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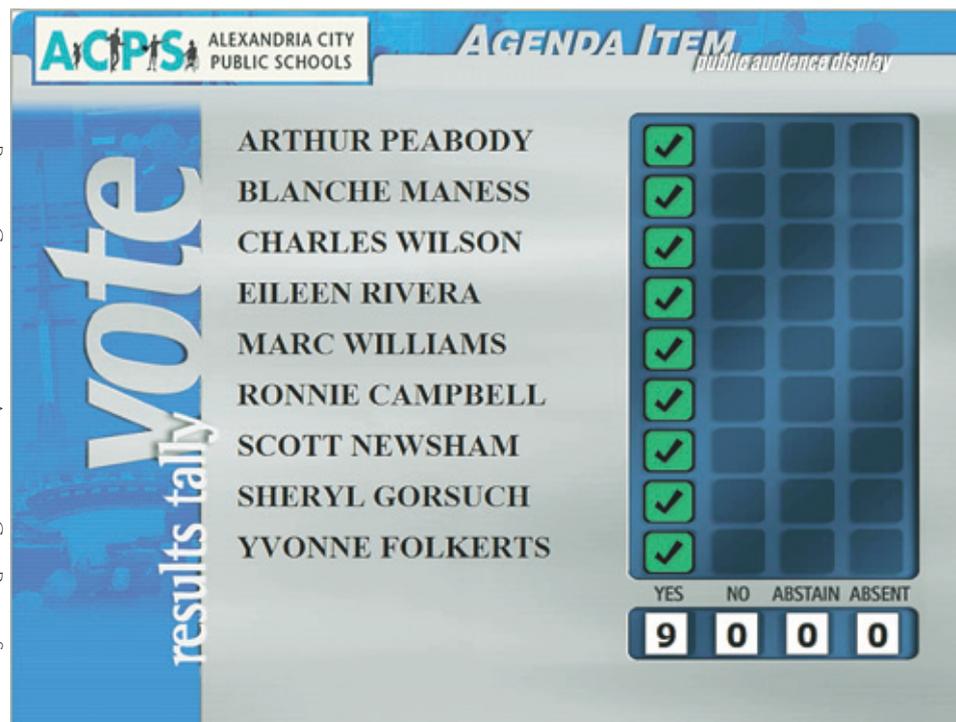
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New Superintendent Morton Sherman and new School Board member Marc Williams chat with staff members during a reception last week.

Last week's School Board meeting saw the debut of an electronic voting format, shown here.

What will the next chapter of the city school system say about Alexandria?

New Beginnings

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

During his summertime campaign for an unexpired term on the Alexandria School Board, Marc Williams often described the Alexandria City Public Schools as being at an "inflection point." As a metaphor, the argument Williams was making on the stump was that the city's school system was in the midst of sweeping changes. If the

division's trajectory were a calculus equation, according to the logic of the argument, the downward concave of recent years will soon become an upward arc. Williams and his "inflection point" metaphor won the day during the special election, and his first School Board meeting last week certainly seemed to offer a new day.

Gone were the deep divisions that contributed to a series of controversial five-to-four decisions last year. Instead, the School Board members voted in unison on all the agenda items debuting their newfangled "electronic meeting" software. Video of the

"In my assessment the tail has been wagging the dog. But now the dog is going to wag the tail."

— School Board member Eileen Cassidy Rivera

meeting was later posted on the division's Web site, a first for the School Board. Newly elected School Board Chairwoman Yvonne

Folkerts presided over her first meeting, and Williams took his seat as the newest member of the board. In a break from tradition, Folkerts invited Superintendent Sherman to move from stage left to take a seat immediately to her left.

"It's a symbolic move," Folkerts explained when asked about the new seating arrangement. "It's intended to demonstrate how we intend to work closely with the superintendent."

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A Third Contender

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Even though the presidential campaign seems to have sucked up all the political oxygen available in Virginia, next year's race for governor has been quietly taking place behind the scenes. Del. Brian Moran (D-46) is Alexandria's favorite son, representing the city's West End since beating Republican Bruce Wilmot in 1995. Over the last few years, Moran has emerged into a leadership position as the

chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and is currently engaged in a gubernatorial primary battle with Sen. Creigh Deeds (D-25).

Yet another potential gubernatorial contender has emerged in the last few weeks: former Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe who has never run for any elected office before.

"When asked in Denver if he was interested in running for governor, he said he wasn't ruling it out," said Tracy Seftl, an advisor to McAuliffe. "Since the convention,

Will Terry McAuliffe ruin Brian Moran's campaign for governor?

he's been approached by many Virginians who are enthusiastic about the possibility of him running for governor, and his response is always the same — that he wasn't ruling it out."

If McAuliffe were to decide to enter the race, it could seriously complicate Moran's path to victory. McAuliffe, who lives in McLean, would bring considerable

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The Manilow Riot

Concerned about the nexus between alcohol abuse and crime in Arlandria, City Council members tried to institute a voluntary alcohol-sales limitation in the neighborhood before heading off for their summer vacations earlier this year. The proposal would have ended sales at 11 p.m. instead of midnight, as dictated by the Virginia Alcohol Control Board. Yet over the summer the plan unraveled, and now elected leaders are trying a new tactic to target loitering.

The logic behind the plan to voluntarily limit alcohol sales rested on retailers choosing to participate. Even though the Giant grocery store and the CVS drug store both signed on to the proposal, neither Seven-11 franchises in Arlandria agreed to participate. So much for the voluntary proposal.

"I think we said at the outset is that this would only work if everybody agreed to the voluntary limitation," said **Rich Josephson**, deputy director of the Planning Department. "So we're back to where we were before."

Back at Square One, Councilman **Justin Wilson** suggested that loitering is a problem at 24 Express — the Mount Vernon Avenue convenience store that was the original target of efforts to limit alcohol sales in the neighborhood. Now that the neighborhood alcohol-sales limitation has floundered, Wilson suggested that anti-loitering language be added to the requirements laid out in the store's special-use permit, which will be taken up at the next legislative meeting of the council. Just how does the City Council plan to accomplish this goal?

"Maybe we could play **Barry Manilow** music in the parking lot," joked Councilman **Tim Lovain**.

"That might cause a riot," added Councilman **Ludwig Gaines**.

Clearing the Air

According to a recent inventory of the city's greenhouse-gas emissions, government operations produce about 87,000 tons of emissions a year. That total includes fuel use, electricity use and waste production, primarily from fossil fuels and electricity consumption in city buildings and schools. It's an inconvenient truth at City Hall, but that figure would rise to 130,000 tons over the next 50 years if the city were to remain doing business as usual.

"We are looking to change business as usual," said Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Executive Director **Dave Robertson**. "There's a lot of talk about change in terms of the national elections, although that's above my pay grade. But change is underway in the Council of Governments."

Robertson was making a personal appearance at the City Council meeting to build support behind a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the Washington region. The proposal, outlined in the Council of Governments document titled "National Capital Region Climate Change Report," suggested that Alexandria find ways to limit emissions 80 percent by 2050. City officials have already hired an energy manager, established an Energy Conservation Committee and purchased a fleet of hybrid vehicles. Now they have committed themselves to doing more, and City Council members said Tuesday that they are ready to change business as usual — in large measures and also in small ways.

"I would like you to note that we are using recyclable materials here for our hot drinks," Vice Mayor **Del Pepper** told Robertson, holding up her coffee cup.

In the Sunshine

Ever since the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company quietly converted an old truck transferring operation into an ethanol loading facility, residents in Cameron Station have been outraged that City Council members weren't notified of the operation until a month afterward. In two strongly worded letters to Mayor **Bill Euille**, Cameron Station Civic Association President **Ingrid Sanden** suggested that the council hire an independent investigator to find out what went wrong. Although the council members planned to take up the matter in closed executive session Tuesday night, Councilman **Rob Krupicka** made a motion to discuss the matter in public during a regular legislative session.

"We're not supposed to use executive sessions to get around having uncomfortable conversations," said Krupicka, whose motion succeeded on a three-to-four vote. "People in Cameron Station want people to be held accountable, and they want information to be public."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Clerk of Court Edward Semonian administers the oath to Alexandria Fire Department's two new assistant chiefs Andrew D. Snead, second from left, and Denise Pouget second from right, as Snead's wife, Fannie, and Pouget's mother, Marian, observe.

Assistant Fire Chiefs Sworn In

Two new Assistant Fire Chiefs have 54 years combined experience.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

After an intensive search that garnered 122 candidates from throughout the United States and Europe, Alexandria Fire Department inducted its two new assistant fire chiefs Monday morning before a large audience gathered at the Nannie J. Lee Center. Both came from other local fire departments where they enjoyed long careers.

"This is an auspicious day for us. We are here to swear-in our two new assistant chiefs," said Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel.

"It was a long and exhausting process. And, as it turned out we didn't have to go across the ocean to find our new Assistant Fire-EMS Chiefs. They were both right here in this area," he said.

Assistant Chief Denise Pouget is a 27-year veteran of the Montgomery County Maryland Fire and Rescue Service. She just officially retired as that department's safety officer at the beginning of this month. She was named "Safety Officer of the Year" in 2007 by the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

Pouget, an Emergency Rescue Technician-Paramedic, holds a Bachelor of Science in Fire Service Management from American Public University and is actively working on her Masters degree in Emergency Disaster management. She is a Level II Maryland State-Certified Instructor teaching courses at the University of Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute.

ASSISTANT CHIEF Andrew D. Snead also just retired this month from the Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department after a 27-year career. During those years he served as Deputy Chief of Support Services, Deputy Chief of the EMS Division, and Battalion Chief of Human Resources and Safety Section. He was also President, Fairfax County Chapter, Inter-



Alexandria Fire Department Chief Adam Thiel welcomes the audience gathered at the Nannie Lee Center for the induction ceremony of the department's two new Assistant Fire Chiefs.

national Association of Black Professional Firefighters, Inc.

Snead holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Urban Studies and Planning from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. In 2007, he completed the Executive Fire Officer Program through the National Fire Academy.

Both Snead and Pouget have already started their employment with the Alexandria Fire Department. Pouget began on Aug. 11 by using leave time from Montgomery County and Snead began on Sept. 2, having officially retired from Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Aug. 29.

"I haven't prepared any formal remarks but I will speak from the heart," Pouget said following her swearing in by Clerk of Courts Edward Semonian. "I'm very happy and honored to be standing before you here today. I treasure this job and I will bring my experience with me."

THE MOTHER of two college students, Pouget ac
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Who's Running?

After considering a potential campaign for lieutenant governor, Councilman **Rob Krupicka** has decided against launching a statewide campaign next year. Although he said the thought of advocating for early childhood education and environmental issues was intriguing, Krupicka said his family life would take precedence — at least for the next several years.

"I was ready," said Krupicka. "But some things happened over the summer with my family that drove home for me how valuable the next few years with my kids are, and I feel really strongly that I don't want to be a dad who goes days without seeing his kids."

What about a potential run for reelection to the Alexandria City Council?

"I'm going to hold off on making a statement about that for a couple of weeks," he said.

Meanwhile, all the other City Council members have made a commitment to stand for reelection. At least one potential candidate has already lined up in anticipation of an opening on the Democratic slate. Real-estate investor **Boyd Walker**, son of former City Councilwoman **Lois Walker**, said he was considering a second campaign for City Council. Last year, he came in third place during the Democratic primary in a special election to replace former Vice Mayor **Andrew Macdonald**.

"I'm definitely exploring it," said Walker. "Part of my determination will be if all six Democrats are running again."

Will Lightning Strike?

Challenging a popular nine-term incumbent congressman is a daunting task, even for those with boundless energy. Nevertheless, Republicans keep lining up to take on U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8). Back in 2006, Iraq war veteran **Tom O'Donoghue** was able to snag an impressive 30 percent of the electorate. But even then, Moran won 68 percent of the vote and campaign-finance documents indicate that O'Donoghue's campaign is still \$53,000 in debt two years later. Despite the long odds, mortgage banker **Mark Ellmore** is waging an effort to unseat Moran.

"Lightning would have to strike," admitted **Mike Lane**, a Republican operative working with the Ellmore campaign. "It would take a huge turnout for Republican at the top of the ticket and probably another gaffe from Jim Moran plus an influx of resources to our campaign."

Six Candidates

On Monday, the State Board of Elections released the names of six candidates who have qualified for the presidential election in November. In addition to Republican **John McCain** and Democrat **Barack Obama**, four other presidential candidates will be on the ballot in Virginia: Independent Green Party candidate **Chuck Baldwin**, Libertarian candidate **Bob Barr**, Green Party candidate **Cynthia McKinney** and independent candidate **Ralph Nader**. Although Nader was widely perceived to thwart Vice President **Al Gore's** presidential ambitions in 2000, Democrats say they're not worried this year.

"I don't believe Nader is going to get any traction in Virginia," said **Susan Kellom**, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "People remember what happened in 2000, and they simply will not be willing to throw their vote away again."

Voting Deadlines

Have you moved since the last election? If so, Registrar **Tom Parkins** wants to know. In a press release sent on Monday, he reminded Alexandria voters that they must reregister with their current address before Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.

"Voters who do not update their applications risk being shut out on Election Day," he wrote.

Absentee voting will begin on Sept. 22, and voters can already apply for an absentee ballot now by calling 703-838-4050 or visiting alexandriavoter.org.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

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A Third Contender

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fundraising prowess and high-profile star-power to the campaign. His years as party chairman have given him close personal relationships with members of the Democratic establishment, and his association with Bill and Hillary Clinton could prove to be assets on the campaign trail. Yet his lack of involvement in Virginia politics would be a hurdle for McAuliffe to overcome.

"Creigh Deeds and Brian Moran have been campaigning in Virginia for years," said Susan Kellom, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "I have no knowledge of Terry McAuliffe's involvement in Virginia politics. But I think it would be interesting to see how he might fit into the campaign and where his base might be."

CAMPAIGN FINANCE records show that Moran raised more money than any other gubernatorial candidate in the first half of 2008, collecting \$1.38 million in the first six months of the year compared to Deeds' fundraising total of \$761,735. Attorney General Bob McDonnell, the only Republican in the race raised \$818,122 during that same timeframe. Yet a potential McAuliffe candidacy could dwarf these numbers by maximizing on his years as party chairman and Clinton associate.

"This is someone who has the Democratic establishment on speed dial, and he's also got a considerable amount of personal wealth," said Dan Keyserling, deputy director of communications for the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia. "If he wants to do it, he's going to do it big. That's just his personality."

Since the Democratic National Convention in Denver, a Facebook group called "Draft Terry McAuliffe for VA Governor" has already attracted more than 200 members. Appearing on MSNBC's *Hardball* with Chris Matthews Monday night, Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine said he was "intrigued" by the possibility of a McAuliffe candidacy, although he would not confirm whether or not he encouraged McAuliffe to consider a candidacy. Despite these developments, a spokesman for Moran's gubernatorial campaign expressed confidence in his candidate's ability to prevail over all challengers—even a well-funded bid by a former national chairman.

"Brian Moran is going to win the primary regardless who is in the race," said Jesse Ferguson, a spokesman for Moran's gubernatorial campaign. "His focus is going to be on beating Bob McDonnell."

REPUBLICANS HAVE already coalesced their support behind McDonnell, with Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling dropping out of the race back in March. McDonnell is a longtime resident of Mount Vernon



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Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe takes questions following a 2004 event in McLean.

