and human treats.

Children enter a world of fantasy and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during **Mount Vernon's** outdoor storytelling session, "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon", held every Saturday and Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. **through Sept. 27** at the George Washington: Pioneer Farmer site. "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$13.00; youth ages 6-11, \$6.00; and children under 5 are admitted free. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Historic Mount Vernon will have special commemorative whiskey sets available for sale beginning **Aug. 4!** The set includes a shot glass and a 50 mL bottle of whiskey consisting of 11 different whiskey brands blended and aged at Mount Vernon in 2005. The gift sets are \$25 and are available for purchase in person with a valid ID at the *Shops at Mount Vernon* or George Washington's Distillery. Visit www.mountvernon.org or 703-780-2000.

THURSDAY /AUG. 21

Garden Sprouts: Pick a Peck of Peppers. 9:30 a.m. –10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. –noon at Green Springs

Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Preschool children (3-5 years) with accompanying adults have fun picking, printing, and playing with colorful peppers and then make salsa. \$6 for participants. For more information visit www.faircounty.gov/parks/gsgp

Just Twos. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Children ages 24-35 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. 703-768-6700.

Poetry Group. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Discuss "Poems" by A.E. Housman. Free. 703-768-6700.

Discover Art. 2 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-12 can play art bingo and more. Free. 703-765-3645.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Discuss "Death in the Woods" by Sherwood Anderson, part of the collection of "The Egg and Other Stories." Free. 703-931-3559.

FRIDAY/AUG. 22

Mount Vernon Nights. Listen to a variety of music at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp

Friday Flicks. Noon at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children up to age 5 can bring lunch and enjoy a short movie and stories. Free. 703-971-0010.

Lunch Bunnies. Noon at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 1-5 can bring lunch and enjoy stories. Free. 703-765-3645.

Music Performance. Rick Whitehead Jazz Trio will perform at 219 Restaurant, 219 King St. at 9 p.m. \$5/person. 703-549-1141 for reservations.

Art Exhibit. See works by Yuri Kokoyanin at The von Braehler ltd./Gallery from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. See paintings on wood and canvas, sculpture and more. Free. 703-798-8686.

Beach Party. 6-9 p.m. at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy games such as "Guitar Hero," play in sand and watch dancers while drinking lemonade. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.

SATURDAY/AUG. 23

Lee District Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Hayfield Elementary School, 7633 Telegraph Road. Hear Daryl Davis perform. Free. 703-324-SHOW (7469).

Terrarium Workshop. 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Create your own

terrarium with Johanna Zinn. Terrarium, plants, and soil provided. \$20 for Adults. Visit www.faircounty.gov/parks/gsgp

Annual Begonia Shoe and Sale. 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Attend the Annual Begonia Show and Sale. Free. For more information visit www.faircounty.gov/parks/gsgp

Garden Sprouts: Pick a Peck of Peppers. 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children ages 3-5 can pick a variety of peppers and make salsa. \$6/person. 703-642-5173 to register.

Pinewood Derby. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at Good News Baptist Church. \$5/car. www.goodnewsbaptistchurch.org or 703-619-1121.

Summer Green Craft. 2-5 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 5-12 can enjoy crafts and stories. Drop-in. Free. 703-519-6000.

Art Exhibit. See works by Yuri Kokoyanin at The von Braehler ltd./Gallery from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. See paintings on wood and canvas, sculpture and more. Free. 703-798-8686.

Once Upon a StoryTime. 11 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children ages 2 and up can bring a tiara and shield and enjoy a journey into fairytale land. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

SUNDAY/AUG. 24

Music Performance. The Covington String Quartet will perform at 3 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free. Visit www.wmpa.us for more.

Annual Begonia Shoe and Sale. Noon -3:30 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Attend the Annual Begonia Show and Sale. Free. For more information visit www.faircounty.gov/parks/gsgp

End of Summer BBQ. 5-7:30 p.m. at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive. Free. Includes food, games, music and more. Free. 703-998-6460 to register.

Poker Run Fundraiser. 12:30 p.m. at Old Dominion Boat Club in Alexandria. Boaters can assemble "poker hands" based on the cards they receive. \$50/boat. Visit www.leukemiacup.org/nca or 703-960-1100.

MONDAY/AUG. 25

Mystery Group. 7 p.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Discuss "The Perfect Flake" by Barbara Parker. Free. 703-768-6700.

TUESDAY/AUG. 26

Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 23

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CALENDAR



Siblings David and Christine Hagan will be performing at the Schlesinger Center on Thursday, Aug. 28. Visit www.connectionnewspapers.com to learn more about the pianists and other bands that will be performing in the area.

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Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Adults discuss "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Joy Fowler. Free. 703-339-4610.

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Lee District Park Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road. Hear Sol Y Rumba perform. Free. 703-922-9841.

Peer Review. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Get reviews on your work while reviewing others. Free. 703-339-4610.

Animal, Vegetable, Mineral. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 6-12 can enjoy nature stories and activities. Free. 7-3-765-3645.

THURSDAY/AUG. 28

Time for School. 1 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities about starting school. Free. 703-339-4610.

Old Favorites. 10:30 a.m. at Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road. Children ages 2-5 can enjoy stories, songs and more. Free. 703-768-6700.

Short Story Discussion. 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Discuss stories by Borges and Camus. Free. 703-519-3498.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free. Hear Christine and David Hagan perform duets on the piano. 703-845-6156.

FRIDAY/AUG. 29

Mount Vernon Nights. Listen to a variety of music at 7:30 p.m. on Friday nights at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/ for performances for more.

