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A Government Derailed

City Council to determine whether independent investigation is warranted.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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In the days before Norfolk Southern began operating an ethanol loading facility on the city's West End, railroad officials tried to contact the Alexandria Fire Department several times to no avail. Voice-mail messages went unreturned even though city officials were aware the railroad was days away from opening a facility where thousands of gallons of hazardous materials would be loaded from rail cars to tanker trucks every week. According to court documents, city records, interviews with officials involved in the dispute and information obtained under a Freedom of Information Act request, top-ranking officials made a series of missteps in the months before Norfolk Southern began its ethanol "transloading" station in April.

"I wish I could say this was an April Fool's joke but it is not," wrote Chief Fire Marshal Robert Rodriguez in an April 1 e-mail to senior city officials. "We received a voice mail message this morning from Kelley Minniehan ... of RSI Logistics. He wants to put keys in their Knox Box at the NS site."

"There is a problem at City Hall."

— Ingrid Sanden, president,
Cameron Station Civic
Association



COURTESY OF THE ALEXANDRIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

For seven weeks in the spring, Norfolk Southern loaded ethanol from rail cars to tanker trucks even though the city had no way of fighting fires at the scene or responding to a potential explosion.

By the time city officials got around to returning the calls, it was too late. Modifications had already been made to the facility in preparation for RSI Logistics to operate the "transloading" operation at the Norfolk Southern property, and the new fire hydrants at the site had already been hooked up to the city water line. The "Knox Box" allowing firefighters access to the hazardous mate-

rial had already been installed. And liquid ethanol was already on its way from the Midwest. Yet nobody seemed to question the city's ability to stop the operation using its special-use permitting process until hours before the class 3 flammable liquid began arriving less than 300 feet from residents of Cameron Station.

"We are to do nothing but watch until

"For some time, the City's fire department ignored the calls and declined delivery of the keys."

— Norfolk Southern officials
in a Surface Transportation
Board filing

and the Cameron Station Civic Association

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further advised," wrote Assistant Fire Marshal Russell Furr in an April 9 e-mail to Deputy Fire Marshal Jim Sullivan.

THAT SAME DAY, the ethanol transloading operation began at the Van Dorn Yard. Yet the mayor and City Council members would not know that the hazardous materials were being transferred behind Tucker Elementary School until weeks later. It wasn't until April 30 that City Manager Jim Hartmann ordered a document be drafted to inform the city's elected leaders. That memorandum, distributed on May 15, initiated a firestorm of charges and countercharges. Last month, Hartmann authorized an \$86,000 appropriation to hire four consultants who conducted 36 staff interviews in August and early September.

"The 90-minute interviews were personal and probing," Hartmann wrote in a Sept. 9 memorandum. "The design was to seek staff insights to either validate or challenge my earlier perceptions."

The four consultants are expected to issue recommendations within the month, yet Cameron Station residents say their report will not provide a satisfactory conclusion. They want to know how the Van Dorn Yard situation could have been so terribly mismanaged at City Hall,

The Way We Once Lived

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A 61-year-old Alexandria woman died this week after being abducted at the Springfield Mall by two teenagers Saturday afternoon. The body of Barbara "Bobbi" Bosworth, who lived in the 3800 block of White Post Court in Alexandria, was later found in her four-door Saturn, which had crashed near an intersection Woodbridge.

"We don't really know what happened at the mall," said First Sgt. Kim Chinn, a spokeswoman for the Prince William County Police Department. "At this point, we are still putting together a timeline."

Chinn said that the woman and the two teenagers were seen at a PDQ Mart in Woodbridge that afternoon, where a man became suspicious when he noticed how closely they were following her through the store. The man hugged her, pretending to know her in an effort to find out if she was

in danger. She whispered in his ear that she needed help, so the man called police with a description of the car and the situation.

But police were not able to respond before the teenagers began driving the woman's Saturn at a high rate of speed through the streets of Woodbridge. The teenage driver who carjacked Bosworth's Saturn lost control of the vehicle and crashed into some trees at the intersection of Neabsco

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Abduction and Tragedy

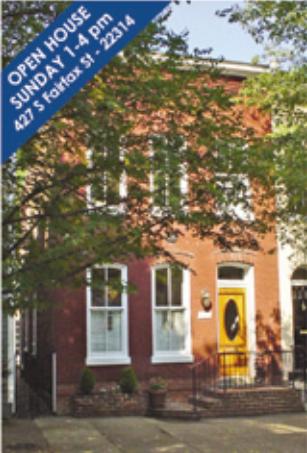
Alexandria woman abducted in Springfield dies in Woodbridge.



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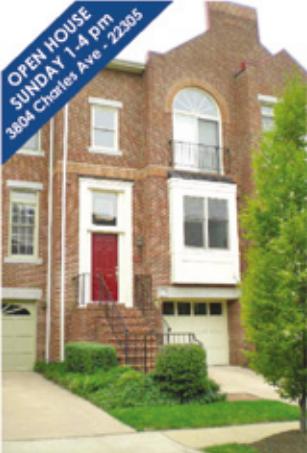
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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Crisis at Chatham

Is Chatham Square a visionary new way of scattering public-housing sites? Or is it a social experiment gone awry? Although the project has received a slew of prestigious awards and has been featured nationally as the next wave of fighting poverty, the jury may still be out.

"We have to discontinue touting Chatham Square as an award-winning community, a jewel in the crown of the city of Alexandria," said **Kara Clemens**, who lives in the 500 block of North Royal Street. "The newspapers cannot print puff pieces about what a wonderful neighborhood this is anymore because it's not true."

On Saturday, Clemens represented a group of angry Chatham Square residents who arrived at City Hall to express their displeasure with neighboring "Tancil Court." Originally built in 1942, the 111 Tancil Court units are subsidized under the Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation program. During a City Council public hearing last weekend, Chatham Square residents accused their Tancil Court neighbors of a laundry list of criminal behavior: assaults, drug sales, child abuse, public drunkenness, open-container violations, trespassing, vandalism, profanity, littering, loitering, prowling, threats, intimidation, torturing of animals and graffiti.

"The climate has deteriorated to the point where we are literally prisoners in our own homes," said Clemens. "This is a terrifying and miserable existence."

City Council members promised to work with Chatham Square residents to find a solution.

Waiting to Exile

Deconcentration of public housing was a hot topic of conversation at City Hall on Saturday, and council members also heard from residents in the Parker Gray neighborhood about their concerns. Recent plans to redevelop the **James Bland** public-housing site near the Braddock Road Metro station are causing quite a stir because many neighborhood residents say the proposal does not do enough. At the June Inner City Civic Association meeting, city officials were presented with a petition noting the need to reduce the public housing in the area by 50 percent. For Bland, this would require moving about 30 more public-housing units out of the neighborhood than the current plan. Yet a proposal unveiled last week fails to accomplish that goal.

"Chatham Square is an area with some issues, but it's an improvement," said **Craig Cummings**, who owns property at Braddock Lofts but lives in Arlington. "We are waiting for this area to improve so I can move back to my hometown."

A Frosty Discussion

Development issues are notoriously thorny. Approving one project denies all others, inexorably altering the landscape for the next generation. Such was the case for a tract of land at the southwest corner of Duke Street and South Quaker Lane. City Council approved a new PNC Bank at that intersection this week, but not without some wistful remembrances of square ground beef patties.

"My only comment is that I'm saddened to see the Wendy's go," said Mayor **Bill Euille**, who gave up fast food when he went on a health kick a few years ago. "I haven't been to that Wendy's to purchase anything in two years."

"That's why they closed," quipped Vice Mayor **Del Pepper**.

"Their business went downhill when you started your diet program," added Councilman **Rob Krupicka**.

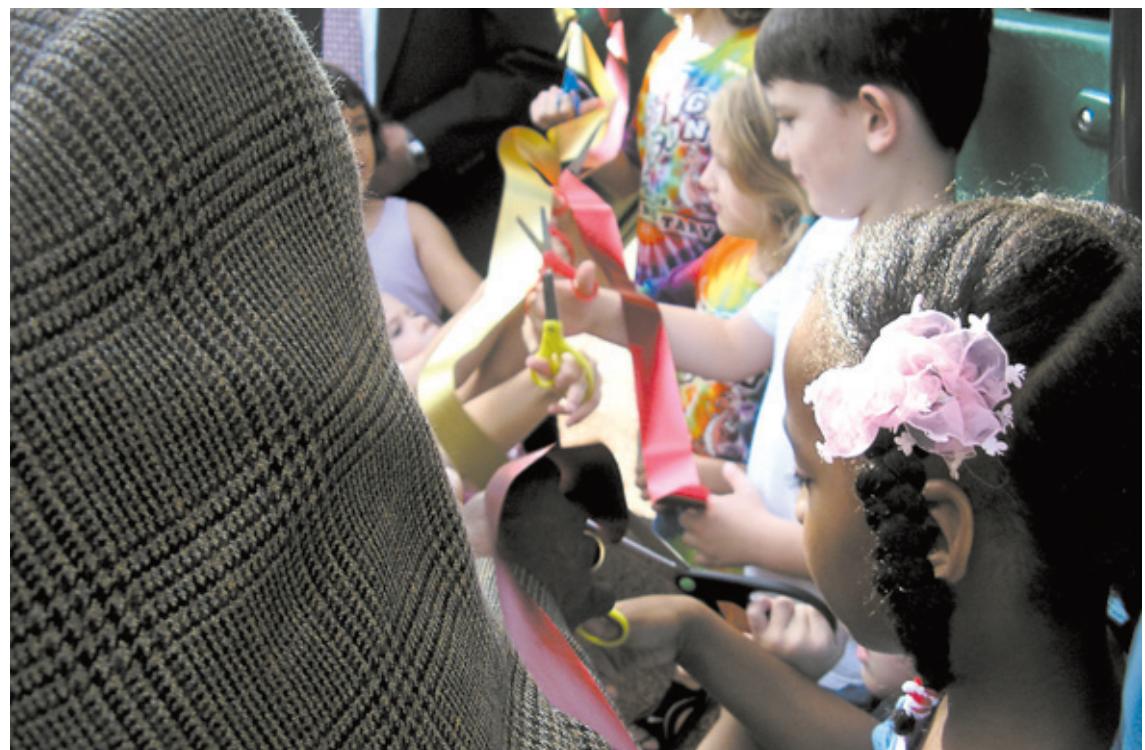
Never Too Late

Speaking of food, the City Council approved yet another Starbucks location this weekend without discussion. The new location will be in the Carlyle neighborhood near the intersection of Dulany Street and Jamison Avenue. As was the case with the last time City Council approved a new Starbucks, the council members approved the application without discussion on the "consent calendar," making Starbucks the coffee that dare not speak its name.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

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Children prepare for the ribbon cutting at Hunter Miller Park in the Parker Gray neighborhood Saturday morning.