"This is someone who has the Democratic establishment on speed dial, and he's also got a considerable amount of personal wealth."

— **Dan Keyserling, deputy director of communications for the Center for Politics at the University of Virginia**

and a 1972 graduate of Bishop Ireton High School, claiming a geographic base in rapidly growing Northern Virginia. He's already made a number of appearances in Alexandria, most recently campaigning with Republican hopeful Mark Ellmore, who is running against nine-term incumbent U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8).

"I don't think there's any doubt that McAuliffe would be the best funded candidate on the Democratic side," said Mike Lane, an advisor working with the Ellmore campaign. "But I doubt he could put together the kind of grassroots support that Brian Moran has been building over the last few years."

CRIME

Millions in Restitution; Nearly 6 Years in Prison

John Andreas Tsiaoushis, 41 of Alexandria, was sentenced Friday, Sept. 5, to 70 months in federal prison for mail fraud and giving false testimony in connection with a mortgage-refinancing scheme.

U.S. District Court Judge Liam O'Grady ordered that Tsiaoushis pay more than \$3.9 million in restitution and remain on supervised release for three years after his release.

Tsiaoushis, who pleaded guilty in May, admitted to operating a mortgage fraud

scheme between December 2004 and November 2007. He fraudulently obtained an estimated \$3,697,161 and attempted to obtain more, according to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg.

On six occasions, Tsiaoushis transferred or refinanced two Virginia properties, one in Vienna and one in the Fort Hunt area of Alexandria. When applying for loans, he provided would-be lenders with false documentation, including false loan-payoff statements from current mortgages and false certificates of satisfaction from prior mort-

gages. He then arranged for loan proceeds to be "misdirected" to himself, according to Rosenberg.

Tsiaoushis also pleaded guilty to giving false information when filing for bankruptcy in October 2005 in U.S. Bankruptcy Court.

One of his former drivers, Khalil Salim Arbid, was sentenced last April to 16 months in prison and three years of supervised release for his role in the scheme and was ordered to pay \$650,613 in restitution for his role in the scheme.

The FBI, U.S. Postal Inspection Service,

U.S. Secret Service, and Small Business Administration investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas H. McQuillan and Special Assistant United States Attorney Dennis J. Early, of the Office of the United States Trustee, prosecuted the case.

Tsiaoushis obtained an additional \$163,546 in a check kite scheme by over-drawing his accounts with several banks in Vienna, Fairfax and Washington, D.C.

— KEN MOORE

Doctor Arrested for Sodomy

The Alexandria Police Department wants to know if there are more victims.

A West End doctor has been arrested by the Alexandria Police Department and charged with sexually assaulting one of his patients. Detectives in the case want to know if other patients may have been victimized, and they are asking for other potential victims to cooperate in their investigation.



Dr. Antonio Ramada

alexandria Police Department at 703-838-4711.

On Aug. 27, detectives arrested Dr. Antonio Ramada and charged him with sodomy for sexually abusing a 32-year-old Manassas man. The victim contacted police earlier this month and reported that Ramada has performed an act of sodomy on him during an appointment at the doctor's office located at 6000 Stevenson Ave. Detectives are encouraging anyone with information to contact the Criminal Investigations Section of the Alexan-

Health Care Provider Defrauds Medicaid

The owner of an Alexandria home health agency that provided respite care and personal care services to Medicaid recipients submitted 1,069 false claims for more than \$1.2 million to the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services from October 2006 through March 2008, according to federal court records.

U.S. District Court Judge Liam O'Grady sentenced Hawa Weller-

Pace, 48 of Alexandria, to 25 months in federal prison for federal health care fraud last Friday, Sept. 5.

Weller-Pace, who pleaded guilty in June, was ordered to pay \$877,342 in restitution to the government and will remain on three years of supervised release after her release from prison, according

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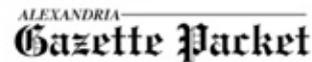


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LIVING LEGENDS

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A passionate teacher, Carlton Funn is passing on his knowledge of black history and culture.

BY SARAH BECKER
GAZETTE PACKET

This is the third of a series of 12 profiles that chronicle Alexandria's Living Legends, people who are today's history makers. Living Legends of Alexandria is a joint project of the Rotary Club of Alexandria and the Alexandria Gazette Packet. Conceived and directed by Nina Tisara, it is designed as an ongoing project to identify and honor those individuals whose vision and dedication make a tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

For more information or to nominate a Legend for next year's program, visit www.tisaraphoto.com/legends.

Carlton A. Funn, Sr. is a philosopher of a type, also a retired history teacher who was born in 1932. He still carries the same tattered history text, *Virginia: History, Government, Geography*, he used as a 7th grade student. In 1947 Lyles Crouch Elementary School was a segregated school, and Funn found the Crow-like passage off-putting. "Life among the Negroes of Virginia in slavery times was generally happy," the slavery chapter read.

An Alexandrian, Funn was born at 1005 Oronoco St. Childhood neighbor Jesse Jennings explains the blacks' educational dilemma: "What used to disturb me so about the textbooks was the fact that they left out so much black history. The comments that referenced blacks were inaccurate watered down comments. Those who made these comments tended to protect the white image. They were in denial of discrimination."

The textbook continues: "The Negroes went about in a cheerful manner making a living for themselves and for those for whom they worked. They were not so unhappy as some Northerners thought they were, nor were they so happy as some Southerners claimed. The Negroes had their problems and their troubles. But they were not worried by the furious arguments going on between Northerners and Southerners over what should be done with them. In fact, they paid little attention to these arguments."

A graduate of Storer College, a historically black college located in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, Funn recalled John Brown's 1859 raid on a Harper's Ferry arsenal. Unlike many southerners, he championed John Brown over Colonel Robert E. Lee. Lee was dispatched by the military to quell Brown's rebellion there. "John Brown was rebelling against slavery," Funn smiled.

**"Yesterday is history,
Tomorrow is a mystery,
Today is a gift,
Use it well**

—A Funn-favorite quote



Carlton A. Funn Sr.

PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

Library." Funn's civic work began when, in 1957, he was asked to teach from the same history textbook he had studied as a youth. Funn holds a Master's degree in education.

Teaching obviously is Funn's passion. This year the Alexandria Historical Society honored him for "his lifetime of service preserving and promoting African-American heritage through National/International Cultural Exhibits which he founded. NICE is a traveling exhibition that has been shown more than 500 times to school and community groups in 12 states over the past 50 years." The purpose is to promote awareness, human dignity and cultural understanding. His retrospective requires 287 tables to mount and includes 28 cultural groups. The exhibit changed from black-only approximately ten years ago.

"What I am I am because of my mother's civic involvement, her inspiration, and my sweet wife's financial sacrifice," Funn mused. "My mother meant so much to me coming up. She didn't tell me until years later that it was she who worked to save Alfred Street Baptist Church." The Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage was established as a result of the

"Minorities are those persons not in the mainstream," Funn explained, "and, yes, they could be white. But my first issue was not being able to walk into the Queen Street

Church effort.

"Through his work as President of the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black History, Funn has advanced not only the goals of the Alexandria Black History Museum, but made the citizens of Alexandria more aware of the role of African Americans in the building of this city," Black History Museum Curator Audrey Davis noted. "He fought to change what was taught to African American students. Often using his own money, he purchased supplemental materials for his students."

REGARDING TEACHING Funn said: "don't go into teaching because you like teaching, go into it because you love teaching. It starts with the teacher and student encouraging each other to keep going. There is better balance in the textbooks, and the photos of black people are not as ugly."

"You'd be surprised how many children now raise themselves," Funn continued. "I always had extra clothes and shoes in my classroom. But teachers are not as revered as they once were – especially salary, I aug-

mented my salary – and my wife and I have agreed we couldn't teach today. In the 60s parents could correct children, help someone, now people want to sue you."

Funn retired from teaching in 2000 and he based his success on the five As: attendance, attitude, attention, atmosphere and achievement. If I have a lasting history lesson it is: "everybody has a place, everybody has something, a niche." As for passion, "I love my sweet wife and otherwise encourage people to go to the library, read, talk to someone and find out what you want to do. Find your passion and your life's work will find you."

Funn's teaching skills are widely respected. "Individuals like you, with passions for digging deeper into our rich American heritage, are the ones who continue to preserve the history of this country for generations to enjoy," stated Congressman Jim Moran in the 1998 Congressional Record. "Your work has inspired and taught young children and adults everywhere the value of contributions made by African-Americans and other minorities." He also received the 1998 Excellence in Teaching Award from the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

"Carlton Funn and Mount Vernon have a great deal in common, in that we have been sharing American history with thousands of people for decades." Mount Vernon's Executive Director Jim Rees said. "And at a time when history is being diminished in the classroom, Carlton's hard work and dedication is more important than ever. We feel fortunate that the Governor appointed a true-history lover to our board of visitors, and that his knowledge of African American history in the Alexandria area is so deep and respected."

"Carlton Funn's great legacy to the city is his absolute exuberance – excitement – in sharing the history of African Americans

with others," said Hopkins House President Glenn Hopkins. "He is an incredible historian and an incredible guy."

"I guess to be a legend means to be around before your time," Funn replied. "If I have one my legacy is the fact that we have come a long ways, and have a long

ways to go. I want us to respect people of all races and give them the credit that they are due."

Writer Sarah Becker was nominated as a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2007.

"He fought to change what was taught to African American students. Often using his own money, he purchased supplemental materials for his students."

— Black History Museum Curator
Audrey Davis

McCain, Palin Visit Fairfax

Republican rally draws over 20,000 people.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE
GAZETTE PACKET

Vienna resident Laura Bell and Great Falls resident Joanne Kehrli were having a hard time pumping themselves up about the presidential race this year.

Bell, who describes herself as an independent-minded Republican, and Kehrli are pro-life advocates. They had been supporting Republican presidential candidate John McCain but not very enthusiastically.

"I was a bit more on the fence. I had a very hard time getting excited about McCain," said Bell.

Then, on Aug. 28, everything changed. The day after the Democratic National Convention, McCain announced Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his vice presidential pick. Suddenly, according to local party activists, many women felt energized about the Republican ticket.

"The choice of Palin was radical and refreshing," said Kehrli, who had a "tearful" moment watching Palin talk about children with special needs during the Republican National Convention.

Thousands of Northern Virginia residents,

including Bell and Kehrli, appeared energized about the McCain-Palin ticket at a Sept. 10 rally. About 23,000 people showed up in the middle of a Wednesday to hear the candidates speak in the City of Fairfax's Van Dyck Park.

"I have never been to a [political rally in Fairfax County] that was this big, not in my 29 years in elected office. ... And I held office during the Reagan years," said U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11).

Davis, who was head of the National Republican Congressional Committee, said Palin had done a lot to energize the base of Republican Party. Several times during the event, the crowd broke into a chant of "Sarah, Sarah," alternated with "U.S.A., U.S.A.," and a few "John McCain, John McCain" cheers.

"They didn't have this energy level before," said Davis, who plugged McCain-Palin bumper stickers in his opening speech.

"Frankly, I am tired of looking at those Obama stickers," said Davis.

McCain may need an energized Republican base in Northern Virginia to help carry the entire commonwealth.

Obama, who has opened over 25 offices statewide, is hoping to win Virginia, in part

by driving up voter turnout in the Washington, D.C. suburbs.

Virginia has not voted for a Democratic presidential candidate since 1964. But Obama has devoted at least 10 paid campaign staff members to Fairfax County alone, and is hoping to garner at least 80 percent of the vote in Arlington County. In Virginia's last competitive statewide election two years ago, U.S. Sen. Jim Webb (D) beat former Sen. George Allen (R) with approximately 75 percent of the vote in Arlington.

During his speech, McCain promised to crack down on earmarks, and "pork barrel spending." The Arizona senator promised to disclose the members of both parties who were proposing pet projects for their own district or state.

"You will know their names and I will make them famous," said McCain.

Some of Northern Virginia's most well known earmarks are the Woodrow Wilson Bridge project, the widening of Route 123, a regional gang initiative and parts of the Dulles Metrorail project.

In her speech, Palin focused on McCain and his reputation as a "maverick" in the Senate who stands up for what he believes in.

"John McCain has used his career to promote change. He doesn't run with the Washington herd. Let's send the maverick of the Senate to the White House," said Palin, who added that she is happy to be considered part of the "team of mavericks," on the Republican ticket. "We need American energy resources," said Palin.

In his speech, McCain also emphasized the importance of energy independence.



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Republican presidential candidate John McCain, right, and vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin

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OPINION

Our Neighbors Are Struggling

Whether or not you call it a recession, more families in Northern Virginia are seeking help with food, medicine, housing and more.

Two years ago, a busy day at Share's food pantry in McLean meant serving about seven families. Last Wednesday, 21 families showed up for food, writes Connection reporter Mike DiCicco.

In fact, demand for food from Share continues to rise, with a 20 percent increase between July and August of this year. Meanwhile, funds for Share's family assistance program are going almost entirely toward warding off evictions and utility shut-offs, with some money paying for medications. In the last fiscal year, Share spent more than \$102,000 on family assistance, up 50 percent from the previous fiscal year.

Non-profits that help the needy in Northern Virginia are seeing a dramatic increase in demand, needy families and individual finding their way to food pantries to stave off hunger, seeking help to acquire school supplies for their children, needing money to forestall an eviction or having the phone or electricity in their home turned off.

"People used to come here for food. Now they're coming for everything," said Therese Dyer-Caplan of Share.

Northern Virginia's economy is buffered by the presence of the federal government and the many private contractors that earn billions of dollars a year in government business. But the downturn has arrived, as local governments

well know, with the drop in home values squeezing local budgets.

But housing costs, rising food costs and soaring gas prices are pushing many families in Northern Virginia to the brink of homelessness. Some families are forced

EDITORIAL

Help

Here is a partial listing of local organizations that help the needy, every one is facing intense and increasing demand for services.

- ❖ SHARE of McLean, www.shareofmclean.org, 703-284-2179
- ❖ United Community Ministries, Mount Vernon, 703-768-7106
- ❖ Reston Interfaith, 703-787-3100
- ❖ Herndon-Reston FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-391-0105
- ❖ Food for Others, Food for Others, www.foodforothers.org, Fairfax, 703-207-9173
- ❖ FACETS, 703-352-5090
- ❖ Ecumenical Community Helping Others (ECHO), 7205 Old Keene Mill Road in Springfield, 703-569-9160
- ❖ Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services, 703-768-9404
- ❖ Our Daily Bread, Central Fairfax, 703-273-8829
- ❖ Western Fairfax Christian Ministries, 703-988-9656
- ❖ Lorton Community Action Center, 703-339-5161
- ❖ Koinonia Foundation, 703-971-1991
- ❖ The Campagna Center in Alexandria 703-549-0111
- ❖ Arlingtonians Meeting Emergency Needs (AMEN), 703-558-0035
- ❖ Northern Virginia Family Service, Oakton, 703-385-3267
- ❖ Doorways for Women and Families, Arlington 703-522-8858
- ❖ Arlington Street People's Assistance Network www.networkforgood.org
- ❖ Arlington Food Assistance Center 703-845-8486
- ❖ ALIVE (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically) www.alive-inc.org
- ❖ Habitat for Humanity of Northern Virginia, Arlington, 703-521-9890
- ❖ Arlington Free Clinic, 703-979-1400
- ❖ Capital Area Food Bank, Lorton, 703-541-3063
- ❖ Loudoun Habitat for Humanity, 210 N. 21st Street, Unit P; Purcellville, 540-751-2244
- ❖ The Good Shepherd Alliance, Inc., 20684 Ashburn Road, Ashburn, 703-724-1555
- ❖ Our Daily Bread, 10777 Main Street #320, Fairfax, 703-273-8829
- ❖ Shelter House, www.shelterhouse.org, operates two homeless shelters in Fairfax County, in Centreville and Seven Corners. 571-522-6800
- ❖ Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Vienna, 703-281-7614
- ❖ Fairfax City Area FISH (For Immediate Sympathetic Help), 703-222-0880
- Lamb Center, www.thelambcenter.org, Fairfax 703-691-3178
- Carpenter's Shelter, Alexandria 703-548-7500 www.carpentersshelter.org

to choose between enough food, gas in the car to get to work and medication. These are the working poor families of our region, who turn to charities, hoping that with a little bit of help they can make it through to the next paycheck.

