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Red Cross Disaster Relief Down \$100 Million

Local chapter committed to \$100,000 for national relief fund.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Wall Street and Main Street aren't the only financial victims of the economic downturn. Add to the list the Disaster Relief Fund of the American Red Cross. It is in the hole \$100 million due to one of the most active disaster years in its history.

Although the fund is actually \$200 million in the hole, Congress supplied \$100 million. It is now up to the American Red Cross, through its local chapters, to raise the additional \$100 million, according to Lissette S. Bishins, executive director, Alexandria Chapter, American Red Cross.

"I expect this to be another rough fund raising year due to the national economic situation. We are committed to raising \$100,000 for the national Disaster Relief Fund," she said during a media briefing October 16 at the local headquarters office.

"We also didn't do very well this year at our largest fund raising event, the annual Waterfront Festival. We only netted \$15,000 due to the bad weather and lack of attendance," Bishins said.

Bishins took over the reins of the local chapter last November after a series of personnel turnovers. Upon her arrival she found the chapter \$200,000 in debt, but was able to reduce that to \$30,000 by

the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, 2008. The local annual budget is \$900,000, according to Bishins.

"We have more engaged volunteers today than we have had in a long time and we are much more involved in the community. That will increase in the year ahead," Bishins said.

Some of the events planned are a volunteer celebration October 29 at the local headquarters, a "Restaurant Night" brunch fund raiser at Tempo Restaurant November 2, a Breakfast of Champions November 18, accelerated blood drives to strengthen their ability to provide 50 percent of the city's blood supply, and a new military hospital outreach program in which the local chapter will be collecting new items for the Fort Belvoir Wounded Warrior Military Transition Unit.

Presently, the local chapter has a roster of 500 active volunteers. Seventeen of those were deployed to the Gulf Coast region during 2008 for hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike, according to Bishins. Several are still there providing relief services.

In addition, the local chapter has provided upwards of 10 volunteers to staff the Red Cross Disaster Relief Call Center located in Ashburn. It receives calls from evacuees and residents in a disaster zone and directs assistance to them.

When deployed to a disaster area, volunteers donate a minimum of three weeks of their time. "Volunteers range in age from their mid 20's to mid 70's. Many use vacation time on our behalf and others are retired. I had one volunteer during Ike that said, 'I just got laid off at work so I might as

"I expect this to be another rough fund raising year."

—Lissette S. Bishins,
executive director,
Alexandria Chapter



Lissette S. Bishins, executive director, Alexandria Chapter, American Red Cross, held a briefing for local media on the local chapter's efforts to raise funds for the National Disaster Relief Fund that has been severely depleted as a result of responding to a series of hurricanes and other disasters over the past year.

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Congressman on the Stand

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The eight-hour DUI hearing for U.S. Rep. Vito Fossella (R-N.Y.) was not the trial of the century. But the event, which dragged on into the early evening hours last Friday, was a DUI trial unlike most of the cases that clog a typical traffic docket for General District Court Judge Becky Moore. The vast majority are dispatched in less than an hour, although the region's population of clearance-needed employees has created somewhat of a cottage industry for DUI courtroom theatrics. The congressman brought three pin-

stripped lawyers who each took their turn hurling a series of motions at the court.

"You want opening statements on your motion?" the judge asked at one point.

Yes, the trio of lawyers wanted opening statements, closing statements and missing documents. Meanwhile, outside, a gaggle of paparazzi photographers and television cameras cluttered the courthouse square eager for some reason why the soon-to-be retired congressman would put on such a display. He's not



U.S. Rep. Vito Fossella (R-N.Y.)

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running for re-election, and the sordid details of his private life had already become tabloid fodder in New York.

Inside the courthouse, prosecutors and public defenders were trying to get through their docket in the two second-story courtrooms of the General District Court in the midst of the media frenzy. Everybody wanted to know when the

New York Republican would show up for his day in court.

"It's like a car crash," said Dennis Mersberger, a defense attorney who admitted that he wandered into Moore's courtroom. "Everyone wants to rubberneck."

"It's like a car crash. Everyone wants to rubberneck."

— Dennis Mersberger
on the media frenzy
outside the courthouse

THE RUBBERNECKING went on all day, as a portrait of retired Judge Daniel Fairfax O'Flaherty looked on

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Fossella is found guilty of driving while intoxicated near Hammond Middle School.



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Towering Conflicts

Few cities are more serious about historic preservation than Alexandria. And providing affordable housing has become a central focus of the city government over the last few years, with all current City Council members campaigning on promises to do something about the rapidly depleting stock. Sometimes those priorities merge, slamming together like bumper cars at a carnival.

Such was the case at City Hall last weekend, when historic preservationists and affordable-housing activists clashed during an emotional public hearing. Only a few years ago, these groups were working in unison to save a 1939 garden apartment from being demolished in favor of luxury condominiums. Yet partisans who were once united to save Gunston Hall Apartments found themselves at loggerheads last week over a proposal by developer **Giuseppe Cecchi** to build two 14-story towers on South Washington Street below the Capital Beltway. In exchange for being allowed an exemption to the height limitations, Cecchi offered to preserve 570 units of affordable housing across the street in two buildings he hopes to acquire in 2011.

"By denying our proposal, you would be closing the door forever on this opportunity," said Cecchi, who built the Watergate building on the other side of the Potomac River.

Council chose to close the door, siding with the Planning Commission, the National Park Service, the Old Town Civic Association and members of the historic preservation community who were concerned about the new towers looming over the Freedman's Cemetery. Former Hunting Towers Residents' Association President **Ardith Dentzer**, who had been a vocal advocate of Cecchi's plan, was in tears after the vote.

"The City Council members are all bought by wealthy people who live in Old Town and fill their campaign coffers," said Dentzer after the vote was cast Saturday afternoon. "I'm going to move to Arlington."

City Fiefdoms

How long should an individual be the chairman of the Board of Architectural Review? Should the Planning Commission be forced to accept new members every few years? Is institutional memory standing in the way of progress?

Some critics of the city's boards and commissions say that too much power has been invested too narrowly among a small cadre of individuals in a system with little turnover. They came to City Hall Saturday morning to support a plan that would institute a 10-year term limits on the city's boards and commissions as some commissions already have. The proposal, which will be taken up later this month by City Council members, creates a 10-year limit for members of various boards and commissions. Although individuals would be unable to apply after a decade of service, they would be able to re-apply for the next available position.

"If you don't have the chutzpah to appoint somebody different, to encourage people to apply for positions, then you're not going to get any turnover," said **Amy Slack**, a member of the Traffic and Parking Board. "There are other boards that I would have liked to have applied for but I will not because of who is currently sitting on those boards, and I'm sure you will not appoint me so why embarrass myself?"

Using a Scalpel

Mayor **Bill Euille's** plan to use the city's zoning authority to force bars and restaurants to eliminate smoking fizzled earlier this year after a coalition of Alexandria restaurants formed to oppose the measure, which they said would create a giant sucking sound toward Arlington establishments. But the mayor is not done yet. Although he won't be using the city's zoning authority as a hatchet, perhaps he can use it as a scalpel.