Swing State

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The corner of Queen and Fayette streets was once one of the most dangerous parts of town. A group of men loitered there, and a picnic table in the playground was a notorious spot for hiding bags of crack cocaine. Yet over the last few years, a transformation has taken hold of the neighborhood. Nowhere is the change more evident than the intersection of Queen and Fayette. The infamous picnic table is now gone, replaced by a sparkling new playground with a rubberized groundcover and a rotating wheel.

"This should have happened a long time ago," said Vivian Stewart, a daughter of the late Helen Miller, for whom the park was named about 15 years ago.

"This playground is a great example of what can happen when the community comes together to improve the quality of life."

—Police Chief David Baker



Former Inner City Civic Association President Patricia Schubert with current association president Leslie Zupan.

New playground contributes toward a changing environment in Parker Gray.

Developer Bill Cromley, who recently converted a 1910 warehouse into luxury condominiums, donated \$10,000 toward the new playground. As the children gathered Saturday morning to enjoy their new space, city officials and neighborhood residents said they hoped transformation would contribute to the changing atmosphere in Parker Gray.

"I have more officers in this neighborhood per capita than any other neighborhood in the city," said Police Chief David Baker. "This playground is a great example of what can happen when the community comes together to improve the quality of life."

Over the last 30 years, the demographics of the Parker Gray neighborhood have changed dramatically as land values have soared, longtime residents aged and new development has claimed formerly industrial swatches of land. Although the area was a historically black enclave in Alexandria, the 2000 Census data indicated that whites had outnumbered blacks in Parker Gray just as the real-estate boom saw an explosion of assessments. While average value of a single-family home in the area was \$196,869 in 2000, that average rose to \$466,287 in 2005. Yet problems persist.

"We still have problems with loitering and open containers, and people are still finding crack packets in the neighborhood," admits Inner City Civic Association President Leslie Zupan. "But things are changing, and the memory of Helen Miller is so strong that that kind of activity rarely happens in this park."

Council to Consider Conducting Independent Inquiry

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has called for "an investigation by an independent investigator outside city government." The rationale behind hiring such an investigator was outlined in an Aug. 11 letter to Mayor William Euille, and several Cameron Station residents appeared at Saturday's public hearing to advocate for the inquiry. Council members are expected to make a decision at their Sept. 23 legislative session.

"What we're looking for is someone who could act more like an inspector general than a team of consultants who were hired by the city manager," said Joe Bennett, vice president of the Cameron Station Civic Association. "On several occasions, there were signals that should have triggered action. They should have notified council and notified the community or even trying to initiate some action on their own to stop it from happening."

NORFOLK SOUTHERN has operated in Alexandria for more than a century, and its Van Dorn Yard has traditionally been an industrial area of the city. Yet the West End has been changing over the last decade, and now a number of residential developments are located there. In 2000, the city's largest elementary school was constructed within 100 feet of its switching yard next to an asphalt plant. Nevertheless, Norfolk Southern expressed a desire to have a contractor operate a transloading facility there as early as the summer of 2006.

"They are installing a new Ethanol Transfer facility on Metro Road (across from Virginia paving)," wrote Engineering Supervisor Gregg Fields on June 20, 2006. "They want to be sure they are complying with any City requirements and would like to submit a site plan and fire line locations for your review."

City officials initially seized on a strategy of denying the railroad the ability to inten-

sify its use of the property by requiring a "special-use permit." Yet railroad lawyers for the Fortune 500 company argued that they had a "by right" ability to begin operations. Each side remained committed to its strategy as Norfolk Southern moved forward with installing specialized equipment in preparation for the new transloading station. During a November 2007 on-site meeting between Norfolk Southern representatives and city officials, the railroad explained they intended to open the facility in April 2008. Although these developments were on the agenda for a Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting, City Council members were still unaware of what was happening on the West End.

"FYI, you want to get on top of this one," wrote Emergency Management Coordinator Mark Penn in a Nov. 30 e-mail to Emergency Services Coordinator Charlie McRorie. "Might be the first time City Council members hear about it!"

Yet the two members of City Council did not attend appear to attend that meeting of the committee. Meanwhile, the Surface Transportation Board was about to issue an important ruling in a New York case that would have a drastic influence on how city officials would deal with Norfolk Southern. In that case, the town of Babylon, N.Y., on Long Island, filed a declaratory order that would allow the local government to regulate an ethanol operation owned by New York and Atlantic Railway and operated by Coastal Distribution. On Feb. 1, the board issued a ruling granting the declaratory order because the railroad had no involvement in the operations at the facility, which the board ruled was not "an integral part" of the railroad's provision of transportation by a "rail carrier." Yet the language in the ruling strengthened the ability of railroads to preempt local governments as long as a railroad's contractor is acting as an agent of the railroad, according to an April 4 e-mail from City Attorney Ignacio Pessoa.

Problems at City Hall

After a meltdown of leadership that bungled the city's response to Norfolk Southern's new ethanol transloading station on the West End, City Manager Jim Hartmann put together a timeline of actions taken by his employees. On June 24, he issued a memorandum to the mayor and City Council members identifying 10 problems that emerged from his review of the timeline:

- ❖ Diffused responsibility
- ❖ Lack of ownership
- ❖ Poor formal communications
- ❖ Slowness to respond
- ❖ Groupthink
- ❖ Loss of institutional
- ❖ Poor vertical communication
- ❖ Lack of formal documentation
- ❖ Stovepipe culture
- ❖ State of inconsistency

"We're now way behind the planning/operations curve on this deal," responded Fire Department Chief Adam Thiel later that day. "I want to be clear ... we do not have the capacity to deal with a significant event at this 'facility' nor does that capacity presently exist within our mutual-aid system."

While city officials were hammering out the legal implications of the Babylon ruling, Norfolk Southern was finalizing preparations to initiate operations at Van Dorn Yard. In early April, Norfolk Southern and RSI officials tried several times to call the Alexandria Fire Department on several occasions to arrange delivery of the facility's keys so that public-safety personnel would have 24-hour access to the facility.

"For some time, the City's fire department ignored the calls and declined delivery of the keys," wrote railroad officials in a filing with the Surface Transportation Board. "Unbeknownst to Norfolk Southern at the time, in early 2008, the city gave strict instructions to cut off communications with Norfolk Southern."

FOR SEVEN WEEKS after the ethanol transloading operation began on April 9, Norfolk Southern moved the hazardous materials from rail cars to tanker trucks at the Van Dorn Yard even though little or no safety precautions existed to guard against a potential fire or explosion. Specialized firefighting equipment didn't arrive until May, when City Council members were finally informed about the new facility. During a tense three hour discussion on May 27, the elected leaders lashed out alternatively at city staff and railroad officials.

"I want us to explore all the options, even if that means going to court and getting an injunction, and I don't care if it embarrasses

us in the national press as it winds its way all the way up to the United States Supreme Court," Euille said during the May 27 City Council meeting. "We are going to do everything we can to cease operations, shut you down and get you out of the city."

Since then, each side has waged its own legal fight. The city filed a petition with the Surface Transportation Board seeking a declaratory order finding that the ethanol transloading facility operated by RSI on property owned by Norfolk Southern does not constitute "transportation by rail carrier." A decision in favor of the city's position by federal regulators would give City Hall regulatory authority over the operation of hazardous materials at the Van Dorn Yard site.

"Norfolk Southern's cries of political animus are red herrings that have no place in these proceedings," wrote city officials in one filing to the federal regulatory board. "The City has a strong interest in regulating the transloading operation because it involves ethanol, a Class 3 flammable liquid, in close proximity to homes, a school and a park."

Meanwhile, Norfolk Southern has filed its own lawsuit in federal court to challenge the city's haul route permit, which limits use of the facility, hours of operation, number of trucks on a given day and route that can be taken to transport the hazardous materials. Although Norfolk Southern never applied for the permit, city officials issued one unilaterally on June 3 — sparking the dispute that has now made its way to the courtroom of Judge James Cacheris. The railroad is arguing that the permit was issued in violation of the Federal Railroad Safety Act, the Hazardous Materials Act and the 14th Amendment to the United States Constitution.

According to court documents filed in the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Southern is arguing that the haul-route permit constitutes "an implied authority to shut the facility and other areas of the Yard down, the ultimate regulatory control."

AS CITY OFFICIALS and West End residents await a ruling by the Surface Transportation Board and Judge Cacheris, movement has been building behind the Cameron Station Civic Association's request for an independent inquiry into the city's actions. Already, Vice Mayor Del Pepper and Councilman Ludwig Gaines have already announced their support for the proposal. When City Council members formally take up the proposal on Tuesday, the item is certain to receive a great deal of attention.