The rising costs of food and gas are also hampering efforts of local non-profits to provide services. Organizations are facing significant increases in demand, while their money and supplies buy less than they did last year.

Pick an organization near you, and send them money, call and offer to volunteer, donate food, or contribute in any other way.

When Transportation Means Freedom

BY TIM LOVAIN
ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL
MEMBER

For most of us, transportation is a routine part of our lives. We worry about the price of gasoline and the amount of time we spend in traffic, but we take the availability of transportation for granted.

That isn't the case for everyone. For many people with disabilities, older adults and people with low incomes, transportation options are very limited. Expanding those options literally brings freedom and empowerment to these individuals. Policy types call this "human services transportation".

I'm pleased to be the Chair of the Human Services Transportation Coordination Task Force of the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (whew!). We bring together public transit agencies and transportation departments, private and nonprofit

transportation providers, human services agencies and users of specialized transit services from throughout the Washington, D.C. region to expand transportation options for people who really need them. Perhaps most importantly, we're in charge of overseeing the distribution of over \$2 million in federal grants annually.

I'm very pleased about the projects we recently persuaded the Transportation Planning Board to fund.

For example, Washington, D.C. is one of the few large cities in America that doesn't have wheelchair-accessible taxicabs. Wheelchair-dependent Washingtonians can try to book Metro Access vans 24 hours in advance, but (unlike suburban Virginians and Marylanders) they can't just call for a cab. That is just unacceptable in the nation's capital. By the end of this year, that will no longer be true. We were able to fund 21 wheelchair-accessible taxicabs

and funding for centralized dispatch, driver training and marketing.

Another grant will create a new Regional Transportation Information Clearinghouse that will, for the first time, consolidate in one Web site information about all regional transportation options for people with disabilities, older adults and low-income individuals, with phone support. The hardest part of putting this \$583,750 project together was persuading the Commonwealth of Virginia to come up with an \$11,000 matching contribution!

I'm also pleased that we were able to continue funding for the "Door-Through-Door" program run by the Alexandria Office of Aging and Adult Services, the Arlington Agency on Aging, the nonprofit agency Home Care Partners, and Diamond Transportation. This program provides escort services to medical appointments for especially frail older persons and other

individuals with disabilities. It also involves helping these individuals arrange these appointments and with follow up, as well as training taxicab drivers how to better communicate with and assist these clients.

Another grant will help expand the "Ways to Work" program run by Northern Virginia Family Service. This program provides loans to carefully-screened low-income individuals to buy or repair cars they can use to get them to work and child care facilities. The Wiygul Automotive Group, Virginia Commerce Bank and the Alexandria Department of Human Services are partners in this program.

I intend to do everything I can to make sure that these grant funds are directed to programs that are efficient and focused on areas of greatest need. Spent wisely, these funds will bring new freedom and a better quality of life to thousands of our neighbors.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Go for the Gold

To the Editor

These days, a nonprofit must be part Broadway producer, part juggler, and part Olympic athlete to keep afloat. "Fundraising prowess" for nonprofits such as Capital Hospice, is vital. While a weakened economy makes fundraising more challenging, rising fuel prices and their ripple effect on the cost of nearly all else, make fundraising more urgent. We have to compete to win gold. Literally.

Capital Hospice, based in Falls Church, is one of the nation's largest and oldest nonprofit hospice organizations. Since 1977, we have cared for more than 55,000 people with serious, progressive illness where they reside – in homes, hospitals and long-term care settings throughout all of Northern Virginia and out to Stafford and Fauquier counties, as well as Washington, D.C. and Prince George's County, Md. In 2007, our staff drove nearly 1.5 million miles to bring end-of-life care to our patients and families; this year, we are serving 10 percent more patients and their families on an average day. In addition to higher gasoline prices, we are paying more for medical supplies and medicines our patients need, and to keep our hospice facility in Arlington comfortably warm or cool for patients. Just as anyone else, we have to juggle to make ends meet.

Although Medicare pays for hospice services, supplies and medicines related to a patient's terminal illness, it has not kept pace with recent and rapidly increasing costs and unless Congress mandates otherwise, will decrease the amount it pays any hospice, including Capital Hospice, per day, per Medicare patient, beginning Oct. 1. In all, about 82 percent of Capital Hospice's revenue comes from Medicare, so even a modest reduction will have a major

consequence.

As a result, our fundraising efforts cannot stop. We compete against a field of worthy nonprofits for the "gold" that will allow us to continue and expand our outreach, particularly in the vastly underserved minority communities in and around the Virginia suburbs.

We also have become part Broadway producer to fundraise. With substantial help from of an army of dedicated volunteers and local corporate sponsors, we stage an annual benefit: the 2008 "Passion for Caring Gala" will be held in the National Building Museum on Oct. 4. Journalist and author Eleanor Clift, along with long-time hospice champions Marilynn and Ed Bersoff of McLean, Va., will be honored with this year's "Passion for Caring" Award.

The proceeds from this event help offset nearly \$1 million a year in hospice care that we provide to people who are medically eligible for our services but have no way to pay for their care.

The weakening economy will not reduce demand for our services, but it will increase the need for fundraising while making it tougher to do so. Still, for 31 years, we have made sure that no one eligible for our care is turned away because they can't afford it. We remain steadfast in our commitment to that ideal.

We invite our friends and neighbors to help us go for the gold at our Gala on Oct. 4. Information is available online at www.capitalhospice.org/gala or by calling 703-531-6216.

It will be a gold-medal event.

Malene Davis
President/CEO Capital Hospice

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Welcoming Hanna

The City set up a trailer of sandbags for local businesses and residents to help shore up entryways and drains during the anticipated flooding from Hanna especially at high tide Saturday afternoon. High tide came and the Potomac River rose but not nearly as badly as it had in the past. The city and merchants were prepared for the worst. Luckily they didn't get it and residents were back, strolling, shopping and dining by evening.



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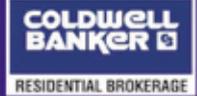


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Cindie Fish | 703-201-4451 Mount Vernon

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Artist Susan Noyes unpacks her work to display in Building 9 starting Sept. 19.

Artist and designer Josh Yavelberg sets up his gallery and workspace in Building 5 of the Workhouse Arts Center on Ox Road in Lorton.

Let's Get It Started

As Sept. 19 grand opening approaches, Lorton Workhouse Arts Center scrambles to prepare.

BY DEREK B. JOHNSON
THE CONNECTION

Right now, the grounds at the old Lorton Prison site, the soon to be newly minted Workhouse Arts Center resembles a college campus in early September.

Slowly, one by one, new residents have begun to trickle into the 10 buildings that formerly housed the prisoners of the D.C. prison. Now refurbished into halls upon halls of individual compartmentalized white rooms, next door neighbors are introducing themselves, before surveying their new space and unpacking.

All of the new arrivals are artists. All have had their work vetted by 100 jurors from around the country schooled in almost every form of the arts. Their rooms will function as an office, workspace, gallery and classroom, depending on what they have scheduled for the week. Side by side, dorms that used to house convicted criminals are now filling up with local, regional and nationally recognized artists, waiting for visitors to pass by and enter.

At the grand opening Sept. 19, when thousands of Fairfax County residents fill the quad, entering and exiting the buildings, the atmosphere will be more like a carnival.

"A festival," corrected Tina Leone, CEO of the Lorton Arts Foundation in an interview less than two weeks out from the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

LEONE, HIRED in 2002 to shep-

herd the Workhouse Arts Center from the realm of ideas into brick-and-mortar reality, confessed to feeling the full spectrum of nerves as nearly four years of work is set to finally bear fruit.

"It's a roller coaster right now of emotions. It's excitement. It's fear. It's stress. It's happiness. It's everything," she said. "The moment you think you have something covered and ready, something else comes up."

Executive Arts Director Sharon Mason put it more bluntly.

"We've been standing on the rooftop and wondering how far we can jump," said Mason with a laugh.

The latest mini-dramas are the logistics of moving all of the artists in and dealing with the effects of Hurricane Hanna, which Mason said flooded seven of the 10 buildings that will comprise phase one of the Workhouse Arts Center. Though no permanent damage was done to the buildings or the art inside them, it proved to be an unwelcome distraction during an already hectic week.

The center was designed to simultaneously function on multiple levels. A gallery, museum, school, theater, dormitory and art store all within the same compound on Ox Road in Lorton. The weeklong ceremonies starting Sept. 19 will serve to give residents of Fairfax County and beyond their first peek at what Leone has in the past described as "a world-class arts center in your backyard."

Artists representing almost every discipline of creativity have signed multi-year leases to display

their art on center grounds, each committing 100 hours a month to working in their individual rooms during center hours. Some have opted to teach classes or offer workshops for the general public, blurring the lines between exhibition and education, artist and viewer.

Pedja Muzijevic, concert pianist and director of music programming at the Baryshnikov Arts Center in New York City, will perform a concert of short pieces, roughly an hour in length on the Sept. 19. Joining him will be violinist Jessica Lee and French horn player Eric Ruske.

"We might have the next great artist that comes right out of our community because they got inspired here."

—Tina Leone,
CEO of the Lorton Arts Foundation

The idea was to provide an abbreviated version of Muzijevic's Big Apple performance, making it more accessible to audiences with busy lifestyles.

"We are certainly hoping to make this into a series of concerts, kind of an ongoing thing," he said. "The goal is to try to make the Workhouse Arts Center a stop in people's lives where they go to see something or do something."

Ron Acker, curator of the Grand Opening Aboriginal Art

Exhibit and director of Gallery Sydney-East at the Workhouse Arts Center, said he was anxious to see what locals thought of the collection of authentic Aboriginal paintings he would be displaying.

"The thing that I will find very interesting is what the reception will be for clients based here on the East Coast with a very, very abstract presentation," said Acker, calling the Australian-based style "an existential and cosmological concept."

All the pieces, collected from Aboriginal art communities across the Australian Outback, are available to admire and, if the mood strikes, to purchase. Acker's lease with the Workhouse is for three years, but he said that he would strongly consider the maximum five-year lease offered by the center to applicant artists. He praised the potential for the enterprise.

"I think that the Workhouse is going to be the cultural jewel of Northern Virginia in a short period of time," said Acker.

PHOTOGRAPHER AND author Bob L. Knudsen will be signing copies of his book "A Living Treasure," a collection of over 300 photographs depicting the grounds of Arlington National Cemetery, captured in every season of the year. Knudsen, son of former White House photographer Robert L. Knudsen, had total access to the historic landmark, but said the photos in the book were all places open to the visiting public. He said visitors were missing out by relying on tour guides and maps to

show them the beauty of the cemetery grounds.

"I hear the tourists or kids who come to visit; they say 'wow look' and run off to one direction, and the tour guide would say 'you can't go down there, we have to go here,'" said Knudsen. "They're missing the whole point of Arlington [National Cemetery]."

In addition to his book, Knudsen will be displaying a collection of sports memorabilia from Ironclad Authentics, a collection of presidential photographs shot by his father spanning from the Eisenhower administration to the Nixon administration and a North America exhibit featuring pictures from Canada to the Caribbean.

Knudsen, who has an office in Annandale, said the Workhouse Arts Center represented a fantastic opportunity for local artists.

"When the Lorton Arts Foundation came around, it was almost a perfect fit, only 2 miles from my home," he said.

Once the grand opening comes to a conclusion and phase one is up and running, Leone and Mason said they will catch their breath before continuing to work on the future of the center, which will eventually add a performance theater, a museum wing and 40 live-in residences for artists.

"We might have the next great artist that comes right out of our community because they got inspired here," said Leone.

"We're not naïve about it. Artists thrive in an area where they are nurtured and inspired," said Mason. "We hope that's what the Workhouse Arts Center will be for them."

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The staff at Mai Thai pulls back the sandbags and plastic sheeting as the rain stopped and high tide peaked on Saturday afternoon on King Street.

100 block of King Street



King and the entrance to The Strand at the River during high tide on Saturday afternoon.



Fenwick Drive and the edge of Hunting Creek after the rain and waters from Hanna.

Hanna Passes By

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2017 Belle View Blvd., was ready for the worst from tropical storm Hanna. It had been designated an emergency shelter available to anyone forced from their home by the storm.

There were two Emergency Medical Service Units standing by, two officers from the Fairfax County Police Department were on hand, representatives of the American red Cross were poised for action, and a half dozen Rec Center staff were on duty. Even Papa John Pizza had provided 10 free pies for those coming to the shelter.

But, Hanna turned into the big blow that wasn't.

The two areas of Mount Vernon District that suffered some of the worst damage and heartbreak in recent storms — Huntington and Belle Haven — escaped virtually unscathed by Hanna. Only Huntington experienced some impact with a relatively small amount of water in the basements of several homes closest to Cameron Run. Belle Haven suffered no impact.

"We had a maximum of 10 people show up throughout the storm. Even they were coming and going — not all here at once. They came primarily as a precautionary measure — not because they were flooded out. And, most didn't stay very long," said Ryan Shumate, one of the Rec Center managers and the person on duty last Saturday.

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After the Storm

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“We went outside about five o’clock. The sun was out and it was really nice. All that tropical air had disappeared,” he said.

As for the 10 pizzas, they were primarily consumed by all those assembled at the Center ready to help. “But, residents who did come to the Center got to enjoy them as well,” Shumate said.