When businessman **Christian Falatko** appeared before the council Saturday for a special-use permit to open a new pizzeria in the Hoffman Town Center, Euille called the man to the microphone to personally ask him if the restaurant would be smoke free. Falatko said yes, and Mayor Euille reflected on his new strategy.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

SCHOOLS

Schools Feel the Pinch

As dwindling revenues loom, old divisions linger at the School Board.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

To account for the unanticipated crop of new students this year, the city's public schools are emptying computer labs to create classroom space. Meanwhile, School Board members are sharply divided over how to assemble a budget-advisory committee. As the world financial markets continue a roller-coaster ride of uncertainty, Alexandria City Public Schools are facing dwindling resources while facing an unanticipated increase in enrollment, with 7 percent more students showing up this year than last September. One short-term fix has already been implemented by the Beauregard Street central office: loading six mobile carts with laptop computers to wheel around West End elementary schools to new teachers can move new students into new classrooms.

"The idea is that the labs go to the kids instead of having the kids go to labs," said John Porter, assistant superintendent for administrative services. "The result is less demand for classroom space."

For school budget officials, inevitable cuts to state revenue and spiking enrollment numbers have created what some are calling a "perfect storm." John Adams Elementary School, for example, experienced

the largest increase with the September Kindergarten enrollment numbers coming in at a staggering 52 percent higher than expectations. At the same time, revenue from Richmond has become imperiled by the financial crisis. Although City Hall spared the school system during the first round of budget cuts, school budget officials are now flying without a net in many respects. During a School Board meeting last week, Superintendent Morton Sherman told School Board members that the enrollment numbers were approaching a crisis level.

"We're out of space in some of our schools," said Sherman, noting that the system was reaching a crisis level of crowding. "West End schools are jam packed."

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS have a budget-advisory committee to help them make difficult decisions about money issues. Yet the Budget Advisory Committee is in turmoil, with an outgoing chairman

and conflicting ideas about how the organization should be structured. Committee chairman Sean McEneaney had to cancel a recent meeting because a glut of no-show members was making it impossible to call a quorum. When he learned that Mount Vernon Elementary

"I've served as chairman for two years, and I'm done."

—Sean McEneaney

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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

Monroe's Restaurant Suffers Fire Damage

Monroe's Restaurant, 1603 Commonwealth Avenue, in the Del Ray section of Alexandria, suffered an estimated \$7,000 damage during a fire Saturday morning, October 18. The fire was brought under control by Alexandria Fire Department firefighters within 15 minutes, according to Capt. Luis Santano, public information officer, AFD. When firefighters arrived at approximately 9:43 a.m. there was no smoke or flames visible, Santano reported. "They had to punch a small hole in a rear storage area in order to locate the fire which was between the inside and outside walls of the building," he said. Fire investigators determined the cause of the fire was due to a contractor using a torch to remove paint, according to Santano. Damage to the building was estimated at \$6,000 and another \$1,000 to contents. The restaurant was not open at the time. However, they were able to open for an event that evening, Santano reported.

Pork-Barrel Fashion

Calling U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) a “crude pro-pork bully,” Esquire Magazine endorsed Republican challenger **Mark Ellmore** in its November issue. The men’s magazine, which crowned actress **Halle Berry** as “the sexiest woman alive” on the cover of its 2008 “endorsement issue,” explained that “any half-decent opponent would get our nod” over the incumbent.

“Ellmore is more than half decent,” the editors wrote. “And his goal to supplant the region’s jammed highways with light rail is positively progressive.”

Ellmore hit Market Square early Saturday morning, armed with an handful of leaflets reprinting the Esquire endorsement. Yet the Republican stopped short of agreeing with the magazine’s characterization of the congressman as a “pro-pork bully.” Ellmore, who has pledged to refrain from earmark spending if elected, said pork-barrel spending has become the hottest topic of conversation on the campaign trail.

“There’s a cloak of darkness around a lot of what happens in Congress, and it’s not right,” said Ellmore, generally considered a long-shot chance to defeat the nine-term incumbent. “It’s an invitation to a brood of vipers who want to abuse the Treasury at every opportunity.”

Lopsided Fundraising

Moran might not have the favor of men’s magazine editors. But he isn’t hurting for campaign contributions. Campaign-finance documents indicate that the congressman has raised \$1.2 million this campaign cycle, with top contributors including the defense industry, which gave \$217,000; communications and electronics, which gave \$172,000; and lobbyists, who gave \$108,000.

Ellmore, on the other hand, has raised only \$50,000 during the election cycle — about one-twenty-third the amount of money raised by Moran, who enjoys a position as a senior member of the Appropriations Committee. Campaign finance documents indicate that Ellmore has received a meager amount of support from lobbyists, who contributed \$3,000; financial professionals, who gave \$2,000; and people who work in the construction industry, who have contributed \$600.

“It’s been a hard year for Republicans,” said **Bernie Schulz**, who was co-chairman of Republican **Lisa Marie Cheney’s** 2004 campaign against Moran. “It’s an uphill battle for Mark, but it’s not insurmountable. Hopefully, at the end of the day, people will understand that he wants to bring common-sense solutions to Washington.”

Commuting Votes

Never before has it been so fashionable to vote early, and election officials have been experiencing record numbers of people casting absentee ballots. They’ve already issued 7,000 ballots, either in person to through the mail. Within the next few days, said Registrar **Tom Parkins**, the all-time record of 7,300 absentee votes from the 2004 election will be shattered. Parkins said he expects anywhere from 10,000 to 12,000 voters to cast absentee ballots this year.

“There are probably a lot of people who aren’t aware that they are eligible to vote absentee based on the fact that they commute to work,” said Parkins. “But we are encouraging people to expect in the worst in reference to their commute on Election Day.”

What If?

Speaking to students at the Alexandria campus of the Northern Virginia Community College this week, Del. **Brian Moran** (D-46) reminisced about how former Gov. **Mark Warner** and his wife **Lisa Collis** talked Moran into running for office over dinner one evening in the early 1990s. Moran, who was then a prosecutor, knew Collis through her work with Stop Child Abuse Now. Warner, an early investor of Nextel, was then planning for his unsuccessful 1996 campaign against Republican Sen. **John Warner** (no relation). Together, the couple persuaded the youngest Moran sibling to throw his hat into the ring in 1995.

“I often wonder what would have happened if, instead of encouraging me to run for office, he gave me a tip to invest in Nextel,” Moran joked.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Del. Brian Moran (D-46) speaks to students at the Alexandria campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

Where is the Real Virginia?

Gubernatorial hopeful Brian Moran takes aim at McCain campaign.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Gubernatorial hopeful Brian Moran lashed out at the presidential campaign of Arizona Republican John McCain this week, criticizing a spokeswoman for the campaign of using “divisive tactics” and “Karl Rove politics.” Moran’s comments came in response to a Oct. 18 appearance on MSNBC by McCain spokeswoman Nancy Pfotenhauer, who argued that Democrats from the District have moved into Northern Virginia and skewed the election returns in the region.

“But the rest of the state — real Virginia, if you will — I think will be very responsive to Senator McCain’s message,” Pfotenhauer said on live television. “The real Virginia I take to be part of the state that is more Southern in nature, if you will.”

For many Democrats, Pfotenhauer’s comments echoed the infamous comments of former Sen. George Allen two years ago when he hurled a racial invective at a campaign volunteer for his Democratic opponent. At a campaign rally in Breaks, Va., Allen twice called S.R. Sidarth “macaca,” a slur aimed at people of Indian ancestry. The footage became a YouTube sensation, and was widely credited with bringing down the political career of the former governor.

“Welcome to American,” Allen said to Sidarth, a native of Fairfax County. “And the real Virginia.”

Now, as Election 2008 winds into the final dizzying days of the campaign, Moran and other Democrats are using Pfotenhauer’s comments as part of their closing argument to Virginia voters. At rally on Alexandria campus of the Northern Virginia Community College, the Northern Virginia Democrat ripped into the McCain campaign for pitting one region of the commonwealth against another. Moran, who will be running for governor next year, charged that Republicans were not interested in finding solutions to the problems faced by voters in Northern Virginia.

