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A Grand Opening at T.C. Williams

School officials think new stadium will bring back pride and excitement after lengthy construction process.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
GAZETTE PACKET

As new T.C. Williams principal Bill Clendaniel stood along the backline of his school's new football stadium, he couldn't help but smile when talking about a young freshman who dropped his drink on the sparkling new rubber track.



T.C. Williams principal Bill Clendaniel



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Dr. Morton Sherman, center Alexandria's new superintendent of Schools, parents and faculty members cheer after cutting the ribbon fore the opening of T.C. Williams new stadium.

Instead of simply picking up his garbage and moving along, the student proceeded to find a mop so he could thoroughly clean up his mess. To Clendaniel, who just began his tenure at T.C. Williams in the beginning of July, it was an early reminder of just how much the new stadium means to everyone in the community.

"I think the whole setup, in terms of the community, is an immense sense of pride," Clendaniel said at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new field last Friday. "With each week, when something else happens, with completion of each phase of the new product, this place gets closer to realizing the dream."

Two other newcomers to the community, Alexandria City Public Schools superintendent, Dr. Morton Sherman, and T.C. Williams's athletic director, Bob McKaeg, joined Clendaniel in the opening ceremonies before the Titans football team took the field for its first home football game in four years. Both Sherman and McKaeg started work in their new jobs just over two weeks ago.

And although the Titans lost a heartbreaking 23-20 overtime affair with Mount Vernon, the fact that football was being played in the stadium had many talking about the light at the end of the tunnel for this lengthy reconstruction process.

"I think the enthusiasm we all bring to this day is the first taste of bringing everyone together once school starts and the kids are back in the classrooms," said Dr.

Sherman.

The stadium features a sparkling turf field that will require far less maintenance than a grass field and will be used by many of the school's sport teams. The Titans football team has been practicing on it for more than two weeks now.

New bleachers and a concession stand will be added following the conclusion of this football season. In addition, Clendaniel said the school's parking garage should be completed in the next month.

But after T.C. Williams sports teams were forced to play home games at nearby Episcopal High School the past four years, just having a field to play on was a welcome sign for those who have struggled behind-the-scenes during the complete overhaul of the school.

"Well, we had a couple false starts," former T.C. Williams principal, John Porter, said of the original plans for

the stadium that were scaled back due to cost overruns. "But this is something the community wanted to make sure when we were renovating T.C. that we rebuild the field and the track up to the same standards."

The excitement surrounding the new stadium already has some thinking towards the future.

"It is a new beginning for this school," McKaeg said. "We hope that it gets the spirit and excitement back in the athletic program."



School Superintendent Dr. Morton Sherman talks with T.C. Williams's athletic director, Bob McKaeg who is also new this year.



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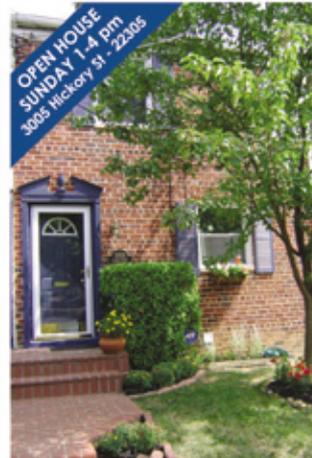
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Test Scores Show a Racial Divide

White students are the only subgroup that met federal standards this year.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

As students head back to the classroom for a new school year this week, administrators are grappling with an age-old question: how to solve the achievement gap in Alexandria. School Board members campaigned on closing it, and a generation of city leadership has advocated its importance. Yet statistics released by the Virginia Department of Education last week show that the divide between those making the cut and those falling behind is increasingly drawn along racial lines.

“Here we are 50 years after *Brown v. Board* and yet these differences still exist. But now the conversation has shifted from access to achievement.”

— Superintendent Morton Sherman

An analysis of standardized test scores indicates that white students are the only subgroup that met federal standards this year under No Child Left Behind. Every other subgroup failed to meet the minimum standards, including black students, Hispanic students, disadvantaged students, students who speak limited English and students with disabilities. When asked about the disparity, Superintendent Morton Sherman said

school districts across the country are dealing with similar issues.

“For a long time, people in the education community pretended like this problem wasn’t there,” said Sherman while visiting Jefferson-Houston Elementary School on the first day of school this week. “We were afraid of how to ask questions about race.”

The 2002 No Child Left Behind Act put an end to those fears. By requiring schools to collect racial, social and economic demographics, the legislation has prompted a national discussion about how these issues influence public education in America. And as a result of how the data is organized, race-based disparities have become more evident with each new crop of standardized test results. One of the most dramatic manifestations of disparity this year was at George Washington Middle School, where 89 percent of white students passed the math test yet only 48 percent of black students were able to make the grade.

“I think there are probably a lot of reasons for the racial disparity, but we’re not going to solve this problem by focussing on the numbers,” said School Board member Blanche Maness. “In my opinion, we’ve got to get parents involved in reading to their children at an early age. Then I think we’ll start to see some movement in the statistics.”

LAST YEAR, a controversial report titled “Obstacles to Opportunity” concluded that the city school system as a “two-track system,” in which a privileged white minority receives an education that sets them on a path for college while blacks and Latino students are marginalized or ignored. The report was conducted by Tenets and Workers United, the Advancement Project and George Mason University Sociology Professor Tony Samara. It documented lingering disparities in test scores, discipline practices and counseling directives in the city school system.

“While a small number of students are actively prepared from an early age for col-

lege and successful careers, the majority of students are not expected to excel and encounter substantial obstacles to achieving their goals,” the 54-page report concluded. “The structure of these tracks has dramatic racial implications, as white students dominate the high-level track while students of color comprise the majority of the low-level track.”

Using standardized test score data from the Virginia Department of Education, the report’s authors demonstrated that white students in Alexandria outperform other students statewide while black and Latino students consistently scored lower than their counterparts in other parts Virginia. The report made 13 recommendations, including hiring more guidance counselors at T.C. Williams High School and increasing the number of black and Latino students in Advanced Placement classes. Although the report prompted a great deal of discussion in the city, School Board members have yet to put any of its recommendations on a docket for discussion.

“We must do better to help our black, Latino and ESL students prepare for college,” said Eileen Cassidy Rivera, who has encouraged School Board members to consider the recommendations outlined in the report. “I will work hard this year with my School Board member and Superintendent Sherman to meet these challenges.”

STANDARDIZED SCORES from tests taken earlier this year show a mixed picture for Alexandria City Public Schools. Although the numbers indicate racial disparities within the school system, they also showed improvement over last year’s scores. Ten schools were deemed to have met “adequate yearly progress,” the gold-standard under No Child Left Behind: John Adams Elementary School, Barrett Elementary School, Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, Cora Kelly Elementary School, Lyles-Crouch Elementary School, MacArthur Elementary School, Mason El-

A Racial Divide in City Schools

ENGLISH PASS RATES

■ all students	80 percent
■ white students	93 percent
■ black students	75 percent
■ Hispanic students	74 percent
■ disadvantaged	74 percent
■ limited English	72 percent
■ with disabilities	44 percent

MATH PASS RATES

■ all students	73 percent
■ white students	91 percent
■ limited English	68 percent
■ disadvantaged	67 percent
■ black students	66 percent
■ with disabilities	42 percent

■ indicates pass rate met federal standard
■ indicates pass rate did not meet federal standard

SOURCE: Virginia Department of Education

ementary School, Maury Elementary School, Polk Elementary School and Tucker Elementary School.

“I am extremely pleased with our progress,” said Deputy Superintendent Cathy David in a written statement announcing the standardized-test results. “Our dedicated students, teachers and administrators work hard throughout the year to help all students achieve at their highest potential and this is one indicator that we are moving in the right direction.”

At Jefferson-Houston, where 66 percent of students are black and 81 percent of students live in poverty, closing the achievement gap has become the focus of an ongoing effort that has included school officials, central administrators and state bureaucrats. Although their efforts have been able to raise standardized tests scores, black students and disadvantaged students both

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ACPS Superintendent Mort Sherman greets the first graders at MacArthur Elementary as they return from recess on the playground.

School Doors Open

Over 10,000 Alexandria children headed back to school Tuesday morning into 13 elementary schools, two middle schools and T.C. Williams High School to meet their new teachers and in some cases new administrators as well.



Class is in session.

At Invesco Field

For Mayor **Bill Euille**, watching Democratic candidate **Barack Obama** deliver his nomination acceptance speech at Invesco Field in Denver was a moving emotional experience that will not soon be forgotten. When asked about his trip the Democratic National Convention last week, Euille recalled the excitement and anticipation he felt in the days and hours leading up to Obama's speech on Aug. 28. For Euille, Alexandria's first black mayor, watching the first black Democratic presidential candidate was a milestone in race relations that he said represented the culmination of **Martin Luther King's** dream of a fully integrated public life.

"After it was over I looked up at the stars and reflected on my own journey," said Euille, an early Obama supporter. "I thought about my mother and how much she would have loved to see this."

John Taylor Chapman, president of the Alexandria Young Democrats, said he waited in line for more than four hours to get into the venue formerly known as Mile High Stadium. Chapman said the speech was worth the wait, although it wasn't necessary what he expected. After watching Obama's keynote address to the 2004 Democratic convention, Chapman said he anticipated a similar speech with lofty rhetoric and inspiring call to action. But that's not what he said he got.

"I wasn't necessarily disappointed that I didn't get that," said Chapman, who worked on **Justin Wilson's** successful campaign for City Council and **John Leary's** unsuccessful candidacy for School Board. "What I got instead was a focussed speech that laid out the details of what he wants to accomplish and what this campaign is going to be about. It's not just about hope anymore."

Fireworks Footprint

At the conclusion of Obama's speech, fireworks shot out of Greek columns that Republican critics took to calling the "Barackopolis." It was a spectacle that some Republicans said validated the argument that Obama was a lightweight celebrity who valued flash over substance. But for **Mike Lane**, a Republican operative currently working for congressional candidate **Mark Ellmore**, the display was conspicuous in another way.

"I was concerned about the carbon footprint of all those fireworks," said Lane. "I saw a lot of smoke."

Does Netflix Have This?

In a presidential election year, raising money takes skill and persistence. With candidates up and down the ballot asking for money, it also takes a good bit of creativity. Take, for example, former Gov. **Mark Warner's** campaign for the United States Senate. This week, Warner's wife **Lisa Collis** sent an e-mail titled "Refreshingly Unconventional" that offered a keepsake item to remember Warner's keynote speech to the Democratic Convention last week.

"I don't know if watching speeches at home is your favorite way to unwind and relax, but if so I want you to be able to re-live that special night as often as you'd like," Collis wrote in the e-mail solicitation. "If you donate \$50 or more to Mark's campaign, we'll send you a DVD of the keynote address, including bonus features such as behind-the-scenes video, reviews from the talking heads, digital photo galleries and exclusive footage of Mark at the convention."

In the Spotlight

Alexandria resident **Orson Swindle** spoke at the Republican convention this week, introducing former prisoners of war and Medal of Honor recipients. Swindle, who was imprisoned with McCain in the infamous Hanoi Hilton, was interrupted with sustained applause as he introduced the military heroes to cheering Republicans.

"I thought it was a great tribute to the POWs, really extraordinary," said **Bernie Schulz**, a convention volunteer who is over-seeing some of the alternate delegates. "These are people who have put their lives on the line for our freedom, so it was really a fitting tribute."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

ELECTION 2008



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

Mark Ellmore, left, and Ron Fisher, center, will be challenging U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) this November.

A Two-Front Campaign

Jim Moran has found himself being challenged from the left and the right.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Nine-term U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) has found himself in the midst of a two-front battle to return to Congress this year. Not only does he have Republican mortgage banker Mark Ellmore challenging him from the right, now he has yet another threat from the left. After defeating Falls Church attorney Matt Famiglietti in a four-to-one victory in June, Moran now has an Independent Green opposing his record from the left. Retired Navy Capt. Ron Fisher entered the race this week, participating in a debate Tuesday night hosted by the Arlington Civic Federation.

"I believe there's not a lot of difference between the two parties these days," said Fisher, who ran an unsuccessful campaign against Del. Adam Ebbin (D-47) last year. "The so-called free-trade agreements Moran has supported over the years are hurting our economy, and they should be repealed."