"There is a problem at City Hall," said Cameron Station Civic Association President Ingrid Sanden during Saturday's public hearing. "Whether it is a problem of incompetence, negligence, communications, misunderstanding, bad management, poor judgment, or some of all of these, I don't know. But the point is, you don't know either. This is why we need an independent inquiry."

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/CAZETTE PACKET



Trains that can be loaded with highly flammable ethanol are 270 feet from some Cameron Station houses.

COMMUNITY

Freedmen Cemetery Design Winner Named

Alexandria Architect, C.J. Howard, has been named the first place winner of the Contraband and Freedmen's Cemetery Memorial Design Competition. In addition to receiving the \$10,000 first place prize, Howard's winning design will be used as the framework for a detailed site design construction estimate to cost \$1.5 to \$2 million.

"The City of Alexandria is proud to name C.J. Howard as the winner of this design competition. He has developed a design that will be a fitting tribute to those who escaped slavery. It will be a lasting memorial for generations to come," said Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille.

Howard developed his design to "venerate those who are buried at the site, as well as acknowledge the site's historical background." Over 200 designs were submitted from architects, landscape architects, artists, students, and the general public.

The memorial, to be constructed on the three acre site at the corner of South Washington and Church streets, will honor the 1,800 individuals buried there. Most are former slaves who escaped to Alexandria during the Civil War.

Design competition entries, collected

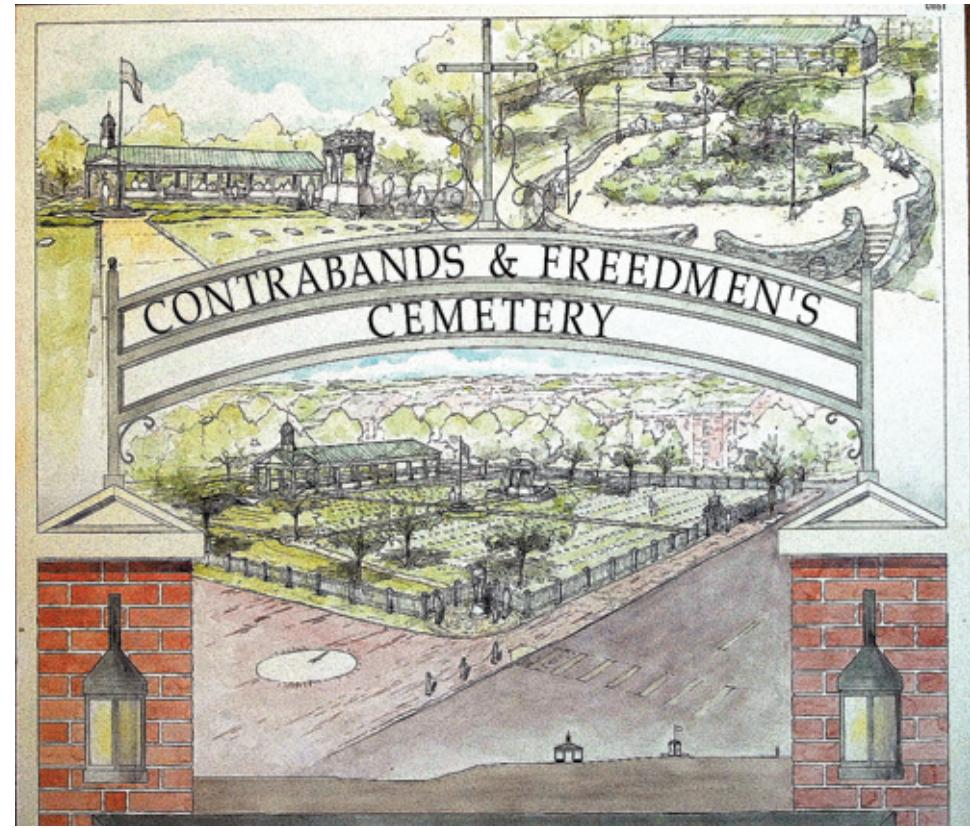
from February through April of this year, came from all 50 states and 20 countries worldwide. Submission requirements included interpreting the cemetery site with respect to those buried there and providing a focal point consisting of an artistic or interpretive element that respects the integrity of the graves, historic design of the site, and the scale of the adjacent neighborhood.

Second place winners who will receive a \$5,000 award are Santosh Dhamat, Elizabeth Eubank, Solvita Marriott, and Tracy Revis of Howard & Revis Design Services, Washington, D.C. Third place winners receiving the \$2,500 award are Paul Simon & Regan Harrold of Beal and Thomas, Inc., Southborough, Mass.

All design finalist submissions were put on display in June to receive public comment. The final decision was made by the Freedmen's Design Steering Committee.

In addition to cash awards, all winner will be recognized by City Council during their Sept. 23 meeting. Additional information on the winning design is available by visiting www.alexandriava.gov/freedmens.

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Alexandrians Remember 9-11

Officials and residents gathered in Market Square to toll a bell in remembrance.

By GINA TORO-LUGO
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Amidst flags flying at half staff, bells of remembrance rang at the Market Square where members of the Alexandria Community gathered for the seventh anniversary of the attacks of Sept. 11.

"We lost our innocence," Mayor William D. Euille said in his opening remarks. "We learned that we were vulnerable."

"Total strangers were reminded what it is to be a citizen of these United States of America," Fire Chief Adam Thiel said in a statement reiterating the words that bring communities together every Sept. 11: "We cannot, must not and will never forget."

The ceremonial ringing of the bell heightened Thiel's statement and provided some of the parents with a suitable occasion to relate its meaning to younger generations.

"It was an opportunity to teach her why we are so proud of our country," a young mother, who declined to be identified, said. "To be respectful and honor these people that fought for us."

But the attacks of Sept. 11 did not affect everyone in the same way and the shared interest to remain united has been



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Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne and Police Chief David Baker present the memorial wreath and salute.

gradually overshadowed by a diversity of views.

"The survival factor brings people together at a time of tragedy," Caressa Gibson, a member of the Armed forces, said. "However, the aftermath of the attacks gave way to discrimination against terrorist related religion and culture. Through education we can learn that no one culture

or religion can be categorized as a terrorist."

Security measures such as the Patriot Act is another subject that has divided. "That day saddened me because afterwards I saw how readily people were willing to throw away their freedoms," William Basara, a government contractor said. "I strive to teach my children what the Constitution means and how others around the world

wish for it to be destroyed."

When asked about the changes in views and attitudes of the population in general since the time of the attacks, Adrienne Jacoby, an Alexandria resident said "Like making a braid: we come together, then we separate. Woven together they are stronger than one strand by itself," she said. "We are one of the few countries that apply the individual over the collective."

According to Jacoby, it is cultural diversity and differences in political views that make the country strong.

Mayor Euille and representatives of the various emergency services rang the ceremonial bell. The distinct uniforms worn by the representatives from Fire, EMS, Police and the Sheriff's Office were perhaps a silent reminder that, as Jacoby pointed out, what makes the country stronger is diversity, where the people's freely expressed disparity of views is what distinguishes them as Americans.



Above Alexandria Fire Department Captain Charles Beckett directs the raising of the flag. To the left Jacqueline Jones leads all those gathered in the singing of 'God Bless America.'

NEWS

Condo Development Now Rentals

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Recognizing the downturn in the housing market, particularly in the condominium market, Alexandria Planning Commission, during their Sept. 4 meeting, reapproved a project initially approved in February 2007. The primary change is that the original project called for 142 residential condominiums, now it will be composed of 206 rental units.

Located approximately two blocks from the Braddock Road Metro Station at 621 N. Payne St., the site encompasses an entire square city block bordered by Wythe, North Fayette, Pendleton, and North Payne streets. Subsequent to the original approval the property was sold to 621 Payne Street, LLC, following financial problems encountered by the original applicant.

In addition to the 142 condo units, the original proposal called for four live-work units, all with an average size of 1,330 square feet. The rental units will average 900 square feet and the four live-work units will now become 4,325 square feet of restaurant/retail space.

Approximately two acres in size, the site is presently occupied by Security Storage. The new proposal calls for a reduction in the proposed buildings' height from 77 to 73 feet as well as reduction in parking spaces to 256.

As well as increasing the number of units, the applicant also proposes to alter the unit types, according to the staff report. The total block of rental units would be comprised of 38 efficiencies, 87 one-bed-

room units, 36 one bedroom with den units, 62 two-bedroom units, and 22 three-bedroom units. The increased number is made possible by the reduced size of the individual units, according to the applicant.

The primary concerns raised at the meeting was the decrease in the required parking spaces, which will be located in an underground garage, and the perceived impression that renters do not take the same interest in the community as home owners. "We want this to go through. But, we want our interests balanced with the interests of the developers," said Albert Zeman, a resident of the area.

Several other speakers during the public hearing expressed their unconditional support for the project. "The unit mix is forward looking and accurately reflects the urban nature of the neighborhood," said Vallerey Vandegrift in a letter to the Commission.

"I believe the design and proposed unit mix will attract young people with good jobs who want to commute by Metro. The project is good for the neighborhood," she stated.

In recommending approval, staff stated, "The proposal is consistent with the recently approved Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan." The Commission voted unanimously to recommend its approval by City Council.

Other proposals approved by the Commission that night included:

A REQUEST TO subdivide 714 Wythe St. into two lots, zoned office/commercial. The application by Sophie Development, LLC, was originally deferred

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OPINION

Candidate Appearances Are Educational

Also, in support of changing the grading system, and delaying a decision on purchase of second headquarters building.

As it turned out, a local Fairfax park was probably the best venue for last week's rally for John McCain and Sarah Palin, given the size of the crowd that turned out to see them (<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=319474&paper=73&cat=104>).