SATURDAY/AUG. 30

Lee District Nights. 7:30 p.m. at Hayfield Elementary School, 7633

Telegraph Road. Hear Hawaiian music. Free. 703-324-SHOW (7469).

Closing Ceremony. 4-9 p.m., see work by Pridon Goisashvili at Blueberry Art Gallery, 3112A Mt. Vernon Ave., from Aug. 16 through Aug. 31. Free. 703-894-8854.

Art Exhibit. See works by Yuri Kokoyanin at The von Braehler ltd./Gallery from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. See paintings on wood and canvas, sculpture and more. Free. 703-798-8686.

SUNDAY/AUG. 31

Music Performance. Soprano Tia Wortham with pianist Caroline Williams will perform with the Washington Philharmonic at 3 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free. Visit www.wmpa.us for more.

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MONDAY/SEPT. 1

International Festival. 12:30-6 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Free. Includes music, food, rides, games and more. Visit www.gs-cc.org or 703-780-4055.

SATURDAY/ SEPT. 6

A Lesson on Gardening. The Green Spring Gardens located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria will be holding Propagation Series Part: Seed Saving from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Mary Fogale a propagation horticulturist will be showing participants the gardens and collect seeds to take home. \$22/ Adults. For more information and to register call 703-642-5173.

Family Fun. The Green Spring Gardens located at 4603 Green Spring Road, will be having Family Fun: Monarch

Magic from 2-3:30 p.m. Children will be given the opportunity to explore the fascinating life cycle of monarch butterflies and make a caterpillar cage to watch the cycle themselves. \$10/ project. For more information and to register call 703-642-5173.

Soldier-led Tour. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. See a soldier's life, weapons and more from the Civil War. Free. www.fortward.org or 703-838-4848.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 7

Music Performance. Violists Tsuna Sakamoto and Eric DeWaardt will perform with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic at 3 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free. Visit www.wmpa.us for more.

WEDNESDAY/ SEPT. 10

Spend the Day exploring

Surreybrooke. The Green Springs Garden will be spending the day exploring a historic family farm in Middletown Maryland. The day will include a guided tour through the gardens, lunch, and shopping. \$65/adults, lunch is included. Call 703-642-5173 for information.

THURSDAY/ SEPT. 11

Take A Stroll. Take a relaxing stroll through the gardens and tea at The Historic House with The Green Spring Garden's Garden Stroll and Tea which will be at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. From 1 to 3 p.m. Individuals and Groups are welcome. \$12/ individuals. For more information and to register call 703-642-5173.

FRIDAY/ SEPT. 12.

Ornamental Grasses. Learn about Ornamental Grasses with The Green Springs Garden located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. The event, Basic Gardening Series: Introduction to Ornamental Grasses, will show gardeners how to select, plant, and maintain the best ornamental grasses available. \$12/adults. For more information and to register call 703-642-5173.

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ON THE COVER: Barbara Lamborne arranges flowers for a bouquet at her Greenstone Field farm stand at the upper King Street Farmer's Market. Greenstone Field is located in Wheatland, Va.

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PEOPLE

From Mount Vernon To Mount Vernon

The ties that bind are strengthened through a family's reunion.

By CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

There are families. And, then there are historical families. Ones that date to the founding of this nation.

Last Saturday at Martin Luther King Jr. Park, adjacent to the Gum Springs Community Center, one such historical family held its 30th reunion within the shadow of where it all began—George Washington's home at Mount

Vernon Estate. The Harrison-Proctor-Carter family traces its roots on this soil to serving on the plantation of America's first President.

Now scattered throughout this nation, and abroad, they convene every two years at different locations to equitably distribute the travel distances. But, Mount Vernon District, and particularly the com-

munity of Gum Springs, is ground zero.

"The family originated at Mount Vernon. Our ancestors were early family servants at Washington's plantation," said life-long Gum Springs resident and an organizer of the bi-annual event, Louis Carter, Sr.

"Our first family reunion was here in Gum Springs in 1978. We meet ev-



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE PACKET

Louis Carter, Sr. (left) of Gum Springs is joined by his wife Ericka (right) and his brother James (center), from Florida, during the Harrison-Proctor-Carter family reunion at Martin Luther King Jr. Park.

ery two years at a different location. In 2000 it was also here, then in 2002 it was in Buffalo, N.Y. In 2004 we gathered in Boston and in 2006 we held it on Long Island," he said. "Our family has moved around a lot. We are now spread out across the country," Carter said.

"We originally started these reunions because we wanted to strengthen African-American families. To prove that we could remain close as a family unit even though we were scattered geographically," he said.

"It also serves to give our young people a sense of belonging and guidance. It has paid off. Since we have started this custom we have seen a definite increase in our kids finishing high school and going on to college," Carter explained.

"We also have diversity in our family," he said. Carter's wife, Erika, is a native of Darmstadt, Germany.

A THREE-DAY EVENT, the reunion began Friday evening

at Woodlawn United Methodist Church with a fellowship dinner and concluded there with a worship service followed by a family awards ceremony. Saturday's outdoor event was a catered Hawaiian Luau.

At each reunion awards are given to recognize various elements of family responsibility. The Nellie Carter Award recognizes a family mother. The Albert Carter Award does the same for a father. And, the Brotherhood Award goes to a family member who has shown particular support for another family member, according to Louis Carter.

This year's Brotherhood Award was given to his brother, James Carter, who resides in Florida. "It encourages family members to look after one another," Louis said. Their sister, Marian Bouie, from Buffalo, N.Y., was also in attendance.