Meanwhile, Ellmore has spent the summer quietly building support from Republicans in Northern Virginia and raising money by campaigning with Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell and former Maryland Gov. Bob Ehrlich. In one-on-one meetings with voters and at campaign events, Ellmore has advocated for lower taxes and a fence along the Mexican border. He supports opening increased oil drilling in addition to alternative sources of energy. At Tuesday's debate, Ellmore framed his campaign as one that will fight for "food, fuel and freedom."

"We need to get off foreign oil within ten years," said Ellmore, a native of Fairfax County. "If we can get a man on the moon within ten years, we can do this."

MORAN IS A popular member of Congress and a former mayor of Alexandria. Since his first election to the House of Representatives in 1990, he has become a senior member of the Appropriations Com-

mittee with a long history of securing earmarks for local projects. On the campaign trail this year, he has advocated a long list of legislation he would pursue in a tenth term: blast-mitigation technology research, a light-rail connector through Potomac Yard, new types of cancer research and a boathouse along the Arlington shore of the Potomac River. At Tuesday's debate with his two challengers, Moran vowed to support rail to Dulles, funding for early childhood education and an end to the war in Iraq.

"I may survive another congressional election, but this country cannot survive another four years of the Bush and Cheney administration," said Moran, who joined the congressional Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender caucus earlier this year to advocate for the rights of same-sex couples. "I really feel that this is the most ideologically incompetent and uncaring administration in American history."

Fisher accused Moran of failing to support the impeachment of Bush and Cheney, criticizing the Democratic Congress for not using its appropriations authority to end the war in Iraq. He said Moran has been instrumental in providing the administration with the funds for the occupation of Iraq, including a \$165 billion emergency supplemental bill. Fisher said that, if elected, he would work toward a "single-payer" health-care system that would offer universal coverage.

"We should pay our doctors by the hour instead of by the patient," said Fisher, who worked on John McCain's 1999 Republican primary campaign against Bush. "With the closing of Walter Reed, we should convert that building to be a facility for Medicaid and Medicare patients."

ELLMORE SAID he supports the "surge" of troops in Iraq, and he once again voiced opposition to any "timetable" for an end to the war in Iraq. Calling Moran the "king of earmarks," Ellmore said that he would oppose pork barrel spending if he was successful in November. As he has on a number of occasions, he blamed Moran for failing to accomplish rail to the Dulles International Airport.

"He hasn't done enough," said Ellmore after the debate concluded. "We are 17 years into this project, and it's just now getting underway."

COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Cover-up at City Hall?

Residents of Cameron Station are having a hard time swallowing the city's explanation of how an ethanol transfer station was able to operate for a month without City Council members learning about the operation. Back in May, City Manager **Jim Hartmann** apologized for the delay by saying he wanted to understand all the issues before briefing council members. Then City Attorney **Ignacio Pessoa** explained that a February ruling of the Surface Transportation Board destroyed the longstanding strategy of city officials to use their zoning authority to deny Norfolk Southern's intensification of use.

Case closed? Not so fast, say Cameron Station residents.

"Some stated actions or inactions seem out of character with the way intelligent people would think or act," wrote Cameron Station Civic Association President **Ingrid Sanden** in an Aug. 28 letter to Mayor **Bill Euille**. "As it stands, few people (actually nobody I've talked with) believes the city Web site 'position' or that council in whole or in part was unaware."

The letter was a second call for an independent investigation of events leading up to the May 15 disclosure. Sanden said that members of the Cameron Station Civic Association want to make sure the snafu never happens again. To that end, Sanden wrote, the association would like to see a "neutral, objective, professional party" to find out who knew what and when they knew it.

"The goal of this process is not a 'witch hunt' to identify a 'guilty' party," Sanden wrote. "It may ap-

pear to some that council has something to hide if it doesn't support an independent, outside investigation or that it is a party to a cover-up or whitewash."

Still Sniffing

City officials like to say that Alexandria is somewhat insulated from economic downturns because of the city's strategic advantages. Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks** once famously said that if the county had the flu, Alexandria would only get a case of the sniffles. Yet August financial report shows that the city's nose is still running.

"Given national job losses and poor consumer confidence, it appears that the national economic slowdown may have turned into a recession during the last calendar quarter," Jinks wrote in an Aug. 15 memo to City Council members. "While the city economy is not in a recession, it is influenced by national and regional economics."

According to the memo, the number of residential real-estate activity continues to slow, with the number of sales down 27 percent in the first half of the year. During that same period of time, the average sales price doped 3.1 percent. Even though residential sales prices are remaining close to the 2008 assessments, sales tax revenue continues to deteriorate. Budget officials estimate that the city will take in about \$3.4 million less than was originally expected.

"This decrease is primarily connected to housing-related merchants and ... the one-time repayment to Fairfax County of \$0.9 million for sales tax collections from businesses with an Alexandria address that are actually located in Fairfax County," explained Jinks.

Koger Files Notice of Insanity Defense

Koger indicted for nine additional charges, including two more counts of attempted capital murder of officers.

BY KEN MOORE
THE GAZETTE

Jeffrey Scott Koger, who is charged with the attempted capital murder of three police officers and suspected of embezzling \$2 million from Virginia homeowners associations, filed notice of his intent to claim the insanity defense.

Koger "gives notice ... that he may put in issue his sanity at the time of the offense charged and present expert testimony in support thereof," wrote defense counsel Peter D. Greenspun in papers filed in Fairfax County Circuit Court on Aug. 21, 2008.

Koger, 39 of Oak Hill, was initially charged with one count of attempted capital murder of a law enforcement officer. But in July, a Fairfax County Circuit Court jury indicted Koger for nine additional counts, including two more counts of attempted capital murder of police officers, five counts of use of a firearm in the commission of felonies and two counts of aggravated maiming.

Koger faces more than three life terms in prison if convicted for the various crimes.

His trial is currently scheduled for October.

ACCORDING TO POLICE reports and testimony at Koger's preliminary hearing in June, Koger stopped his 1990 Jeep Cherokee behind a taxicab stopped at a traffic light at the corner of Seminary Road and North Beaugard Street in Alexandria in the early morning hours of Feb. 2, 2008.

Koger got out, walked to the taxi driver's window, and fired several shots into the cab. The taxi driver was seriously injured, according to police. About 20 minutes later, two men drove into the parking lot of the Fairfax County Police Station on Franconia Road to escape a car that had been chasing them.

Koger, driving a 1990 Jeep Cherokee, followed them and shot both men, said Fairfax County Police.

Virginia State Trooper Jonathan Groner ended up pursuing Koger, who drove 70-80 miles per hour to elude police on Franconia Road.



Jeffrey Koger

Koger crashed into a traffic control box in front of the Springfield Shopping Mall.

"The defendant got out of the vehicle with the firearm in hand," Groner testified at Koger's preliminary hearing in June.

"I said, 'Drop the gun, drop the gun,' over and over again," Groner testified.

"At that time, I took aim at the subject," he testified.

When Koger fired his weapon, Groner and Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority officers shot back, hitting Koger in the

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BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Move over Michael Phelps — make way for Dennis Short and Ramon Colon. They have a total of 11 medals. Granted, it's two to one and their medals aren't all gold. But, they also had to compete against an unannounced entrant during the International Police & Fire Games — Tropical Storm Fay.

Alexandria Fire Department Firefighter Dennis Short and Washington Metropolitan Police Officer Ramon Colon won medals in every cycling competition they entered during the week of Aug. 16 to 23 at the games in Orlando, Fla. Adding to the stress and increasing demands on their endurance, all cycling races were postponed at the beginning of the week due to Fay. What was supposed to be spread over a week was crammed into two days of intense competition Thursday and Friday.

Thursday's races were cycled against 40 mile an hour winds and torrential downpours. Races scheduled for Friday morning were delayed until afternoon because those downpours made it too dangerous to race.

But, when the skies cleared and the competition ended, Short and Ramon had won medals in every competition they had entered. Short had three silver and two bronze while Ramon claimed four gold and two silver.

There are two classes of Police and Fire games. The International Games are held on even years somewhere on the North American Continent and draw approximately 6,000 competitors in a vast array of sport competitions similar to the Olympics.

The World Police & Fire Games, held on odd numbered years, draw about four times

as many competitors from around the globe. They are held in different countries, again based on an Olympic format. In 2009 they are scheduled for British Columbia, Canada.

The various areas of competition are divided into age categories. Short entered the 35 to 39-year-old age group, while Colon competed in the 50 to 54 year-old age category. This was Short's first entrance into the games.

Colon's first competition in the International Games was in 1989 in Memphis, Tenn. He has also competed in a series of World Games.

"I first learned about the games when I read an article in Fire Engine Magazine and saw that they had cycling events. I had done some racing of BMX bikes when I was a kid. Then I got into mountain bike racing and then road bikes. But, I hadn't done any racing for years," Short said.

"The article caught my interest, so two years ago I started to train. I ride 10 to 12 hours every week working it around my shift schedules," he said. Short has been with the Alexandria Fire Department for 16 years.

Colon, a 22-year MPD veteran, didn't get into biking until he was 28 years old. "I started in order to lose weight. I had been having health problems due to stress from my job and the doctor told me to get more exercise," he said.

Joining the MPD in 1986, Colon and was working the Adams/Morgan area when things "were really rough there," he emphasized. "It was very stressful in the 80's when we were averaging nearly a murder a day," Colon said.



PHOTOS BY DENNIS SHORT

Alexandria Fire Department Firefighter Dennis Short left and Washington, D.C., MPD Officer Ramon Colon second from left, wearing their medals are joined by other medal winners following the International Police & Fire Games in Orlando, Fla.

He cycles 200 to 225 miles per week riding six days a week. "I lost 30 pounds in the first two years and I've kept it off," he said.

"It takes a lot of discipline to keep up the riding along with family and the job. But, my wife is very supportive of my cycling," Colon said. He and his wife, Linda, live in Woodbridge along with their daughter who is a student at George Mason University. Short resides in Dumfries.

Both, being residents of Prince William County, are members of the Prince William Elite Racing Team. "We ride throughout Prince William, Fauquier, and Stafford counties," they said. The 40-member team has cyclists of various ages with skills in a variety of bicycling categories, according to Short and Colon. One of the big differences between the Olympics and the International and World games is that most of the U.S. competitors in the games are self taught, self trained, and mostly self financed.

"We provide our own bikes and all our own equipment. Our departments do give us time off to compete and our unions give us some funds for support," Short said.

"Many of those from other countries race for their countries. They get paid and they have sponsors from those countries. They are also pros in their sport and they can compete against us so you have to be prepared to go up against them in the games," Colon said. Russia sent 300 athletes to these games.

"You also have to know the terrain of the race. That came home to me first hand in Florida," Short added.

"I hadn't done my homework. I thought Florida was all flat, so I trained for speed. However, the cycling races were in Claremont several miles from Orlando and that area has a lot of steep hills which I was not expecting," he said.

"On the first day of racing I was in the 44

mile road race and came to the bottom of this steep hill. It looked like it was going straight up — plus the wind," Short said.

Colon has brought back medals from most all the games in which he has competed. Only 2005 did he come home empty-handed. "I was involved in two crashes that year and didn't get any medals," he said.

Short was awarded bronze medals in the 44 mile Road Race and the 10 mile Time Trial. His silver medals came in the Criterium, 1000 Meter Sprint and the Tour de Games.

Colon won his four gold medals in the Road Race, 10 Mile Time Trial, Criterium and the Tour de Games. His two silver medals came in the 1000 Meter Sprint and the Mountain Bike race.

Cycling is just one of sports at both the International and World Games. There are 50 plus sports in the overall competition, including a decathlon type event entitled "Toughest Competitor Alive."

Both games have opening and closing ceremonies where athletes carry the flags of the countries or areas they represent, Short and Colon explained. "We entered under the American flag and carried the state flag of Virginia," they said. Both men have their eyes on the 2009 World Games. "We would welcome any businesses or organization that would like to be sponsors. I could sure use a new bike. It's 16 years old," Short said.

"I thought Florida was all flat so I trained for speed."

—Firefighter Dennis Short, AFD



Alexandria Fire Department Firefighter Dennis Short left, and Washington, D.C., MPD Officer Ramon Colon center, test the course before race time at the International Police & Fire Games in Orlando, Fla.

Locals Relish Convention Roles

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
SPECIAL TO GAZETTE PACKET

Margo Horner of Arlington was inspired into a political career by her grand mother who was active in politics in Alabama.

Horner was involved in the Democratic club at her high school and as a teenager in the mid-60s, she traveled to Atlantic City, N.J. as part of a youth caravan for President Lyndon Johnson.