“Barack Obama once said that there was no red America or blue America — there is the United States of America,” Moran told students in the newly completed science-and-technology wing of the Bisdorf Building. “And I say there is not real Virginia or fake Virginia — there is only the commonwealth of Virginia.”

SINCE JANUARY, Moran noted, Virginia has added 436,000 new voters. According to officials with Virginia State Board of Elections, this is the largest surge in voter registration that the commonwealth has ever experienced. Moran predicted that the surge in voter registration would benefit Democrats, with nearly 40 percent of the newly registered voters under the age of 25. Students who came to the Bisdorf Building Monday night to hear Moran were enthusiastic about the potential for young voters finally becoming an important force in American politics.

“I believe that young people are going to play a primary role in this election,” said Tifarah McDanile, a 23-year-old Army veteran who came to Monday’s event to hear Moran’s plans for providing benefits to Americans returning home from combat zones. “The last few years have changed everything, and young people are more engaged now than they have ever been.”

As to whether or not students at Northern Virginia Community College are part of the “real Virginia,” in Pfotenhauer’s words, students expressed frustration with the repeated attempts by Republicans to cast the region as some kind of political outlier. After Moran was finished, several of the students denounced the McCain campaign for trying to drive a wedge between voters instead of building bridges between them.

“It’s offensive,” said Mustafa Michael, a 28-year-old student studying business administration. “I think this is going to come back and bite the Republicans.”

For some, Pfotenhauer’s remark about the “real Virginia” had racial undertones.

“I took it as code words for saying that black people are not real Virginians,” said Susan Kellom, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. “I have no way of knowing what was going on inside her mind, but I can just say what my reaction was: I was furious.”

COMMUNITY

Firefighters And Partners Bring Youth Warmth And Pride

Fairfax County and Alexandria firefighters join forces in youth coat drive

By CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

English essayist, John Ruskin, in his "Crown of Wild Olive" wrote, "Give a little love to a child, and you get a great deal back." The validity of that observation was demonstrated 1,000 times over last Wednesday morning at Fairfax County Fire & Rescue

Department's Penn Daw Station in Mount Vernon District.

For the third straight year Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department, Progressive Firefighters, Inc., and Profes-

sional Firefighters and Paramedics, Local 2068, distributed new winter coats to youths through high school age. This year's effort was also joined by Alexandria Fire Department firefighters.

Through generous support and donations from residents, businesses and, this year, the Coats-for-Kids Foundation, more than 1,000 youths and their families will be able to face winter's chill with not only a new winter coat but also hats and gloves. "It's all about the community and giving back," said Department Chief Ronald Mastin during a pre-distribution ceremony at the station.

The usual distribution is about 400 coats, according to the program's organizer Lt. Willie Bailey, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department. "Because of our affiliation this year with the Coats-for-Kids Foundation we were able to increase that number to over 1,000 coats. This is also the first time we have been joined by the Alexandria firefighters," Bailey said.

"We started the foundation just four years ago. Our mission is to provide a new winter coat to every child that needs one," said Paul B. Darby, president, Coats-for-Kids Foundation.

Darby started the foundation in his Alexandria Cameron Station home. However, its success has forced the creation of a virtual inventory. "It just became too big to run out of our home," he said.

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Fairfax County and Alexandria City firefighters assisted volunteers in collecting winter coats, hats and gloves for distribution to needy youth as part of Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department's annual coat drive.

"A new coat says to a child we are going to lift you up."

—Paul B. Darby, president, Coats-for-Kids Foundation

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LIVING LEGENDS

Gentleman, Attorney, Dean of Land Use

Bernie Fagelson who still works as an attorney helped Alexandria grow as a city and a community.

BY SARAH BECKER
GAZETTE PACKET

This is the fourth 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.



PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

Colleagues describe Bernie Fagelson, age 95, as the dean of Alexandria's land use attorneys. "Bernie has been sort of the grand old man of the land use BAR," attorney and former City Councilman Lonnie Rich said. "What a role model he is! He found a job that he loved, represented his clients well, and is honorable." "Dean of Alexandria's land use attorneys?" Fagelson twinkled. "I am not sure Bud Hart would agree, but I am flattered." Fagelson is universally known as "the consummate gentleman."

"Bernie is a kind and gentle man, kind to everyone he meets," land-use attorney Howard Middleton said. "He is respectful of elected officials, entertaining in meetings, and an excellent speaker. He's very well rounded."

"Fagelson is not a slash and burn kind of guy," Rich continued. "To me he is an excellent example of how lawyers are supposed to behave."

"I was okay until 90 and then it seems everything started falling apart." Fagelson laughed. "However I appreciate the kind words. I still come into the office every day though some days I don't get a client call. Frankly, at this age, I need the self-discipline."

"But regarding lawyers, what I value is relationships," Fagelson continued. "If I insist on anything it is, hopefully, the reality rather than the perception of personal integrity. I look for ordinary decency and kindness. Unfortunately integrity has changed."

"If I am a product of anything," Fagelson explained, "I am a product of pre-WWII Alexandria. My family has lived here more than 100 years; I am a Byrd Democrat by

Bernie Fagelson

birth, a strange combination of Byrd conservative and Roosevelt neo-liberal."

"No president today compares favorably with their WWII predecessors: Roosevelt, Truman, or perhaps even Eisenhower," Fagelson said. "For all the kicking that Clinton has taken, he at least left the country liquid."

Fagelson was the first in his family to become educated. His father was a self-made, self-educated dairy farmer who worked to cure tuberculosis. "My father chose law for me" and Bernie is a Depression-era graduate of the George Washington Law School. He was the youngest person in and President of his law school class.

"If anyone made me who I am it was my mother," Fagelson recalled. "But it was my father who introduced me to local politics."

"Alexandria underwent change after the New Deal," Fagelson continued. "It had an

experimental way with Democrats. The Civil War was still the War Between the States and, locally, the Republicans offered some high grade people – especially Cook, Ring and

Calhoun. But Republicans think mostly in terms of running things. It is essential that people come first."

DURING WORLD WAR II, Navy Lt. Bernard Fagelson served aboard the newly commissioned USS Quincy. "I'm almost embarrassed at how much I enjoyed the war," Fagelson mused. "The Quincy was the first ship to fire on Normandy, and the last to

fire on the Japanese mainland. President Roosevelt traveled to the Yalta Conference aboard the Quincy." Fagelson's military background also includes Intelligence work.

"I disagree that World War II veterans are the greatest generation," Fagelson exclaimed. "To imply that any generation compares with the founding generation is arrogant."

"What we are is the luckiest generation," Fagelson said. "What other generation starts with a Depression, has a major war – hopefully the War for all time – and now eats so well, dresses so well, or lives so well?"

All my memories of working in Alexandria seem to be good," Fagelson noted. He began practicing law seriously in 1946

"What I appreciate about Bernie is his reasoned approach with regard to the city," land use attorney Duncan Blair said. "He has always presented himself on his own credibility and his public performance demonstrates both his knowledge of and love for the city of Alexandria."

"My first year of practice I went to work for Judge Robinson Moncure," Fagelson offered. "Now there was an opportunity to observe a real legend. Then I left to build my practice, doing trial work and partnering with former Alexandria Mayor Leroy Bendheim." Bendheim was mayor from 1955 until 1961 and Fagelson's law firm – Fagelson, Schonberger, Payne &

"Correct is following the norm. Right is a conviction in your inner conscience that what you're doing should be done."