But we disagree with members of the school board and others who claimed it was inappropriate for Superintendent Jack Dale to allow the rally to take place at Fairfax High School.

One of the school board's goals for students includes to "Know and practice the duties, responsibilities, and rights of citizenship in a democratic society, be respectful and contributing participants in their school, community, country, and world," and "understand the purpose, role, and means of interaction with the different levels of government."

What could be more educational for students than watching the logistics and politics of a presidential campaign? We'd like to see the policy amended to allow political events on school property as long as students are able to interact and learn from the process.

Both major party candidates are delivering a critical message in Virginia right now: Every vote counts.

Tune in Debates

Voters will have several opportunities to see candidates for U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in action in the next few weeks.

COMMENTARY

Providing Complete Cancer Care

CHRISTINE CANDIO,
CEO INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

Each year, September is recognized nationally as Prostate Cancer Awareness month. Inova Cancer Services approaches any cancer, including prostate cancer, in a multi-specialty approach to provide complete care. At the Inova Alexandria Hospital Cancer Center, we treat nearly 600 patients each year and more than 200 with prostate cancer.

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Christine Candio

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This year's keynote address will be delivered by Richard Roundtree, a breast cancer survivor and an icon of the 1970s as the star of the *Shaft* movies. The event will conclude with a choir comprised of cancer survivors who want to inspire other survivors and those battling the disease.

To register for this year's Coffelt Cancer Survivorship Conference, call 703-750-8812. For more information about the Inova Alexandria Hospital Cancer Center, call 703-504-7900.

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LETTERS

Government Has Failed

To the Editor:

I listened to a speech by John McCain today about the ongoing financial crisis, and I think he may finally get it. He said "Americans put a lot of trust in the bankers and brokerage firms of Wall Street. They depend on the financial service sector to protect their savings, IRA's, 401k's, and pension accounts. But many leaders in finance have proven unworthy of that trust."

He's absolutely right. That's why we have financial regulators. Their job is to set parameters in which the financial managers operate and to monitor their performance. The goal is simply to protect and balance the interests of all parties and, most importantly, to provide an independent set of eyes. We all work better knowing someone is watching.

Unfortunately, the Republican party has spent the last 27 years systematically attacking regulations and regulators in all areas of government. John McCain has been part of this effort, saying only yesterday that his "more of a deregulator".

Many factors have contributed to our current financial woes, but without a doubt the government has failed to protect the public. The Republican party must bear the lion's share of the blame for this failing. Ronald Reagan famously said "doveryai, no proveryai" which he translated loosely, as

"trust but verify." Since 1981 the Republicans have, unfortunately, forgotten the second half of dictum.

Craig Miller
Alexandria

Neighbors Need Your Support

To the Editor:

Thank you for so eloquently stating the case for helping our local nonprofits meet urgent calls for help. As you noted, costs of basic expenses such as food and gas have risen dramatically. Families are struggling to feed and care for themselves with the same salary but with prohibitively high expenses. At the same time, the housing downturn has given otherwise-stable homeowners the threat of foreclosure when they cannot refinance or sell their home.

So where do families go for help? Local charities. And what could make this picture worse? Cuts in funding to the very nonprofits who ensure some stability by assisting with food, health, education and housing needs. And that is exactly what is happening!

Virginia has already announced drastic cuts in social service budgets and local governments are looking at similar tough choices as property and business revenue

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LETTERS

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shrinks. The latest threatened blow to nonprofit funding comes from changes at Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. These two organizations provided substantial annual grant funding to local agencies for shelter, food and education. There is no other resource immediately available to replace that funding, leaving a large hole in the community safety net if those funds are cut off.

We hope that your readers will consider how they can help both directly - by giving of their own time and/or money - and indirectly - by letting their political representatives know that they care about support for their neighbors in trouble.

Let your State and local politi-

cians hear it from you, their constituent, that you want to keep support flowing to those who need it most. We must work together to not only maintain, but possibly increase, funding to local charities in the coming year. The foreclosure crisis and economic downturn will not last forever, but families need help now. Tomorrow may be too late for some living on the edge. Charities are in place to help, but need vital support from the community.

Shirley M. Marshall
Director, Nonprofit NoVA

Nonprofit NoVA is a coalition of 30+ member agencies serving Northern Virginia and is affiliated with the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington. Nonprofit NoVA was the beneficiary of a grant from Freddie Mac Foundation in 2008.

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SCHOOLS

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**St Stephen/
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School Orchestra
plays at the
Kennedy Center.**

BY ALISSA FIGUEROA
GAZETTE PACKET

Few teenagers can lay claim to have graced the world-famous stages of the Kennedy Center, but now members of Alexandria-based St Stephen/St Agnes School Chamber String Orchestra join the ranks of those that can. The ensemble performed on the Center's Terrace Stage Thursday evening as part of a musical tribute to honor 9/11 victims hosted by Black Women United for Action.

The concert, titled "The Healing," is part of a series of events sponsored by the northern Virginia-based non-profit to commemorate the 25 anniversary of the Mount Vernon Slave Memorial on Sept. 27.

The St Stephen/St Agnes Chamber String Orchestra is comprised of about 30 9th through 12th graders from the school. The group shared the stage with the Howard University Choir, the Fifth Grade Chorus of Jamestown Elementary School and the Intermezzo Choir Ministry of Philadelphia.

The orchestra was invited to participate in the tribute by one of the event's co-chairs, Ted Adams. Adams' son, Theo, is a junior at St Stephen/St Agnes. The elder Adams extended an invitation to the group after seeing them perform last spring at a school event.

The ensemble performed four pieces, providing a captivating combination of rousing and peaceful moments. Music selection was made by Dr. James Criswell, who has served as the orchestra's Director for five years. For him, it was a challenge to select pieces appropriate for the two themes of the evening, commemorating Sept. 11 and the Slave Memorial.

"It was tricky to find a balance," said Criswell. "I tried to have reflective and uplifting pieces. This helps with healing."

Criswell also made an effort to select works the audience might recognize. His choice of Mozart's *Rondo Alla Turca* met this goal, leaving audience members tapping their feet to the familiar melody.

For the orchestra's young performers, the chance to play at this occasion drew a variety of reactions.

"Exciting," replied junior cellist Will Jakes when asked what it was like to be onstage at the Kennedy Center. This response was repeated by several players. A sense of the profound significance of the commemoration was also felt by many.

"9/11 means a lot to so many people, I wouldn't want to mess up," said senior violinist Gweneth Van Son, adding that she "felt honored that we got to participate in something so important."

For sophomore violinist Janet Yien, the final piece the group performed, Mussorgsky's solemn "The Great Gate of Kiev," from *Pictures at an Exhibition* was "the most suited for the occasion."

"It was important to end with a piece that's powerful," agreed Van Son. "It made me think of going through a gate, moving on."

Because this concert took place at the beginning of the school year, the orchestra only had two weeks to rehearse. Usually, the group takes two to three months to master the pieces they play in concert. Despite this, the performance went off without a hitch. The musicians were calm and confident after leaving the stage.

"I felt prepared," asserted senior violinist Cameron Brown.

"It went better than I could have expected," said Criswell, who worried that with freshman class members just joining the ensemble, the group would not have a chance to gel before the concert.

"They worked very hard," he said, "and they had a lot of fun both preparing for this concert and on stage. I think that showed."

The Chamber String Orchestra is looking forward to performing its usual concert series this year and to its annual trip – this time to New York City. If their performance on Thursday is any indicator of how the group continues to play, they will no doubt enjoy a very successful year.

**"They worked
very hard. I think
that showed."**

**– Dr. James Criswell,
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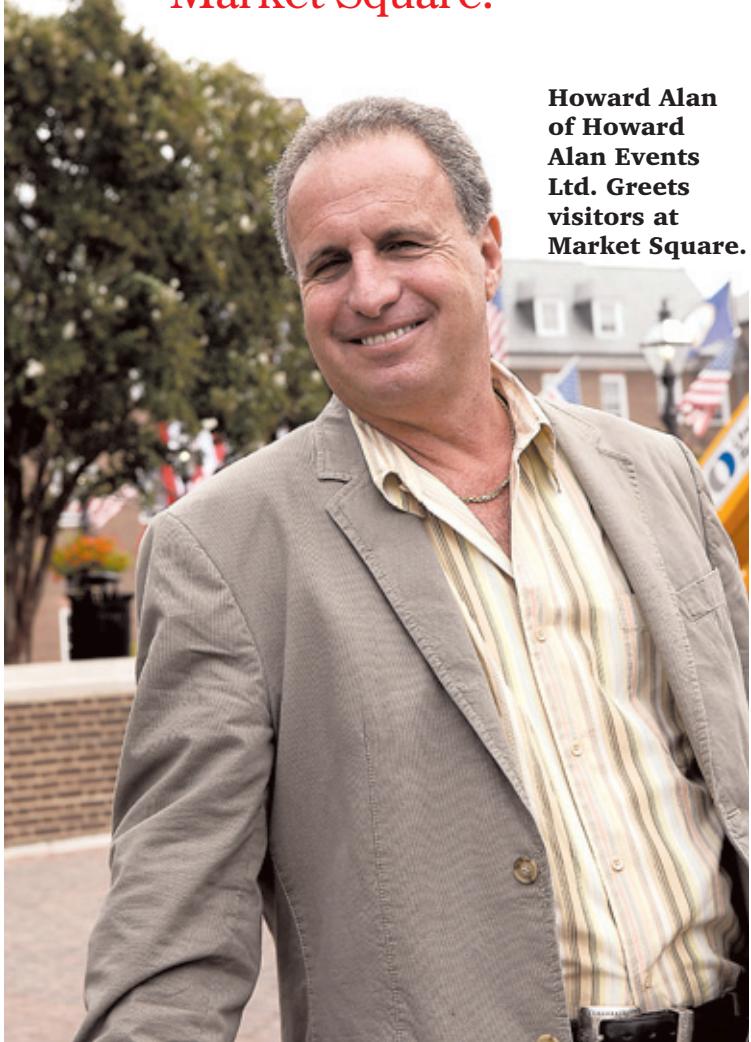
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Zach Lindsey sets out a table of Virginia driftwood next to Scooped Up.