Her political activism reached new heights last week at the Democratic National Convention in Denver. Horner, who is the 8th Congressional District Chair of Virginia and a member of the steering Committee of the Virginia Democratic Party, made the trip for the four-day convention, Aug. 25-28 as part of the 101-member Virginia delegation that included members of Congress, state lawmakers, city council members, and others.

“Each convention event is like a great chapter in a book.”

— Margo Horner

“EACH CONVENTION EVENT is like a great chapter in a book about all of the great things that we’ve done,” said Horner. “You just keep going every night and it is constantly building on something and has absolutely been phenomenal.”

For many, the most emotional moment was the convention’s historic finale, when on the 45th anniversary of Reverend Martin Luther King’s “I Have a Dream Speech,” Sen. Barack Obama accepted the Democratic Party’s nomination for president, becoming the first African-American to become a major political party nominee.

Horner was among the more than 84,000



PHOTOS BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Many local delegates were among the 84,000 people packed into a Denver stadium to hear Barack Obama’s acceptance speech at the Democratic Convention, Aug. 28.

people who endured sweltering heat and stood in long security lines for a chance to witness Obama’s historic acceptance speech at Denver’s

Invesco Field.

The bleachers were packed with supporters waving American flags and lighting up the stadium with of camera flashes.

Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille was in the standing room only crowd in the delegates section of the arena floor when Obama took the stage.

Euille, who was attending his third convention, said Obama’s acceptance speech



Horner



Rigby



Euille

“elevated Martin Luther King’s work to its highest and praised the fact that while we have attained a certain level of success there is still an awful long way to go.”

Hazel Rigby, a delegate from Alexandria who was attending her first convention,

found the convention particularly important.

“I was led into politics while I was a teacher at T.C. Williams High School,” said Rigby, who taught at the school for 30 years and was on the faculty during the school’s desegregation process. She is a precinct chair in Alexandria and was in charge of credentials for the delegation.

“I was overwhelmed by all of the action on the floor,” she said. “I’ve been involved in many campaigns. My father was a yellow dog democratic and he told me to be one, so I’ve always been a Democrat.”

“THIS IS A ONCE-in-a-lifetime event and I’m glad I’m here to be part of it,” said Euille. “I wouldn’t have missed it. Even if I weren’t a delegate, I would have found a way to be here in Denver .”

Horner who has attended conventions in the past as part of the Virginia delegation said that one of the key differences in this year’s convention and those of years past was the group’s proximity to the podium.

“Now we’re a battleground state,” she said. We haven’t been on the floor and close up in a long time. In the past, we’ve been in rafters or what you call the bloody-nose section.”

Each morning during the convention, the Virginia delegation held a breakfast at the delegation’s hotel, the Crown Plaza Denver Hotel. Each night there were social receptions. During the day, it was a mix of caucus events, meetings and party politics.

Outside of the state delegate events, Virginia leaders were featured throughout the week at national events.

The state Democratic Party produced and posted video of convention events. The videos are available on the front page of the party’s Web site, www.vademocrats.org.



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2008 nominees Arlene Hewitt and Pat Troy with 2007 Legend Ferdinand Day at a reception at the Lyceum. The Living Legends of 2007 exhibit will close Sept. 8.

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Project director Nina Tisara welcomes Legends and friends to the Lyceum for a closing reception. The Living Legends exhibit will move to City Hall opening Sept. 10.

OPINION

Political Debates Are Good

Candidates should give voters a chance to see them in action.

Voters in Northern Virginia will soon be choosing their congressman, a U.S. Senator and a president.

Voters in Northern Virginia don't vote a standard party line, they vote for the candidate they like regardless of

party. But how will they get to know which candidates they like?

With the presidential race taking up the attention of many, voters need more than cable television commercials and glossy direct mailers to find out more about each candidate. One key tradition involves live candidate debates, which voters can attend in person or watch on television (or YouTube).

Because our three congressional districts are relatively compact, voters should be able to see the candidates debate in person, as

well as having the option to watch on video. (Some of these debates amount to little more than joint appearances, but still the candidates answer questions, and voters can learn much from watching this process.)

For statewide races, like the race for governor, voters need access to televised debates.

It's fair to say that all the candidates who will appear on the ballot in Northern Virginia are articulate and confident, and are best served by letting voters know what their positions are on the issues.

So why would any of them duck a debate?

Of course no one admits to ducking a debate. There is always a specific reason why one or the other debate won't work.

We urge the candidates to appear in public in multiple venues, with candidates for the House of Representatives scheduling multiple debates so that at least one is accessible to each locality.

And let's admit that we're living in the YouTube era, and let have every debate appear on television and with replays available.

EDITORIAL

It's Time We Had an Education President

BY EILEEN CASSIDY RIVERA
ALEXANDRIA SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBER

COMMENTARY

Two years ago while six months pregnant with my second child, I plunged into the world of education policy and politics. I knocked on doors of neighbors and supporters across my community, asking for their vote in the upcoming Alexandria City school board election. I got the attention of my community by sharing statistics about our public school system's widening achievement gaps. The chasm in academic achievement which persists between minority and disadvantaged students and their white counterparts – commonly referred to as achievement gaps – is one of the most pressing education policy crises facing states across America according to the National Governors Association.

Since my election, I've had a front seat view to the challenges our school system faces in closing achievement gaps while providing a world-class education to all students. I've also witnessed firsthand the unintended consequences of national education policies, like the No Child Left Behind Act, which has left our school district and many other districts

across the country struggling to effectively manage an increasingly diverse student body with exponentially growing needs for special services.

During the presidential primary election season, the debate about how to improve education in our country has primarily centered on NCLB – whether it should be scrapped all-together or be fundamentally reformed to address its unintended consequences. Over the last seven years since the law was passed by Congress and ceremoniously signed by President Bush, the focus of the debate has been over the lack of funding and resources states and school districts need to effectively comply with the 'language of the law.' Another critical aspect of the debate has focused on how to achieve what this landmark piece of legislation was originally intended to do: improve the academic performance of all students regardless of economic status, race, ethnicity, proficiency in English or disability.

Barack Obama, the Democratic presidential nominee, has emerged with the most comprehensive, pressing and pragmatic plan for not just reforming NCLB

but for transforming the educational fabric of our country. His plan for "Lifelong Success through Education" details a wide range of innovative approaches to early childhood education, strategies to recruit, prepare, retain and reward America's teachers, creative techniques to support strong school leaders, solid reasons to make science and math education a national priority and inventive ways to help our most 'at-risk' children succeed in school.

This is what got my attention – particularly because of my steadfast frustration over the 'drop-out' phenomenon which continues to plague our school district and community. Senator Obama points out that only 70 percent of U.S. high school students graduate with a diploma. African American and Latino students are significantly less likely to graduate than white students. Today, drop-outs are twice as likely to be unemployed, and for those who work, pay is low, advancement limited and health insurance less limited.

Senator Obama's education plan addresses the fundamental root of our country's drop-out dilemma – that we wait too long to help those students most in need of extra help in reading, math, and other rigor-

ous subjects. By the time students enter ninth grade, it's too late to change bad habits or alter discipline which take students off track from realizing their fullest potential. To address this reality, Senator Obama introduced the "Success in the Middle Act" which aims to provide federal support to improve the education of middle school students in low-performing schools.

Differences in learning opportunities during the summer contribute to the achievement gaps that separate struggling poor and minority students from their middle-class peers. In January 2007, Senator Obama reintroduced the (<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/z?c110:s.116>;) Summer Term Education Programs for Upward Progress Act (STEP UP) to address the achievement gaps among schoolchildren in the early grades. STEP UP establishes a grant program to support summer

learning opportunities to be offered by local schools or community organizations. The bill was included in a comprehensive proposal to improve U.S. competitiveness that passed the Senate in July 2007, and was signed into law in August 2007.

Barack Obama as President will call on parents, families and schools to work together and take responsibility for instilling in young people our best shared values like honesty, hard work and good citizenship. Through clear and high expectations, school-family contracts, greater parental and family responsibility and community service, Barack Obama's vision sees investment in world-class schools that provides students with the path to global opportunity and high-quality employment – all while building stronger communities.

It's about time we had an education president.

LETTERS

Letter on Target

Your headline for Congressman Jim Moran's letter, "Country Needs Leadership on Global Warming," couldn't be more on target and Virginia officials at every level

should act [*Connection Newspapers*, Aug. 28-Sept. 3].

Congressman Moran cites one of the nation's most knowledgeable experts, Dr. James Hansen,

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How Do We Measure Success?

Open Letter to the Community

As we begin a new school year, you will notice beautiful, clean buildings, bright classrooms and a new T.C. Williams parking garage that will be completed in October. What you will not see this year are the familiar blue banners that state, "This school is fully accredited."

The banners have hung proudly in front of Alexandria schools since 2001, when only two of 16 schools were fully accredited. Through focused instruction, innovative programs and hard work and determination by teachers, students, parents and administrators, we now have 14 fully accredited schools – a commendable accomplishment – but we have outgrown the banners.

Accreditation and AYP status are determined by scores on the Standards of Learning (SOL) exams. Reaching state and federal test score benchmarks is one indicator of academic achievement, but to many, this represents a minimum standard. This school division has made tremendous gains over the past few years. In addition to increased test scores, we have award-winning teachers, top-rated performing arts programs, state athletic champions, over 150 business and community partners and a new nationally rec-

ognized high school building with pending LEED certification.

I would like to begin an important conversation about how we measure and celebrate success in our schools. What achievements are "banner-worthy?" How do we define success? Should we consider performance measures such as The Baldrige Criteria for Performance Excellence, which provide a systems perspective for understanding performance management that reflects validated, leading-edge management practices for organizations, or the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), an assessment tool that measures how well students are prepared for future challenges?

These are important questions to ponder as the School Board and school division prepare to embark on a long-term strategic planning process this year. Once we begin this process, we will ask for your comments about this topic and others.

Alexandria is a community that places a high value on education. We have the resources and the passion to make Alexandria City Public Schools a model school division. I am eager to work with you and the School Board to determine what to include in our model for success.

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Preparing For The Worst

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Northern Virginia hospitals upgrade their disaster response systems.

BY DAVID SCHULTZ
THE CONNECTION

Planning for a disaster in Washington D.C. became a top priority after the Sept. 11 attacks. But those who focus only on the federal city when planning for a disaster are missing the point, Dr. Dan Hanfling said.

"The attack on the Pentagon was in Northern Virginia," Hanfling said. "Of the five anthrax cases, three were diagnosed in Northern Virginia. If you tease out the details of what happened, it wasn't Washington D.C. that was attacked. It was Northern Virginia." Hanfling is the director of emergency management and disaster medicine for Northern Virginia's Inova Hospitals. He is also involved with the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance, a group that advocates for emergency preparedness in local hospitals.

The group was created by a coalition of 12 Northern Virginia hospitals shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks. The hospitals pool their resources to plan for a major disaster, natural or non-natural, in the region.

"Northern Virginia has the Pentagon and a number of CIA facilities ... We see ourselves as a target in and of itself," said Zachary Corrigan, executive director of the alliance.

It's this kind of coordinated effort, not just among hospitals but among cities, counties and states, that is crucial to preparing for a major catastrophic event, local emergency management officials said. "If there's another major emergency like 9/11, it doesn't impact just one jurisdiction," Fairfax County spokesperson Brian Worthy said. "It had an impact on all the jurisdictions regionally. That's why the region is taking a very coordinated response."

EARLIER THIS MONTH, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security gave a nearly \$60 million grant to Washington-area jurisdictions for medical and law enforcement projects to detect and respond to terrorist attacks.

Almost \$4 million of that grant will go to area hospitals to increase their ability to handle large surges of patients. With this grant, local hospitals will be able to treat 300 critically injured patients with no external help for three days after a disaster. The grant will go towards purchasing surplus medical supplies and towards devising a staffing plan in the event of a disaster. Corrigan said that making a plan to have enough doctors and nurses on call for a potential disaster is the most difficult part of disaster planning for hospitals.

The grant will also go towards upgrad-

ing the region's ability to handle large numbers of burn victims, Corrigan said. Corrigan said that the burn unit at Washington Hospital Center in the District is the only dedicated burn unit in the region.

"If we had hundreds of

"It wasn't Washington D.C. that was attacked. It was Northern Virginia."

— Dr. Dan Hanfling,
director of emergency management and disaster medicine,
Inova Hospitals

burn patients," he said, "Non-burn centers will have to provide burn care for an extended time. We're going to be training clinicians who don't do burn care to do a level of burn care for three days."