"When my father died in 1999 he had 78 grand and great-grandchildren. And, the very day he died another one was born," he said.

Vernell Carter, originally from Newport News, Va., married into the family and now resides in Gum Springs. Her husband, Vincent Carter, began to trace the family through Ancestry.com and eventually got other family members interested and involved.

"So far he has 300 plus names entered into the system. He has traced his family



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Booker T and Keyan Washington

thus far to 1850," Vernell Carter said. She was joined at the reunion by her sister-in-law, Karen Stevenson from Buffalo, N.Y.

The next reunion will be in 2010. The location has yet to be determined.



Dawn Washington waits as a flower is put in her hair.



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Lovettsville, VA
Eagle Creek
\$780,900
38764 Golden Eagle Place

Custom built luxury home, Preston Model on 3+ acres, 3 levels, 4 BR, 4.5 BA, 2-car side load garage, fireplace, rear sunroom, finished walkout basement w/media room, den and full bath, gourmet kitchen, hardwood flooring throughout main level, tray ceiling in master bedroom suite



Woodbridge, VA
Running Creek
\$734,900
11809 Alford Valley Lane

Large custom built luxury home, Sheffield Model, 3 levels, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 2-car side load garage, fireplace, formal living room and dining room, family room, study, gourmet kitchen w/cook top, breakfast room, granite counters, stainless appliances, large luxury master suite, fully finished walkout lower level.



Alexandria, VA
Stonegate
\$674,900
2613 Gadsby Place

Jefferson Model TH, 3 BR, 2.55 BA, fresh paint inside & out, hardwood floors main level, updated kitchen w/new GE Profile appliances, Corian counters, 14' ceilings LR, gas FP, 3 sets French doors w/Palladium windows walkout deck. Lg MBR w/bay window & luxury bath. Lower level 12' ceilings w/wall of windows & another deck. The entire back faces wooded open space. Original owner!



Alexandria, VA
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3557 Drews Court

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Alexandria, VA
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\$429,000
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Well-maintained townhome nicely situated in Alexandria City, 3 level, 2 BR, 2.5 BA, garage, neutral paint & carpet throughout, oak hardwood floors, ceramic tile, newer stainless steel appliances, lower level recreation room walks out to large fenced in brick patio.



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Bethany Lutheran Church, located at 2501 Beacon Hill Road, is sponsoring a series of classes on different aspects of U.S. immigration law. The free classes are scheduled for Saturday afternoons in July and August, and will begin at 12:30 p.m. Each class will start with a presentation followed by a question and answer session. Anyone who has questions about the classes should contact Bethany's office at 703-765-8255.

Calvary Presbyterian Church, 620 N. Kings Highway, is looking for additional people with a desire to sing. All sections, soprano, alto, tenor and bass are desired. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings in the choir room and Sunday mornings in the sanctuary prior to 10 a.m. service. Contact Sue at 703-451-1919 evenings or 703-487-3948 daytime to discuss further.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation, 3830 Seminary Road, has special summer hours: services are at 6:30 p.m. on Fridays and at 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Kolot Shabbat (musical service) the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Beth El is located at 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria. For more information, call 703-370-9400 or visit www.bethelhebrew.org.

Calvary Presbyterian Church, 6120 N. Kings Highway, is a welcoming congregation building a positive ongoing relationship with the community, providing opportunities for spiritual nurture, growth and service in Christ's

ministry. Sunday Church Service: 10 a.m.; Sunday School 11:30 a.m.; Ladies Bible Study; Sunday Afternoon Young Adult Women's Bible Study. Pastor is Erin Sharp. Visit www.calvarypres.org or 703-768-8510.

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

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

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

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SPORTS

Local Players Littering College, Pro Rosters

Hightower, Hunt, Ireton's Army trio among area players excelling in college and pro's.

When the Philadelphia Eagles scooped up Lorenzo Booker via a draft day trade, T.C. Williams alum Tony Hunt knew his days were probably numbered. But Hunt, a 2006 third-round pick out of Penn St., has been sharing time with Booker in the preseason as a reserve running back.

As the likely fourth running back, Hunt was feeling the roster squeeze, so the team moved him to fullback. Now, Hunt a 6-foot-1, 227-pound back is grabbing first-team practice reps.

The opportunity has already reaped rewards.

In a recent preseason game against Carolina, Hunt broke loose for a 51-yard touchdown, and also contributed two special teams tackles.

After graduating from T.C. Williams, Hunt became Penn State's all-time leader in rushing attempts (654), second in rushing yards (3,320) and fourth in all-purpose yards (4,119).

EPISCOPAL ALUM Tim Hightower, a 2008 fifth-round draft pick of the Arizona Cardinals, scored on a 4-yard touchdown run in the team's recent preseason game against New Orleans. Hightower, currently the backup back behind started Edgerrin James has impressed in camp, enough for the Cardinals to release Marcell Shipp. Shipp signed with the Houston Texans on Tuesday.

At Episcopal, Hightower starred as a running back, where he was an all-state selection and team captain in 2002 and 2003. An honor roll student throughout high school, he earned three varsity letters in football and two in basketball and track.

During his senior season at the University of Richmond, Hightower was an AP All-American with 1,924 yards and 20 touchdowns on the ground, along with 32 catches for 2008 yards and three scores. His senior year rushing total was more than his first three seasons combined, although he did average 5.1 yards per carry on 316

rushes over his sophomore and junior years.