Members of King Street Bluegrass set up in the 100 block.



A trailer filled with animated creatures parks in front of the Square ready to be unloaded for the festival last weekend.



Artisans from around the country filled the street with a variety of works.



A purchase gets a clear wrap treatment on lower King Street.



As the heat intensified on Saturday afternoon, the visitors thinned out.

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Celebrate and support Alexandria's heritage at the first annual **Historic Alexandria Museum Gala** next month! This evening of dining, dancing and entertainment will be held on Saturday, September 27, from 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit www.historicalexandria.org and click the "Shop" link or call the Office of Historic Alexandria at 703-838-4554.

The **Alexandria Landlord Tenant Relations Board** will host a Tenant Forum on Saturday, Sept. 20, at the William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Ave. The forum, scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, will provide important information for renters and give them an opportunity to speak with elected officials, City staff, and organizations providing services to tenants. Free. 703-838-4545.

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Directions to:
Norwood School,
8821 River Road
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From the Capital Beltway (I-495) take exit 39, River Road. Take River Road towards Potomac. The school entrance is on the right approximately 1 mile past the Beltway and just before the intersection with Bradley Boulevard.



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Just Listed—Open Sunday 1-4



6154 Old Telegraph Rd
\$818,000

Enjoy private country living in this 5 BD colonial on a quiet street backing to trees. This classic home features HW floors, enhanced moldings, gourmet kitchen with beautiful cabinets, large master suite with spa bath plus a dramatic two story entrance flanked by a formal DR and LR room lined with windows. A finished lower level rec room with 5th BR and private bath offer a separate front entrance for the independent teenager or au-pair.

Cathy D'Antuono | 703-518-6176 Wilton Woods

New Listing Open Saturday 1-4



6286-D Rose Hill Ct | \$220,000

You will find wonderful value in this 2 bedroom/1 bath 879 square foot condo with balcony. This home with new carpet and paint, a 1-year old HVAC system and refinished parquet flooring, offers great space at a terrific price. Great layout with separate living and dining rooms and balcony off living room. Located in the convenient Rose Hill area, it is close to shopping and just a few minutes from 2 Metro stations and all major commuter routes.

Yvonne S Croft | 703-973-1540

Rose Hill

Just Listed



209 Yale Dr | \$444,500

A lovely townhouse located in the highly desirable community of Quaker Hill, priced well below the competition.... Located close to King St Metro in Old Town. This spacious, brick front home features three bedrooms, two full and two half baths, and a one car garage. Call Liz today for your private showing.

Liz Bucuvalas I | 703-626-8400 Quaker Hill

Open Sunday 1-4



4212 Adrienne Dr | \$485,000

NEW PRICE! Charming 4 BR, 2 1/2 bath home in Mt Vernon. Located on a beautifully landscaped, half-acre corner lot. Hardwood floors, crown molding and newer cabinetry, windows, roof and siding. Kitchen remodeled in 2007. Open plan LR and DR, new carpet and paint. Coldwell Banker Warranty included. Directions: Take GW Pkwy S to Mt Vernon Estate. Follow 235 S to first light. Turn R at light; L onto Adrienne. www.4212Adrienne.com

Rachel Carter | 703-851-4207 Mt Vernon

Great Location



4500 Neptune Dr | \$565,000

Beautiful brick home in sought after Yacht Haven. Four bedroom, two 1/2 bath rambler located on one of George Washington's original five farms in Mt Vernon. Hardwood floors on the first floor, remodeled kitchen and many other upgrades. Newer doors and appliances. Walk out basement includes recreation room with fireplace and full wet bar and very large storage space. Near Fort Belvoir, Mount Vernon Yacht Club, Mansion House and more. www.4500NeptuneDr.com

Rachel Carter | 703-851-4207 Mt Vernon

Just Listed



8605 Woodland Heights Ct | \$905,500

Gorgeous four bedroom, three and half bath in waterfront community. A choice enclave of only ten stately homes and rarely on the market, this home will be a treasure to preview! Minutes to water access on Little Hunting Creek and onto big waters, bike, jogging and walking trail. Down the GW Parkway to Old Town and Reagan National and all points north.

Boots Howland Leavitt | 703-582-5655 Hunting Creek

Just Listed



6000 Curtier Dr #B | \$332,000

Two bedroom, 2 bath with garage condo in Manchester Lakes features open and airy floor plan with Pergo flooring in living room, dining room and kitchen. End-unit has loads of windows, balcony facing quiet common area, fireplace and second level loft, new washer/dryer, newer HVAC and a location within walking distance to Kingstowne's great amenities and a short drive to the Metro. Pet friendly community.

Yvonne S Croft | 703-973-1540 Tiers of Manchester

Just Listed



6011 Grove Dr | \$659,900

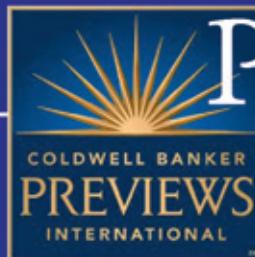
Finally, a prestigious & beautiful Belle Haven address at an affordable price. This 3 BD 2BA classic cape cod is on top of an ivy covered hill w/ beautifully landscaped grounds and brick walkways. Custom built in shelving, HW flooring and neutral color palette create a comfortable atmosphere with a hint of elegance. The updated kitchen has granite counters, white cabinets and new appliances. Enjoy the sunroom that overlooks the patio and garden. Kitchen and baths updated within the last 3 years.

Liz Bucuvalas | 703-626-8400 Belle Haven

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Phyllis Patterson | 703-518-6158 Bush Hill

THE HOME OF A LIFETIME

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612 Clifton Dr
\$2,795,425



Occasionally a home can be built that feels as if it has been there a lifetime but offer the luxuries of today. Located just off East Boulevard along the Geo Washington Parkway, this is certainly the case here. Wide planked floors, coffered ceilings, stone fireplaces, back staircase, archways, multi-piece moldings and hand made paneling on 3/4 acre. Both main and upper level masters plus 4 bedroom suites, library, catering center, kids mud room, fitness and theater, hobby and reading rooms and more. Wired for home media/technology and a car collectors 3 car garage with expansion options.

Phyllis Patterson | 703-518-6158 Wellington

JUST LISTED

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



605 Johnston Pl
\$875,000



This beautiful restored three bedroom plus three full bath bungalow exudes charm and character! Located in the heart of Rosemont, this impeccably maintained home features a delightful front porch, hardwood floors, fireplace, a fabulous recently updated chief's kitchen plus a walk-out lower level with fourth bedroom or family room. The professionally landscaped garden is perfect for outdoor entertaining. Only several blocks to King St. Metro! Reasonably priced at \$875,000

Donnie Wintermute I | 703 518-6156 Alexandria

Private Waterfront Enclave

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815 Arcturus on the Potomac
\$1,845,000

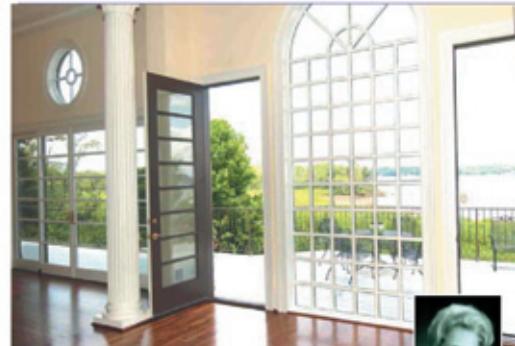


Brand new price \$100K reduction. This elegant colonial sited on a 1/4 acre privacy lot offers timeless architecture in a unique setting just minutes to Old Town and Washington, DC. Renovated in 2008 with elegant finishes and quality craftsmanship, the home offers 5 Bedrooms, 3 1/2 Baths, exceptional gardens and a detached garage with studio office space. Tucked away in a private setting off the GW Parkway in a waterfront enclave surrounded by natures tranquility, just steps to the Potomac River.

Susan Gray Chambers | 703-203-9900
www.GrayChambers.com Alexandria S

Close In Waterfront With Dock!

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



7607 Southdown Rd
\$3,600,000



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

Marie Louise Meyer | 703 836-2080
Mlm1606@aol.com Wellington

New Listing Open Sunday 1-4

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



1500 Grassymeade Lane
\$ 949,000



A lovely, all brick spacious colonial featuring 5/6 bedrooms and 3.5 baths with a 2-car garage. Off a "country lane" just down the George Washington Parkway on a wooded lot. Open and spacious with cozy two fireplaces, hardwoods, lovely eat in kitchen with large island and granite countertops inviting family room perfect for gatherings. Dir. South Geo Wash Parkway, right on Collingwood, Left on Ft. Hunt Rd., Right on Grassymeade Lane.

Karen Leonard | 703-328-7041 Alexandria S

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1210 North Pogram Street
\$1,351,500

New Home - Open Sunday!

Come see Alexandria's most exciting new construction opportunity! Although the home nearing completion is sold, work is underway on the property next door. See our top quality construction, open floor plans and magnificent site in the heart of Alexandria's Seminary area. Pre-construction sale provides the maximum opportunity to customize. Turn this foundation into your dream home at a price that makes this a truly spectacular value! Open Sunday 1-4pm. From I-395: Exit Seminary Rd East, R Pickett St, bear to Right at N. Pogram Street.