—Bernie Fagelson

Deichmeister – is an offshoot of Bendheim & Fagelson.

"In the late '50s," Fagelson reminded, "in the middle of massive resistance, Bendheim and I integrated the old Murphy's Department Store lunch counter. Actually Roy did it and I tagged along, but we purposely took a couple of black men with us and we four sat until their service was denied. When the store wouldn't serve them, we gave them our coffees."

"Correct is following the norm," Fagelson explained, "Right is a conviction in your inner conscience that what you're doing should be done. There are no second class citizens, everyone should be treated fairly. I resent unfair treatment for blacks and glass ceilings for women."

Fagelson is Director Emeritus of Burke & Herbert Bank. The bank refers to him as a "champion of the fairer sex." The first three women to run for Alexandria office have Fagelson to thank. "I pushed them into it," Bernie said with a devilish grin.

"ONE OF MY FONDEST memories," Fagelson recalled, "was lunching on King Street at Schuman's. It took about 30 minutes to walk four blocks because we stopped and talked with people. There was a long

table in the back of the bakery essentially a club table. The town's wheeler dealers, movers and shakers used to frequent that table." Bernie enjoys power lunches and today La Bergerie is among his favorite restaurants.

Is integrity his lasting legacy? "Well," Fagelson said, "integrity is honesty plain, not cheating. Character is more subtle, more philosophical. I have always been afraid of vanity, but I hope you think me reasonably honest."

"Bernie is the consummate gentleman and in the public setting his level of discourse has always been courteous and inquiring," Blair said. "He argues the argument, not the arguer, and does so respectfully."

"I guess my Alexandria legacy, depending on who you ask, is sometimes buildings but more that I was part of a city which grew up from a nice residential town to an independent part of Northern Virginia," Fagelson resolved. "Land use became more than an opportunity; it needed to be controlled by law. Somebody had to help us to grow – we were going from mud to asphalt – and lawyers had to make sure that it was done well."

"As for aging, I have good family genes and will keep on doing what I am doing as best I can," Bernie concluded. "I have been lucky enough to have had an easy life and a happy family."

Perhaps his is the luckiest generation. *Writer Sarah Becker was nominated as a Living Legend of Alexandria in 2007.*



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Police boats from throughout the area joined the search

Officer Missing In Bay

Police officer missing in Pohick Bay during training exercise

By CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

As of Wednesday morning search and rescue efforts were still under way for a 42-year-old, 19-year veteran of the Fairfax County Police Department who went missing in Pohick Bay in Southeastern Fairfax County during a police training diving exercise involving water and air rescue procedures.

Police and Fire Department boats, helicopters, and personnel from Fairfax County, Alexandria City and throughout the Washington area joined with U.S. Coast Guard and Federal Bureau of Investigation equipment and personnel in the search for the victim who disappeared during the Tuesday afternoon exercise. He was not one of the dive team but was participating in the exercise when he disappeared in the Mason Neck area of Pohick Bay, according to Fairfax County Police reports.

The name of the officer had not been released as of Wednesday morning.

The victim was wearing a "dry suit" at the time of his disappearance. It is designed to protect a person in cold water. Information was mixed as to whether the officer was in a boat or in the water at the time of his disappearance. The object of the exercise was to coordinate simulated rescues between boats and aircraft for potential victims of boating accidents, according to police reports.

The land search was suspended Tuesday night due to darkness but was reactivated at dawn Wednesday. Air and water operations continued with the use of powerful

search lights.

There were reports by mid morning that some items were spotted in the water near the Charles County, MD, line where Gunston Cove enters the Potomac River. Markers were put out and divers were dispatched to that area, according to personnel on the scene. However, there was nothing official on what those items were or exactly where they were spotted.

Both Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department and the Alexandria Fire Department Marine Operations teams and boats were dispatched to the area to participate in the search and rescue efforts, according to Lt. Raul Castillo, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department public information officer and Captain Luis Santano, Alexandria Fire Department public information officer.

The training exercise got underway at approximately 1:30 p.m. Tuesday and the officer was discovered missing about 2:45 p.m., according to Fairfax County Police. The victim was not wearing any breathing apparatus because "his role in the exercise did not require it," said police spokesperson Tawny Wright.

Pohick Bay lies between Pohick Bay Regional Park and the southeastern tip of Fort Belvoir. It flows into Gunston Cove and then into the Potomac River at the Fairfax County, VA, and Charles County, MD, line.

As of late Wednesday morning, Fairfax County Police were asking anyone living near the water in the Pohick Bay/Gunston Cove area to remain observant and report any possible sightings of the missing officer to the police department at 703-691-2131.

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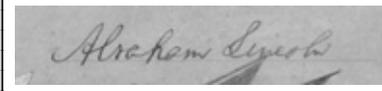
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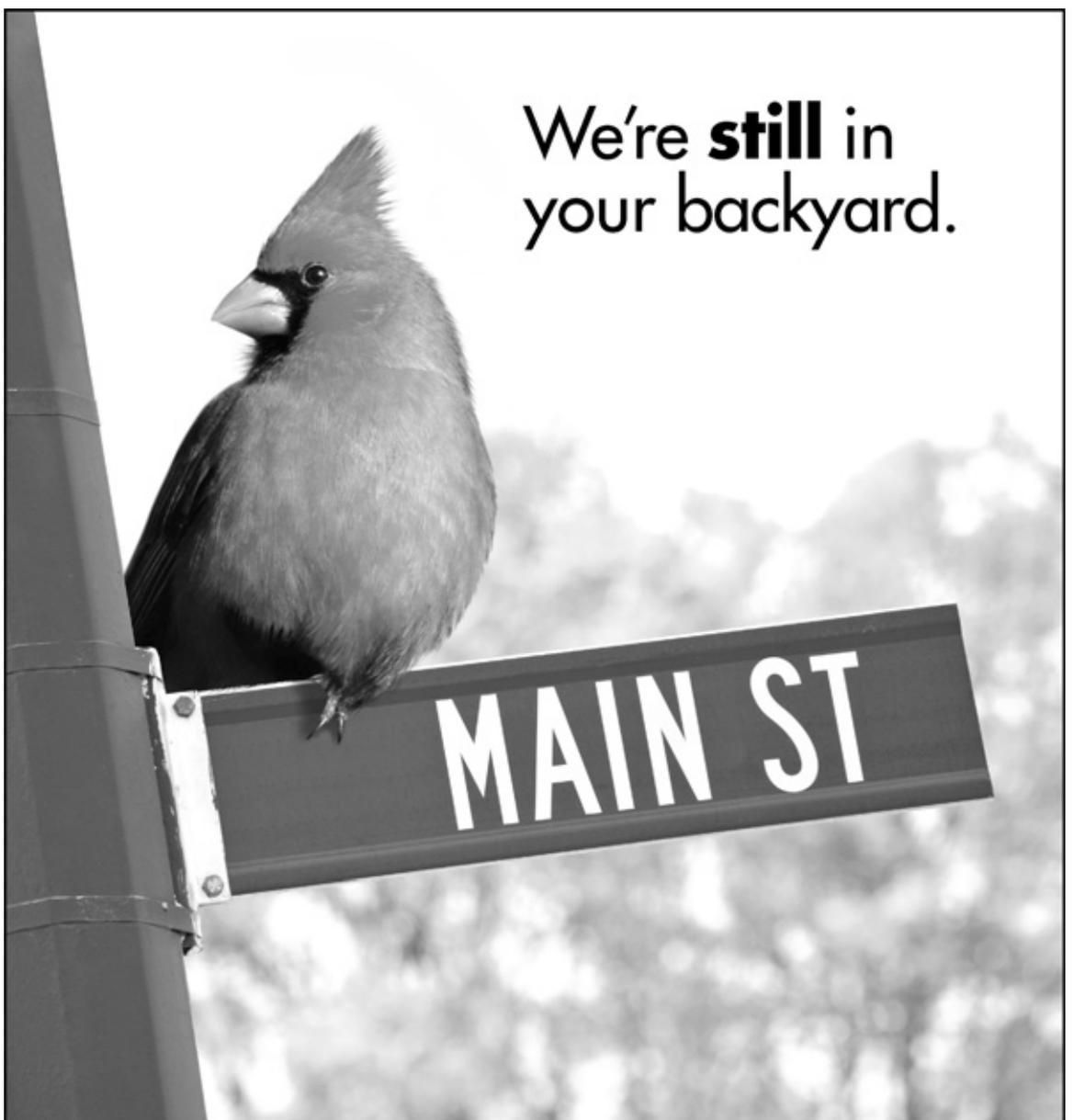
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HISTORY