Treating burn victims efficiently is crucial, Corrigan said. "When it comes to burn and trauma, the first three days of care will re-

Day By Day

Dr. John Sverha was at Virginia Hospital Center, then known as Arlington Hospital, when the Sept. 11 attacks occurred at the Pentagon. He said that he and his colleagues were able to handle the surge of victims effectively thanks to a well-rehearsed disaster plan and extra staff who came in that day to lend a hand.

But the situations that really challenge his ER are days with severe weather, Sverha, the head of the hospital's emergency medicine department, said. Earlier this year, an ice storm brought 90 patients into his ER within three to four hours.

"We were very busy, there were a lot of people scurrying around," he said. "An ice storm is something that is known to create an extremely busy emergency department, almost exponentially more than a snow storm. We always get on edge when we hear that there might be freezing rain. We really go into a different mode."

Disaster planning is important for any hospital. But the issues that most ERs deal with on a day-to-day basis don't involve catastrophic events.

Virginia Hospital Center's emergency room is often at capacity with patients spilling over into the waiting room, Sverha said. "Our goal is to have our waiting room empty as much as possible," he said.

Inova Fair Oaks Hospital's Dr. Douglas Smith said that the biggest challenge for his ER is the changing nature of the medical business.

Because many patients who need emergency psychiatric care don't have insurance and can't pay their medical bills, ERs across the country have eliminated many of their beds for psychiatric patients, Smith, Inova Fair Oaks' chief of the emergency department, said.

ally define what the patient's life looks like," he said, "Not only for the next week but for years."

The Homeland Security money will also provide new software will allow emergency rooms to track the real-time location of ambulances from every hospital in the region. According to a DHS statement, ERs

will be able to monitor the treatment capacities at every local hospital.

"If you have a major incident," Worthy said, "You'd probably need more than one hospital to respond so that would require coordination."

THE DHS funding is much needed throughout the Washington region, but especially here in Northern Virginia, Hanfling said. A terrorist attack in Washington D.C. presents a unique set of challenges for this area, he said.

"If you look at any risk modeling with respect to WMD and pick your favorite corner in downtown D.C., all of the conventional wisdom suggests that the bad stuff goes north and east," Hanfling said. "The citizens of D.C. will be fleeing to Northern Virginia."

This means that Northern Virginia Hospitals, especially the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington and Inova Alexandria Hospital, will be the first responders to a major disaster in the area.

Currently, Inova Alexandria hospital has the ability to handle a surge of up to 127 patients over its normal capacity, according to Greg Brison, the director of emergency management at Inova Alexandria. "That's a third more than when we have a full house," Brison said. "We can do that in 30 minutes."

He also said that if Inova Alexandria's water supply is cut off, which happened during Hurricane Isabel in 2003, the hospital has fresh drinking water on site that will last for 24 hours. "We try to be self-sufficient so we don't have to contact FEMA," Brison said.



Dr. Martin Brown, chief of Emergency Medicine and Greg Brison, director of emergency management, in front of the entrance to Inova Alexandria's emergency room.

"Psychiatric hospitals are closed because they don't pay," he said. "There just aren't enough psych beds so getting [patients] somewhere is challenging."

He also said that getting specialists to treat patients in an ER is difficult because many specialist doctors are in private practice. "Every time you see a laser center, that's an ophthalmologist that's not working in a hospital," Smith said. "That's the business of outpatient surgery."

The issues that Inova Fair Oaks faces are unique because of its suburban location, Smith said. "This is a higher-end hospital because of the community we're in," he said. "We don't have a lot of homeless or IV drug users."

Inova Alexandria Hospital faces these issues differently than its Fair Oaks counterpart, according to Dr. Martin Brown, the chief of emergency medicine at the Alexandria hospital.

Brown said that getting a specialist to his ER is fairly easy because Inova Alexandria is such a large hospital. While it doesn't have its own psychiatric ward, Brown said that treating psychiatric patients is not too difficult because they can be easily transferred to a new psychiatric facility at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital.

According to Brown, the biggest challenge facing the Inova Alexandria ER is a lack of beds. "There are times when the hospital is crowded and patients who need to be upstairs are still waiting for a bed," he said. "We have a task force looking at that."

Brown also said that a new wing that is currently under construction will add more space to his ER, which currently treats 150 patients a day. This new part of the building is badly needed, Brown said, because "The demand for emergency services continues to increase."

COMMUNITY

Labor Day Picnic

Alexandria Democrats celebrate Labor Day with a picnic at Ft. Ward Park.

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Mollie Abraham is joined by friends Olga Vives, Alice Cohan, Marion Knight, Jatrice Martel Gaiter and Ron Rigby at the annual picnic in Fort Ward Park.



State Senator Patsy Ticer with two of her grandchildren Sandrine and Marcel Janowsky.



Bryce Gaines enjoys a game of football with his cousin Tyler and friends.



Dr. F. J. Pepper is all smiles after winning his 60th Alexandria Gazette Packet Crossword puzzle. Dr. Pepper has been doing the paper's crosswords for the past 5 years.



Sandrine Janowsky, Sarah Austin and Isa, Ava and Kathleen Lovain enjoy a mystery game at the picnic.



Alexandria Democratic Committee chair Susan Kellom talks with Sean Kumar.

COMMUNITY



Dugan gets a little coaxing before heading back into the pool.

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Jack, an English Springer Spaniel takes a break at poolside.

Swim Time for Dogs

As is traditional in Alexandria, dogs from throughout the city were invited for their annual swim Tuesday, the day after the

Cameron Street pool officially closed. The swim party, complete with treats, was sponsored by the City's Department of Parks and Recreation.



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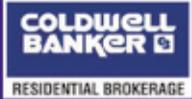


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Price Reduction



8204 Hensley Ct | \$735,000

Great family home on quiet cul-de-sac. Close to parks, playground, top schools. Shows like model: view Virtual Tour! New kitchen incl stainless appliances, granite, tile, center island and table room. New bathrooms, hardwood floors in foyer, library and dining room. Family room w/fp off kitchen. Master suite has sep sitting room, four closets, new master bath. 20 minutes to Pentagon and Washington, DC.

Bob Woods | 703-244-8726 Hensley Estate

Looking For A Rental Investment?



2181 Jamieson Ave | \$475,000

Located in sought after Carlyle Towers this delightful, sunny 2 BR, 2 BA high floor condo with eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, wood floors, heated/cac sunroom, and garage parking! Perfect Tenant with year lease ending Aug 2009. Tennis courts, guest parking, swimming pool, exercise facilities, 24 hour desk, on-site management. Call Marie Louise Meyer for details and appointment!

Marie Louise Meyer | 703-836-2080 Old Town

Just Listed - Open Sunday 1-4!



4500 Neptune Dr | \$565,000

Impeccably maintained and upgraded home in sought-after Yacht Haven! 4 BR, 2.5 BA brick rambler boasts an upgraded kitchen and bathrooms, hardwood floors, and ample storage space. Located on a half-acre lot, this quiet neighborhood is an ideal location for easy access to Yacht Haven marina, Ft. Belvoir, Old Town, Kingstowne and more. Commuting on the GW Parkway practically takes your stress away.

Rachel Carter | 703-851-4207 Yacht Haven

Under Contract!



**1301 Arlington Ridge Rd S. #304
\$219,900**

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Joy Deevy | 703-930-5198 Pentagon City

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501 Slaters Lane #921 | \$410,000

Spectacular 1 BR/ 1 BA Waterfront with Panoramic Potomac River Views from every room! Beautifully Renovated Granite and Stainless Kitchen and Marble Bath! Bldg. On Bike Path, Pool, Fitness Center, Groc. Store, Valet, 24-Hr. Desk and a Great Community! Very desirable location near National Airport—only 10 min's to DC and Capitol Hill—with no lights!

Eloise Brantley | 703-408-4887 Marina Towers

Bank Owned Property!



7309 Foxe Place | \$329,900

Lovely 3BR/2.5BA split level on quiet cul-de-sac, Main level family room addition, living room with fireplace, updated kitchen, hardwood floors in the living room, dining room and bedrooms. Shows well.

Sherry York | 703-625-3377 N. Springfield

Open Sunday 1-4!



8362 Wagon Wheel Rd | \$397,500

Wonderful 4 BR 2.5 split level home in Riverside Estates. Home features gleaming hwd floors on main and upper levels, a new kitchen, fireplace in LL family room, spacious room sizes and a wonderful open floor plan with vaulted ceiling in the living room. Excellent price. Motivated sellers!

Yvonne Croft 703-973-1540 & Eileen Casamo 703-855-7233

Open Sunday 1-4!



3806 Westgate Drive | \$625,000

6 bedroom/3 full bath home on beautifully landscaped half-acre lot in Historic Mount Vernon. Neutral eat-in kitchen, 2 fireplaces, hardwood floors on main level, new neutral carpet on lower level. Master suite has walk-in closet and updated bath with new Kohler fixtures. Home Warranty provided. Minutes to Fort Belvoir, Old Town and D.C.

Cindie Fish | 703-201-4451 Mt Vernon

Open Sunday 1-4!



4013 18th Road | \$595,000

Classic brick colonial in sought after Cherrydale. Wood floors throughout (under carpet). Replacement double-glazed windows, patio in large organic yard with fruit trees and vegetable plot. Convenient to Village, metro and I-66. AHS Home Warranty.

John Ronveaux | 703-518-6159 Arlington



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**5211 York
\$850,000**



Just completed by Morris Construction. Minutes to Beltway, Van Dorn and Huntington Metro stops. Stone and hardy plank with front porch and back screened porch overlooking large private lawn with lush landscaping. 4 br, 3.5 ba, side load 2 car garage, 2 frpls, trex decking, chefs kitchen w/ gas cooking, center island, granite and ss appliances, breakfast room, hw floors thruout main level, formal DR. Spacious Great Room. Quality Construction. Dir S on Telegraph Rd, R on Franconia, R on Westchester, L on York to 5211

Phyllis Patterson | 703-518-6158

Nantucket Estate

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



**5116 Kenwood Drive
\$1,695,000**



Nantucket Estate w/ wrap porches and cupolas on nearly 1 ac only minutes to FF Hospital and Tysons. Natural distressed hw floors, heated stone floors, see thru frpl, custom roll out windows, copper roof and custom wainscoting/crown, 10ft ceilings, handcrafted archways, Wolf range, Subzero refrig, 3 kit sinks, exercise/media rms, private patios, decks and sitting areas. Stone walkways w/ mature landscaping

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Close In Waterfront With Dock!

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**7607 Southdown Road
\$885,000**



Terrific floor plan, high ceilings, spectacular views are provided in this three bedroom, three full bath home with two car garage on the Potomac River waterfront! Extra large rooms, kitchen / family room combo, beautiful hardwood flooring throughout, gas fireplaces. Custom built with elegant details. Next to parkland and on the water! The closest single family, waterfront home to Old Town with private dock!

Marie Louise Meyer | 703-836-2080

Waterfront Community

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



**5710 River Drive
\$1,079,000**



Brand new on the market, this charming colonial sited on a one acre privacy lot offers timeless architecture in a unique setting surrounded by parkland and the Potomac River. Just 30-40 min's to Old Town & Washington, DC., easy commuting access to I95 & VRE commuter rail. Renovated in 2008 move-in condition. 4 Brm's, 3 1/2 Baths, main flr master bdrm, exceptional gardens, water view, community boat launch, pier, tennis, b-ball & beachfront park. Tucked away in a resort style setting at the tip of the Mason Neck Peninsula surrounded by nature's tranquility, just steps to the Potomac River.

**Susan Gray Chambers | 703-203-9900
SusanGrayChambers.com Mason Neck**

Gorgeous 1940's Colonial

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



**6124 Edgewood Terrace
\$1,695,000**



Gorgeous and meticulously updated 1940's colonial overlooking wooded parkland. Offering five bedrooms, five and one half baths, elegant living room with a fireplace, gracious dining room, custom painting throughout, lovely moldings, chair rail, hardwood floors, state of the art gourmet chef's kitchen with a breakfast area, light filled family room, library/den, spacious lower level recreation room, beautiful master suite, lovely decks overlooking wooded vistas, play area and garage.