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! Open Sunday 1-4pm. From Braddock Metro: W on Braddock Rd, R on Crest Street.



6421 Olmi Landrith Drive
\$395,000
Major Updates!

Fabulous property in prime location just a few houses away from Belle Haven's multi-million dollar mansions! This special home had major updates within the past few months, including: new roof, thermal windows, special insulated siding, refinished hardwood floor and more! Additional features include large screened porch and fenced yard. There's nothing like it for under \$400,000 this close to Belle Haven!



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 four bedroom 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 two car garage. Prime location on large fenced lot on quiet Southwood cul-de-sac.



Mount Vernon Grove
\$998,900
New Home!

Wakefield Homes provides potential opportunity to build a truly astounding amount of instant equity! Build this spectacular home at a fraction of its originally intended price! Bright & open floor plan, high ceilings, large rooms, granite counters and all the other bells & whistles you'd expect in \$1,000,000+ luxury homes! Limited pre-construction opportunity – call today! (Picture of similar house in different location).



8824 Stratford Lane
\$1,275,000
Rare 2 Acre Lot!

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

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Alex/Mt Vernon
\$1,995,000
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Alexandria
\$945,000
PORTO VECCHIO WATERFRONT

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OPEN SUN. 1-4



Alexandria
\$899,900

PERFECTON!

Sophisticated living at its best in this NV built 1 owner home. Immaculate 4 finished levels, 4 BR, 4.5 BA, custom wood trim, fluted columns, shiny wood floors, neutral carpet & dramatic tray ceiling w/ indirect lighting in the MBR. Landscaped yard w/large patio, lighting & in ground irrigation system.



1675 Hunting Creek Drive

ANN LOGSDON 703.568.8433



OPEN SUN. 1-4



Alex/Mt Vernon
\$609,000

SEE WORTHY!

This beautiful home is in Waynewood with its popular elementary school. A total renovation w/gourmet kit & baths was done in '05 & '06 & now \$65K in improvements, inc. a deck overlooking the gorgeous professionally-landscaped & fenced backyard. Dir: GW Pkwy S, R Waynewood Blvd to 915.

915 Waynewood Blvd

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OPEN SUN. 1-4



Alexandria

\$2,450-\$3,750

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2 larger residences, seldom available, are on the market! Stunning river views from sunrise to sunset, fabulous wildlife vistas, 24hr desk, limo svc, elegant party rooms, an easy lifestyle w/outstanding amenities awaits you!

4BR/3.5BA/2car gar. spaces, 2323 SF—\$3,750/mo
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 Four levels of elegant space filled w/exceptional features.
 Beautiful stone patio & wrap-around deck.
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Alexandria \$508,000
 Immaculate 2 bedrm, 2 bath end unit w/garage & outside
 deck. Many upgrades including hardwd floors, Berber
 carpet & SS appliances. 37" flat screen TV & Bose sound
 system convey! **725 A Massey Lane**
Gary Chute 703-371-9926



Arlington \$399,000
 This Cape Cod awaits your TLC. Large corner lot zoned
 RA w/renovated kitchen, large walk-out LL w/windows.
 Ample Off street parking & level fenced yard for privacy.
3445 25th Street, South
Snezhana Conway 703-472-3567



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 Spectacular all brick 4 bedrm, 2.5 bath Del Ray home.
 Renovated throughout. Spectacular gourmet kitchen, 2
 fireplaces, fabulous family rm addition, LL recreation rm &
 two-tiered deck, perfect space for outdoor entertaining!
100 W. Mt. Ida Avenue
Bobi Bomar 703-927-2213



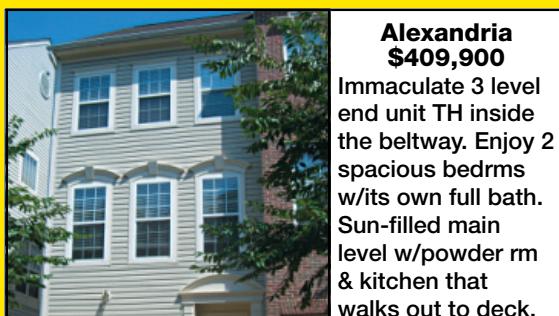
Alexandria
 2 UNITS AVAILABLE! Renovated 3 bedrm penthouse unit
 w/spectacular views priced at \$374,800. Lovely 2 bedrm unit
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Barbara Rosen 703-407-6481



Alexandria \$290,000
 Lovely 2 bedrm, 2 bath condo w/balcony. Renovated
 kitchen w/ new cabinetry, granite & SS appliances. New
 Berber carpet & fresh paint.
244 S. Reynolds St #301
Eva Damelin 703-625-2EVA



Alexandria \$675,000
 Beautiful brick colonial w/5 bedrms, 3.5 baths, garage &
 country kitchen w/SS & tile. Close to major highways & DC.
919 Kemper Street
Mary Smith 703-626-9207



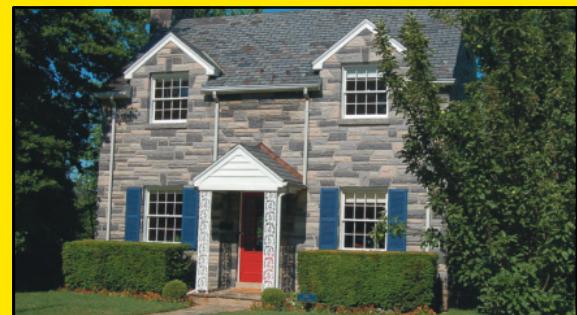
Alexandria \$409,900
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 walks out to deck. LL w/ SGD to
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Alexandria \$765,000
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 corner lot. Quiet cul-de-sac, freshly painted & large 2-car
 garage. Fenced yard w/luscious plantings & deck off kitchen.
7617 Leith Place
Julie Hall 703-786-3634



Alexandria \$300,000
 Save money—walk to Metro! Cozy 3 level duplex
 w/updates. Large yard, off-street parking & shed.
2800 Fairhaven Avenue
Ann Shack 703-966-4463



Alexandria \$639,700
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Located in prestigious WYCLIFFE ON THE POTOMAC, this gorgeous home has been totally renovated & updated including kitchen & baths, new stone patio, hot tub, large 2 level addition, granite, stainless, freshly painted, 3 car garage, sunroom, master suite, professionally landscaped large lot, major systems replaced & a swim club membership make this home move-in condition.

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1950 EMERSON DRIVE
Arlington - \$749,000

10,000 sq.ft lot with a quaint little Bungalow. Very motivated Seller. Great opportunity for Buyer looking for a Fixer-Upper on a large block. 2 blocks from Arlington Hospital and 2 miles from Ballston Common Mall.



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45 GARDEN DRIVE

Alexandria City - \$440,000

This Duke Gardens town house has it all . . . LOCATION, CONDITION & PRICE! 3 BR, 1.5 BA upper level. Au pair suite on the lower level w/ separate entrance. All redone! Must See!



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**Old Town
\$649,000**

Historic charm and present-day conveniences combine in this perfect 3BR/3.5B Old Town townhome. Updated kitchen w/granite & stainless, fireplace and private patio. 2 assigned parking spaces.



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Del Ray
\$359,000

3 MOUNT IDA AVENUE

Full of character & energy, this home is a classic Del Ray residence. Features include 2 bedrooms, landscaped front yard, an adorable porch and just a little bit of magic! Own this detached home for less than the price of a duplex!

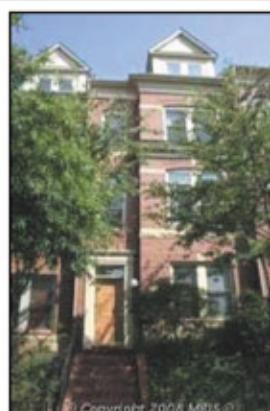


2302 RANDOLPH AVENUE
Alexandria - \$599,000

Beautiful renovated Cape Cod in Del Ray. New Kitchen w/ KitchenAid, stainless appliances, granite counters, slate floors. Original hdwd on main level, new Carpet up in Mstr BR. In-law suite. Close to 2 METROS & Busline. Steps away from desirable Mt.Vernon



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**3309 WASHINGTON
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**Literacy Council
of Northern Virginia**

Back to School Night for Volunteer Recruitment Don't miss it!

What: Literacy Council of Northern Virginia's Back to School Night for Volunteer Recruitment
Who: All individuals who are interested in learning more about the rewarding volunteer opportunities that promote adult literacy in Northern Virginia
When: Wednesday, September 24, 2008. Show up anytime between 6-9 pm.
Where: James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church, VA 22042

For more information or to RSVP, please contact Belle at 703-237-0866 or volunteers@lcnv.org.

Can you imagine if you were unable to read this newspaper, a street sign, directions on a bottle of medicine, or even a note from your child's teacher? Have you ever wanted to make a real difference in the life of an area adult? By volunteering with the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, you can change the life of adults who want to develop the basic reading, writing, and English speaking skills necessary to be successful members of our communities. Please stop by for a casual, no-hassle evening of information to learn more about the volunteer opportunities that we have available. From working directly with students to helping organize special events to performing vital office functions, there's something for everyone. Representatives from each of the programs along with other LCNV staff will be on hand to answer any questions you might have. Please stop by, and bring a friend! We'd love to see you.

Door prizes and refreshments will be provided

ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

FROM PAGE 13

Males and females age 13-30 can audition for an upcoming **fashion show** on Saturday, Sept. 20 from 1-3 p.m. at Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W. Reed Ave. Free. Visit www.walkthiswayproductions-kalaj.com or 703-927-2927.