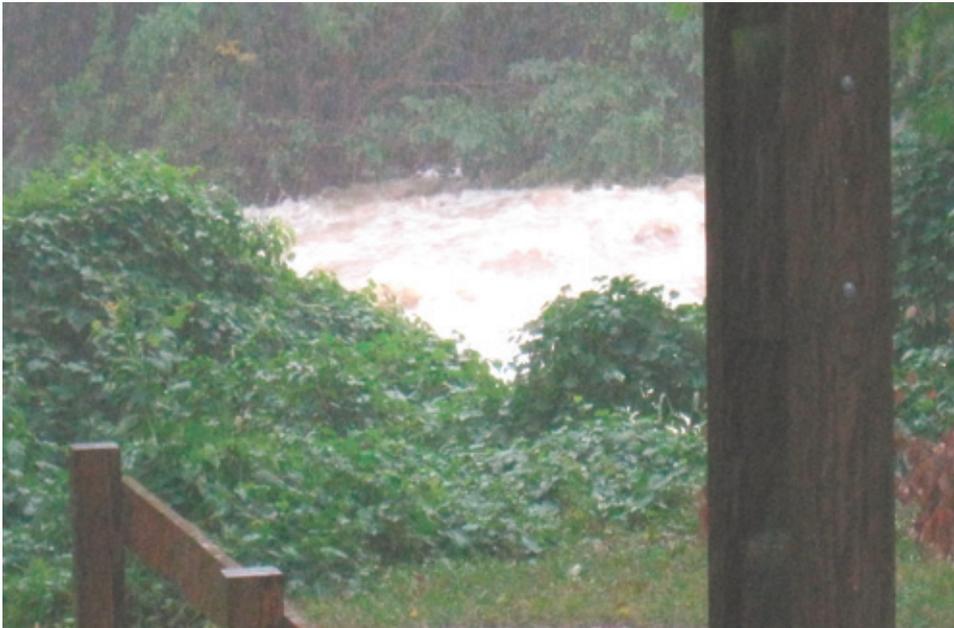
Flood preparation in Old Town also proved unnecessary this time. There was no rising water from the Potomac River onto lower King and Union streets as is often the case in situations such as Hanna. There was some flooding of the Strand during high tide Saturday afternoon.

By early Saturday evening even the cartways and sidewalks were dry from the pelting rain. Tourists and residents alike were enjoying a balmy summer evening with many having dinner at sidewalk tables all along lower King Street.



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Cameron Run along Eisenhower Avenue near Bluestone Saturday afternoon.



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The north side of Holmes Run during Saturday’s rain.



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South Lee Street during the heavy rains.



The entrance to Huntington Park from Fairfax Terrace on Sunday, Sept. 7.

ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

To have a notice listed in the Bulletin, e-mail connectionnewspapers.com. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

The **Special Education Parent Resource Center** holds a weekly Support Group for Parents of Children in Special Education from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday in the Parent Resource Center at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, 1501 Cameron St. (Ring the bell at door No. 4).

Each meeting includes coffee and bagels, and an opportunity to share stories, support, information and problem-solving ideas related to special education issues, school and family life. The group is open to parents who have children of all ages with special needs. Infants and toddlers are welcome. Parents are welcome to drop in whenever they can.

For more information, please contact Anne Lipnick at 703-706-4552 (office) or 571-274-2866 (work cell), or email alipnick@acps.k12.va.us.

U.S. Rep. James P. Moran will host his **17th Annual Women's Issues Conference** featuring Special Guest, Donna Brazile, CNN commentator, strategist, author and professor

on Saturday, September 13, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kenmore Middle School at 200 S. Carlin Springs Road in Arlington. Participants are asked to register for the conference through the Congressman's website at www.moran.house.gov.

Pizza Lunch included, admission free and open to the public

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, September 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 a.m. ET when Washington-area animal lovers and their four-legged friends take to the streets to raise money to fill the AWLA's recently acquired disaster preparedness trailer. This year Mayor Bill Eullie will be walking "Alex" the city's official mascot. Also "Sherman" the City of Alexandria's newest bomb sniffing dog will be joining the walk.

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.). A number of animal and people-friendly prizes will also be raffled off on site. All proceeds from this event will be donated to the AWLA.

For more information contact Olde Towne School for Dogs at 703-836-7643

The **City of Alexandria** and the **Alexandria Citizen Corps Council** will provide emergency preparedness information at three community events in September to help residents "Be Ready, Alexandria!" The events and locations are as follows:

* **Olde Towne Dogge Walke**, Sept. 14, 9-11 a.m., 529 Oronoco St.

* **Cora Kelly Community Day**, Sept. 27, noon to 5 p.m., 25 W. Reed Ave.

* **World Rabies Day Fun Day**, Sept. 28, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park

For more information about the Citizen Corps Council, or to download emergency preparedness checklists, visit alexandriava.gov/citizen corps or con-

tact Kim Purcell at 703-706-3940, ext. 231.

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. This free family-friendly event will bring together community residents, businesses and civic organizations for a day filled with fun, food and activities.

The festival will feature children's arts and crafts, entertainment, community exhibitors, and more. The event is sponsored by Northern Virginia Community College, AARP, Advantage Dental Care and First Family Dental, H. E. Enterprises, Ethnic Expressions, and State Farm.

The campus is located at 3001 N. Beauregard Street in Alexandria. For more information, contact Yolanda Barbier at 703-933-5076 or ybarbier@nvcc.edu.

Monday, Sept. 22: "On Stage: The State of Alexandria's Performing Arts." **Agenda: Alexandria** explores what it has taken for Alexandria to earn and keep its national reputation as an arts destination. Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue. Reception at 6:30 p.m., Dinner (\$22 members with reservations/\$27 non-members) at 6:45 p.m.; Program only (free to members/\$5 non-members) 7:15 p.m. Mail checks to PO Box 3598, Alexandria, VA 22302. For information, contact Sherry Brown, agendaalexandria@aol.com or 703-549-4696.

Laurel Colless, will discuss the EEP pilot program on Wednesday, September 24, 7 to 9 p.m., at Virginia Tech's

Alexandria Center, 1021 Prince St., 3rd floor Conference Room. Free. For more information, contact Kris Wernstedt, 703-706-8132 or krisw@vt.edu.

Tenants and Workers United, The Cora Kelly Recreation Center, and the City of Alexandria will host the **Annual Community Day and Health Fair** on Sept. 27 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The Health Fair will provide free medical services and information from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be games, music, food, and more. It will be at the Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 West Reed Ave.

The **Alexandria Workshop of Ikebana International** meets at the Hollin Hall Senior Citizen Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, at 9:30 a.m. on the first Wednesday of each month from September through June except December and January. Ikebana is the Japanese art of floral arrangement. The group makes Ikebana floral arrangements, studies the history of the art and learns new techniques. New members are welcome. For more information call Julie Cimino at 202-544-5331.

The **Friends of Fort Ward** will present the City of Alexandria with the second annual General John G. Barnard Award on Saturday, Sept. 20, commemorating a more than 50-year legacy of preservation activities at the Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. The award will be presented during "Fete at the Fort," a celebration from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Museum. In addition to the presentation, Douglas Jimerson and the Civil War Comrades will offer a pro

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Seminary Valley

Tropical Storm Hanna dealt our Valley only a glancing blow, but the folks who ventured out on Saturday evening got an eyeful of Holmes Run. I don't think I have ever seen the water as high; it was about 3 feet from the bottom of the Pickett Street Bridge. The 10 inches of rain that fell at Lake Barcroft, just up the Run from us, filled the creek's banks; neighbor Stephanie Clayton reported that the water level was at one point up to the 6th step of the stairs near Brookville. The next morning, as I jogged up through Dora Kelley Nature Park, it was evident that the creek had breached the banks and had tried to cut a new route. It was a relief not to have to deal with power outages and sump pump woes this time.

So now it is time to get to those dry basements and dig up your treasures for the annual Mile-Long Yard Sale, just two weeks away. The event begins at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 20, rain or shine. Table charges are \$5 for BSVCA members, \$10 for non-members. Commercial vendors will be charged \$25. To volunteer, contact Desiree Jessimy at jessimy@comcast.net or Armi Mack at mmack49@comcast.net.

Congratulations are in order for the winners of the BSVCA Beautification Awards: Vega Overby, Best Duplex, Maida Loescher, Best KMS

Townhome and Pat and Monique Devereaux, Best Single Family Home. These winners will be recognized at the Oct. 22 BSVCA quarterly meeting, set for 7 p.m. at the Beatley Central Library. Other agenda items include changes to the Landmark retail area, and election of the 2009 Board of Directors.

Francis C. Hammond High School Alumni, take note: there will be a 50th Hammond-GW class reunion during the weekend of Oct. 5-8. Ann Hughes can answer your questions at 703-938-6697 or e-mail her at annhughes@cox.net. The FC Hammond Alumni Association will meet the morning of Oct. 4, and a tour of the school will follow. That afternoon, the FC Hammond Band will reunite; contact Kassy Benson at benson@generalmicro.com to get on the mailing list. Members of Hammond's Class of 1963 are meeting for dinner later that evening; Chuck Sterling (sterling_charlesr@yahoo.com) can give you the details.

To subscribe to the Hammond Alumni newsletter, contact the Hammond list serve at FCHHSAA@listserve.com. The newsletter is a treasure trove of information about classmates, teachers and upcoming alumni events.

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SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

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

Alexandria City Public Schools' 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. 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

Sept. 16, 7 p.m. — Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, 1101 Janneys Lane, Alexandria, 703-461-4190

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

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

Curtis Eidal 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.

Andrea Siwek, daughter of Alexandria residents Stephen and Marilyn Siwek, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications for the spring 2008 term.

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OPEN SUN 1 - 5



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

Dir: S on GW Pkwy, R Tulane, immediate R on Park Terrace, follow signs to 1205 Wake Forest on right.

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

OPEN SUN 1 - 5



Alexandria Westgrove

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

Dir: From Old Town, South on Parkway, Right on Tulane, Right on Clemson, left on Middlebury, left on Tulsa to 6917.

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

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT



Alexandria Collingwood

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

Offered at.....\$559,000

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT



Alexandria Overlook

- Superior Location Inside Beltway-Near I-395
- Three Luxurious Levels - Over 4,000 sq.ft.
- Elegantly Appointed Formal Rooms
- Main Level Library AND Sunroom
- Chef's Island Kitchen w/Eat-in Area
- Master Suite features "Boutique" Closet
- Custom Wet Bar w/ Built-Ins • Three Fireplaces
- Custom Mouldings • Custom Painting
- Two Car Garage • Deck • Covered Patio

Offered at.....\$895,000

OPEN SUN 1-5



ALEXANDRIA CITY BRIGADOON

- Charming Three level all-brick Townhome with Two Generous Master Suites, Three Full and One Half Baths
- Located in a small, lovely enclave of upscale residences inside the Beltway
- Beautiful Dining Room and Living Room with hardwood floors, crown moldings and full masonry wood-burning fireplace and french doors to custom Deck
- Updated Kitchen with Corian Counters, Cherry Cabinets, and Stainless Appliances
- Versatile Lower Level Features a Den/Office or 3rd Bedroom and huge Family Room with full masonry wood-burning fireplace, wet-bar, crown molding and french doors to private fenced Deck

Dir: 395 to Duke Street East, Right on S. Pickett St., Right on Valley Forge, Left on Gretna Green Court to 108.

Offered at.....\$509,000

OPEN SUN 1-5



ALEXANDRIA CITY BRIGADOON

- Immaculate Three level all-brick Townhome with Three Bedrooms and Four Baths
- Located in a small, lovely enclave of upscale residences inside the Beltway
- Formal Dining & Living Room with hardwood floors, crown moldings, wood-burning fireplace & french doors to custom 2 Level Deck
- Granite Kitchen with Cherry Cabinets and Stainless Appliances
- Lower Level features include a Den/Office or Exercise Room and a huge Family Room with wood-burning fireplace and french doors to rear fenced Deck

Dir: 395 to Duke Street East, Right on S. Pickett St., Right on Valley Forge, Left on Gretna Green Court to 244.

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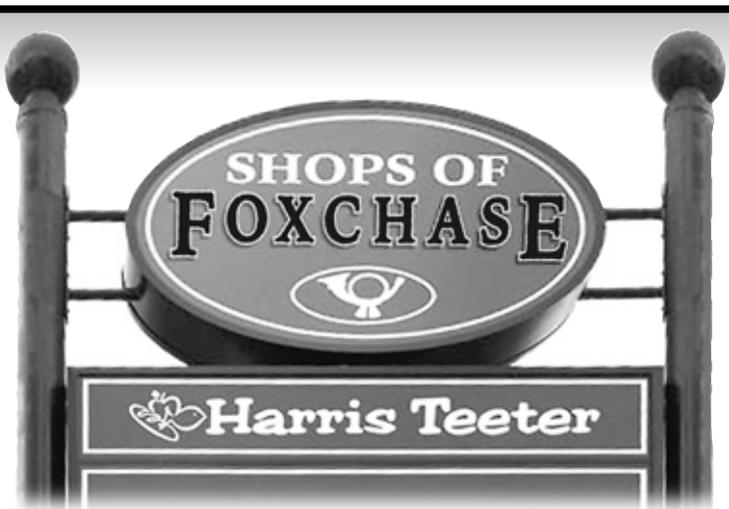
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ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

FROM PAGE 15

gram of period music. Call 703-838-4848 to make a reservation. For more information, please visit www.fortward.org.

The Mount Vernon Republican Women will host a Wine & Cheese Book Signing on Thursday, Sept. 18, starting at 7 p.m. at the home of Bryan and Sandy Bourne in Alexandria. Alexandria resident and author Craig Shirley will speak about his books. After the discussion, books will be personalized by the author. Cost is \$20 per person (includes 1 autographed book) or \$30 for two people (includes one autographed book). Additional autographed books are \$20 each. Reservations are required by September 12th. A reservation made is a reservation paid. For more information please email info@mvrw.org.

The Sexual Assault Response and Awareness (SARA) program is looking for compassionate listeners, both English speaking and bilingual, who would be comfortable talking to sexual assault survivors and their families. The next SARA training is scheduled to begin in early October and meets two evenings a week from 6:30-9:30 p.m. and on two Saturday mornings. For more information or to register, contact Stacey C. McCullough at 703-838-5030 or stacey.mccullough@alexandriava.gov.

Super Saturdays/Super Seniors will provide a limited number of trips for \$5 fares anywhere in the City of Alexandria on every Saturday in August 2008 between the hours of 9 am and 5 pm. on a first-come, first-serve basis. Contact Alexandria Union Cab at 703-683-1200.

The City of Alexandria invites residents to take part in the fall session of the Alexandria Citizens Academy, which begins on Sept. 25. Classes will be held every Thursday from 7-9 p.m. The class size is limited to 15-20 people and is open to City residents over the age of 18 years and/or owners of businesses located in the City. The majority of the classes will be held in the Council Workroom at City Hall, 301 King St., however, a few classes will be held at different locations throughout the City. The deadline for applications is Sept. 15. For more information and/or an application visit www.alexandriava.gov

citizensacademy or call Elaine Scott, Office of Citizen Assistance, at 703-838-4800.

Getting rid of leftover oil-based and paint and stains, cleaning solvent, and other household hazardous waste is not as simple as tossing the items in the trash. Improper disposal of these items can be dangerous and harmful to you, the environment, and to others.

City of Alexandria residents may dispose of household hazardous waste safely, conveniently, and at no cost through the **Household Waste Facility**, 3600 Wheeler Ave. For the convenience of residents, the facility is now open two days a week: Mondays and Saturdays, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The facility is available to City residents only; photo identification will be required to prove residence at time of drop off. Several examples of acceptable and unacceptable drop off items include:

Acceptable Materials: Antifreeze, Battery Acid, Gasoline, Compact Fluorescent Light Bulbs

Unacceptable Materials: Explosives, Ammunition, Biological Waste, Unlabeled Substances

For more information about the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, or about household hazardous waste collection, please visit www.alexandriava.gov/tes or contact Alton Weaver, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, at 703.519.3486.

The Alexandria Commission for the Arts is seeking nominations for the 2008 Alex Awards. The program recognizes individuals, organizations, schools, and businesses that have made exceptional contributions to cultural life in the City of Alexandria. All nominations must be submitted to the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St., by 4 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19.