Jeanne Warner | 703-980-9106 Belle Haven

Belle Haven Beauty

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



**2003 Glen Drive
\$1,995,000**



Stunning Belle Haven estate! Perched on the top of an ivy covered hill in a grand setting, this classic beauty exudes the grace and charm of old with a sophisticated blend of today's comforts. With six bedrooms, including a private au-pair suite with separate above - garage staircase and kitchenette, plus five and a half baths, two fireplaces, welcoming sunroom, dramatic central staircase and large finished basement, this grand home offers plenty of space for comfortable living or gracious entertaining.

Karen Leonard | 703-328-7041 Belle Haven

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NEW HOME!

JUST LISTED!

North Pegram Street
\$1,351,500

Classic New England Colonial!

This fabulous property offers a classic Colonial style with a striking open interior floor plan. Numerous special features include: high ceilings, gourmet kitchen with breakfast room, family room off kitchen, elegant trim detail, main level library, five bedrooms, four full baths, two half baths, stunning master suite with sitting room, luxury bath and his & her walk-in closets, stone foundation, stone fireplace and side load three car garage. Prime location on half acre lot in premier Seminary area location. Pre-construction price provides exceptional value!



4003 Belle Rive Terrace
\$4,800,000

Riverfront Estate!

Prime Mount Vernon location with the most breathtaking river views you have ever seen! Over 11,000 sq ft of living space with five bedrooms including river view MBR suite on main level with enormous luxury bath & huge closets. Dramatic river views from every corner of the home! Extensive balconies, deck and roof deck capitalize on the majestic setting high above the Potomac River!



2505
Crest Street
\$469,725

Rare Bargain!

Very attractive Braddock Heights rambler with all brick exterior, spacious updated kitchen, replacement thermal pane windows and large attic for great storage. Gorgeous setting on beautiful fenced lot convenient to everything! Live in Alexandria's premier single family neighborhood for less than the cost of a townhouse!



4307
Sheridan's Point
\$939,000

Georgian Colonial!

Large Price Reduction! Classic Colonial in prime Mt Vernon location. Home has a combination of location, size and features typically only available in \$1,000,000+ homes! 3 finished levels, open kitchen/family room, stunning master suite, dramatic sun room overlooking private fenced yard. Stately updated home is in pristine condition.



8620
Curtis Ave
\$469,900

*Large Home!
Small Price!*

This is one of Mount Vernon's most exciting opportunities!

Spacious four bedroom home in great condition with large room sizes, gorgeous hardwood floors, three full baths, master suite with private bath, eat-in kitchen, masonry fireplace and full walk-out lower level. Prime location on exceptionally large lot convenient to everything!



7023
Regional Inlet
\$619,900
\$10,000 Closing Cost Credit!

Stunning former model is loaded with options & upgrades! High ceilings, dramatic open floor plan, 3 fireplaces, sumptuous master suite, gourmet kitchen with cherry cabinets, ss appliances & granite countertops. Finished lower level with family room & exercise room with wet and dry saunas. No expense was spared to demonstrate the builder's most costly options!



Mount Vernon
Grove
\$998,900

New Home!

Wakefield Homes provides potential opportunity to build a truly astounding

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8824 Stratford
Lane
\$1,275,000

Rare 2 Acre Lot!

Brand new Wakefield Home to be erected on gorgeous over two acre tract just off the GW Pkwy in prestigious Stratford Landing. Three finished levels, high ceilings, gourmet kitchen with 42" cabinets and granite counters, walk-out lower level & 2 car garage. Pre-construction offering provides maximum opportunity to customize one of the few multi-acre properties left in close-in Alexandria!



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\$295,000
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Sun-drenched top floor condo w/ sweeping views from the 17th floor! Spacious 1BR/1BA w/roomy closets. Hdwds shine. Freshly painted. Condo fee covers all utilities. Fab location! Walkable to the water, metro, restaurants, shopping, jog/bike trails, parks. Near Trader Joe's, Starbucks, Giant. Plenty of on-site parking but you can have your own garage space for \$15K!

801 N. Pitt Street #1705

MARTHA DEAL 703.622.6797



Old Town
\$799,900
GORGEOUS
PITT MEWS

Fabulous 3Br, 3.5 updated Bas, All-brick Townhouse in the Heart of Old Town that shows better than a model w/\$20K light cherry wood kitchen cabinets, MBR w/loft, 2 brand new 2-zone HVAC, garage & 1 block to King St/Gadsby Tavern, 4 blocks to Potomac River boardwalk. To view before open house call Philip.

427 Cameron Street

PHILIP G. MATYAS 703.518.8727



Alex/Franconia
\$395,000

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Well maintained 4BR/2.5BA one owner home is just a short commute to metro, major roads, schools & shops. Recent updates include a large light filled sun room addition, refinished wood floors, new furnace & water heater. Many new energy efficient windows. Priced almost \$90K below '08 assessment.

5910 King James

ANN LOGSDON 703.568.8433



OPEN SUN. 1-4

OLD TOWN
\$322,900
PRIME
LOCATION AT
THE METRO

Oversized 822 Sq. Ft. one bedroom with views of the pool and sunset. Gourmet kitchen, huge closets and reserved deeded parking. A+ Move-in condition.

1200 Braddock Place #310

GEORGE MYERS 703.585.8301



Alexandria
\$319,990
CLASSIC SEARS
BUNGALOW

Excellent location close to restaurants, shopping, Huntington Metro, Beltway & Old Town. Lovely hdwd flrs on main level with dramatic color scheme. Main level includes 2BR/1FB. The lower level consists of laundry room, Fam. Rm, full bath, & large storage spaces. Original Sears garage & front/rear yards.

2903 Groveton Street

BRIAN HONG & JERY BEAMER
703.929.5764



OPEN SUN. 1-4

Alex/Del Ray
\$399,999

WARWICK VILLAGE
1ST OPEN

Wonderful 3 finished levels with 2/3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood floors, walk-out lower level and close to all Del Ray has to offer! Dir: King St, N. on Russell, R on Aspen, R Landover, L Hickory to 2933.

2933 Hickory Street

PAT WILSON 703.598.7279



Alexandria
\$750,000
CLASSIC
BUNGLOW

Updated & expanded 3BR, 3BA Bungalow with 2 story addition! Open floor plan, large eat-in kitchen, MBR suite with bath and generous closet, 2 main level BRs & recreation room with private bath. All new windows, HVAC, roof, appliances, plumbing, fixtures & refinished hardwood floors. Open front porch, deck, fenced yard & detached garage. Walk to shops, restaurants, & METRO! Unbelievable price is the seller's bottom line- no negotiation please!

107 E. Windsor Avenue

EMILY CAPELLI 703.472.1282



Alexandria
\$669,000
ONE LEVEL
LIVING AT ITS
BEST

Beautifully expanded and remodeled 2BR/2BA contemporary in popular HOLLIN HILLS—woodland community. All newer quality appliances, lighting, fixtures, systems, thermopane windows throughout—Fabulous deluxe kitchen w/ island, SS appliances, frpl, patio and more!

2410 Brentwood Place

FRANKI ROBERTS 703.898.0840



Alexandria
\$369,990
JUST LISTED
GREAT YARD
FOR A POOL!

Bucknell Manor Cape with excellent sized lot, flat & big enough for a pool! 4BRs with 2 BAs. Mature trees & backs to wooded area. Driveway for off street parking. Excellent location - close to Old Town, Beltway, Metro & lots of shopping.

7015 Quander Road

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PRICE REDUCED

ALEXANDRIA CITY - \$320,000

This fully renovated 2BR/1BA top floor corner unit is 2 blocks from the Potomac River in peaceful North Old Town. Secured building has intercom, W/D in unit, off-street parking, gorgeous kitchen with granite & stainless steel appliances, faux wood blinds thru-out.

Marcy Covarrubias 703-772-6569



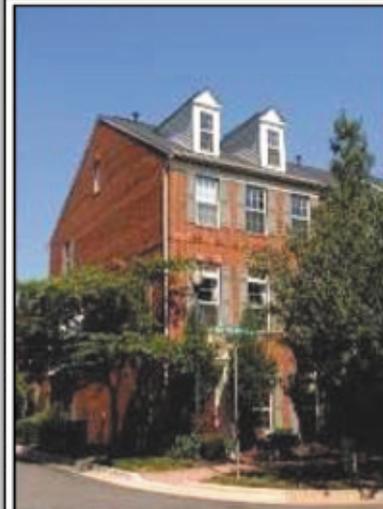
*Bob Skinner
703-585-6683*

ALEXANDRIA CITY - \$279,900

6101 EDSALL RD

2BR/2BA end unit offers exceptional privacy. 40ft balcony & spacious open floor plan makes for great entertaining. Lovely faux fireplace, custom mantle with marble surround in Living Room. One of the best managed hi-rises in Alexandria with approx 95% owner occupancy.

View at: www.BobSkinnerHomes.org



OLD TOWN \$709,900

Lovely 3BR+den, 2.5BA brick end-unit townhome in sought-after Old Town Greens. Beautiful hardwoods, gourmet kitchen, granite counters, custom backsplash. Fab MBR w/vaulted ceilings, WIC & loft. This great community is minutes to OT, airport & has a pool, tennis court & tot lot.

1632 Hunting Creek Drive

Laura Biederman 202-309-1350



FALLS CHURCH - \$974,999

Custom built '08, 4BR/4.5BA + office, Sicilian granite in kitchen, cherry cabinets, SS app, European tile in baths, oak floors thru-out, family room off kitchen w/FP, formal dining & living rooms, built-in surround sound system - perfect for entertaining, crown & picture moldings, recessed lighting thru-out.

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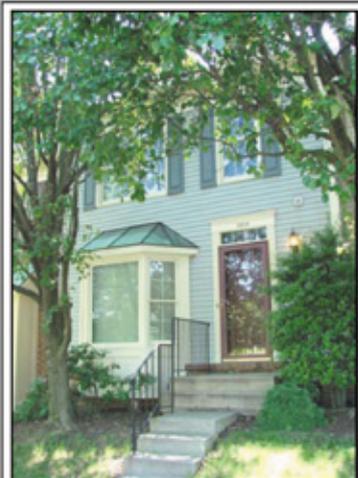
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703-967-7633*

9230 LUDGATE DR

ALEXANDRIA - \$1,199,900

Located in prestigious WYCLIFFE ON THE POTOMAC. This gorgeous home has been totally renovated & updated including kitchen & baths, new stone patio, hot tub, large 2 level addition, granite, stainless, freshly painted, 3 car garage, sunroom, master suite, professionally landscaped large lot, major systems replaced & a swim club membership make this home move-in condition.

www.WaynewoodRealtors.com



KINGSTOWNE \$450,000

7237 Worsley Way

This fashionable townhome, previously a model, could use a touch of updating to make it into your own very special place. This 4 lvl, 3BR, 3.5BA home is equipped with loft, sauna, FP, 2 walkouts & 2 car spaces. It also includes recreational facilities, jogging trails & is very close to shops, Multiplex, mini-golf & restaurants. You'll love the gracious tree-lined setting and you'll love the price even more.

Janice Allen 703-509-0906



OPEN SUNDAY 1.00-4.00PM

ALEXANDRIA - \$535,000

127 Hilton Street

Updated 4BR/2BA detached home near King St Metro. Hwds thru-out, great kitchen w/granite, custom lighting & more. Newer roof, 6' privacy fence. Come see for yourself! Virtual tour:

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1BR/1BA 8th floor, spacious condo w/balcony
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1609 Fitzgerald Lane \$1,550

1BR/1BA 2nd floor condo, gas FP, mod kitchen
812 Prince Street \$1,600

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922 S Washington Street \$2,100

3BR/2.5BA stunning, modern end unit TH
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ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

The **Big Event** is returning to Alexandria! The Alexandria Volunteer Bureau (AVB) is organizing Alexandria youth to participate in its second annual day of service called The Big Event. On Saturday, Sept. 6 The Big Event will bring together nonprofit organizations, corporate sponsors, faith groups and local youth for one big day of service aimed to give one big thanks to the Alexandria community. Teens and adult team leaders can still register for the Big Event. For more information about The Big Event and other community service opportunities, please visit www.alexandriavolunteerbureau.org or call 703-836-2176.

The **deadline** to enter the 2008 Northern Virginia **Senior Olympics** is Fri., Sept. 5. This year's NVSO competition begins Sat., Sept. 20 and runs through Thurs., Oct. 2. The registration fee is \$10 which includes one event; additional events are \$1 each. There are also additional fees for bowling, golf and miniature golf. For more information and a registration form, call 703-228-4721 or download from www.novaseniorympics.com

The City of Alexandria has mailed **2008 Vehicle Personal Property Tax** bills to all vehicle owners who have lived in the City for all or part of calendar year 2008. If you do not receive a personal property tax bill by Sept. 15, e-mail the Personal Property Tax Branch at vehicletax@alexandriava.gov or call 703-838-4560. You may also e-mail the City's Treasury Division at payments@alexandriava.gov or call 703-838-4777.