On Sept. 20, **Foster Care Alumni** of America will host its inaugural Alumni Family Reunion open to all adults who experienced foster care as children, and their friends and family. Located at Glencarlyn Park Shelter # 2, 300 N. Harrison St. To RSVP, visit www.fostercarealumni.org or call 703-299-6767.

CrisisLink's 24/7/365 hotline for the Washington Metro Region is currently recruiting volunteers. Come to a training session on Oct. 18. Go to www.crisislink.org, e-mail volunteer@crisislink.org, or call 703-527-6016 to learn more.

On Monday, Sept. 22, take time and observe **Family Day** by having dinner together with your family. Join parents across the country in logging onto www.CASAFamilyDay.org to take the **Family Day STAR Pledge**.

There will be a public hearing on the 2009-10 operating budget for **Alexandria City Public Schools** on

Thursday, Sept. 18, at 7:30 p.m. The hearing will take place at 2000 N. Beauregard St. 703-824-6614, or send an e-mail to rwebb@acps.k12.va.us.

The Big Event is returning to Alexandria! On Saturday, Sept. 27 The Big Event will bring together non profits, corporate sponsors, faith groups and local youth for "one big day" of service. Contact Alexis Grant at 703-836-2176.

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OBITUARY

Aliette Marchois Lechaux Dies

Aliette Marchois Lechaux, 88, of Alexandria, and Paris, France, died at home, Sept. 2, of complications related to a protracted five-year battle with Parkinson's disease. She survived her husband, Pierre Aymar Lechaux, who died on Nov. 25, 2007, of respiratory failure related to lung cancer at Woodbine Rehabilitation Center in Alexandria, and sister, Jacqueline (Marbaux) Marchois, a French actress who lived in France and traveled widely to perform. She died of Kidney failure in the early 1990's.

A memorial service and reception will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Alexandria at 11 a.m. on Oct. 18. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages donations to The Carpenters' Shelter or Saint Margaret's School or Christ Episcopal Church.

Madame Lechaux is survived by her writer daughters, Caroline Lechaux Moloney of Alexandria and Dominique Lechaux of New York. Aliette Lechaux was born in Paris, France, to silent film and stage actress, Marcelle (Montclair) Marchois of Paris and the Limousin region and the Marquis Henri de Bonneval.

Madame Lechaux was raised in a Benedictine Convent in Chantilly, France

where she spent her free time riding. During the war, she worked in German-occupied Paris as a book binder, doing fine leather collections of the classics she adored so, and writing. Following the war, she was the first fashion editor of the new national newspaper, "Le Monde."

She married medical student and former distinguished soldier and resistance fighter, Aymar Lechaux, in 1949. The newlyweds moved to Philadelphia, Pa., intending to stay a year for Aymar to complete his medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Aliette worked for the managing editor of the "Ladies Home Journal" in Philadelphia.

The couple then moved to Georgetown, where, having completed his equivalency medical studies, Aymar Lechaux worked as a resident at Georgetown University, before setting up a nearly half-century-long medical practice in Alexandria.

Aliette gave birth to Dominique in Georgetown in 1953, and Caroline, in Alexandria in 1958. She worked for her husband in his Pediatrics practice for nearly 20 years. Her longest career was spent as a tour guide and interpreter for visiting French dignitaries to Washington.

She was most dedicated to her many charities. The one she most cared about was the Carpenter's Shelter, where she served meals and cared for the homeless. She was an active member of Christ Church for over 20 years.

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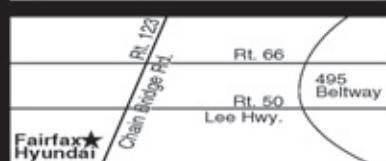
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Condo Development

FROM PAGE 7

by the Commission at its July 1 meeting due to a variety of concerns about the ownership of the alley to the southeast, the location of proposed open space, access to parking at the rear of the properties, and potential devaluation of neighboring properties. However, in a memorandum from Rich Josephson, deputy director, Planning & Zoning Department, dated Sept. 4, to the Commission, he stated, "Staff feels that the applicant has addressed the concerns of neighbors relative to the issues... and should be allowed to proceed with the proposed subdivision." There were no speakers in opposition to that recommendation.

A request for an amended Special Use Permit by Michael Huhu to operate a U-Haul vehicle rental

business as an element of his Shell Oil service station at 442 N. Henry St. Objections were raised by Commissioner H. Stewart Dunn, Jr., who questioned the wisdom of operating a truck rental service in a primarily residential neighborhood. "Should we be approving putting 15 trucks in that neighborhood?" he asked his fellow Commissioners. However, as Commission Chairman Eric Wagner pointed out, "This use is permitted by the zoning" for that location. As staff noted in their report, "The special use permit under consideration represents an opportunity to improve the condition of the property to the benefit of the entire neighborhood." That assessment was buttressed by several speakers from the neighborhood which convinced Dunn to vote with the majority.

Abduction and Tragedy

FROM PAGE 1

Road and Indus Drive. One of the suspects was ejected from the vehicle, and the other was found in the car along with Bosworth, who died at the scene. Both men were airlifted to a local hospital.

The names of the two suspects were later released by the Prince William County Police Department: Lutchman Lawrence, 19, of Danville died at the hospital on Monday. Keith Baskerville, a 19-year-old Woodbridge resident, is still in critical condition. Police officials say they have prepared a warrant charging him with carjacking and robbery with the intent to extort money, although they are waiting for his condition

to improve before they serve the warrant.

"He's very ill, and he's not going to get up and go anywhere right now," said Chinn. "At this point, we wait until his condition improves."

Bosworth is survived by her husband, Thomas Bosworth; her brother, Barry Spink; two sisters, Bonnie Spink Kay and Leslie Bassich and a host of other relatives and friends. Services will be held at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home on Sept. 19 at 11 a.m. Interment will be held at a later date in Portland, Ore. Donations in her memory may be made to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, 4101 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22306.

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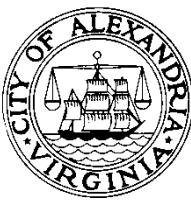
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A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2008 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2008-0131

Request for approval of signage at 101 King St., zoned K1 King Street Retail.

APPLICANT: Dorota Gorzala

CASE BAR2008-0137

Request for approval of alterations at 625 N. Washington St., zoned CRMU-X.

APPLICANT: Jeffrey Taylor, AIA
BOARD ACTION:

CASE BAR2008-0139

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 701 S. Royal St., zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Robert Bentley Adams & Associates

CASE BAR2008-0140

Request for approval of addition/alterations at 701 S. Royal St., zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Robert Bentley Adams & Associates

CASE BAR2008-0153

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 615 S. Fairfax St., zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Ray Lewis & Associates

CASE BAR2008-0154

Request for approval of addition/alterations at 615 S. Fairfax St., zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Ray Lewis & Associates

CASE BAR2008-0155

Request for approval of signage at 421 S. Washington St., zoned CL Commercial.

APPLICANT: Houseworks

CASE BAR2008-0156

Request for approval of signage at 803 S. Washington St., zoned CRMU/L Commercial.

APPLICANT: Healthy Back Store

CASE BAR2008-0157

Request for approval of alterations at 621 Commander Walk St., zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: John Gero

CASE BAR2008-0158

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 113 Princess St., zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Karl & Lydia Svoboda

CASE BAR2008-0159

Request for approval of addition/alterations at 113 Princess St., zoned RM Residential.

APPLICANT: Karl & Lydia Svoboda

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

OBITUARY

Floretta "Rett" Meckler

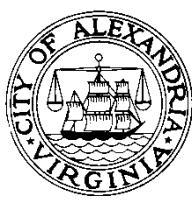
March 18, 1919-August 29, 2008

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.

ABC LICENSE

New Empire, LLC trading as Brickhouse Family Restaurant, 8685 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22309. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer Wine and Mixed Beverages license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Maribel Aliaga, owner

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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 October 2, 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 # AUP 2008-0003

ADDRESS: 2003 Mt. Vernon Ave

Request for outdoor seating for a restaurant

Applicant: Eric Nelson

MEMORIAL SEPTEMBER 20 for KATHARINE S. MARTYN

Katharine Scoggin Martyn, 95, wife of the late John Turner Martyn, Jr., died peacefully in her home at Goodwin House Bailey's Crossroads, Falls Church, on July fourteenth. She was a native of Warrenton, NC and was a graduate of St. Mary's College in Raleigh. She received a bachelor of arts degree and a graduate degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Martyn organized the first public library in Hartsville, S.C. and then came to Alexandria, Va. in 1939 as Head of the Alexandria Library. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the Alexandria Library Company, the National Society of Colonial Dames and served for many years on the Board of Governors of St. Agnes Episcopal School.

Until December 2007, she had been for thirty years a devoted member of the long-established French class taught at the Campagna Center in Alexandria.

Mrs. Martyn is survived by her three daughters, Katharine Martyn Smith of New York City, Elizabeth Turner Martyn of Los Alamitos, CA, and Ann Henderson Martyn of Roanoke, Va.; her granddaughter Julia Willoughby Nason of New York City; and her sister, Ann Scoggin Morrison, of Falls Church, VA.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 20 at 11:30 am at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paul's Foundation, 228 S. Pitt Street, Alexandria, VA 22314 or to the Christian Appalachian Project.

OBITUARY

Judith A. Detwiler

On Saturday, August 2, 2008 of Alexandria, VA; aunt of Ronald L. Larson. Funeral services and interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria, 4101 Eisenhower Avenue Alexandria, VA 22304. Arrangements by Columbia Mortuary

OBITUARY

Altz, Simon

On Tuesday, September 09, 2008 of Alexandria, VA

Beloved husband of Lois O'Bryan. Altz and the late Goldie S. Altz; father of Lisa C. Becker; brother of Harold Altz; grandfather of Meghan McKillip, Matthew, Samantha and Ross Becker; great grandfather of Elizabeth, Logan, Alley and Madison.