The Alexandria Community Services Board is in need of volunteers to serve in the following positions:

* Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center Board Members: Friends is seeking new members who will take an active role in fund-raising, building relationships with the business community and helping coordinate Friends community events. The Board meets one Wednesday evening every other month with occasional subcommittee meetings and additional time required for leading or assisting with projects.

* Mural Artists: Alexandria Vocational Services is seeking a mural artist or group of artists to paint a portion of a 30'x 60' concrete wall in a warehouse that houses the Sheltered Workshop Program. Program participants complete projects such as labeling, envelope stuffing and film recycling. Some funds are available for supplies.* Representative Payees: Payees receive Social Security checks and pay bills for persons with an intellectual disability or mental illness. A separate bank account is opened with automatic deposit and there are few monthly transactions. The duties require two hours per month, per account. For more information about these volunteer opportunities, contact Jennifer Cordero at jennifer.cohen-cordero@alexandriava.gov or 703-838-4455, x 161.

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

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

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



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ARLINGTON - \$499,900

Beautifully maintained 3BR/2BA Cape Cod has a sparkly sunny interior and includes granite kitchen counters, freshly finished hwd floors, upper level MBR w/bath, updated electric, wood FP, fabulous rear yard & deck.

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ARLINGTON - \$699,900

Pristine 4BR/2BA center hall Colonial in Waverly Hills, recently updated. Bright with sunlight, this lovely home features gourmet kitchen, separate dining room, cozy sunroom, stylish baths & 4th BR & den on LL. Level backyard offers expansion potential. Walk to METRO.

homesdatabase.com/charlene
Charlene Schaper 703-217-3666



OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA - \$399,900
403 Commonwealth Ave #106

4 blocks from King St Metro, tucked into the tranquil tree-lined community of Rosemont, this Condo has the best of both worlds! 2BR/1BA, renovated 2005, hwds thru-out, and new King St Trolley to Riverfront. View at:

www.BobSkinnerHomes.org

Bob Skinner 703-585-6683



BUY OR RENT!



ARLINGTON 'THE ECLIPSE' - \$535,000

This dramatic, gorgeous, furnished condo is ready to buy or rent! (Rent \$2,900) Supreme location and wonderful amenities: 2MBRs w/beautiful bathrooms, flat screen in LR, stunning kitchen w/granite & SS appliances & reserved car space. This complex offers pool, gym & shuttle to METRO.

Maude Dixon 703-628-0096



ARLINGTON - \$750,000

Fantastic turnkey Dominion Hills Colonial with so many updates and so much space. Bright, open kitchen/breakfast room addition & main level bed & bath. Shows like a dream. 4BR/2.5BA. Finished basement. 2 decks. Great inside & out.

Judy Pisciotta 703-405-4485



ALEXANDRIA - \$315,000

Largest 2BR/2BA model at Parkside! Spacious condo has large open living room, beautiful kitchen, dining area, lots of storage space, W/D and private patio. Complex has pool, playground, commuter shuttle via Metro bus to Pentagon.

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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!



4212
Dandridge Terr
\$619,000

Classic Center Hall Colonial!

Great New Price! Spacious 4BR home has master suite with private bath, open kitchen/family room, granite counters in kitchen, updated baths, replacement thermal pane windows, hardwood floors, walk-out lower level and oversized 2 car garage. Prime location on large fenced lot on quiet Southwood cul-de-sac.



Mount Vernon
Grove
\$998,900

New Home!

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8824 Stratford
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\$1,275,000

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MARY BOURKE 703.609.5825



OPEN SUN. 1-4

MT VERNON
\$899,000
GRIST MILL WOODS GEM

Stunning 5 BR, 4.5 BA Balmoral Model overlooks Washington's historic gristmill from the grand deck or the half-arched-window sunroom. Show room perfect, gourmet granite/stainless kitchen, 2-story family room, custom upgrades/paint, main level library, hardwood floors & huge finished lower level with workshop & walk-out to beautiful yard.

5423 Grist Mill Woods Way

JAN MUNNINGHOFF
703.201.3730



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\$517,597

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\$589,500
WANT LOCATION

Charming rambler on corner lot in popular College Park, wants someone special to update this 3BR, 2BA with fireplace, hardwood floors, partial finished basement and central air. 1.4 miles to Metro, minutes to schools.

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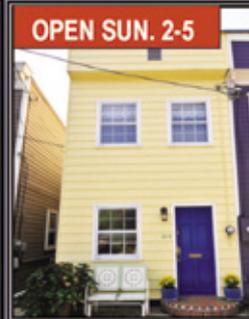
OPEN SUN. 1-4

Alexandria
\$330,000
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1BR/1BA condo,

freshly painted & new carpet. W/D in unit, light & bright with cozy living room fireplace & custom built-in bookcases. Low condo fees, 1 block to Potomac River, shopping & restaurants. Assigned parking, storage & pool.

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OPEN SUN. 2-5

Old Town
\$484,900
STEPS TO KING ST & POTOMAC

Enviably located in the sought-after SE quadrant of Old Town this inviting 2BR/1BA semi-detached historic townhome offers tons of charm! Delightful brick patio and back yard area provides room for expansion/entertainment! Updates to include new HVAC, interior/exterior paint & hardwoods throughout. Fabulous potential!

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Joni Koons 703-209-7277 • Greg Koons 703-209-7678



Alexandria \$824,900
 Gracious 3 level, 4 bedrm, 4 bath brick Col. w/garage. Within block to the King St. Metro & Old Town. Spacious rooms w/wood floors, period detail & built-ins.
512 Hilltop Terrace
Christine Garner 703-587-4855



Alex./Landmark \$569,000
 4 level 3,500+ SF Townhome w/all-new kitchen. Extensive upgrades including new carpet. Hardwood floors, garage & 2 fireplaces.
5201 Cottingham Place
Nancie Williams 703-608-6959



Lorton \$419,900
 Pristine & perfect! 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath TH w/2-car garage. Decorator colors—loads of light. Gourmet kitchen w/maple cabinets & door to deck. Family rm off kitchen w/gas fireplace. LL office & exercise rm.
9613 Massey McGuire Court
Julie Hall 703-786-3634



Alex./Kingstowne \$569,900
 Great Location! 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath TH w/2-car garage. Updated gourmet kitchen & master bath. New CAC. Great view with all of Kingstowne amenities.
6712 Ordsall Street
Joe Davis 571-338-4989



Alex./Old Town \$530,000
 Renovated 3 bedrm, 2 bath condo. Gorgeous kitchen, new cabinetry. Brazilian cherry wood floors. Garage parking. Steps to Metro!
545 Braddock Road #608
Eve Damelin 703-625-2EVA



Alexandria \$839,000
 Spectacular kitchen/family rm addition in this home in sought-after Beverley Hills. 4 bedrms, 3 baths, Deck opening from family rm & wonderful yard. Tons of closet & storage space.
902 Chalfont Drive
Carlene Bahler 703-338-6636



Alex./Old Town \$695,000
 Delightful historic home in heart of Old town. Lovely light-infused interior, updated kitchen & baths. Gorgeous random-width floor planks, 3 bedrms, 2 baths, ample storage with built-ins.
311 Wilkes Street
Diann Hicks 703-628-2440



Alexandria \$579,900
 Fantastic 3 bedrm, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2-car garage TH w/new carpet thru-out. Hardwoods in kitchen, family rm & breakfast area. All of the Kingstowne amenities.
5306 Sandyford Street
Joe Davis 571-338-4989



Falls Church \$444,211
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VOLUNTEERS

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Destiny's Dream has a public access TV show and is looking for individuals to help with the show. Taping occurs twice a month in Alexandria on select Wednesday evenings from 5-10 p.m. September through December. The TV Studio provides training for \$75 per person for five nights. (Complete the Volunteer Form at <http://www.motivationaltv.com>.)

SARA has a variety of different programs:

Adult Survivors of Childhood Sexual Assault: A twelve-week group addressing issues facing adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. All group members must be receiving individual therapy or case management services while in the group, and an assessment is required. Offered winter/spring 2008. Contact the SARA Program: 703-838-5030.

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

Creative Expression Support Group: A support group for adult survivors of sexual assault or sexual abuse that will incorporate nonverbal forms of expression, such as; poetry, art, journaling. This six-week group is for those who have previously participated in a support group. Offered winter 2008. Contact the SARA Program: 703-838-5030.

King Street Cats needs volunteers to care for abandoned and rescued cats and kittens in its orphanage in Old Town. Help needed with morning and evening feeding/cleaning. If you love cats and want to care for them while a permanent home is being found, contact us at 703-231-7199 or visit <http://kingstreetcats.org> for more.

Doorways for Women and Families is seeking volunteers for its Safehouse domestic violence shelter program. Volunteers are needed for weekend and evening shifts and to answer our 24/7 hotline. Some weekday opportunities are also available. Training begins August-September. Call 703-522-8858 x13 or e-mail volunteer@doorwaysva.org. For more information visit www.doorwaysva.org/volunteer.

CrisisLink's 24/7/365 hotline for the Washington Metro Region is currently recruiting volunteers for their October 2008 training. Visit www.crisislink.org, e-mail volunteer@crisislink.org, or call 703-527-6016 to learn more. Come help CrisisLink continue to save lives and prevent tragedies in our community. Volunteer for three hours a week.

Volunteer Emergency Families For Children (VEFC) needs volunteers willing to open their homes and provide short term (1-21 days) emergency shelter to local children who are victims of abuse, neglect, etc. Volunteers can choose the age, gender, and length of stay for each placement. Local leaders are also needed to serve children in crisis by sharing VEFC's mission within their community. Call 703-200-3700 or email seckhardt@vefc.org for details. Visit www.vefc.org.

Meals on Wheels need drivers to pick up meals at Mt. Vernon Hospital at 11 a.m. and delivering them by 1 p.m.

Volunteer drivers can deliver on a weekly, biweekly, monthly, or substitute basis. Other volunteer opportunities for Meals on Wheels in the Mt. Vernon area include back-up Group Coordinator, Group Treasurer, and a volunteer to make monthly delivery of nutritional supplements to a Mt. Vernon resident. For more information, call the Fairfax Area Agency on Aging's Volunteer Intake Line: 703-324-5406, TTY: 703-449-1186 or e-mail DFSAAAvolunteer@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Project Managers and Project Leaders oversee an entire project (managers) or one aspect of a larger project (leaders) at the April 25 Day of Service. See the full job descriptions at www.alexandriavolunteerbureau.org or call AVB at 703-836-2176.

Guiding Eyes for the Blind needs puppy raisers who are willing to open their homes to Labrador Retriever puppies until they are old enough to be professionally trained as guide dogs, usually 16-18 months. Training and guidance provided by local experienced counselors. Volunteer puppy raisers provide love and affection, behavior training and socialization experiences. Call 703-242-2232 or visit www.gebdominion.org. To complete an application, visit www.volunteer.guidingeyes.org.

Goodwin House Alexandria needs musicians to perform during regular Tuesday evening concerts, as well as provide other concerts as available to assisted living, health care, and memory support units. Contact: Patty Butler-Burkhart, 703-824-1239 pbutlerburkhart@goodwinhouse.org.

Alexandria Office on Women-Domestic Violence Program- Shelter Supervisors at the Battered Women's Shelter interact personally with individuals in need—an opportunity that many find extremely fulfilling. Primary responsibilities include answering the crisis hotline and supporting the women and children residing at the safe house. Contact: Jen Clayton, 703-838-4911 or jen.clayton@alexandriava.gov

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

There will be a **volunteer management boot camp** from 9 a.m.-noon in Alexandria. Part of Volunteer Fairfax. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org, and click on "Training Registration" on the left-hand side. The fee for this session is \$35. For more information, e-mail Emily Gibbs at egibbs@volunteerfairfax.org.

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

The Child & Family Network Centers has many volunteer opportunities, including volunteering in classrooms, field-trip assistants, ESL and Spanish language tutors, clothing drive assistant and office assistant. They also need volunteers to help prepare for their

annual wine tasting fundraising event in the spring. Contact Patricia Chapman at 703-836-0214 or pchapman@cfnc-online.org.

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

The Hispanic Committee of Virginia needs volunteers for their youth programs, including volunteers to mentor Hispanic teenagers and for "Arroz Con Leche," a weekly reading and writ-

ing enrichment program for immigrant 2nd and 3rd graders. Spanish language proficiency is not required, training and support is available, and average commitment is just 1-2 hours/week. Contact Jodi Hammer at 703-671-5666, ex. 20, or educationcoord@hcva.org.

Project Northstar needs volunteers to tutor children who live in homeless shelters, transitional housing programs and foster care. Project Northstar matches adult volunteers with the same student for one evening per week to work on basic math and reading skills. 202-223-0144, ext. 10

RAINN (Rape, Abuse and Incest

National Network) seeks volunteers for the National Sexual Assault Online Hotline, which provides live, secure, anonymous, instant message-style crisis support to the growing number of people who prefer communicating via the Internet — giving those affected by sexual assault a safe place to turn. Contact Darcey West at 202-544-0227 or darceyw@rainn.org.

Stop Child Abuse Now of Northern Virginia is holding trainings for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers. Trainings will be held in the winter and the spring. For more information, contact the SCAN office, 703-820-9001, info@scanva.org.



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BUSINESS

Jackson 20's Boaring Evening

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Anyone who loves wild boar and has been deprived of that dark ages delicacy since the demise of Old Town's "Bullfeathers" is in for a treat Sept. 17. That's the night Jackson 20 in the Monaco Hotel will host a legendary Kentucky "Bourbon Festival" featuring seven offerings of wild boar.

The restaurant at 480 King St., will host a bourbon and boar dinner featuring bourbon cocktails paired with a variety of boar dishes created by Chef Jeff Armstrong. Held during Kentucky's annual Bourbon Festival the creative cocktails and southern inspired menu promises to bring those bluegrass specialties to Old Town.

Some of Chef Armstrong's special offerings will include:

- ❖ Roast Leg with collard greens and mustard carper sauce, paired with a bourbon and port julip
- ❖ Barbecue Shoulder on carrot and cayenne slaw and crispy potato cake paired with the Boartini
- ❖ Cider Braised Belly with roasted peaches, blackberry and sherry syrup paired with Andy's Cigar
- ❖ Grilled Loin with sweet potato mash, juniper and onion relish paired with The Sweet Tooth
- ❖ Beer Braised Shoulder with black beans and ancho chilies paired with an Old Fashioned
- ❖ Sauteed Loin with mustard spoonbread and bourbon-poached Granny Smith apples paired with The Sazerac

Beginning at 6:30 p.m., this specialty dinner features a six course tasting menu paired with select

bourbon cocktails, along with a special surprise for \$75 per person, not including tax and gratuity. Space is limited and credit card pre-registration is required for booking by calling 703-842-2790.

EVERY September, for the past 27 years, the town of Bardstown, Kentucky has attracted bourbon aficionados from around the globe to enjoy the Kentucky Bourbon Festival. For those who don't want to pay more for gasoline than their bourbon, Jackson 20, is offering that experience without the travel.

Taking its name from the \$20 bill which features the countenance of President Andrew Jackson, Jackson 20 is a 125 seat modern American tavern. The menu features regional American cuisine with a southern accent complemented by a comprehensive American wine list. And, a full bar for those who prefer other than bourbon.