The City of Alexandria has mailed **2008 Business Personal Property Tax** bills to all businesses that were operating in the City as of Jan. 1, 2008. If you do not receive a business personal property tax bill by Sept. 15, e-mail the Business Tax Branch at businessstax@alexandriava.gov or call 703-838-4680. You may also e-mail the City's Treasury Division at payments@alexandriava.gov or call 703-838-4777.

The **Parent Leadership Training Institute** (PLTI) of Alexandria announces the start of its third program year of training parents to participate more fully in community and school life for the betterment of their children. Applications for the 20-week program in leadership skills, community building, civics, public policy, and practical democracy action are now being accepted. Up to 25 students may participate in the 2008-2009 program, which begins on Oct. 24, and continues to April 24, 2009. For more information or to request an application, please contact Fay Slotnick, Executive Director, at 703-739-0233, or e-mail info@plti-alex.org. Visit the PLTI website at www.plti-alex.org.

On Sunday, Sept. 14, the second annual "**Olde Towne Dogge Walke**" will be held in Alexandria, benefiting the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA). The mile and a half walk will kick off from the Olde Towne School for Dogs at 9 am. The registration fee is \$25 per person and includes a free participant t-shirt and dog bandana. Registration forms are available at the Olde Towne School for Dogs (529 Oronoco St.). For more information contact Olde Towne School for Dogs at 703-836-7643

The Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College is hosting a **Community Fall Festival** from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sept. 20. The festival will feature children's arts and crafts, entertainment, community exhibitors, and more. The campus is located at 3001 N. Beauregard St. For more information, contact Yolanda Barbier at 703-933-5076 or ybarbier@nvcc.edu.

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, which identifies, honors, and chronicles individuals who have made significant contributions to the quality of life in the City is a joint project of the Rotary Club of Alexandria and the Alexandria Gazette Packet. The public is invited to view the



Last year's volunteers for The Big Event organized by the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau celebrate their cleanup efforts.

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 Park and Recreation Commission will hold a **public hearing** on Wednesday, Sept. 10, to discuss plans and ideas for the proposed renovation of the Patrick Henry Recreation Center. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Patrick Henry Recreation Center, 4643 Taney Ave. A regular meeting of the Park and Recreation Commission will follow the public hearing. Persons who are unable to attend can send written comments to the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Attention: William Chesley, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or e-mail william.chesley@alexandriava.gov by Friday, Sept. 26.

Enjoy a **square dance lesson** on Wednesday, Sept. 10 at Lincolnia Center, 4710 N. Chambliss St. Free. 7:30-9:30 p.m. 703-573-8378.

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. New members are welcome. For more information call Julie Cimino at 202-544-5331.

The City of Alexandria is offering **transportation workshops** on 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 at 703-838-3800.

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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

Sept. 10, 7 p.m. — Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria, 703-461-4100

Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. — Matthew Maury Elementary School, 600 Russell Road, Alexandria, 703-706-4440

Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. — Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy, 530 S. St. Asaph St., Alexandria, 703-706-4430

Sept. 16, 7 p.m. — George Mason Elementary School, 2601 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria, 703-706-4470

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Sept. 16, 7 p.m. — John Adams Elementary School, 5651 Rayburn Ave., Alexandria, 703-824-6970

Sept. 16, 7 p.m. — Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria, 703-706-4400

Sept. 17, 6:30 p.m. — T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St., Alexandria, 703-824-6800

Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m. — Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology, 3600 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria, 703-706-4420

Sept. 23, 6:30 p.m. — William Ramsay Elementary School, 5700 Sanger Ave., Alexandria, 703-824-6950, grades kindergarten through two

Sept. 23, 7 p.m. — Charles Barrett Elementary School, 1115 Martha Custis Dr., Alexandria, 703-824-6960

Sept. 24, 7 p.m. — James K. Polk Elementary School, 5000 Polk Ave., Alexandria, 703-461-4180

Sept. 24, 7 p.m. — Patrick Henry Elementary School, 4643 Taney Ave., Alexandria, 703-461-4170

Sept. 25, 6:30 p.m. — William Ramsay, grades three through five

Colin Brinkman (TC Williams '00, Columbia University '04) a Ph. D. candidate in Immunology and Infectious Diseases at the University of Virginia was invited to present at the Keystone Symposium in Colorado this spring. His presentation entitled "*Activated CD8 T cells redistribute to antigen-free lymph nodes and exhibit effector and memory cell characteristics*" has also led to a research article of the same name published this month in the Journal of

Immunology. Colin expects to receive his degree in 2010.

Kyle Brinkman (TC Williams '03, Georgetown University '07) has just completed his first year at University of Virginia School of Law. Recently named to Law Review, Kyle completed a summer internship with The Rutherford Institute in Charlottesville, and is about to begin his second year of studies. Kyle hopes to receive his Juris Doctor degree in 2010.

Caitlin Brinkman (TC Williams '04, Syracuse University '08) has accepted a position as Marketing Coordinator with HaddadBrands, Inc. The position will allow her to utilize the knowledge and skills gained in her coursework at Syracuse, which led to dual degrees in Marketing and retailing. Caitlin is making her home in Manhattan.

Ian McCole, a young musician from Alexandria, spent two weeks this summer studying jazz at Birch Creek Music Performance Center in Door County, Wis. Mr. McCole is the son of Bruce McCole and Ann McCraiken and studies percussion privately with Myles Orerton.

Curtis Eidal of Alexandria was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Kaplan University.

Evelyn Murillo of Alexandria has graduated from Trinity University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

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OLD TOWN

PRESERVATION BATTLE BREWING - Still another preservation battle may be brewing in the very heart of Old Town. So what else is new? you ask. This one may be a little different because, among other things— it involves the Historic Alexandria Foundation, it centers on a structure at 210 King Street that has stood since at least 1805 and probably longer, it has caught the attention of the Old Town Civic Association among other city giants and it has shown

little indication of being solved any time soon.

The owner of 210 King Street put the historic property on the market this summer for \$2.4 million. According to the City Planning and Zoning Commission, if there is no acceptable offer at the asking price after one year (effective last July 25) the owner may demolish/encapsulate what is perhaps the most historic portion of the building.

The proposed action, as you

might guess, has preservationists around town in a tizzy. Many HAF members already have signed a petition challenging the asking price of 210 as completely unrealistic. This view is shared by OTCA, which is also collecting signatures opposing the request.

A year ago, the owner applied for BAR approval to demolish the rear wing of 210 King. The BAR denied the request and City Council backed the BAR decision. Now he is invoking a provision of the

city code that would allow him to proceed with demolition by right, if no one purchases the building at his asking price.

This budding battle is far from over. Given the folks involved and the location of the property, this one could be a dilly. Stay tuned.

OTCA CRUISES - Don't forget that the Old Town Civic Association will cast off on the Cherry Blossom Sept. 21 for its annual party and membership meeting. Departure is at 6 p.m. The cruise will be highlighted with prizes and surprises.

ALEXANDRIA FORUM - Toby and Oscar Fitzgerald are giving their wonderful Alexandria Forum a new look for its 50th anniversary affair Sept. 26-27. They have announced that the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission has taken over sponsorship of the Forum — a significant move aimed at broadening participation. The new look will focus on the decorative arts in 18th and 19th-century Virginia. The venue for most events will be the George Washington Masonic Memorial at 101 Callahan Drive with two days of lectures and events that includes a ticket to The Twig's Historic Al-

exandria Homes tour of seven old homes in Old Town.

For more information contact the Office of Historic Alexandria at 703-838-4554 or www.historicalexandria.org. Tickets are \$150 per person.

— BOB FELDKAMP

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Adult choir accompanist (pianist) is needed for a small Presbyterian church in Alexandria. One weekly rehearsal: Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.; one Sunday service at 10 a.m. (rehearsal at 9 a.m.). Contact church office at 703-768-8510 for more information.

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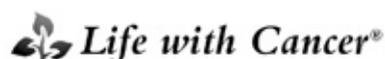
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LETTERS

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a NASA scientist who warned “in vivid detail that our climate is nearing a dangerous tipping point and the elements of a global cataclysm are assembling.” In Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay could rise by two feet, storms could become more intense and the state’s temperature could rise about 5.4 degrees, says Governor Tim Kaine’s Commission on Climate Change.

Virginia ranks 38th among states in energy efficiency, according to the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy. “There is a significant amount of cost-effective energy-efficiency savings potential in Virginia,” acknowledges the authors of the state’s energy plan.

Electricity generation in the state is heavily dependent on coal, a major source of greenhouse gases. Coal represents 83 percent of all greenhouse gases from electricity production in the state.

The new Administration and Congress taking office in 2009 have not only the opportunity, but the duty, to move a bill that addresses global warming.

We applaud Congressman Moran’s leadership and hope other Virginia officials – local, state and federal — will take the bold steps needed to address this unprecedented threat to our planet.

J. Craig Heizer

President, Audubon Society of Northern Virginia

Forget Sinking Duke Street

To the Editor :

At the July 21 meeting of the Landmark-Van Dorn Advisory Group, a traffic consultant seriously proposed that west Duke Street be sunk significantly below its present grade for a stretch of highway from roughly the present Van Dorn overpass to the I-395 interchange.

The cost of this excavation, according to his estimate, would be \$90-110 million. The stated purpose is better “connectivity” between the proposed redevelopment at Landmark to sites immediately south of Duke currently occupied by BJs and Passport Chrysler.

It is about time that planners put some realism into the equation and asked: “Who is going to pay for this?” Unless land-owners benefited by sinking Duke Street promise to chip in for all or most of it, the added expense seems utterly unwarranted.

Connectivity between Landmark and land to the south can be achieved in other ways. The Van Dorn overpass is to be reconfigured to allow pedestrian and bike lanes, as well as rapid transit right-of-way. A new road and bridge to the immediate west of the present BJs also has been proposed as a portal to Landmark. Those and other infrastructure improvements in the redevelopment area alone will cost at least \$100 million. That figure does not include land acquisition or transit costs. In short, redeveloping Landmark/Van Dorn infrastructure is going to be a very costly proposition even without sinking Duke Street.

It is about time that everyone concerned add to the discussion of essential issues about height, density, transit, land use, and amenities, the all important questions of infrastructure costs and who will pay for them. A City-backed bond issue of some type almost certainly will be needed. Bonds have to be paid off. Tax revenues that may accrue from the area’s redevelopment should not be drained away entirely to retire them. The money, to the fullest extent possible, should go to City coffers, and sooner rather than later. That is the tax help Alexandria homeowners are looking for.

Recall too that considerably more public transit will be needed to service the 5.6 million square feet contemplated at Landmark and a yet unknown footage for the rest of Van Dorn.

Only one-fourth of the cost of transit is paid for at the cash box. The rest must be subsidized by taxpayers.

Those concerned would do the City a favor by “deep sixing” a sunken Duke St. and get on with serious business.

Jack Sullivan

Member, Landmark/Van Dorn Advisory Committee

Lost Camera

My 8-year-old son lost his camera in a Arlington Metro station on Saturday, Aug. 9 and it hasn’t been turned in. Could the person who picked it up please return it to the Metro station lost and found? At the very least, we’d love to have our SD card back with the photos on it. The camera/SD card can be sent to C. Van Berlo, P.O. Box 27, Moonstone, Ontario, Canada, L0K 1N0. I’m disappointed that someone would keep it, It was quite obvious a child’s camera, but we just want our memories back.

Thank you,
C. Van Berlo



Join us for the 5th event in our

Hot Topics Series 2008!

Please join us in welcoming **Dr. Morton Sherman** as the new **Superintendent of the Alexandria City Public Schools.**

Dr. Sherman will be talking to Chamber Members about his plans for the school system. Having received his doctorate in Educational Foundations from Lehigh University, Sherman has extensive experience serving as superintendent in New Jersey and has spoken and written extensively on everything from children’s mental health and student achievement to curriculum and staff development. He started in his new position on August 15th, 2008.