Another local product, Eddie Royal is flourishing with the Denver Broncos. Considered too short by some, the 5-foot-10 Royal was selected in the second round of the 2008 NFL draft after a four-year career at Virginia Tech. And in a short time, he's already making an impression in the NFL, earning 35 and 32-yard catches against the Dallas Cowboys secondary during Denver's second preseason game.

IN COLLEGE, West Springfield alum and current U-Va. quarterback Peter Lalich is still in a quarterback controversy, which has yet to be resolved as of Wednesday. The 6-foot-5, 235-pound pro-style passer is competing with classmate Marc Verica and fifth-year senior Scott Deke for the starting quarterback slot heading into the season opener against Southern Cal on Aug. 30.

Sean Glennon (Virginia Tech/Westfield) and Mike Glennon (N.C. State/Westfield) are also both being considered as starting quarterbacks. Army has Bishop Ireton grads Eddie Pitts, Brian McSween and Andrew Rodriguez on its roster, though none are listed on the preseason depth chart.

Hayfield alum Larry Asante is a junior strong safety at the University of Nebraska. He attended Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College, before enrolling as a redshirt sophomore. The 6-1, 210-pound Asante is one of two upperclassmen on a revamped secondary, and according to several Web sites, is a potential late-round draft pick for the 2010 NFL Draft.

SEVEN SENIORS have already committed to college, including one of the country's premier quarterbacks in West Springfield's Bryn Renner. He announced his verbal to the University of North Carolina on March 26, ending his recruiting process that included offers from Maryland, Virginia Tech, West Virginia, Michigan State, Ohio and Delaware.

David Wang, a senior defensive tackle at Stone Bridge is one four Stone Bridge seniors to verbally pledge his collegiate allegiance. Wang will follow his brother, and 11 current Northern Region alums to Virginia Tech next season.

Edison's Frank Figueroa committed to Penn St. this summer, while teammate Stephon Robertson is another Eagle likely to sign a scholarship. Robertson was a first-team all-region linebacker in 2007.

—ERIC J. GILMORE



As a senior at Westfield, current Virginia Tech quarterback Sean Glennon passed for 1,840 yards with 26 touchdowns and only four interceptions.

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West Springfield quarterback Bryn Renner is one of three potential Spartans who could play Bowl Subdivision football next season.

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Pat Sheil	Centreville	Boston College	OT	6-6	273	Junior
Richard Taylor	Centreville	U-Md.	DB	5-11	193	Senior
Beau Warren	Centreville	V-Tech	C	6-3	276	Sophomore
Daniel Bailey	Centreville	Syracuse	RB	5-7	167	Junior
Van Chew	Centreville	Syracuse	WR	6-1	165	Freshman
Andrew Lewis	Centreville	Syracuse	DE	6-3	282	Sophomore
Colin Miller	Centreville	Central Michigan OL	6-3	280		Sophomore
Sean Glennon	Westfield	V-Tech	OB	6-4	224	Senior
Mike Glennon	Westfield	N.C. State	QB	6-6	195	Freshman
Johnny Pickett	Westfield	U-Va.	WR	5-11	165	Freshman
Brent Bowden	Westfield	V-Tech	P	6-3	202	Junior
Donte Davis	Westfield	Syracuse	WR	6-0	169	Sophomore
Evan Royster	Westfield	Penn St.	RB	6-1	212	Sophomore
Josh Haley	Westfield	Temple	LB	6-1	220	Junior
Keith Payne	Oakton	U-Va.	RB	6-3	236	Sophomore
Jared Green	Oakton	U-Va.	WR	6-2	178	Freshman
Cody Grimm	Oakton	V-Tech	LB	5-11	198	Junior
Ervin Garner	Oakton	V-Tech	WR	5-9	162	Freshman
Matt Pick	Oakton	East Carolina	LB	6-0	215	Sophomore
Chip Vaughn	Robinson	Wake Forest	S	6-2	215	Senior
Craig Schaefer	Robinson	Navy	LB	6-2	215	Junior
Kevin Campbell	Robinson	Navy	FB	5-11	193	Junior
Michael Meier	Robinson	Army	FB	6-0	207	Freshman
Austin Decker	Chantilly	V-Tech	QB	6-0	218	Freshman
Olu Hall	Chantilly	Kansas St.	LB	6-3	230	Junior
Kevin Grant	Herndon	Akron	LB	6-2	245	Senior

PATRIOT DISTRICT

Josh Czajkowski	W. Springfield	N.C. State	K	5-9	184	Sophomore
Peter Lalich	W. Springfield	U-Va.	QB	6-5	225	Sophomore
Tyler Bitancurt	W. Springfield	West Virginia	K	6-0	180	Freshman
Larry Asante	Hayfield	Nebraska	S	6-1	210	Junior
Carlos Sandiego	Hayfield	Army	RB	5-6	176	Senior
Jonathan Bulls	Hayfield	Army	P	6-1	215	Sophomore
Jimmy Bennett	West Potomac	U-Conn.	OL	6-7	300	Freshman
Robert Byrd	West Potomac	Troy	WR	6-3	185	Freshman
Christian Johnson	West Potomac	Kentucky	OG	6-4	325	Senior
Nobel Iyebote	South County	V-Tech	CB	5-8	165	Freshman
Matt Vane	South County	Army	WR	6-4	214	Sophomore
Dean Muhtadi	T.C. Williams	U-Md.	DL	6-3	295	Senior
Ezra Tilaye	Annandale	West Virginia	WR	6-1	183	Junior
Kyle Bates	Lee	Army	LB	6-2	232	Junior