Chef Jeff Armstrong's cooking has been greatly influenced by spending many hours as a child in the kitchen of his great grandmother in Goldsboro, North Carolina. It was her influence that led him to a culinary career. Armstrong's offerings at Jackson 20 can best be described as "American with a Southern twist." His earliest cooking experiences are still the ones that serve as his guiding light in creating a memorable menu — "innovation tempered with a heartfelt respect for tradition." Each dish is prepared as it would be for a family celebration.

For those who have not yet experienced Jackson 20, the Bourbon Festival could prove to be an auspicious introduction. Wild boar is anything but boring. Properly prepared and served it is to wild game what abalone is to seafood.

Sacks Keynote Speaker at Tourism Meeting

International tourism expert Adam Sacks, founder and managing director of Tourism Economics, will keynote the Annual Membership Meeting and Reception hosted by the Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association at the Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria on Thursday, September 25, 4 - 7 p.m.

Sacks is considered one of the industry's most trusted experts on the travel economy and an engaging speaker. An authority on the economic impact of tourism, he has worked with travel destinations at local, national and international levels as well as multinational travel businesses, advising on market positioning and tourism investment initiatives.

The Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association invites Alexandria's businesses and residents to also join in celebrating the successes of the past tourism year



Adam Sacks

and preview new tourism initiatives for 2009 at this meeting.

During 2008, the City of Alexandria and its tourism and busi-

ness communities readied the City to extend a warm welcome to its guests arriving from National Harbor and other neighboring communities and from around the country and the world. The ACVA directed an intensive brand study, engaging the community in the process, to lay a foundation for new marketing and advertising programs and the development of a new tourism website, all of which will be previewed at the meeting.

Presentations are from 4:30 - 6: p.m., followed by the reception from 6: - 7 p.m. A donation of \$25 is requested, \$12 for additional attendees. To RSVP by September 22 and pay with credit card, call 703-838-4200, ext. 204. Payment may be mailed to: ACVA 421 King Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314. www.ACVAMembers.com for more information.

FAITH

E-mail announcements to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

Take part in an **Ecumenical Bible Study** on Thursday mornings Oct. 9 through Nov. 13 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church, 6510 Fort Hunt Road. Free.

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.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 1509 Collingwood Road, Mount Vernon, is now holding Wednesday evening meetings at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. For more information call 703-768-2494.

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.

Beth El Hebrew Congregation holds services at 8:15 p.m. on Fridays and 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays. Religious school is on Wednesdays evening and Sunday mornings. Adult learning opportunities take place throughout the year. Tot Shabbat on first and third Saturdays. Kolot Shabbat (musical service)

the first Friday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Beth El is located at 3830 Seminary Road in Alexandria. For more information, call 703-370-9400 or visit www.bethelhebrew.org.

Good Shepherd Catholic Church on Mount Vernon Highway in Alexandria is offering a **"Coming Home"** process at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third **Mondays** of each month to ask questions, get an update on the church, and to help decide if it's time to reconnect with parish life. Contact Rob Doerschner at 703-822-0523.

The Urban Passage Inc., a faith-based non-profit organization, seeks adult volunteers, 50 years and older, to mentor high-risk youth at the Northern Virginia Juvenile detention Home in Alexandria. Volunteers are also needed to serve as youth advisory council leaders and community service project leaders for a program that serves terminally and seriously ill children at Inova Fairfax Hospital.

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

AWANA is an international, non-denominational, Bible centered youth organization providing weekly clubs and programs for ages three-year-old through high school. Engleside Baptist Church's, 8428 Highland Lane, AWANA club consists of three parts, Handbook Time, Council Time, and Game Time. Club meetings are held every Wednesday night during

the school year from 7-8:30 p.m. Call 703-780-5410.

Up Where We Belong Family Ministry will hold its Northern Virginia's Super Church event, the **third Sunday of every month** starting at 10:40 a.m., at Mount Vernon High School's main auditorium. Bring the family and participate in their worship celebration and eligible families will receive free groceries. Pre-registration is necessary. Contact Bishop Robert Lewis Taylor at 703-878-2247.

Christ the Saviour Anglican Church will worship at a new location starting Aug. 5. The services will be held at Washington Mill Elementary School, 9100 Cherry Tree Drive, Mount Vernon. A Christian Education Hour for adults and youth starts at 9:15 a.m., followed by the worship service at 10 a.m. For more details, visit www.christthesaviouranglican.org/.

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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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SCHOOLS

School Board Gets Fresh Start

FROM PAGE 1

IN HIS DEBUT as superintendent, Sherman proved to be quite a raconteur — mixing amusing anecdotes about his first day on the job with an analysis of recent test scores. He mused about sharing hurricane stories with Deputy Superintendent Cathy David, and he compared Executive Director of Monitoring and Evaluation Monte Dawson a “brilliant Cheshire cat.” He admitted that he had gained eight pounds since his first day on the job, and he vowed to visit all the division’s schools within the month.

“Building upon the wonderful tradition of ‘Remember the Titans,’ what I would ask is that together we write the next book called ‘Imagine the Titans,’” explained Sherman. “I’ve begun talking about turning the page and moving ahead and writing the next chapter of this school division, and I would invite all of you to help write that chapter together.”

Yet even as the School Board members were displaying a newfound sense of unity and concord, divisions have already emerged about how that story will unfold. One of Sherman’s first executive decisions as superintendent was to discontinue the practice of hanging the familiar blue-and-white banners that announce “this school is fully accredited.” In an Aug. 29 memorandum outlining the decision, Sherman said that while achieving accreditation was a “significant accomplishment,” he didn’t want to give the impression “that accreditation is our goal.”

“We can and should do so much more for our students,” Sherman explained in the memorandum.

OPINIONS ARE DIVIDED as to the wisdom of this approach. Trey Hanbury, president of the Upper King Street Neighborhood Association, said that eliminating the banners sent a powerful message that elevates substance over form. Yet many parents of students at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School feel slighted by the new approach. Just as their school finally received full accreditation, the banners have been discontinued. For many parents, the timing seemed discouraging.

“Not only should we have a sign that says we are fully accredited, I think it should be lit up with a neon light,” said Bill Campbell, whose two boys attend the school. “I don’t agree that the signs send a message that we’re striving for minimum standards. I think they say we’re striving beyond the standards.”

Sherman said that he would not be changing his mind about the banners, although he agreed that the school should receive some kind of recognition for meeting federal and state standards this year — a first for the troubled elementary school near the King Street Metro Station. During an animated discussion in the lobby of Jefferson-Houston on the first day of school, Sherman and Campbell went back and forth with each other about the symbolic importance of the banners.

“Minimum competence is not acceptable,” Sherman told Campbell. “This school is better than that.”

OVER THE WEEKEND, School Board members met with Sherman to discuss the formulation of a new

“strategic plan” for the school system — a document that the superintendent recommended should be limited to four or five pages. This would stand in stark contrast to the current strategic plan, originally conceived by the previous School Board, that is a 74-page document.

“I wanted to get this process going my first year on the board, but it was pretty clear that wasn’t going to happen because the School Board was preoccupied with finding a new superintendent,” said School Board member Eileen Cassidy Rivera. “In my assessment the tail has been wagging the dog. But now the dog is going to wag the tail.”

During their annual retreat last weekend, board members began discussing what kind of overarching goals they might agree to include in the document. One example discussed at the retreat was raising

math at the middle school level, a reaction to low test scores at both Hammond Middle School and George Washington Middle School. Another example of a goal that might be outlined in a strategic plan would be to reevaluate how the board’s committees are organized and directed.

“Some of the latest research on this is that there are new and better ways of having standing committees that are organized around strategic results instead of activity,” said School Board member Charles Wilson. “If a committee reported on particular aspects of the strategic plan, it would be managing by results instead of managing by activity.”

CHAIRWOMAN FOLKERTS said she would like to see a public hearing on a draft version as early as October, with a final version being adopted as soon as December. At this point, the board members are still working with a consultant to narrow specific goals into a workable document that will set up specific year-to-year goals to be used for evaluating Superintendent Sherman’s performance in office. With all the board members on the ballot in May, the document will end up being a blueprint for the next School Board.

“This should give us a map for the next three to five years,” said Folkerts, who was unanimously elected chairwoman in July. “The goal is to give us a plan for how we expect to improve student achievement.”

“Building upon the wonderful tradition of ‘Remember the Titans,’ what I would ask is that together we write the next book called ‘Imagine the Titans.’”

— Superintendent
Morton Sherman

Clarification

A brief item in the Aug. 26 issue of the Alexandria Gazette Packet incorrectly identified the leader of the Ellen Pickering Memorial

Walk. It was Boyd Walker. Robert L. Montague III was scheduled to lead the walk but was unable to be there.

COMMUNITY

Taking the Plunge

Despite Saturday's heavy rains, some dogs can't get enough of the wet. Sunday was swim time for dogs at Cameron Run Regional Park where the waves were stilled, but the water was still available for splashing through.

— PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET



The big dogs took to the quiet wave pool fetching and carrying balls and toys.



All three pools were open for the enjoyment of the dogs last Sunday.



Kai, a Golden Retriever carries another ball out of the pool.



Twister, an Australian Shepherd sits with Susan Cash and just watches the antics of the other dogs in the wave pool.



Poolside at Cameron Run Regional Park



Tyler prepares for another walk through the kiddie pool.

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KEEPING SHOP

Working at...Artfully Chocolate

Keeping Shop is a regular feature of the Gazette Packet. To qualify, retail shops should be locally owned or operated; new, expanding, celebrating a significant anniversary or doing something otherwise newsworthy. To nominate your business or another business, contact Mary Ann Weber, editor, Gazette Packet, maweber@connectionnewspapers.com.

Business name: Artfully Chocolate/Kingsbury Confections of Alexandria
Address: 2003 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Years at this address: 2 months
Years in business: For Eric: 2 years
 For Rob: 5.5 yrs
Telephone: 703-635-7917
E-mail sales@thecocoagallery.com **address:**
Web site: www.thecocoagallery.com

Owner(s):
 Eric Nelson and Rob Kingsbury

Short bio:

For Eric:
 Eric Nelson was born in New York City, but has lived in the Washington area for more than 30 years. Eric has a bachelors and masters in Economics. For most of his adult life, Eric was a professional in the telecommunications industry where he ended his career as the vice president of a telecommunications trade association. When Eric was in his mid forties he decided he needed to spend some portion of the rest of his life pursuing his passion of becoming an artist. For several years he placed his works in galleries, but ultimately decided to create his own venue to show his work. His first venture was Artfully Chocolate. After that business had been opened for about a year and a half, he and Rob Kingsbury decided to bring their businesses together and to create a local chain of stores dedicated to fine art and fine chocolates. Their first location was in D.C. at 1529c 14th Street and the new location in Del Ray is their second store.

For Rob:

Born and raised in the beautiful state of Vermont, Rob learned the value of wonderful food as an important part of bringing the family together and building long-lasting traditions. His great-grandparents ran a Maple Sugar Farm in New Hampshire where 150 acres of Sugar Maples were tapped to make Maple Syrup and Maple Candies. This family tradition was passed down to his grandfather - Fay Kingsbury, who passed it on to him. His grandmother, Claire, owned and operated her own 'break-



ACKC (Artfully Chocolate/Kingsbury Confections) is dedicated to the promotion of fine chocolate and fine art. Pictured at the counter of their new shop are owners Rob Kingsbury (left) and Eric Nelson.

fast & lunch' cafe in Springfield, Vermont - the same town where Rob (as well as his parents) were born. Spending much time throughout each year of his youth with his grandparents, Rob learned the culinary importance of fresh ingredients and patience to create memorable and mouth-watering confections. Rob graduated with an MIS degree and worked 5 years in 'corporate' America before taking a chance to create his own career in the fascinating and delicious world of chocolate. If you want a taste of his family roots, try his grandparents recipe for maple caramel popcorn - salty popcorn tossed in caramel made from maple syrup and drizzled in chocolate.

Why did you choose this particular business?

For Eric, see above.
 For Rob: It's in my blood.

Why did you choose to work for yourself rather than as an employee for someone else?

For Eric, see above.
 For Rob: The challenge to be self-sufficient and continue family tradition.

international law firm Reed Smith LLP, will practice in the firm's Alexandria offices. A 1998 graduate of Virginia Commonwealth University, Rhoads received her law degree from George Mason University in 2002.

Radiance Yoga is a new studio at 110 King St. Visit www.radiance-yoga.net or 703-535-8282.

What have you learned from being in business?

For Eric: I have learned the virtue of patience. I have never been a very patient man. As a new business owner, it is very very, important to be patient. I have also learned to rely on my instincts and to have faith in myself, in my business partner, in my business plans and in the universe.

For Rob: That it takes perseverance & patience in every aspect of your business to make it successful. (And 3 times as much money as you think!)

Share an anecdote of a challenging or humorous experience or biggest surprise learned from working your business:

For Eric: One of the most challenging things that I have discovered from owning my business is how difficult it is to hire and retain good employees. I never dreamed how stressful it would be to find good employees. In the trade association business, I had many people working for me, but the turnover was rather low. In the retail business, it is very high. It has been a true chal-

Andrew Palmieri, a partner in the Alexandria office of Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP, has been elected an officer of the American Bar Association's Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law, a 30,000-member organization of the nation's leading real estate and estate planning lawyers.

Angie Sherman, Alexandria resident and Independent Sales Director with The Pam-

pered Chef received Top Performance Cluster in: Personal Sales at the company's national conference in Chicago.

enge.
 For Rob: That chocolate is surrounded by happy customers - whether they are treating themselves or someone else - they are doing it because it is a gift that brightens everyone's day.

What have been the advantages and/or disadvantages of operating a business in Alexandria?

For Eric: I love Alexandria. I live in Alexandria and I really appreciate the history and beauty of the city. I particularly love Del Ray. It has such a home-town feeling. I have gotten to meet many many, new friends in Del Ray. That is not to say it is easy to have a business in Del Ray. There are many hurdles to go through as a business owner. There is very often a tension between the needs of small businesses and the concerns of some property owners who do not necessarily want to have businesses in their neighborhood. The city government tries to balance those (sometimes) competing interests and often the businesses get the short end of the stick.

For Rob: The positive spirit and support of the community. This dream would not be able to continue everyday without the amazing customers who provide the financial support and friendship necessary to keep the independent small business alive in Alexandria.

Key staff:
 Bil Todd and Lori Andrews

Description of services and/or products:
 ACKC (Artfully Chocolate/Kingsbury Confections) is a business dedicated to the promotion of fine chocolate and fine art. Our businesses are part art gallery, part chocolate retail, part cocoa bar, part coffee shop, and part chocolate production kitchen.

Professional affiliations/associations:

Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Del Ray Business Association, Midcity Business Association.

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Rich Rosenthal Manitta Dzubin & Kroeger, LLP, has named **Jonathan A. Simms** as its first associate. Prior to joining the firm, Simms served in the District Attorney's office in Philadelphia and the office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

BUSINESS NOTES

Send announcements to the Gazette, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos and artwork encouraged. Call Rebecca Haliks at 703-917-6407 with questions.

Janie L. Rhoads joins MercerTrigiani, a boutique law firm serving common interest communities. Rhoads, a former associate with



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DADS ("Dads And Daughters & Sons") Project encourages and supports father (figures) in their quest to become actively involved in the education of their children. Father (figures) who complete their books and journals then participate in educational weekend trips with other fathers and their children. Free. Located at 1224 Princess St. Contact J.D. Walker at 703-549-4232 x 4095.