The Fight for Parker Gray High School

BY SARAH BECKER
ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE PACKET

Although the structure known as Parker-Gray High School was demolished years ago, its historical significance remains in the collective heart, if not the political conscience, of many Alexandria residents. In early 20th century Virginia, Jim Crow was

alive and functioning well. The term Jim Crow refers to a variety of laws intended to control certain social behavior. Jim Crow screamed racial segregation, especially in public schools.

Alexandria's Parker-Gray High School is a heritage study in racial integration. Responding directly to the community's heartfelt expression, developer Trammell Crow has teamed with The Parker-Gray Alumni

Association to celebrate Parker-Gray's educational history. Together they have applied for a Virginia Highway Marker to memorialize the city's black-only High School. Trammell Crow is redeveloping the property at 800 N. Henry Street, a property adjacent to the facility's 1950 site.

The Parker-Gray Elementary School for colored was established in 1920 including elementary grades one through seven. A year later Alexandria's black community "begged the school authorities" for a high school. Their plea was ignored. Instead Parker-Gray Elementary School added an eighth grade: one classroom, one teacher and 18 students.

Until the mid-1930s enterprising blacks traveled to the District of Columbia for high school: to attend either Armstrong or Dunbar High Schools. Alexandria's black population, especially individuals between the ages of 75 and 95 remember Jim Crow. For these residents, discrimination remains uniquely personal.

On December 4, 1931, the President of the Parker-Gray PTA wrote to The Alexandria Gazette: "As law-abiding citizens of the city of Alexandria, we appeal to those in power to consider the serious condition of educational opportunities for negroes in this city. We regret to say that our condition is worse than that of any other group in any

other city the size of Alexandria in the State of Virginia."

The President continued: "Our children are compelled to go to Washington or other cities to complete their high school education. When they go to Washington they must compete with children who have been well prepared. The result is that many of them must repeat the little work that they have already done. On the other hand our children must enter the Washington schools under false pretense. They must declare that they are residents of Washington. The crowded conditions in the schools of Washington are making it more difficult for them to continue this policy."

In 1924 the Parker-Gray neighborhood was microcosmic, 50.88% of residents were black. The city directory lists the first Parker Gray High School as Wythe Street, between Patrick and Alfred Streets, basically an expansion within the existing Parker-Gray Elementary School building. Parker-Gray's ninth grade reportedly became available in 1927, with the remainder of the high school grades added no later than 1936. When the new Parker-Gray High School opened in 1950, it was relocated from Wythe Street to 1207 Madison Street.

Today the Charles Houston Recreation Center, now closed and being rebuilt, oc-

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The Fight for Parker Gray High School

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copies the School's former Wythe Street site. The Recreation Center is so named because beginning in October, 1933 – coincident with the organizing meeting of the Alexandria chapter of the NAACP – civil rights attorney Charles Hamilton Houston “spoke on the necessity of high school facilities for negro children in Alexandria, and urged the citizens associated to continue their fight.”

In brief, Houston relied on Plessy vs. Ferguson's 1896 separate but equal doctrine to prove Parker Gray High School's Wythe Street facilities unequal. Said Charles Houston in 1934: “all education, white and Negro, is feeling the pinch of the depression; but in the South common rumor is that Negro education is being sacrificed so as to save white education from being curtailed. This is distressingly true in the allocation of PWA and other public funds for the purposes of building and repairing school buildings.”

According to Dr. Fred M. Alexander, Virginia's 1946 Director of Negro and Elementary Education, the greatest strides in Negro education in Virginia were made in the periods between the school years 1926-27 and 1944-45. In 1946 Alexandria's black activists again complained that Parker Gray's Wythe Street High School facility was overcrowded. Parker-Gray's High School enrollment was slightly more than the nearby, white Alexandria High School yet

Parker-Gray operated with about one-third the school improvements budget. In a remedial effort, the city appointed a committee to study the problem.

“During the past several years, colored Alexandrians have become increasingly aware of their inadequate school buildings,” reported The Alexandria Gazette on February 25, 1946. A few months later the newspaper noted that “negotiations for acquiring a site for a Negro High School were recently completed.” The deed books confirm that the city purchased five land parcels between June 1948 and December 1952 at the Madison Street location.

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—Civil Rights attorney
Charles Hamilton Houston

“Trammell Crow is pleased that it could partner with the Parker-Gray Alumni Association regarding Charles Houston's role and others in the establishment of a public, African-American high school at 1207 Madison Street,” said Chris Roth, President, Northeast Operations. “It is appropriate that the rich and diverse Parker-Gray heritage be preserved, and that this historical marker be one of the first steps in creating the heritage trail discussed in the Braddock Road Area Neighborhood Plan.”

“The principal, faculty and students were sorely in need of a separate high school building,” recorded Jim Henson and the Parker-Gray Alumni History Committee in 1976. “Finally in September 1950, the new high school building was opened and carried the name of Parker-Gray.” The elementary school initially was named for principals John Parker and Sarah Gray, but it was Charles Houston who championed the high school's cause.

“Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall's mentor and law school professor, was the brilliant thinker who crafted the strategy that ended legalized segregation in the United States,” wrote Mildred Neely. “The litigation campaign Houston launched to reverse the Plessy vs. Ferguson ruling paved the way for Marshall's triumph in Brown vs. Board of Education.” By demonstrating the failure of states to live up to the 1896 Plessy rule Houston hoped, as the



Attorney Charles Hamilton Houston

NAACP liked to say “to kill Jim Crow.”

“In 1959 [Alexandria's] School Board was taken to court, and, on January 23, 1959, Judge Albert V. Bryan ordered the Alexandria City Schools to start integrating,” reported The Alexandria Gazette in 1971. “At the time, Alexandria had three high schools: George Washington, Francis Hammond and black Parker-Gray. Less than 20 black students, on a freedom of choice basis, started the desegregation process.” The Parker-Gray High School later closed.

“It all means so much to me,” said Catherine Ward, President of the Parker-Gray Alumni Association. “My heart just aches because nothing was done much to preserve the high school. It's really hard to put my feelings into words. Both schools are gone the alumni are like family and we want to keep the legacy alive. The new Parker-Gray High School opened 29 years after the epic educational struggle began. Although de jure segregation is no longer law, to what extent is the Plessy rule still practiced today?”

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Gerry Connolly for Congress

U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R), who decided earlier this year that he would not seek reelection, served as a remarkable advocate for local needs, and his departure could raise concerns about representation.