7:30-9:00 AM, Thursday, September 23rd at the Holiday Inn—Eisenhower Ave
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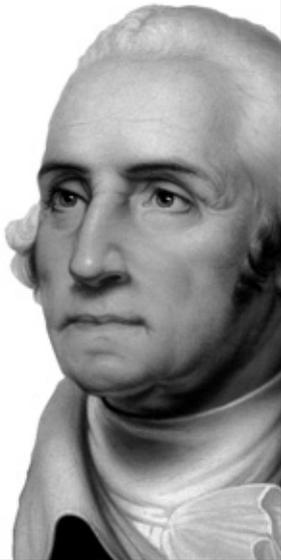
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N. Va. Hospitals Ramp Up Disaster Preparations

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BRISON was at Inova Alexandria during the Sept. 11 attacks. After the Virginia Hospital Center, formerly known as Arlington Hospital, quickly filled up with victims, Inova Alexandria began to see a surge of patients.

Despite undergoing such a catastrophic event, Brison said that the doctors and nurses of Inova Alexandria worked with an eerie calm that day.

"It was quiet here," he said. "There wasn't any panic ... When the real thing happens and you've got professional people who are well-educated, it all just kicks into gear."

The attacks of Sept. 11 changed the way health officials in this area and throughout the country think about planning for emergencies. But Hanfling said that emergency planners are also learning from more recent disasters.

"Think about the Astrodome after Katrina or the Superdome during Katrina," he said. "There was no formal way of taking care of people there." As a result of Hurricane Katrina and its ensuing public health crisis, the Northern Virginia Hospital Alliance is working with government officials to secure public space for medical care in the event of a large-scale disaster, Hanfling said.

He also said that doctors and policy makers are beginning to have conversations about what level of care should be expected



PHOTO COURTESY INOVA

Dr. Dan Hanfling, director of emergency management and disaster medicine for Inova Hospitals

in these types of situations after several medical ethics scandals that emerged from Katrina.

"As doctors, we're on the front lines," Hanfling said. "We're put in the untenable situation of having to make real time decisions of life or death ... The medical community writ large needs to be on the same page with regards as to how we're making those decisions."

While Hanfling acknowledged that this is a controversial topic, he said that it must be discussed before a disaster rather than afterwards or during. "We need to explore on our own terms what [it] might look like," he said. "Better to open that can of worms now."

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*ER Capacity: 42 adult beds, 12 pediatric beds

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*Town name: Springfield
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*Town name: Falls Church
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*Town name: City of Fairfax
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*Town name: Reston
*ER Capacity: 30 beds

INOVA EMERGENCY CARE CENTER

*Town name: Reston
*ER Capacity: 7 beds

INOVA LOUDOUN HOSPITAL

*Town name: Leesburg
*ER Capacity: 15 beds

INOVA LOUDOUN HOSPITAL

*Town name: Lansdowne
*ER Capacity: 18 beds, 11 pediatric beds

Note: ER Capacity lists the number of beds each ER has under normal circumstances. ERs have the ability to surge above capacity in the event of a disaster.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CAZETTE

Emergency supplies are stored at Inova Alexandria Hospital.

OBITUARY

Charlotte Tuttle Lloyd Walkup Dies

Charlotte Tuttle Lloyd Walkup, a lawyer who practiced in various government positions and private practice in Washington for nearly fifty years, died on Aug. 16, of congestive heart disorder in Goodwin House Alexandria. She was a resident of Alexandria since 1938.

Born in New York City, the then Charlotte Tuttle graduated from Vassar College, phi beta kappa, in 1931. In 1934 she graduated from Columbia Law School where she was an editor of the Columbia Law Review. Later in 1934 she married a former Law Review editor, Howard C. Westwood, and joined the Solicitor's Office of the Interior Department. There she worked with the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the implementation of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, which authorized the organization of consenting Indian tribes under tribal constitutions and charters for greater self-government and economic independence. In that work, she met with tribal councils on various reservations. Her marriage to Mr. Westwood ended in divorce. On the advent of World War II, she was transferred as an Assistant Solicitor to provide legal assistance to the Bureau of Mines.

Her marriage to David D. Lloyd, a government attorney, took place in 1940, and

she practiced under the name Charlotte Tuttle Lloyd until she retired from government service in 1973. Near the close of World War II, the then Mrs. Lloyd transferred to the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration and served as an Assistant General Counsel in the Washington and London offices until the termination of UNRRA in December 1948. During the next 11 years, due to Mr. Lloyd's pressure of work as an Administrative Assistant to President Harry S. Truman and later as Executive Director of the Harry S. Truman Library Corporation, and the childhoods of their two children, Mrs. Lloyd did free-lance legal work from her home in Alexandria, Virginia.

In 1961 Mrs. Lloyd joined the staff of the General Counsel's office in the U.S. Treasury Department. In 1965 she was appointed an Assistant General Counsel and was reputed to be the first woman Assistant General Counsel of an Executive Department. In 1973 she retired from that position and from government service after receiving the General Counsel's Excellent Service award and a Meritorious Service award from the National Civil Service League.

Mr. Lloyd died in 1962. In 1967 Mrs. Lloyd married Captain Homer A. Walkup, JAGC, USNR, who retired from the Navy in 1973. After retirement from government service, Mrs. Walkup practiced law under the professional name Charlotte Lloyd Walkup. From 1975 to 1986, she worked

as a consultant to the Washington office of the then New York law firm, Rogers and Wells, assisting in the editing of two books on international trade.

In 1998 she and Capt. Walkup moved to Goodwin House Alexandria where she helped found and edit for six years the "Miscellany," the magazine of resident writings. In 2001 and 2002 Mrs. Walkup edited the memoirs of her father, Charles H. Tuttle, published in book form in 2002 under the title, "Life Stories of a Celebrated Lawyer in New York and Lake George."

Among her Alexandria activities, Mrs. Walkup, served as Chairwoman of the Alexandria Community Welfare Council, a member of the Council on Human Relations, and as a vestrywoman of Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill in Alexandria.

Mrs. Walkup is survived by her husband, Capt. Homer A. Walkup, JAGC, USNR retired, her son Andrew M. Lloyd, her daughter Louisa Lloyd Hurley, three stepchildren, three granddaughters, a grandson, two step-grandsons, and a number of great and great-grandchildren, and a sister Mrs. Jasmine T. Bryant of Baldwinsville, New York.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Aug. 24 at Goodwin House Alexandria. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Goodwin House Foundation, Immanuel Church on the Hill (3606 Seminary Road), or to St. James Episcopal Church (172 Ottawa St., Lake George, NY 12845). Interment will be held at a later date in Lake George, NY.

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additional people with a desire to sing. All sections, soprano, alto, tenor and bass are desired. Join the Kick-off rehearsal Sept. 4 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Sue at 703-451-1919 evenings or 703-487-3948 daytime with any questions.

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

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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.

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 at 703-660-6759.

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* Keep your Medicare/Medicaid card somewhere other than your wallet.

* Carry only one credit card with you.

* Never give your telephone number, social security number or credit card number in public.

* Never give your Social Security number to any telephone caller.

* Never give your credit card number over the phone unless you are making the telephone call to order something or pay for something from a reputable company.

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Koger Files Notice of Insanity Defense

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mid-section.

Groner gave Koger his Miranda rights en route to Inova Fairfax Hospital, according to the trooper's testimony.

Greenspun asked Groner if Koger said anything after crashing his car in front of Springfield Mall.

"The only thing he said out loud was, 'Help me, they're coming to get me,'" Groner testified.

KOGER IS ALSO SUSPECTED of divert-

ing \$2.2 million from Virginia homeowner associations and investing some of the money, in his wife's name, in a health club and a steak house on Capitol Hill.

Jeffrey Koger has been under investigation by police and the Internal Revenue Services for more than two years, though no charges against him have been announced in the case.

Koger Management Group suspected Koger, the former chief financial officer of his father's real estate management firm, in November 2006 of embezzling from some

of the 400 homeowners associations managed.

His father, Robert Koger, reported to Fairfax City Police that he believed his son embezzled \$800,000 through electronic transfers.

Koger Management Group filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy in July 2007.

On July 17, 2008, the Koger Management Group, Inc. won approval to shift its bankruptcy application from Chapter 11 to Chapter 7 which will result in creditors recovering "pennies on the dollar" of the \$10

million in losses that were filed against Koger.

In June 2008, Robert Koger sold his management firm to Gates, Hudson and Associates Condominium Management of Springfield for \$275,000. Gates officials later said that about 100 clients remained of the some 440 that Koger once represented.

Once the firm was sold, Koger was free to file for Chapter 7 bankruptcy, which means the court can only distribute the proceeds from the sale and some assets of the firm not sold to GHA.

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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2007-0052

Request for approval of alterations at 1212 King St, zoned KR King Street Retail
APPLICANT: Craig Lemoshowesky

CASE BAR2008-0094

Request for approval of demolition & encapsulation at 725 S. Columbus St, zoned RM Residential
APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

CASE BAR2008-0095

Request for approval of addition & alterations at 725 S. Columbus St, zoned RM Residential
APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

CASE BAR2008-0099

Request for alterations at 211 N Alfred St, zoned RB Residential.
APPLICANT: Donna A. Epperson

CASE BAR2008-0114

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 532 N Washington St, zoned OC Commercial.
APPLICANT: Falston Development

CASE BAR2008-0115

Request for approval of a Concept for an addition at 532 N Washington St, zoned OC Commercial.
APPLICANT: Falston Development

CASE BAR2008-0116

Request for approval of a Waiver of Rooftop HVAC Screening Requirement at 532 N Washington St, zoned OC Commercial.
APPLICANT: Falston Development

CASE BAR2008-0131

Request for approval of signage at 101 King St, zoned KR King Street Retail.
APPLICANT: Dorota Gorzala

CASE BAR2008-0136

Request for approval of alterations at 3737 Seminary Rd, zoned R-20.
APPLICANT: New Cingular Wireless
BOARD ACTION:

CASE BAR2008-0137

Request for approval of alterations at 625 N. Washington St, zoned CRMU-X.
APPLICANT: Jeffrey Taylor, AIA

CASE BAR2008-0139

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 701 S. Royal St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Robert Bentley Adams & Associates

CASE BAR2008-0140

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Request for approval of addition/alterations at 701 S. Royal St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Robert Bentley Adams & Associates

CASE BAR2008-0141

Request for approval of alterations at 804 Bashford Lane, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Kristine J Dunne

CASE BAR2008-0143

Request for approval of alterations at 430 N Union St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Bill Montgomery

CASE BAR2008-0145

Request for approval of signage at 124 S West St, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: New Sign Industries

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

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF 321 South Patrick Street Unit 1-A-1 Alexandria, Virginia 22314 Tax Map #074.03-OA-01A1

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

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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 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:

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OBITUARY

FRANCIS P. REBHOLTZ, 84

of Port Orange, FL died Saturday, Aug. 30, 2008 with his loving wife at his side. Francis was born Nov. 20, 1923, in Alexandria. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Francis retired from Metro Bus Company and moved to Port Orange 21 yrs ago.

He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Katherine Stevens Rebholtz; sister Phoebe Thomas of Springfield; and nieces and nephews.

The family will have calling hours from 6-8pm Thursday, Sept. 4 and 11am-12:pm, Friday, September 5 at Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, Alexandria. A graveside service will be held at 1pm, Friday, Sept. 5 in Mount Comfort Cemetery, Alexandria.

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 DAVION CORTEZ STEWART
The object of this suit is to: Terminate Parental rights, approve the foster care plan with the goal of adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant Unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 10/17/2008 at 2:00pm

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LEGAL NOTICE

AT&T intends to file an application to install a telecommunications compound and antennas at 3737 Seminary Road in Alexandria, Virginia 22304. AT&T is publishing this notice in accordance with Federal regulation 37CFR1.1301 et seq, the National Environmental Policy Act and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation 36 CFR 800. The project referenced as "VA3786 - Fort Worth" will consist of the construction of a 16-foot by 16-foot compound located adjacent to the northern exterior of the existing building. The compound will be enclosed within a board on board fence. An underground duct bank will extend east from the compound then south to the existing building where it will penetrate the eastern wall of the existing building. Electric and telco lines will extend east from the compound then north toward an existing utility pole. In addition to the compound, three antennas will be installed within the steeple of the existing building at a height of 89 feet and three antennas will be installed within the steeple at a height of 69 feet. The antennas are proposed to be installed behind existing building components. Parties interested in submitting comments or questions regarding any potential effects of the proposed facility on Historic Properties may do so in writing by contacting Carolyn Mitchell, AT&T, at 7150 Standard Drive, Hanover, Maryland 21076 or c/o markos9@atccassociates.com

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021087-06-00
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 not 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

OBITUARY

Frederick R Webster, 66, of Washington D.C., died June 18, 2008 at his home. He was born Aug. 7, 1941 in Alexandria. He retired as an electrician with the federal government. He is survived by four brothers, George, Charles, Lawrence and Robert Webster; and a sister, Grace Regina Buckley.