Parent Leadership Training Project equips participants with the confidence, skills and working knowledge to advocate for their child in and out of the educational arena. Public figures, PTA members, fellow parent and teacher volunteers facilitate these workshops to educate our parents and guardians in these vital areas. Free. Contact J.D. Walker at 703-549-4232 x 4095.

First Wednesday of Each Month Alexandria NAACP General Meeting, 7 p.m., Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St. Free. For more information call 703-684-6190.

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. Ikebana is the Japanese art of floral arrangement. The group makes ikebana floral arrangements, studies the history of the art and learns new techniques. For more information call Joan Allan at 703-360-3532.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) meets the second and fourth Thursdays of the month 9:30-11:30 a.m., at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8523 Fort Hunt Road. On site baby-sitting is provided. A ministry to mothers of young children, the group offers fellowship and the opportunity to work on crafts and listen to speakers on a variety of subjects. Visit www.MOPS.org.

The **Washington DC Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America** invites all stitchers to join them on second Wednesdays of the month at 10:30 a.m., at the Hermitage Auditorium, 5000 Fairbanks Ave. Be part of a local community of stitchers and to learn about and participate in embroidery-related programs and events. Visit www.embroidery-marega.org/washingtondc.htm.

Book Discussion Group. Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 1 p.m. Call 703-765-4573.

Alexandria Civil War Round Table meets on the **third Thursday of each month** 8 p.m., on the second floor of the Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Annual dues \$20, due on Jan. 1 each year. E-mail Alexandria CWRT at cwrtalex@aol.com, call 703-758-1861, or toll-free at 1-888-336-1861.

Christian Business Women's Committee. Meets each Wednesday morning at the Royal Restaurant in Old Town. Open to any woman who wants to study faith in the workplace related struggles, issues and successes. Call Pamela Nilsen at 703-519-4475, or e-mail NilsenP@ppnpf.com.

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FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

Festival Transport I

King Street from the Potomac River to Washington Street will be closed to vehicle traffic this weekend, September 13 and 14, as it is transformed into an outdoor art gallery for the City's annual Festival of the Arts. Vehicle traffic will be banned from 3 a.m. Saturday, September 13, until 9 p.m. Sunday, September 14.

The 100 block of each cross street, St. Asaph, Pitt, Royal, Fairfax Lee, and Union streets, will also be closed to traffic from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Saturday, September 13, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 14. Traffic will be permitted on

the cross streets from 7 p.m. Saturday until 10 a.m. Sunday and again after 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Drivers are advised to use parking lots and garages, as indicated on the Festival of the Arts map, scattered throughout Old Town. Rates vary at each location. Reserved handicapped spaces are located in the 100 block of South Royal and North Pitt streets. Those spaces will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

The King Street Trolley will stop at the following locations during the Festival:

King Street Metro Station, King and Washington streets at 115 N. Washington St. and Columbus Street at King Street

New Fire Chiefs Sworn In

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tually spent 29 years with the Montgomery County Fire Service. "I started with them when I was 16 as part of the high school cadet program," she said.

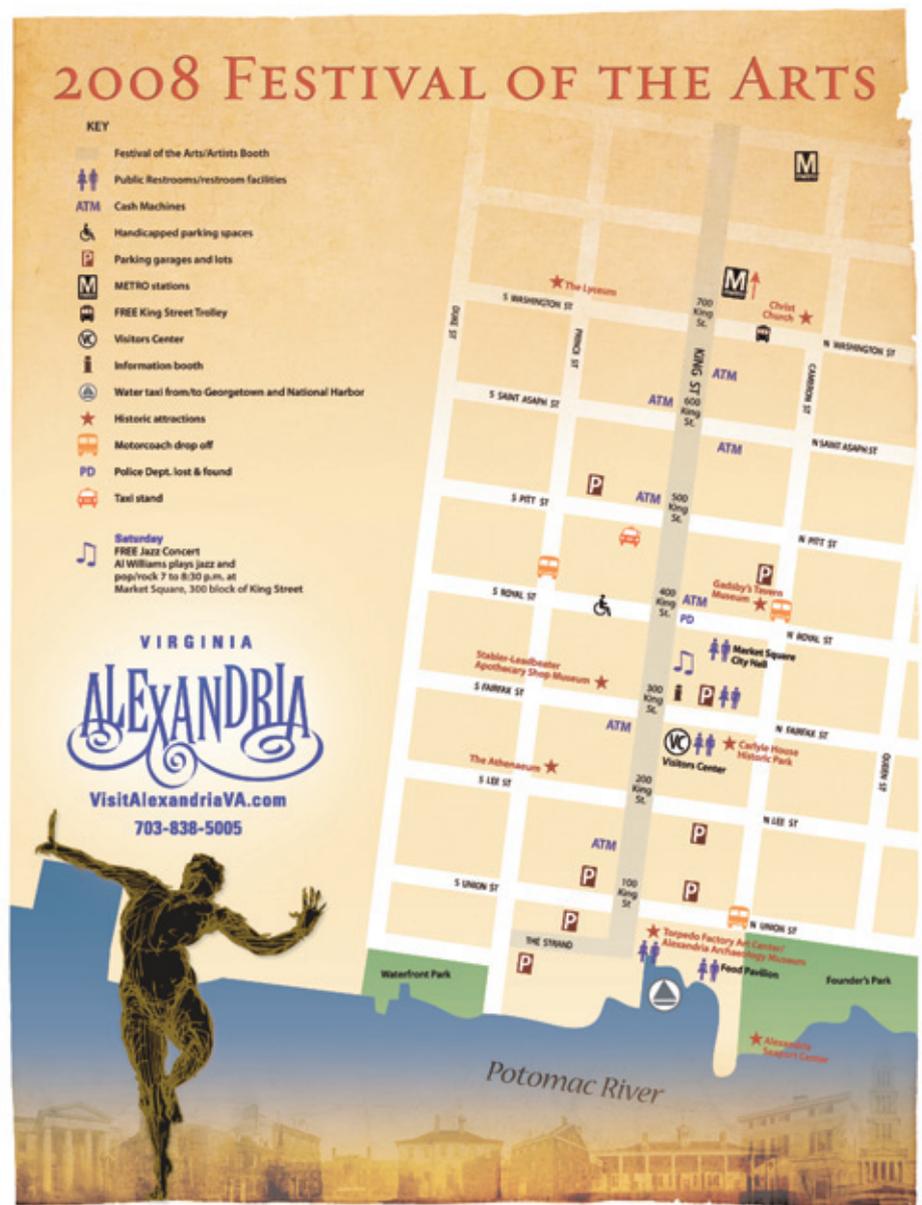
"Everything I have always done and do is for the good of the community and the department. I consider this a great opportunity," Snead said referring to his new position. "I also had the opportunity to work with Chief Thiel when he was a baby," referring to Thiel's early years with the Fairfax Fire & Rescue Department.

"In addition to their (Pouget and Snead) technical experiences and expertise they bring, as you can see, the real element of

character in each of them. This was a grueling search over four months, but we have found the best," Thiel said.

"This is a job about the heart. It is a job about caring. It is a job about people. With those characteristics there is no where we can't go," he said in closing the ceremony that also included Snead's wife, Fannie, and Pouget's mother, Marian.

"Those 122 applicants included individuals from within our department and many of the departments within the Washington region. They also came from across the United States as well as from overseas," Thiel explained. Snead and Pouget were notified of their selection in July.



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CRIME

Health Care Provider Defrauds Medicaid

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to U.S. Attorney Chuck Rosenberg and Joseph Persichini Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office.

Weller-Pace was the owner and operator of Charity Home Care. She

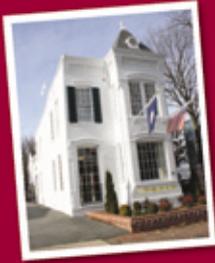
forged the signatures of registered nurses on patient records and falsely claimed payment for services that were either not provided or were not properly rendered, according to Rosenberg and Persichini.

The FBI and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Virginia Office

of the Attorney General investigated the case.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Timothy D. Belevetz and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Steven W. Grist prosecuted the case.

— KEN MOORE



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LETTERS

How Dare He?

John McCain well knows that "Lipstick on a pig" means "old failed policies hiding under fresh faces." (He has used it himself in speeches.) How dare he say it insults women when Barack Obama says the same thing?

Quote from John McCain, at a public function in 1998: "Why is Chelsea Clinton so ugly? Because her father is Janet Reno."

Who disrespects women?
After eight years of an adminis-

tration that got elected (and governed) by lying and bullying, the results are all around us — homes lost, wealth lost, lives lost, America weakened.

Bullying is not 'straight talk.' Lying to the American people is not "putting America first."

Angela B. Saunders
Alexandria

Value of Debates

To the Editor:
The League of Women Voters

couldn't agree more with your recent editorial urging candidates for all elective offices to participate in debates. They are one of the most effective ways for voters to learn about the candidates and their positions.

Fairfax Public Access TV (channel 10) and the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area are co-sponsoring debates for Northern Virginia's congressional candidates this fall. The candidates for the 8th Congressional District will face off on Monday, Sept. 22, from

7 to 8 p.m. The debate for the 11th Congressional district will be seen at the same time on Monday, Oct. 6. Those watching will be able to submit questions by e-mail.

It's regrettable that Congressman Wolf has denied 10th district citizens the opportunity to learn more about the differences between him and his opponents through the medium of television, which doesn't require voters to spend money either to attend a special event or drive long distances. Senator Warner similarly

declined to participate in a debate that was to be sponsored by the Virginia League of Women Voters in conjunction with CSB and PBS stations in Virginia and shown across the state.

Fairfax Public Access plans to rebroadcast the debates for the 8th and 11th Congressional District seats and make them available to other TV channels. Check www.FCAC.org for information.

Mary Grace Lintz
Acting President
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Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 12:15 p.m.

the following property being the property contained in said Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Tax Map No. 101-2-10-0119-A

Commonly known as 911 San Leandro Place, #119A, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of \$30,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be required of the purchaser at the time and place of sale; the balance of the purchase money being due and payable within fifteen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence, with interest at the rate of 7.225 percent per annum from date of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all existing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may lawfully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, restrictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encumbrances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improvements thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeowners' or condominium owners' association dues and assessments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtaining possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer taxes, notary fees, examination of title, state stamps, and all other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchaser. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regular assessments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

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The undersigned trustee unconditionally reserves the right: (i) to waive the deposit requirement; (ii) to approve or disapprove the creditworthiness of any bidder and/or purchaser; (iii) to withdraw the property from sale at any time prior to termination of the bidding; (iv) to extend the time for bidding; (v) to reject any or all bids; (vi) to postpone or set over the date or time of sale; and (vii) to extend the period of time for settlement hereunder.

Additional terms and conditions of sale may be announced at the time of sale.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP AND/OR MINOR AMENDMENT

The applicants listed below have requested a special use permit for a minor amendment or change of ownership. The Director of Planning and Zoning may approve the permits unless a request that the application be forwarded to City Council is received by September 25, 2008

For information about this application, call 703-838-4666 or write to the Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning, Room 2100, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA? 22314

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # SUP 2008-0064
ADDRESS: 900 Virginia Ave
Request for change of ownership for a nursing facility.
Applicant: Erin Ibele

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # SUP 2008-0065
ADDRESS: 610 Montgomery Street
Request for change of ownership for a restaurant
Applicant: Old Town Group, LLC

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

Legal Notices



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Parker-Gray District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2008 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2008-0108
Request for approval of alterations at 506 N. Alfred St, zoned RM Residential
APPLICANT: Marzieh Mohammadi

CASE BAR2008-0146
Request for approval of demolition at 419 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Robert Grove

CASE BAR2008-0147
Request for approval of alterations at 419 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Robert Grove

CASE BAR2008-0148
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 229 N. West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: James and DeShuna Spencer

CASE BAR2008-0149
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 229 N. West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: James and DeShuna Spencer

CASE BAR2008-0150
Request for approval of demolition at 918 N. Columbus St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: EYA, LLC and Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority (ARHA)
By Joanna Fizzell

CASE BAR2008-0151
Request for approval of alterations at 918 N. Columbus St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: EYA, LLC and Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority (ARHA)
By Joanna Fizzell

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

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

Legal Notices



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, September 13, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain TITLE 12 (Education, Social Services, and Welfare), CHAPTER 3 (Child Care) ARTICLE A (General Provisions) and ARTICLE B (Day Care Homes) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended. The proposed ordinance will amend the requirements for child care providers to provide that all such providers used as vendors by the Department of Human Services must be fingerprinted and have a national criminal history search, and all individuals, age 14 and older, not just adults, who reside in a home where child care services are provided must have a child protective services clearance, as required by a change in State law. In addition, no individual who has been convicted of a "barrier crime," as defined by State law, may serve as a child care provider. The proposed ordinance also clarifies and improves upon certain language in the current ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING on the revised proposed policy on public art.

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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

Legal Notices

Obituary

Greta Swinnen Crais

Greta Swinnen Crais died unexpectedly at her home in Alexandria in early August. She was born in 1930 in Brussels, Belgium, and is survived by her sister, Hélène Swinnen, of Tienen, Belgium. Greta came to the United States in 1967 on a grant, and worked for a Dutch economist at the University of Chicago and later at Harvard University, translating his work into English. She later worked for the Belgian Embassy, in Washington, D.C.

Her husband, Thomas Henry Crais, predeceased her in November 2006. Together they had formed a business, Twin-Trak Voice Writers, to record and transcribe congressional committee hearings, think tank seminars, annual meetings, and other events. She also worked for the World Bank from 1982 to 1995. Her first day at work at the Bank, she walked through waist-high snow into the city from Alexandria, because the buses were not running.

In the later years of her life, she was active in civic affairs. One important effort was to encourage and lobby for improved nursing home care. She was also a staunch defender of the historical character of Alexandria. Greta appreciated beauty — be it in nature or created by humanity.

A memorial will be held on Sunday, September 14, at 2 p.m. at 413 Queen Street, in Alexandria. Charitable donations can be sent to Tulane University, Medical Department, 3439 Prytanian St., New Orleans, LA, 70115, to further research into Parkinson's disease.

OBITUARY

Florretta "Rett" Meckler

March 18, 1919-August 29, 2008

On Friday, August 29th she peacefully passed away, and so ended a long and "lucky" life. Rett was born and raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey. As a young woman, newly graduated from college, she moved to Washington, D.C. and began her career as secretary to a federal judge. It wasn't long before she settled in her beloved Old Town Alexandria. When the judge retired, she did as well and spent her senior years visiting her favorite Old Town shops and restaurants. Rett was a voracious reader, an ardent democrat, and a supporter of animal and environmental causes. She loved baseball, mysteries featuring cats and vodka martinis. She is survived by a younger brother, Bob Meckler of New Jersey, and her circle of friends in Alexandria. Funeral arrangements will be private.