Gerry Connolly (D), currently chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, more than meets the challenge.

Connolly has led Fairfax County with vision, enthusiasm and direction. Connolly's focus has

helped achieve important results, including dedicated funding for affordable housing and the environment and significant investments for transportation. Connolly's intellect and drive have supported the quality of life in Fairfax County.

Connolly has supported intelligent approaches to sustaining and improving public safety. An excellent example is providing after-school programs in middle schools as part of a gang prevention effort.

Along with his local government credentials,

Connolly brings more than a decade of experience on Capitol Hill in foreign affairs. His experience and intellect position him for success in representing this diverse district, including the interests of federal employees and government contractors.

Connolly has also exhibited unwavering support for the extension of rail through Tysons and Reston and out to Dulles Airport. Keeping this project on track will require continued vigilance from Congress.

Jim Moran for Congress

Jim Moran is the right representative for his district, reflecting the views of his Arlington, Alexandria, Reston and Fairfax constituents.

Moran's strong grounding in local politics, rising from Alexandria City Council, makes him an especially effective and important representative in Congress, with an excellent record of bringing home funding for transportation and other local needs. His record on the environ-

ment is also first rate.

Moran's leadership and local background is also important in shepherding big local changes coming due to BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) and the ongoing process of funding rail to Dulles.

Moran is one of the few members of Congress who opposed the Iraq war from the beginning, and has been a consistent critic of the Bush administration's tax cuts for the super-

wealthy.

His understanding of the current economic crisis and how we got there will be essential as the next administration and the next Congress struggle to straighten out the mess and provide the kind of regulation we need, so it won't happen again.

With his seat on defense appropriations, Moran is master of channeling funding to local defense contractors.

Frank Wolf for Congress

As a member of Congress, Frank Wolf appears to consider how he can use the power of his office each day to make the world a better place. He is a man with empathy and a moral compass.

After 28 years in office, he is, if anything, more passionate than ever about human rights — working to curb human rights abuses in Darfur and other places around the world to shine the light on abuses and atrocities.

Wolf is also passionate about problem solving on a local level. In particular, Wolf has

worked to contribute to solutions for the region's traffic congestion, from promoting flextime and telecommuting especially for government workers, to funding for Metro, to thoughtful and incremental approaches such as spot intersection improvements and timing of traffic lights. His ongoing support of rail to Dulles is critical, especially from his vantage point as a senior member of the Appropriations Committee.

Examples of his leadership on public safety issues include his early warnings and funding

to help fight gang activity, and his efforts to fight the spread of methamphetamines.

Wolf is creative at problem solving, now working to establish a blue-ribbon panel to examine federal spending and tax policies to develop holistic proposals to head off the impending federal budget train wreck.

— MARY KIMM

Last week, the Connection endorsed Mark Warner for Senate to fill the seat of retiring U.S. Sen. John Warner (R). Read that endorsement here: www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=320789

COMMENTARY

McCain Voted No on Funds for Metro System

BY U.S. REP. JIM MORAN
D-8

Our region scored a big victory last month with passage of a bill authorizing \$1.5 billion in federal funds to operate and provide system upgrades to the 103-mile Metro rail system. The bipartisan proposal spearheaded by Rep. Tom Davis (R-VA) implements a cost sharing agreement requiring Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to dedicate Metro funding before federal funds will be released. Metro remains the only public transit system in the U.S. without a dedicated source of revenue, an impediment to needed improvements and strategic, long term planning. Further, Dulles International remains the only na-

tional capitol airport among modern nations without rail service.

While the bill passed Congress on a strong, overwhelmingly bipartisan vote, I was troubled that the Republican nominee for President, Senator John McCain, joined a small minority of members in voting against Metro. In fact, the statement released by his office after the vote explicitly singled out the Metro funding package as the reason for his "no" vote.

Northern Virginia, with the second highest traffic congestion in the nation, needs leadership in the White House that recognizes the importance of public transit. We simply cannot pave our way out of the transportation challenges facing our region. Public transit is the centerpiece of our region's

transportation infrastructure, conserving energy and providing residents a cost effective way to get around, especially with record high gas prices. Metro also helps tourists from all across America explore their nation's capital. And Metro is necessary to our federal government's most basic functions, as it is used by more Federal employees than any other transit system in our country.

Regrettably, Senator McCain's opposition to Metro is not limited to this one vote. He is also an opponent of federal funding for rail to Dulles. Fortunately, some of my Republican colleagues — Tom Davis and John Warner — have called on Senator McCain to support the expansion to Dulles. I am hopeful that their efforts will educate the Sena-

tor on the importance rail has on the region, so that the next major vote involving Metro and Dulles rail will result in a different outcome.

There has been an absence of leadership in the White House over the last 8 years on public transportation. In fact, the Department of Transportation under the current administration has repeatedly thrown up obstacles to the Dulles rail project. Northern Virginia simply cannot afford four more years of ideological indifference to our region and our country's public transportation. Given the region's unified support for improving and expanding public transit of all kinds, Senator McCain's opposition to Metro, our nation's subway, is simply inexcusable and unacceptable.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Blue Star Families

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to your October 7th article, Voter Profile: Military Veterans, Virginia Veterans Active in Both McCain and Obama Campaigns. As the wife of an enlisted Navy Corpsman who has served two tours of duty in Iraq and is getting ready for his third, I believe we need a commander-in-chief whose record demonstrates that he cares about the wellbeing of the troops and their families.

In the three years since our marriage my husband and I have only spent a few months together, he has always been in Iraq or away in training, and he was even away when I had our son prematurely and had serious complications during pregnancy. Barack Obama will provide predictable deployment schedules and more downtime between deployments for our troops, while John McCain voted against an amendment calling for adequate troop rest between deployments. Barack Obama co-sponsored the GI Bill which John McCain opposed and then failed to show up to vote on. Time and again McCain has said he supports the troops, but in truth he received a D from the non-partisan group Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, compared to Obama's B+ from that organization.

As a member of the grassroots organization Blue Star Families for Obama I am actively supporting Barack Obama's campaign. I hope other military families in our area will join us, visit our website, www.bsf4o.com, and hear from our members on the web at: <http://www.youtube.com/user/BlueStarFamilies>.

Barack Obama will deliver the change my family, and all military families, truly need.

Shana Johnson, Navy Wife
Kingstowne

McCain a War Hero

To the Editor:

In the October 9th edition of your newspaper, you published a letter from Gail Gordon purporting to provide the truth about John McCain. Ms. Gordon stated that Mr. McCain paints himself as a war hero but the facts betray him. In fact, Mr. McCain was a war hero and Ms. Gordon provided no facts to dispute that he was shot down during a bombing run over Hanoi in 1967, incarcerated as a prisoner of war for approximately five 1/2 years, and that he refused special treatment so he could return home early ahead of his comrades. He is a war hero and his subsequent voting record cannot change that fact. As far as the 1991 "McCain Bill" goes, its stated purpose was to require the Secretary of Defense to release all information relating to the treatment, location, and/or condition of U.S. personnel who are unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. However, the release of this information was predicated on the written consent from the primary next of kin. It might come as a shock to Ms. Gordon but some primary next of kin did not give their consent to release this information. There was also a provision that allows the Secretary of Defense to withhold information that may compromise the safety of any United States personnel who remain not accounted for but who may still be alive in captivity. If information was withheld under this provision, the Secretary was required to notify the President and Congress. One could argue whether this was a reasonable provision but it clearly did not establish a blanket prohibition on the release of this information. Mr. McCain should be held accountable for his voting record regarding veterans benefits but his war record should

not be discounted and the purpose of the "McCain Bill" should not be distorted.