SENIORS ALREADY COMMITTED TO COLLEGE

Bryn Renner	W. Springfield	UNC	QB	6-3	190	
Brian Slay	Stone Bridge	N.C. State	DE	6-2	240	
Zach Thompson	Stone Bridge	Wake Forest	DE	6-5	240	
David Wang	Stone Bridge	V-Tech	DT	6-2	310	
Mike Olson	Stone Bridge	Wake Forest	OLB	6-3	200	
Luke Buwanko	Centreville	U-Va.	OT	6-6	260	
Frank Figueroa	Edison	Penn St.	OG	6-4	275	

AREA PLAYERS IN THE NFL

Eddie Royal	Westfield	V-Tech	Broncos	WR	5-10	180	R
Owen Schmitt	Fairfax	WVU	Seattle	FB	6-3	260	R
Eric Barton	Edison	U-Md.	Jets	ILB	6-2	244	9
Tony Hunt	T.C. Williams	Penn St.	Eagles	RB	6-1	233	1
Curome Cox	Gonzaga	U-Md.	Saints	DB	6-1	204	3
Tim Hightower	Episcopal	Richmond	Cardinals	RB	6-1	225	R

NEIGHBORHOODS

Del Ray

Dear Del Ray Friends & Neighbors,

Sorry it's been so long!

I submitted the a column that was to appear in last week's Gazette, but alas, it did not, so here's a super dose of some Del Ray scoop!

Newest newsy news first: Christi & Joe Hart have added another beautiful baby girl to their collection over on Hume Avenue! Mary Eloise, who will answer to her nickname, Ellie, was welcomed by proud parents and two beaming big sisters, Grace and Amelia!

Next up, I don't need to remind you it is almost back to school time here in Alexandria. Let's each pitch in and do our part to help make every child head back to school adequately prepared with all of the necessary school supplies. Team up with us and Community Partners for Children and help us collect new backpacks for all age groups filled with black and white composition books, spiral notebooks, wide ruled notebook paper, pens, pencils, crayons, erasers, pocket folders, pencil pouches, scissors, rulers, and other supplies.

"This back-to-school drive allows us to do something for kids

who, through no fault of their own, are facing difficult circumstances," said Mary Karstens. "I urge everyone to gather up some school supplies that they would like to donate."

"We try to make it possible for any child who qualifies for free or reduced-price meals to have the supplies needed when the school year starts," Karstens added. Here are the several ways you can help:

* Donate with your tax deductible check to support Community Partners for Children's Back-to-School drive. Send your check to Community Partners for Children, P.O. Box 2738, Alexandria, VA 22301.

* Volunteer to help sort supplies at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center by contacting Pat Miller at PMiller1806@comcast.net

* Donate new supplies to a drop-off box at one of various locations right here in Del Ray: A Show of Hands, 2204 Mt. Vernon Ave., Acoustic Axis, 2405 Mt. Vernon Ave., Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave.. The Alexandria Volunteer Bureau, 2210 Mt. Vernon Ave., Anne Welsh Salon, 2100 Mt. Vernon Ave., or at Burke & Herbert Bank at 306 E. Monroe Ave., The Dairy Godmother, 2310

Mount Vernon Ave., St. Elmo's Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave., or Virginia Commerce Bank, 2401 Mount Vernon Ave.

Thank you all in advance for your support of our kids, the future of Del Ray, Alexandria, Virginia and America!

—JEN WALKER & LAUREN SMITH

Seminary Valley

Our local PTA's are in full swing. The worthy women (no men this year) who have volunteered as PTA president for the current academic year are: Hammond Middle School, Marianne Hetzer (703-823-3367) Polk Elementary, Elizabeth Atkinson (703-370-1866), Minnie Howard PTSA Co-Presidents Missi Cox, 703-461-8505 and Paula Whiteacre, 703-212-0350, and T.C. Williams, Julie Carey (703-684-2971). Patrick Henry has not yet named its PTA leadership.

A special neighborhood welcome to Ms. Tammy Ignacio, who previously graced the halls of T.C. Williams; she is coming to Polk as Assistant Principal to Michael Brown. We also welcome Marc Williams, who won this week's special election to the School

Board for District B.

The schools need the whole community's help in raising funds through those familiar grocery "VIP" cards. Hammond and T.C. Williams do not do any school-wide fundraising, so they rely heavily on neighbors' designations. Most programs require that you re-register every year. Local grocery card programs got lots of support last year, so as a reminder, here are our local schools' grocery designations, which you can use at the store or online:

T.C. Williams: Escript (Safeway) 6634565, Giant 02241, Harris Teeter 4881

Hammond: Escript: 65511970, Giant 02245, Harris Teeter 6109

Polk: Escript: 6553732, Giant 02246, Harris Teeter 4268

Patrick Henry: Escript: 6514174, Harris Teeter 6325

If you are looking forward to back-to-school night, here are the dates:

Polk and Patrick Henry: Sept. 24

Hammond: 6th grade orientation, Aug. 28; 7th/8th grade Sept. 10

Minnie Howard, Sept. 9 (Hello High School is Aug. 21)

T.C. Williams, Sept. 17

Please drive carefully over the next few weeks as our children make their way up to school; the

new traffic pattern near Hammond might make for some dicey turns for school buses heading down Pickett to Pegram Street.

—MIA JONES

SCHOOL NOTES

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Messiah Lutheran Church is offering pre-school for children ages 2-4. Call 703-765-5003 or visit messiahelca.org for more.

Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) School Health Services will host the **ACPS Student Health and Immunization Fair** from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 27 at Polk Elementary School, 5000 Polk Ave. Pre-register for the event by calling 703-321-1990.

Alexandria City Public Schools' upcoming back-to-school nights will provide parents with opportunities to learn about their children's classes and meet their teachers. Back-to-school nights for the 2008-09 school year are scheduled as follows:

Sept. 9, 7 p.m. — Minnie Howard School, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, 703-824-6750

Sept. 10, 7 p.m. — George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, 703-706-4500

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FAITH



Funeral Procession

The family of Minister Irene "Honey" Deloris Nicely walks in a procession down Princess Street on Friday evening to Mount Jezreel Baptist Church for the wake. Minister Irene "Honey" Deloris Nicely, LPN of Alexandria passed away on Aug. 8. Mrs. Nicely worked as an LPN at the Alexandria Hospital for 31 years. After her retirement, she continued to volunteer and was a favorite among staff and patients. Minister Nicely was preceded in death by her loving husband of 28 years. She is survived by her children, Etta Jean Murray, Precinda Nicely Washington, Leon Jeffrey Nicely, Sr., (Kimberly) John Henry Nicely, Jr. (Ethel), Betty Marie Nicely Grayson, Theresa Karen Nicely, Veda Ann McCoy (Marvin), and Edward Jones, grandchildren, a host of great and great-grandchildren, her dearest sister Georgia Mae Porter, and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at Mount Jezreel Baptist Church. Internment at National Memorial Park Cemetery, Falls Church immediately following the services.



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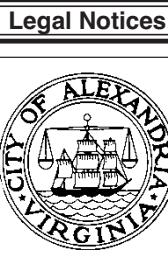
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ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER - 2008

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

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2008
7:30 PM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008
9:30 AM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A WORK SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2008 AT 6:00PM TO DISCUSS THE JAMES BLAND RE-DEVELOPMENT AND BRADDOCK EAST.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0031
816 NORTH SAINT ASAPH STREET
FLEX AWARE LEARNING Consideration of a request for a change of ownership, increased hours of operation, an increase in the number of students allowed, and a request for a parking reduction; zoned CDX/Commercial Downtown Old Town North.
Applicant: All Is Well, LLC. by Heidi Thompson(Deferred from June hearing)

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0041

25 SOUTH QUAKER LANE SUITES 13 & 15
SPECTRUM BEAUTY ACADEMY
Consideration of a request to operate a beauty school; zoned CSL/Commercial Service Low. Applicant: Spectrum Beauty Academy, LLC by Patricia Green

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0042
2040 JAMIESON AVENUE (Parcel Address: 2050 Jamieson Avenue)
STARBUCK'S COFFEE
Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned CDD-1/Coordinated Development District - 1. Applicant: Westin Alexandria by John Varghese

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0045
119 SOUTH ROYAL STREET
FONTAINE
Consideration of a request for an amendment to allow off-premise alcohol sales; zoned CD/Commercial Downtown. Applicant: Fontaine, Inc. by Kyong R. Yi

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0046
630 NORTH COLUMBUS STREET
PARKING REDUCTION
Consideration of a request for reapproval of a parking reduction; zoned RB/Residential. Applicant: James A. Merklinger

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0048
3406 COMMONWEALTH AVENUE (Parcel Address: 3400 Commonwealth Ave.)
RESTAURANT
Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned CSL/Commercial Service Low. Applicant: Shahzad Kiani

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0049
451 CALVERT AVENUE (Parcel Address: 2610 Jefferson Davis Hwy)
BEST AUTO CORNER
Consideration of a request to operate a general automobile repair business; zoned I/Industrial. Applicant: Best Auto Corner by Nariman Sulth-zada

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0050
2004 EISENHOWER AVENUE (Parcel Address: 2000 Eisenhower Avenue)
RESTAURANT
Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant with amusement enterprise (arcade games); zoned CDD-1/Coordinated Development District.
Applicant: Bruce and Lauren Catts

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0052
1106 ORONOCO STREET & 442 NORTH HENRY STREET
UHAUL RENTAL
Consideration of a request for an amendment to an existing gasoline/service station to include the operation of a truck rental business; zoned CSL/Commercial Service Low. Applicant: Michael Huhn

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0053

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501 NORTH HENRY STREET
CHILD DAY CARE CENTER
Consideration of a request to operate a child day care center;
zoned CSL/Commercial Service Low. Applicant: Maria Bustinza

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0054
3414 & 3414A MOUNT VERNON AVENUE
(Parcel Address: 3408 Mount Vernon Avenue)
RESTAURANT
Consideration of a request for an amendment to add an additional entryway and seating within an existing restaurant and market; zoned CG/Commercial General.
Applicant: Tony Flores

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0058

621 NORTH PAYNE STREET
621 NORTH PAYNE STREET RESIDENCES
Consideration of a request for an amendment to DSUP #2005-0014 to adjust the unit mix and add a loading bay; zoned CRMU-H/Commercial Residential Mixed Use
High. Applicant: Erkiletian Development Corporation by Harry P. Hart, attorney

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2007-0033

1200 NORTH QUAKER LANE
EPISCOPAL HIGH SCHOOL - GYM
EXPANSION Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan, to expand a private school gymnasium; zoned R-20/Residential.
Applicant: The Protestant Episcopal High School in Virginia by Duncan Blair, attorney

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2007-0031

3300 DUKE STREET
PNC BANK
Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan, to construct a bank with drive-through service; zoned CG/Commercial General.
Applicant: PNC Bank by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