Memorial service was held at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA (just south of the intersection of S. Van Dorn and Franconia Rd.) on Friday, September 12 at 11am. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Evercare Hospice, 8245 Boone Blvd, Ste 401, Vienna, VA 22182.

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Mildred E. Potter, a longtime Alexandria school teacher, died Sept. 8, in Naples, Fla., of congestive heart failure.

Mildred Potter began a 29-year tenure at Robert E. Lee Elementary School in Alexandria in 1941. She also taught at John Tyler and James K. Polk elementary schools in the city before retiring in 1981.

She was active in teacher organizations & civic groups in Alexandria. She belonged to the professional honor society of women educators, The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and was president of the organization's Alexandria chapter in 1980-1982. She was a member of the Yates Garden Club.

She was also active as a member of Christ Church in Alexandria for many years.

She had lived in Naples, Fla., since the mid-1980s.

Born in Emporia, Va., in 1917, Miss Potter grew up in the Virginia towns of Dillwyn and Farmville. She earned a B.S. degree in 1938 from what was then Farmville State Teacher's College and is now Longwood University. She then taught in rural Virginia schools before coming to Alexandria.

Survivors include two nephews, Walter B. Potter Jr. of Falls Church, and Robert M. Potter of St. Petersburg, Fla.; a sister-in-law, Alice Kay Potter of Naples, Fla.; a niece-in-law, Mary E. Potter of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and two great nieces, Page M. Potter, a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh, N.C., and Christina M. Potter of St. Petersburg, Fla.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, in Naples, Fla. at Trinity-By-The-Cove Episcopal Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Church in Alexandria.

Arrangements for a memorial service in Alexandria are pending

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Familiar Face Leads Titan Field Hockey

New coach William Heresniak led the highly successful JV team for 11 years.

By MARK GIANNOTTO
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Continuity is a hard sell in high school sports considering coaches and players are constantly on the move, whether it's to another job or to college following graduation.

But the truly successful high school programs around the area almost always tend to have a system and a coach in place for multiple years.

So when former T.C. Williams field hockey coach Bob Eavenson — who had built the Titans into a consistent field hockey contender in the northern region — decided to hang up his whistle after last season, the reaction was to try and promote from within.

And with a JV program that had not lost a game in more than two years, the program didn't have to look very far for a replacement.

"That's the cool thing. I coached them when they were eighth graders, freshmen, some sophomores, and some of them were juniors last year when I had them" said new coach William Heresniak, who led the school's JV team for 11 years prior to this season and had won more than 30 games in row the past three years. "So they know



Senior Linzi Burstein hopes to lead T.C. Williams on a long playoff run under new coach William Heresniak.

me. They know how practices are run. They know what I expect. It's good because it's a tightly knit group, a great bunch of kids."

Heresniak was a natural choice for a team returning 16 seniors after a regional playoff loss against Edison ended its season a year ago. He's brought with him many of the same principles Eavenson employed, and an attitude that there will be no drop off in competitiveness despite the coaching transition.

Still, though, there were some subtle changes to be made, but that's where having 16 experienced seniors used to winning comes in.

"They had different coaching techniques and styles, so it has been a little switch over," senior midfielder/defender Linzi Burstein said. "Both are really for the basics, but they have different angles of going into the games."

Led by Burstein, senior defender Katie Mulberger, and senior goalie Amy Greco, the Titans have continued their success thus far, starting the season with four straight wins. A surprising 1-0 loss at Mount Vernon last Thursday was their first defeat of the season.

So far, Heresniak has noticed only subtle changes in his players since his days coach-

ing them at the JV level.

"It takes more motivation to get them to work hard but they still, for the most part, bust their butts," Heresniak said.

But judging from the team's reaction to its first loss of the season, it hasn't lost any of that passion for winning developed under Heresniak at the JV level.

"This loss is going to teach us to never lose again," Burstein said emphatically as she left the field.

"That's the cool thing. I coached them when they were eighth graders, freshmen, some sophomores, and some of them were juniors last year when I had them. So they know me. They know how practices are run. They know what I expect. It's good because it's a tightly knit group, a great bunch of kids."

—new T.C. Williams field hockey coach William Heresniak

Episcopal Wins Alexandria Volleyball Tournament

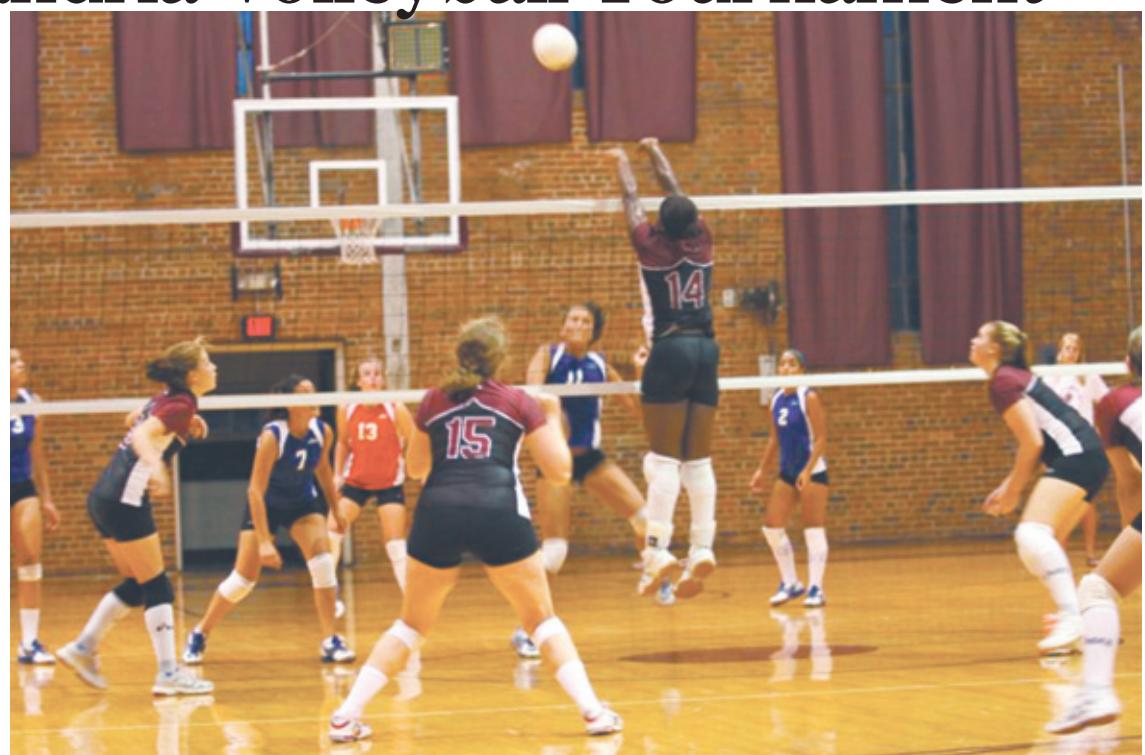
The girls of Episcopal High School took home the 2008 City of Alexandria Volleyball Championship last Saturday in a hard fought match against the defending champion Lady Titans of T.C. Williams High School. The annual competition between local high schools was hosted this year on the campus of Episcopal, and also featured teams from St. Stephen's/St. Agnes and Bishop Ireton.

In a competition lasting over two hours, the Titans traded spikes and digs with Episcopal in rallies that often left fans breathless for the demonstration of power and athleticism. Episcopal took the first set, 25-22, but the Titans responded in the second to reverse the score and even the match. In the third set Episcopal appeared to gain control of the evening, winning decisively, 25-16, only to see the Titans come back strong in the

fourth to even the match with a 25-19 win.

In the fifth and deciding set the game is played to 15 rather than 25. While both teams were justifiably tired, Episcopal started the fifth set methodically, collecting early points and refusing to allow T.C. Williams an opportunity to hold serve. Episcopal went on to win the fifth and final set by a score of 15-6 and the match by a score of 3-2.

Episcopal will hold the city trophy until next fall when St Stephens/St. Agnes, Bishop Ireton, T.C. Williams, and defending champion Episcopal will again meet in friendly rivalry to establish Alexandria volleyball bragging rights. The Alexandria girls high school volleyball championship began in 2005 and was won by SSASA that year. T.C. Williams won back-to-back championships in 2006 and 2007.

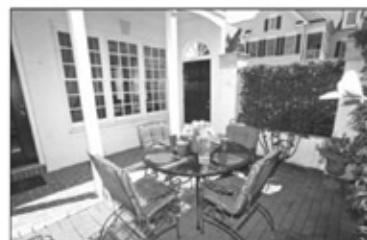


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Episcopal's Breanna Jones blocks a T.C. Williams shot in the City of Alexandria High School Volleyball Championship



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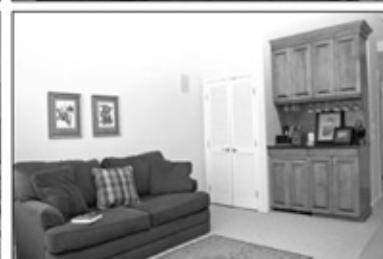
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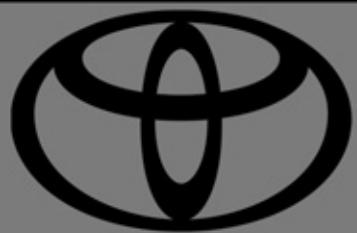
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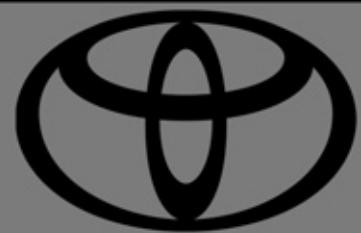


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