John B. Allen
Alexandria

Obama Health Plan Protects Women

To the Editor:

McCain's health plan centers on taxing employer-provided health benefits as income, and providing individuals and families with a refundable tax credit of \$2,500 and \$5,000, respectively to buy insurance. This would dramatically disrupt the health insurance system in the US, with disastrous changes for women living in states like Virginia, where there are no state laws prohibiting the use of gender, age and health status to set premiums or even provide coverage.

According to a 2008 National Women's Law Center (NWLC) study, 2/3 of all women, 18-64 years old, obtain health insurance through their employer. Eliminating tax breaks to employers and employees reduces the incentive for employers to provide insurance. The Tax Policy Center estimates that 20 million workers will leave the employer-based system as mid-size and small companies drop insurance, and direct employees to buy a policy in the individual market with the credit. But negotiating directly with an insurance company as an individual is far different than doing so as an employer in the group market where there are federal and state laws protect both benefits and premiums from discriminatory practices. According to the NWLC:

Virginia has NO state laws that require coverage of critical health services for women such as maternity care, in the individual mar-

ket. Among the 78 plans represented in this market in Virginia, none offered comprehensive maternity coverage; nine had limited coverage and eighteen offered "rider policies" with limited maternity coverage for significant monthly fees.

All major health plans providing insurance in Virginia's individual market use gender to set premiums. Across the state, women are charged between 11-32% more than men of the same age, for comparable coverage, a practice not allowed in the group market.

Women with ANY history of health problems or pre-existing conditions, may not qualify for coverage or may be charged a premium that is grossly unaffordable in the individual market. In a recent study, the Commonwealth Fund found that more than half of working age adults seeking insurance in the individual market found it impossible to secure a policy they could afford.

It is still legal in nine states to reject applicants for having a Cesarean section; many states allow insurers in the individual market to exclude pre-existing conditions based on a record of prescription drug use, more common among women than men.

Among employers who retain insurance for employees, the young, healthy workers will have an incentive to seek coverage using their tax credit, in the individual market. Insurance companies will entice these young healthy employees with plans that are essentially at or below the tax credit, resulting in an employer-sponsored plan with less healthy, older employees, therefore driving up the cost of care.

Obama's health plan seeks to build on the existing system of both public and private insurance, creating new opportunities for employers to offer insurance with protections for benefits and premiums for all Americans. Our

health system is slowly collapsing in on itself. With 47 million Americans uninsured and many more with only bare bones coverage, we should be strengthening the foundation of employer-based insurance, not guaranteeing its destruction.

Susan S. Abramson
Alexandria

Thanks to Neighbors and Strangers

To the Editor:

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Julie Wadler and an unknown truck driver who stopped and rescued our dog, Annie, amid the traffic and construction on the Monroe Street Bridge.

Annie is our new-to-us two year old pup. We were told she was a jumper who could get scale her previous owner's chain link fence, but we were confident she was safe within the confines of our six foot wood privacy fence. Her small 27 pound adorable appearance, however, belies her apparent athletic skills.

One morning we were alerted by a neighbor that Annie was in the street in front of our house. The next instant while I thought I was keeping an eye on her from the kitchen window and trying to figure out how to escape proof the fence, another neighbor tried to catch her as she started on her journey toward the bridge.

Thanks to our wonderful neighbors, Edna Gregg, Rebecca Monroe and the Del Ray Animal Hospital where Julie Wadler brought our very lucky Annie. Alexandria is a great place for dogs, as well as their owners, to live.

Barbara and Jerry King
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Still Rolling Along

Residents of her West End neighborhood are used to the sight of four-year-old Peanut, jogging along with her back legs in a cart. Peanut, owned by Chris and Tara Sheehan, has been paralyzed since April 2007 following back surgery when she fell off her bed and slipped a disc. When surgery and physical therapy proved unsuccessful, her owners got the cart and Peanut has been up to her old tricks including opening the refrigerator ever since. "Imagine what she was like when she had the use of all four of her legs," said Tara Sheehan recounting her exploits. As for Peanut she clearly thinks the attention is her due and is happy to meet everyone who stops to ask about the cart.

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Joy Deevy | 703-930-5198

Annandale

New Listing



2303 Burke Avenue | \$459,000

This delightful all brick end town home with large fenced lot and off street parking potential on a quiet Del Ray street is not to be missed! Featuring newer roof and windows, hardwood floors on main and upper levels, ceramic tile in kitchen and bath, lots of storage space in the finished lower level, and lovely paved deck/patio great for entertaining. Minutes to Metro, Old Town, George Washington Parkway & shopping and dining along the avenue. www.joydeevy.com for more photos

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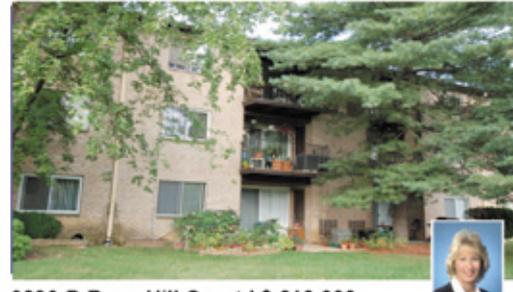
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Yvonne Croft | 703-973-1540

Rose Hill

Great Value



4215 Buckman Road | \$231,000

Three level interior town home, with fully finished first level with additional small kitchen. Second level has living room, dining room, full size kitchen that walks out to deck. Three bedrooms and two full baths upstairs. This home is Bank Owned and a great value!

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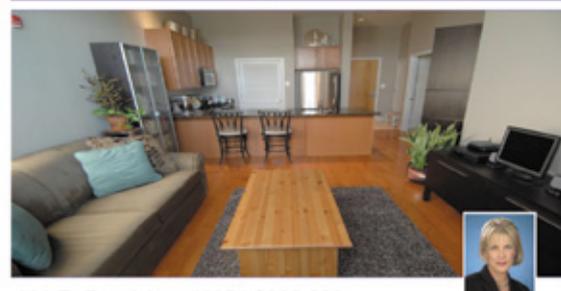
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Lee Guerry | 703-969-3566

Old Town

Top Floor



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ALEXANDRIA BULLETIN

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

Patrick Henry Elementary School, 4643 Taney Ave., and the **Alexandria Community Services Board** will host a Community Connections event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 25.

Workshops include "How to Buy Your Own Home," presented by Housing Counseling Services Inc.; "How to Start Your Own Business," presented by the Alexandria Small Business Development Center; "Nutrition and Diabetes Information," presented by Patrick Henry

Nurse Deena Pagliaro; "How to Improve Your Credit," presented by Housing Counseling Services Inc.; "Keeping Your Kids Safe from Drugs," presented by the Alexandria Community Services Board; and "Resume writing," presented by JobLink.

The free event also includes lunch, children's activities and a community resource fair. Visitors will have an opportunity to provide their input on future activities at Patrick Henry. To register, please call Jennifer Landis-Santos at 571-289-4546. A flier about the event is posted on the Alexandria City Public Schools Web site at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/henry/20081025.pdf>.

The **Alexandria Commission for the Arts** is pleased to announce the 2008 recipients of the Alex Awards: Frank Shutts, Nina Tisara, Frank Regan and Gary Thomas. The honorees will receive their awards on Friday, October 24 at the "Taste of Giving" event at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. The Alex Awards, created by the Arts Committee of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce in 1985, honors individuals who have significantly contributed to the arts in the City of Alexandria. The honorees will receive an original work of art by Ruth Gowell or Susan Makara, as well as a brass star designed by David Martin of Goldworks.