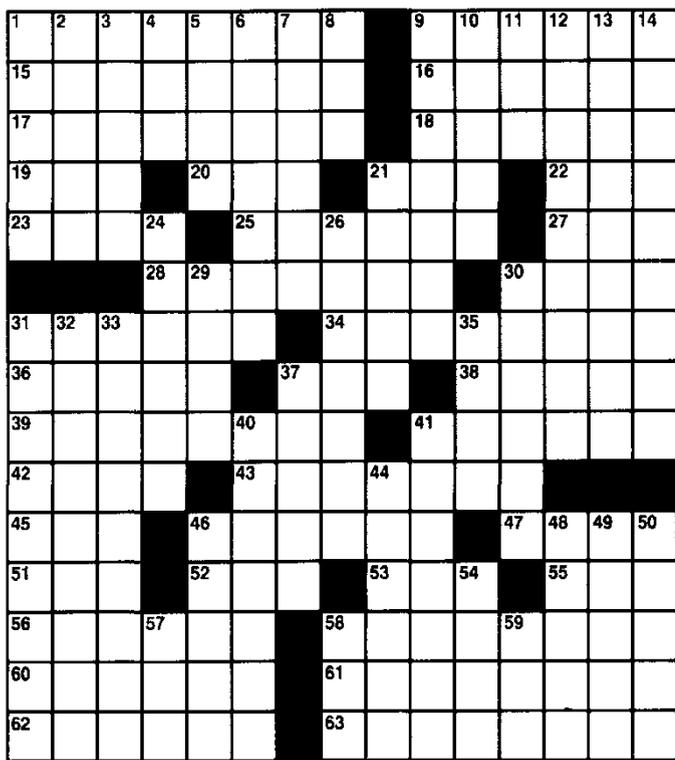
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Case No JJ020383-03-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
DAVION CORTEZ STEWART
The object of this suit is to:
Terminate Parental rights, approve 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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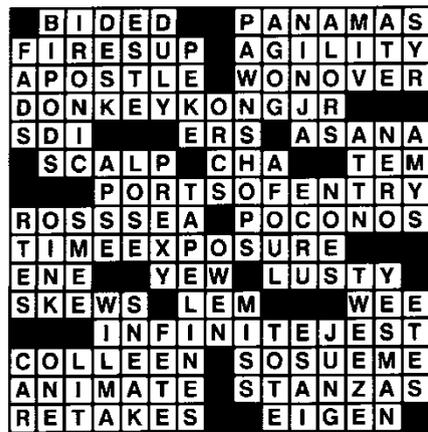
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- 9 Checks (out)
- 15 Presence
- 16 Husk-wrapped dish
- 17 Simulate
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- 19 One abroad
- 20 Poetic period
- 21 E-mail address ending
- 22 James's follower
- 23 Top
- 25 Deserts
- 27 Coll. course
- 28 "She's the One" actress
- 30 Big name in Dixieland
- 31 Breakfast order
- 34 1862 battle site
- 36 Irritates
- 37 Loser in the Seven Years' War: Abbr.
- 38 Vacation locale with 3,500-year-old ruins
- 39 Like some wells
- 41 Ease
- 42 Neckwear piece

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- 43 Wink: Var.
- 45 Affect, with "to"
- 46 They take panes
- 47 Distressed cry
- 51 Arctic explorer John _____
- 52 "_____ Woman" (1975 hit)
- 53 Tiny bit
- 55 Struggle
- 56 Like Federal tax laws
- 58 It's binding
- 60 Puts on
- 61 Made an aqueduct, maybe
- 62 They have sharp tongues
- 63 Bucks

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- 8 "_____, smile not at my sullen brow": Byron
- 9 Kind of union
- 10 "Caligula" playwright
- 11 Overseer of U.S. gov't. money
- 12 Sponges
- 13 Involved
- 14 Some local politicians
- 21 Broad collars
- 24 Accessed, with "into"
- 26 Firm
- 29 1987 Costner role
- 30 "Hiroshima" author, 1946
- 31 Unwanted growth
- 32 Oxide of cerium, yttrium, etc.
- 33 Station wagon, in England
- 35 Tracy Marrow, familiarly
- 37 Mrs. Gorbachev
- 40 Muddled
- 41 Ristorante order
- 44 Ordinariness
- 46 Strength
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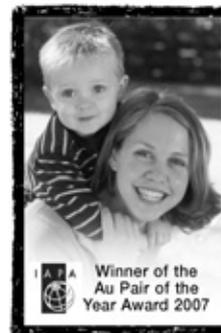
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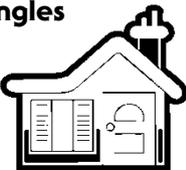
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SPORTS

'Confidence Problem' Hurts T.C. Williams

Bad second half leads to 36-7 defeat to Centreville

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
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As his team trudged off the field following another disappointing loss — this time a 36-7 defeat courtesy of Centreville last Friday night — T.C. Williams coach Dennis Randolph couldn't help but think about the forlorn faces heading towards the locker room.

Coupled with a heartbreaking 23-20 overtime loss against Mount Vernon to begin the season, the defeat to Centreville had Randolph's

team hanging by a thread emotionally. He had listened to the frustration coming from some of the team's leaders, who could be heard yelling at each other over missed assignments.

With the Titans pointing fingers at one another, the happy opening of the team's new stadium just one week earlier seemed like a long time ago.

"Right now we have a confidence problem," Randolph said of the situation. "We beat ourselves in two games. Centreville and Mount Vernon are good, I'm not taking anything away from them, but I think we should have won both games. I'm not doing a real good job of getting them to play together."

What the team doesn't seem to realize is that the solution is within their grasp. In their two losses this season, the Titans have combined a half of quality football with a half of mediocre football.

Against Mount Vernon in week one, Randolph's squad came out flat in the first half, falling behind 10-0 only to make a spir-

ited comeback after halftime to force overtime. With Centreville, the scene was flipped, with T.C. Williams standing tough against the Wildcats in the first half, trailing by just seven points at halftime. Junior Cortez Taylor could have tied the game in the second quarter for the Titans had it not been for a costly penalty that brought back a punt return touchdown.

But then the T.C. Williams' offense stalled on its first possession and the defense promptly gave up a long touchdown drive to start the third quarter. The sequence culminated in Centreville junior Warren Denny's leaping touchdown grab off a Titan cornerback's helmet — a catch reminiscent of the NFL's David Tyree in last February's Super Bowl.

WHILE THE WILDCATS celebrated, the Titans sideline was quiet, with much of the first-half optimism wiped away. T.C. Williams never did recover from the emotional letdown of allowing that touchdown, giving a blocked punt recovered for another Centreville touchdown just minutes later.

"These are young kids," Randolph said. "It's just

one of those things, momentum shifted and our kids got down a little bit. We got to correct that. We can't keep doing that."

It doesn't help that senior running back Abu Kamara, who scored two touchdowns to lead the Titans' comeback effort against Mount Vernon, was in a sling for the Centreville game and will be out for at least another week after suffering a bruised collar bone in practice.

And senior Dominique Copeland, who was expected to be one of the more explosive players in the northern region this year, has had trouble getting involved offensively.

This summer, Randolph installed a new spread offense based off the scheme used by Auburn offensive coordinator, Tony Franklin. Randolph said it would favor a team like his that has plenty of skill position players, but lacks size on the offensive line. It was a bold move for someone like Randolph, who has had success in other systems at previous stops coaching Edison and South County.

So far it has had mixed results. The Titans certainly have big-play capabilities as evidenced by the 65-yard bomb caught by junior wide receiver Mark Grosser to close out the first half against Centreville. But the explosiveness comes in spurts as the team continues to digest the new scheme, making first downs sporadic at best.

The pieces are all there for the Titans. The first two weeks have shown the team hasn't quite figured out where they go yet.

It's all part of a learning process that won't get easier this week, as T.C. Williams gets a third chance to win its first home game in more than four years against state title contender Oakton.



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T.C. Williams senior Dominique Copeland (No. 9) and wide receiver Marcus Via (No. 2) after the Titans' loss to Centreville. Copeland had just 30 yards rushing in the game.

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—T.C. Williams coach
Dennis Randolph



Sophomore quarterback Zach Goehler (No. 7) on the sideline with junior Cortez Taylor (No. 26) during the Titans' 36-7 loss to Centreville. Goehler threw for 177 yards in the game.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Titan Field Hockey Off to Fast Start

All the attention at T.C. Williams may be towards the team competing in the school's new stadium and field, but there's an unheralded squad off to a quick start while playing at nearby Minnie Howard Park.

The Titans' field hockey team started the season off with four straight wins, the latest coming Tuesday night in a 3-1 victory over neighborhood rival Episcopal.

So far, T.C. Williams has outscored its opposition 12-3, including a 2-0 shutout of Edison and a 3-0 shutout against Washington-Lee.

The Titans' unbeaten record will be up for grabs Thursday when they face Mount Vernon.

Area LAX Team Ranked No. 1 in Nation

Capping off one of the best seasons in school history, the 2008 St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School girls' lacrosse team was named No. 1 in the nation by Lacrosse Magazine last month. Lacrosse Magazine is the official publication of US Lacrosse, the governing body for the sport, and SSSAS teams have never missed the top ten since the rankings began.

The historic season included a school record 26 wins and no losses. The team won their 14th consecutive ISL-AA title, and defeated Collegiate to win the Virginia private school state championship. During the regular season, the Saints also defeated nationally ranked teams McDonogh School, Moorestown, and Notre Dame Prep (Maryland).



The T.C. Williams field hockey team

Ireton Loses Big

Coming off an encouraging 24-7 win over Archbishop Carroll to open the season, the Bishop Ireton Cardinals suffered its first setback this past weekend against O'Connell.

The Knights thumped the Cardinals 34-0, putting a damper on a game that was rescheduled to Sunday afternoon from its originally scheduled Saturday game time due to the rains brought by Tropical Storm Hanna.

"I think the big thing for us was they just

out executed us," Ireton coach Tony Verducci said. "It was just one of those days where you have to tip your cap to them. We didn't respond the way I had hoped or expected."

The Cardinals are attempting to replicate their landmark 2007 season that saw them compile a 9-3 record en route to the Virginia Independent Schools Athletic Association state finals.

Ireton will look to get back on the winning track this Saturday when it faces McNamara in a home game.

Annual Coaches Reception

The Alexandria Sports Club will hold its annual high school coaches night Tuesday September 16 at 7 p.m. at the Old Dominion Boat Club. All four Alexandria high school football coaches — Dennis Randolph of T.C. Williams, Tony Verducci of Bishop Ireton, David Holm of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, and David Hess of Episcopal — are scheduled to appear. The event is free and open to the public.

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATORS: Week Three

Each week, Gazette Packet's Pigskin Prognosticators select winners from the top prep games.

GAMES OF THE WEEK

1. Yorktown at West Potomac
2. W. Springfield at Robinson
3. South County at Edison
4. Oakton at T.C. Williams
5. Herndon at Langley
6. Chantilly at Annandale
7. South Lakes at Falls Church
8. Fairfax at Washington-Lee
9. Ohio State at USC
10. Saints at Redskins

WEEK THREE SCHEDULE:

Games played Fri., Sep. 12
 Centreville at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
 Chantilly at Annandale, 7:30 p.m.
 Fairfax at Washington-Lee, 7:30 p.m.
 Herndon at Langley, 6:30 p.m.
 W. Springfield at Robinson, 7:30 p.m.
 Hayfield at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
 Jefferson at Mount Vernon, 7:30 p.m.
 Wakefield at Madison, 7:30 p.m.
 Stuart at Lake Braddock, 7:30 p.m.
 South County at Edison, 7:30 p.m.
 Yorktown at West Potomac, 7:30 p.m.
 Stone Bridge at Marshall, 7:30 p.m.
 W.T. Woodson at Mclean, 7:30 p.m.
 South Lakes at Falls Church, 7:30 p.m.
 Game played Sat., Sep. 12
 Oakton at T.C. Williams, 1:00 p.m.



Jason Mackey

Sports Editor

Last Week: 8-2

Season: 8-2

Percentage: 80%

1. West Potomac
2. W. Springfield
3. Edison
4. Oakton
5. Langley
6. Chantilly
7. South Lakes
8. Fairfax
9. Ohio State
10. Saints



Mark Giannotto

Sports Editor

Last Week: 8-2

Season: 8-2

Percentage: 80%

1. West Potomac
2. W. Springfield
3. Edison
4. Oakton
5. Herndon
6. Chantilly
7. Falls Church
8. Fairfax
9. USC
10. Redskins



Rich Sanders

Sports Editor

Last Week: -4

Season: 6-4

Percentage: 60%

1. West Potomac
2. W. Springfield
3. Edison
4. Oakton
5. Langley
6. Chantilly
7. South Lakes
8. Fairfax
9. USC
10. Saints

Last Week's Results

Thursday's games

Edison 35, W. Springfield 34

Fairfax 23, Marshall 7

Friday's games

Centreville 36, T.C. Williams 7

Hayfield 35, Wakefield 21

Herndon 27, South Lakes 6

Langley 28, Jefferson 21

Lake Braddock 23, Woodson 22

Oakton 37, Annandale 7

South County 27, Falls Church 7

Stone Bridge 49, Robinson 7

Stuart 30, Mclean 14

W. Potomac 26, Mount Vernon 7

Westfield 26, Lee 13

Yorktown 23, Madison 7

Chantilly 42, Washington-Lee 0

Sunday's games

O'Connell 34, Ireton 0

The Connection Top 10

1. Stone Bridge
2. Chantilly
3. Oakton
4. Westfield
5. Edison
6. W.T. Woodson
7. West Potomac
8. Robinson
9. Yorktown
10. Centreville

2008 Standings

Liberty District

School	District	Overall
Langley	1-0	1-1
Stone Bridge	0-0	2-0
Marshall	0-0	1-1
W.T. Woodson	0-0	1-1
Madison	0-0	0-2
McLean	0-0	0-2
South Lakes	0-0	0-2
Jefferson	0-1	1-1

Concorde District

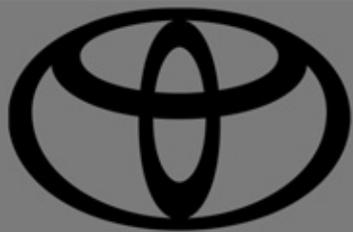
Chantilly	0-0	2-0
Herndon	0-0	2-0
Oakton	0-0	2-0
Westfield	0-0	2-0
Centreville	0-0	1-1
Fairfax	0-0	1-1
Robinson	0-0	1-1

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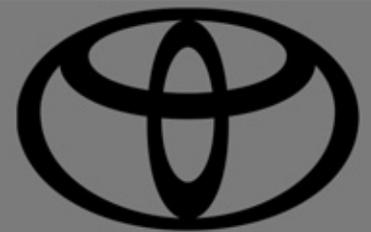
West Potomac	0-0	2-0
Annandale	0-0	1-1
Hayfield	0-0	1-1
Lake Braddock	0-0	1-1
South County	0-0	1-1
Lee	0-0	0-2
T.C. Williams	0-0	0-2
W. Springfield	0-0	0-2

National District

Edison	0-0	2-0
Yorktown	0-0	2-0
Mount Vernon	0-0	1-1
J.E.B. Stuart	0-0	1-1
Washington-Lee	0-0	1-1
Falls Church	0-0	0-2
Wakefield	0-0	0-2



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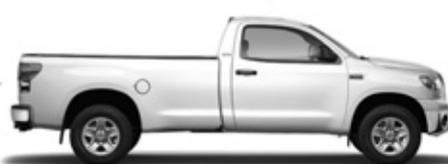
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