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

DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN #2005-0027

3601 EISENHOWER AVENUE
BAKER OFFICE BUILDING PARKING LOT
Consideration of a request for a development site plan for a surface parking lot; zoned OCM(100)/Office Commercial Medium.
Applicant: TAW Cameron Run LLC by Ben Wales, agent

SUBDIVISION #2008-0002

714 WYTHE STREET
SUBDIVISION
Consideration of a request to subdivide the subject property into two lots;
zoned OC/Office Commercial. Applicant: Sophie Development, LLC (Deferred from July hearing)

PROTAS, SPIVOK, & COLLINS, LLC
4550 Montgomery Avenue
North Lobby Two, Suite 1125
Bethesda, Maryland 20814-3228
(301) 469-3602

TRUSTEES' SALE OF
321 South Patrick Street
Unit 1-A-1
Alexandria, Virginia 22314
Tax Map #074.03-OA-O1A1

Pursuant to the terms of a Deed of Trust (the "Deed of Trust") dated June 27, 1988, recorded June 28, 1988, Clerk's Office, Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in Deed Book 1245, Page 1828, the real estate described below (the "Property") will be offered for sale at public auction:

Unit No. 1-A-1, ALEXANDRIA GATEWAY CONDOMINIUM, in accordance with a Declaration dated December 29, 1987 and recorded December 29, 1987 in Deed Book 1231 at Page 1322, among the land records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

TOGETHER WITH the undivided interest in the General Common Elements and Limited Common Elements and all other rights and privileges which attach to said Unit, as described in the said Declaration which attach to said Unit, as described in the said Declaration with attached plats and exhibits.

Said Unit contains approximately 3,612 square feet and a proportionate undivided interest in the Common Elements of 4.27 percent of the total of such Common Elements, all as defined in the aforesaid Declaration.

Property Address: 321 South Patrick Street
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

The sale will take place on Friday, September 5, 2008 at 10:15 a.m., at the entrance of the Court's Building of the Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 520 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

Terms: The purchase price in the form of immediately available funds shall be due and payable on the closing date. A deposit in the form of immediate available funds in the amount of 10% of the sales price may be required of the successful bidder at the time of sale. [The Substitute Trustees reserves the right to waive or modify the requirement with respect to the bidder's deposit.] The successful bidder will be required to close within 20 days from the date of

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sale. [Time will be of the essence as to the closing date and the payment of the purchase price.]

The Property will be sold "AS IS" and will be conveyed by Special Warranty deed, subject to all rights, reservations, leases, covenants, conditions, easements and restrictions superior to the deed of trust as they may lawfully affect the Property. [Neither the Substitute Trustees nor the holder of the Note secured by the Deed of Trust will deliver possession of the Property to the successful bidder.]

In addition to the purchase price, the purchaser at the sale will be required to pay all closing costs except the Grantor's recording tax. Real estate taxes will be prorated as of the settlement date.

Patrick Collins, Substitute Trustee

Joan Collins, Substitute Trustee
FOR INFORMATION (OR A FACT SHEET MORE FULLY DESCRIBING THE PROPERTY) CONTACT:

Jordan M. Spivok, Esquire
4550 Montgomery Avenue
North Lobby Two, Suite 1125
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
(301) 469-3602
(301) 469-3201 Facsimile

OBITUARY
Hazel Copeland Luckett (83)

On Sunday, August 17, 2008. Loving Mother, Grandmother and Great Grandmother, died peacefully August 17 at Greenspring Retirement Village.

Mrs. Luckett was born in Naylor, GA and began working for Southern Railway shortly after graduating from High School. It was at Southern, where she met her recently deceased husband, Frank Asbury Luckett.

She was a very active in community affairs, serving as President of Alexandria Ki-wives, an auxiliary of the Kiwanis Club, and Alexandria Hospital Ladies Auxiliary. She was also active in the Southern RR wives association, Belle Haven Women's Golf Association, and Downtown Baptist Church in Alexandria.

Since 2001 she and her husband of 61 years have lived at Greenspring Retirement Village in Springfield, Va.

Survivors include their two children, Alan Luckett and his wife Maureen of Burke and Doug Luckett and his wife Pat of Ashburn Va; five grandchildren, Brandon, Justin, Kimberly, Patrick, and Lauren; and four great grandchildren.

Family and friends are invited to the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Rd., Alexandria, Va on Thursday August 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be held on Friday, August 22 at noon. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Cancer Association.

OBITUARY
Viola Barrett Greenland Pope

On August 14, 2008 in Falls Church, VA. She was preceded in death by her first husband Milton Russell Greenland. She is survived by her second husband Loren Brooks Pope of Falls Church, daughters Barrett Greenland Dowell of Warrenton and Bruce Greenland Rodenberg of Alexandria; son Robert Tupper Greenland of Richmond; grandchildren Victoria Rankins, Robert Rogers, Virginia Sapp, Brand Rodenberg, Ashby O'Malley; great grandchildren Ian, Michael and Fallon O'Malley, Meghan, Abigail and Liam Rankins, Kenley and Reagan Sapp, and Noah Rodenberg. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 from 5-7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria VA 22304 where funeral services will be held on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. A graveside service will follow at 2 p.m. at Aquia Church Cemetery, 2938 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Stafford VA 22555. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria VA 22304 or ALIVE! 2723 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302. www.everlyfuneralhomes.com

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020383-03-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316

Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re TESHAWN PORTILLO

The object of this suit is to:

Terminate the residual rights and responsibilities of Latisha Portillo, mother of Teshawn Sanders, AKA Teshawn Portillo, born 10/24/2007. "Residual Parental Rights" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with the parents after transfer of legal custody and guardianship of the child to DHS, including but limited to the right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation and the responsibility for support.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Latisha Portillo appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/19/2008 at 1:00pm

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021087-07-00

Commonwealth of Virginia

VA. CODE § 8.01-316

Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re TESHAWN PORTILLO

The object of this suit is to:
Terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of Kirk Cross, the putative father of Teshawn Sanders aka Teshawn Portillo, born 10/24/2007, whose mother is Latisha Portillo. "Residual Parental Rights" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with the parents after transfer of legal custody and guardianship of the child to DHS, including but limited to the right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliation and the responsibility for support.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Kirk Cross appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/19/2008 at 1:00pm

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021087-08-00

Commonwealth of Virginia

VA. CODE § 8.01-316

Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re TESHAWN PORTILLO

The object of this suit is to:
Terminate the residual rights and responsibilities of the unknown father of Teshawn Portillo, born 10/24/2007, daughter of Latisha Portillo. "Residual Parental Rights" means all rights and responsibilities remaining with the parent after transfer of legal custody and guardianship of the child to DHS, including but not limited to the right of visitation, consent to adoption, the right to determine religious affiliations and the responsibility for support.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Unknown Father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 09/19/2008 at 1:00pm

OBITUARY

GREGORY LEE (GREG)MARTIN

3rd son of Shirley Jr. and Carrie Elizabeth Martin passed at home on 8/14/08.

Gregory was educated in the Alexandria City public school system. Gregory was employed as a home repair technician until his health prevented him from doing so. Gregory enjoyed roller skating and basketball, he was a natural comedian and loved to make people laugh. His broad smile, infectious laugh will be greatly missed. He leaves to mourn his loving parents Mr and Mrs Shirley Martin Jr. 1 grandson, Julaun Malik Dunbar, 6 sisters, Robin Thornhill, Sharon McKinnon-Davis, Jocelyn Martin, Cheryl Nelson, Jacqueline Martin, Marisa Martin, 2 brothers Steven Martin and Reginald Martin, 2 brother in laws, Melvin Thornhill and Michael Nelson, 1 sister n law Cindy Martin and a host of other relatives and close friends. He was predeceased in death by his mentor and oldest brother Anthony Martin, his beloved daughter Naomi Jackson, and his precious niece Christa Thornhill. Services will be held Fri 8/22, at 11am Viewing will begin at 10am, at New Pentecostal Church 801 Pendleton St. Alexandria, VA

OBITUARY

Charlotte Tuttle Lloyd Walkup

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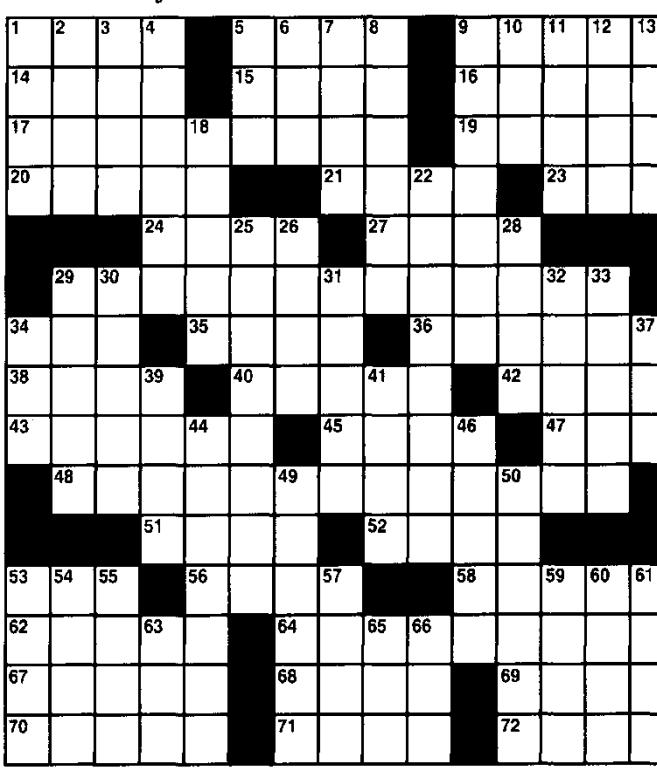
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- 1 London Fog, e.g.
5 Multigenerational story
9 Betray, in a way
14 Up to the task
15 Zippo
16 Play hard to get
17 Sage lands?
19 Torments
20 Bartly's roost, perhaps
21 "... blackbirds, baked in —"
23 Professional suffix
24 Do a post-laundry job
27 Poet — St. Vincent Millay
29 Joe's lands?
34 — de mots (pun)
35 Feds
36 Looked with desire
38 Makes a scene?
40 Largest Cornhusker city
42 Have on
43 Hotel Bible
45 Peewee people
47 One of the "Little Women"
- 48 Dieters' lands?
51 Last name in cruelty
52 Took note of
53 Pal, rapper-style
56 Spot in the Senate
58 Arab emirate
62 Sly character
64 Bad lands?
67 Slicker in the winter
68 Superior's inferior
69 Gold medalist Lipinski
70 Insinuate
71 Dummy
72 Command to a boxer
- 12 Words from Wordsworth
13 Catbird seat?
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- 1 Crow calls
2 Parting words
3 Plus
4 Make mad
5 Env. stuffer
6 Hole number
7 Inspiration
8 Comics ghost
9 Money coming in
10 Ancient greeting
11 It has a prominent horn

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