A memorial service will be held at 10am, Tuesday, Sept 9, at Bailey Funeral Service, Fredericksburg, with the Rev. E.L. Smiling Jr. officiating. Inurnment will be at Quantico National Cemetery.

ABC LICENSE

Pho Tum Yum, Inc trading as 6237 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria, VA 22312. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer, Wine and mixed beverage license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Andy Lai, President, Janet Luu, Treasurer

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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 not 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 9/19/2008 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 9/19/2008 at 1:00pm

OBITUARY

RECIE Y QUARTANA

On September 1, 2008 in Georgia. She was preceded in death by her husband Thomas Quartana and beloved John Stanfield. She is survived by her daughter Carol Quartana; sisters Earnestine Stanley, Selba Scott, Vernita Ward, Ethel Childers, Marion Marie Booth; numerous nieces, nephews and many close friends. Friends may call on Thursday, September 4, 2008 from 2:00pm and 6-8pm at Everly Wheatley Funeral home, 1500 W Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302 where funeral services will be held Friday September 5 at 10am. Interment to follow at Mount Comfort Cemetery. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either a breast cancer research foundation of your choice, or Hospice Atlanta.

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SPORTS

Titans Comeback Falls Short in Opener

Defense gives up touchdown in overtime to lose first home game in four years.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
GAZETTE PACKET

Considering most of the T.C. Williams football team had never played a home game before last Friday night, it seemed appropriate that the scene was being set for a Hollywood ending befitting the school that inspired "Remember the Titans".

After coming out flat in their first home game in four years — thanks to ongoing construction at the school — the Titans had overcome a 10-point deficit to force overtime courtesy of a Bryan Franks field goal late in the fourth quarter.

But after T.C. Williams had to settle for another Franks field goal on its initial possession of the extra frame, it quickly became clear Mount Vernon quarterback Brian Green had his own ending in mind.

On the Majors' first snap of overtime, Green scampered into the end zone from 10 yards out, giving Mount

"There's a lot of tradition at this school, with the new school and the new field, they were pretty excited about it. All that and they came out and played flat in the first half."

—T.C. Williams coach
Dennis Randolph



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Mount Vernon players celebrate after senior running back Kyle Ricks scores a first-half touchdown.

Vernon a thrilling 23-20 victory, while putting a slight damper on the christening of a new era in T.C. Williams football.

"There's a lot of tradition at this school, with the new school and the new field, they were pretty excited about it," T.C. Williams coach Dennis Randolph said. "All that and they came out and played flat in the first half. One of the things that we have to overcome is we can't play flat. ... We have to

come out and play excited and we never did that defensively."

From the outset, Mount Vernon sought to make a statement on the ground and was able to consistently march down the field in the first half, while its defense didn't allow a T.C. Williams first down. If it weren't for two red-zone fumbles, the Majors could have blown the game open early, rather than settling for a 10-0 lead.

For the game, Green combined with fellow senior Kyle Ricks for more than 170 yards rushing and all three of the Majors touchdowns.

T.C. Williams showed its resiliency after halftime, though, and senior running back Abu Kamara finished off two drives with touchdown runs to put the Titans ahead 14-10 in the fourth quarter. Senior quarterback Zach Goehler added several nice deep throws that were dropped by receivers and could have made overtime irrelevant.

It was the first game for T.C. Williams in its new spread offense, which Randolph decided to implement this past off-season.

The dropped passes would prove crucial after Mount Vernon responded to its first deficit of the night with a 71-yard touchdown drive, capped off with a seven-yard run by Green, to retake the

A Rivalry Renewed

After Mount Vernon's dramatic win over T.C. Williams Friday night, there wasn't much time for celebration. As coach Tom Glynn addressed his team following the conclusion of overtime, players had already turned their attention towards next week's game at West Potomac.

"West Potomac, I'm taking personally," senior quarterback Brian Green said. "That's our cross town rivals right there. I've heard a lot of stuff from them, so we're taking that game real personally, more personal than this game even though (the Titans) are one of our rivals, too."

Added Mount Vernon senior running back Kyle Ricks, "They live right down the highway, so if we lose they'll be talking junk all year."

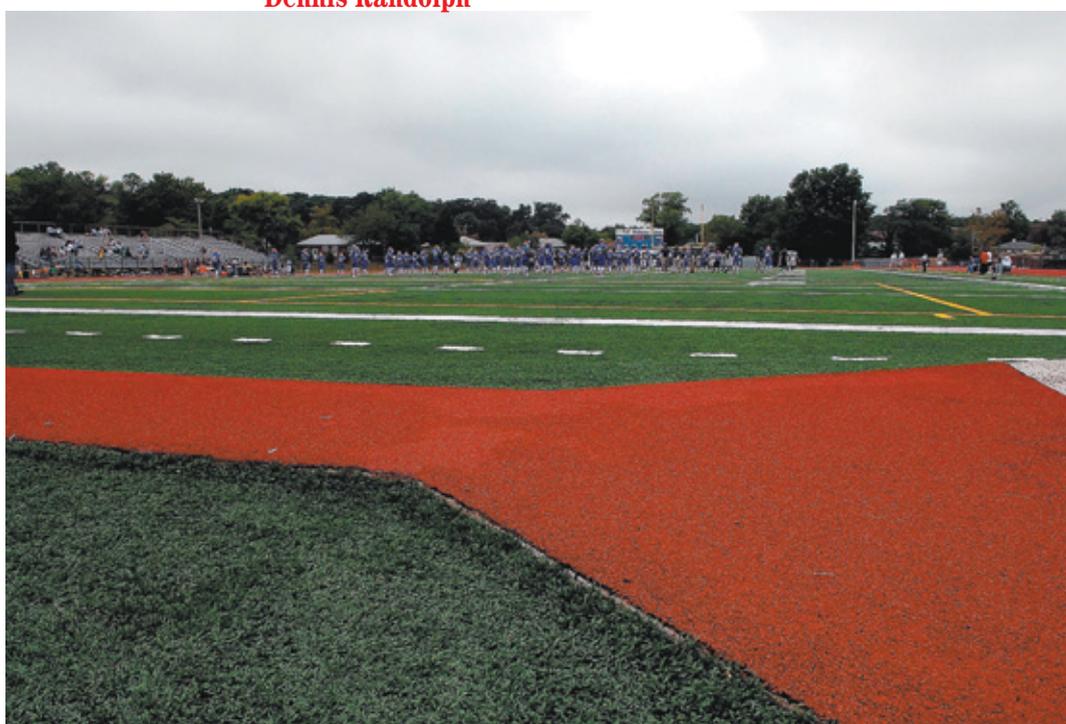
lead, 17-14.

"I thought we had them stopped and beaten and they just hung in there and kept playing," Mount Vernon coach Tom Glynn said. "Give them a lot of credit. To battle back, tie it up, and force overtime, they did an outstanding job. They'll be a tough ball team to beat."

Comeback aside, the opening of their new stadium was a bitter pill for the Titans to swallow when that elusive home victory seemed within their grasp.

"Once you start winning, it'll mean more," Randolph said afterwards of the stadium.

Luckily the wait between home games won't be so long for the Titans this time around. They get another chance to play at their new digs next week against Centreville.

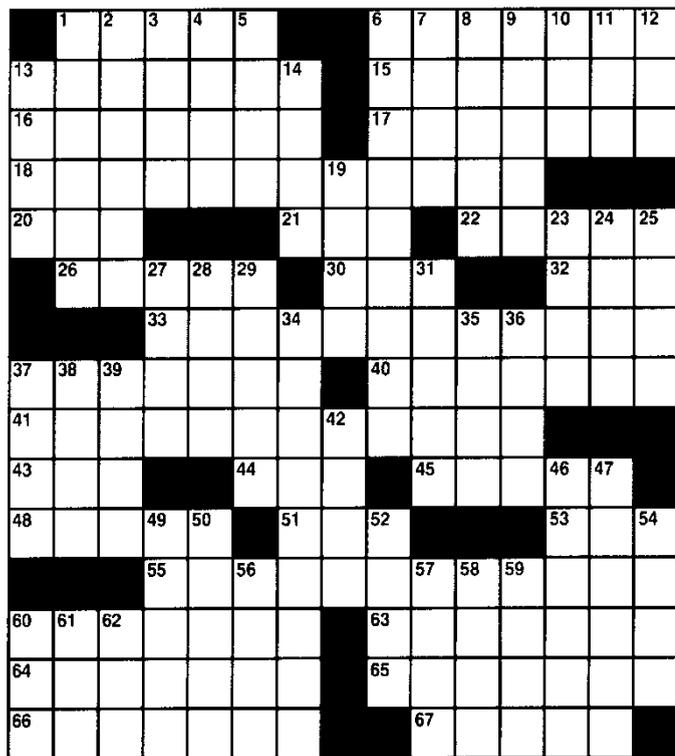


The new football field at T.C. Williams High School.

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- 6 Boaters' relatives
- 13 Excites
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- 16 Matthew, for one
- 17 Disarmed
- 18 Nintendo arcade game of the 80's
- 20 Cold war proj.
- 21 Medevac destinations, briefly
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- 26 Token of victory
- 30 When doubled, a dance
- 32 Pro _____
- 33 Places where customs are important
- 37 Roosevelt Island's locale
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- 44 Bow wood
- 45 Robust
- 48 Depicts unfairly
- 51 The Eagle, e.g.
- 53 Like a Burnian mouse

- 55 Poor Yorick was a fellow of this, said Hamlet
- 60 "The Thorn Birds" novelist McCullough
- 63 Flippant response to a rebuke
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- 59 Analytic psychology founder
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New Superintendent Morton Sherman chats with a student at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School on the first day of school this week.

Black and Latino Students Fall Behind

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failed to meet minimum standards in math and reading. Despite this, the school was designated as having met the “adequate yearly progress” under the “safe harbor provision” of No Child Left Behind because of the dramatic improvement over last year’s scores.

“Safe harbor is a way to reward schools, even when they don’t meet the benchmarks,” said Charles Pyle, a spokesman for the Virginia Department of Education.

THREE ELEMENTARY schools failed to make “adequate yearly progress” this year: Mount Vernon Elementary School, Ramsay Elementary School and Patrick Henry Elementary School. Both middle schools failed to meet expectations, as did the city’s high school. Yet only schools that receive money under “Title 1” of the legislation are eligible for sanctions. As a result, Mount Vernon will now receive a sanction under No Child Left Behind for failing to meet federal standards for two years in a row.

But it won’t be the controversial vouchers that allow parents to abandon low-performing schools. Last week, central administration officials announced that the city school system would be participating in a pilot program under the United States Department of Education known as the Education Supplemental Educational Services. Because of the city’s participation in the federal pilot program, the Del Ray elementary school will be able to offer tutoring as a sanction in lieu of sending vouchers.

“Participating in the SES pilot is great for the Alexandria City Public Schools because more families have signed up for SES than public school choice over the past three

years,” said Assistant Superintendent John Grymes in a written statement announcing the pilot program. “SES affords each eligible student an opportunity to get additional academic help at a time that works best for the family.”

“We must do better to help our black, Latino and ESL students prepare for college.”

— School Board member Eileen Cassidy Rivera

According to the language of No Child Left Behind, the bar for meeting “adequate yearly progress” is raised each year, with the goal of 100 percent of students passing both the English and math exams by 2014. This year, for example, the minimum standard for English was raised from 73 percent last year to 77 percent this year. Similarly, the minimum pass rate for math was raised from 71 percent to 75 percent. Although Superintendent Sherman described No Child Left Behind a “flawed law,” he said Tuesday that he agrees with the concept of raising expectations.

“We will not accept differences by race, gender, religion or disability,” said Sherman. “Here we are 50 years after *Brown v. Board* and yet these differences still exist. But now the conversation has shifted from access to achievement.”

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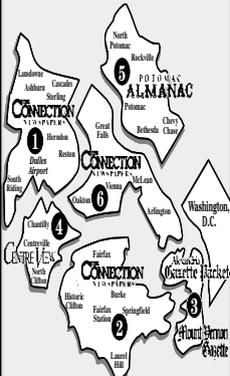
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