This year, the Alex Awards will recognize excellence in artistic discipline and service to the arts, and an outstanding contribution to arts education.

The 2008 Alex Awards are held in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Alexandria. The "Taste of Giving" recognition event for the Alex Awards features food and beverages from top Alexandria restaurants; musical accompaniment by the Washington Balalaika Society; a musical presentation by the Little Theatre of Alexandria; a silent auction; the Alex Awards ceremony; and a special award presentation to the Mayor.

Tickets for the event are now on sale for \$75 per person. To purchase tickets online, please visit www.alexandriarotary.org. Sponsorships are also available. For ticket and sponsorship information, call 703.535.1200. For additional information about the Alex Awards, call the Alexandria Commission for the Arts at 703.838.6348, e-mail aca@alexandriava.gov, or visit www.alexandriacommissionforthearts.org.

Agenda: Alexandria presents a get-acquainted session with new Superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools, Dr. Morton Sherman on Monday, Oct. 27. The program also includes a live performance by TC Williams graduate, MetroStage's William Hubbard and opportunities to win tickets to upcoming performances. Located at Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. 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. Dinner reservations required. For information, contact Sherry Brown, agendaalexandria@aol.com or 703-549-4696.

The **Alexandria City Council** invites residents to attend its next legislative meeting on location in the City's West End. The City Council meeting, scheduled for Tuesday, October 28 at 7 p.m., will be held at the School Board Administration Building,

2000 N. Beauregard St., Board Room, First Floor. Before the legislative meeting, a work session on the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan will be held at 5:30 p.m. Residents living in the West End are encouraged to come to the work session to learn about the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan and then stay for the City Council meeting.

The **City of Alexandria planning commission** is holding a public hearing on Thursday, November 6 at 7:30 p.m., at council chambers, 301 King St., City Hall. The Alexandria Planning Commission docket is subject to change. Planning and Zoning staff can provide information on changes that occur prior to the meeting. For more information, call 703-838-4666.

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.

loween Parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 26, 2008 at 2 p.m.

The parade will begin at 2 p.m. at Mt. Vernon Avenue, south of E. Bellefonte and continue down to the Mount Vernon Recreational Center play fields at Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues. Children, pets, and strollers in costumes are invited to march and show off their finest and scariest Halloween garb. To register your stroller, please look for the registration desk at Bellefonte and Mt. Vernon Avenues beginning at 1:30 p.m. For Pet Registration, there is a new location - it will begin at 1:30 at Barkley Square at 2006 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

This year's parade will feature awards for the Best Pet Costume, Best Decorated Business, Best Decorated Home, and Best Decorated Stroller. Nominations for best decorated business can be made by calling 703.684.3535 or emailing gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov. Nominations for best decorated home can be made by contacting Jennifer Walker at 703-286-1206 or jen@jenwalker.com. Judges include local city and community officials, past and present. Awards will be given out at a brief ceremony at Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues following the parade, along with refreshments (hot dogs donated by 7-Eleven, cider, and cookies) and goodie bags for the children. Entertainment will be provided and again this year there will be games for the children. They will take place at the Mt. Vernon fields immediately following the parade. All activities are free!

For the fifth year, residents will collect and distribute Halloween costumes for children who would otherwise have to go without. Donated costumes will be collected at the **Caboose Cafe**, 2419 Mt. Vernon Avenue and **A Show of Hands**, 2204 Mt. Vernon Avenue, and distributing them on Saturday, October 25, from 2-4 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center. Larger size costumes are especially needed.

After the parade, beginning at 6:30 pm, for the 2nd year, families can enjoy a haunted graveyard that is being constructed by Bean Creative and will be located next to their lot at Mt. Vernon and E. Del Ray Avenue. Last year in its debut, it proved to be a new, must do Del Ray tradition. Special thanks to our business neighbor, Bean Creative.

The parade is sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association (DRBA) and the City of Alexandria. They are looking for additional sponsors and welcome financial contributions, goodie bag contributions, and volunteers. We will need lots of donated candy and goodies in order to fill more than 2,000 goodie bags so look for donation boxes at your favorite Del Ray business. Finally, if you would like to help stuff 2,000 goodie bags, join your neighbors on Saturday, October 25, at 2 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

For more information, contact: Gayle Reuter at 703-684-3535 or gayle.reuter@mail.house.gov

Jeff Speck, AICP, LEED, Affiliate ASLA, former director of Design at the National Endowment for the Arts, will present *Planning by Design: How Much and What Kind?* on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 7-9 p.m., at the Virginia Tech Alexandria Center, 1021 Prince Street, 3rd floor conference room. Free. For more information, contact Kris Wernstedt, 703-706-8132 or krisw@vt.edu.

The **Northern Virginia Conference for Women in Ministry** will be held Oct. 31-Nov. 1 at the Hilton Hotel, 6550 Loisdale Road, Springfield. Hosted by Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Alexandria. \$40/person. Contact Minister Oliver S. Pilson at 703-912-5053 or visit www.godswomeninministry.org.

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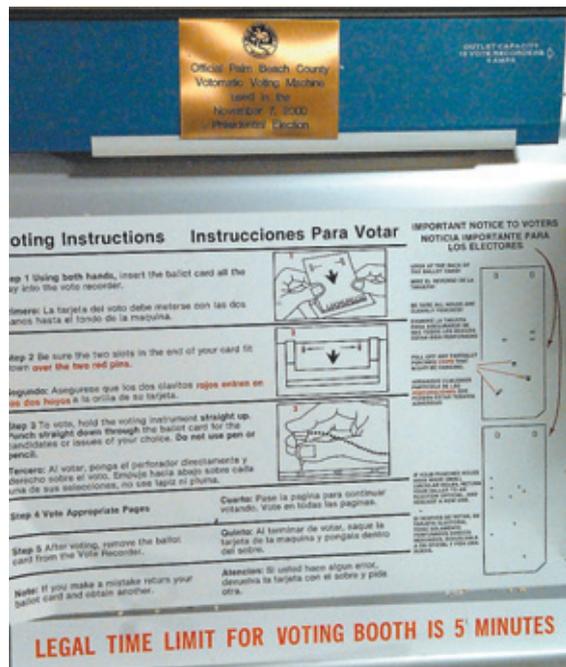
Potomack Company session will feature American political treasures and oddities.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Reading the text of Sen. John Kennedy's 1959 letter to California journalist Harry Squires, it's easy to wonder about the time invested in responding to the correspondence. Did an aide draft the document? Was the senator trying to seek media exposure? Was it some kind of strange premonition? The answers may be unknowable, yet the piece of paper seems to illuminate its own story.

In the letter, which will be auctioned on Nov. 1 by the Potomack Company, Sen. Kennedy (D-Mass.) was obviously trying to be responsive yet ambivalent about the journalist's inquiry about some numerical bit of obsessive-compulsive fixation. Yet an air of detachment is evident in the yellowed-piece of Senate stationery. The premise of Squires' original letter to Kennedy, which will not be part of the "American Historical and Political Session" was apparently this: "since 1840 every man who has entered the White House in a year ending with a zero has not lived to leave the White House alive," a phrase Kennedy chose to quote verbatim.

This is a class of presidents suggested by the curse would include the following: William Henry Harrison, elected in 1840 and died of pneumonia in 1941; Abraham Lincoln, elected in 1860 and assassinated in 1865; James Garfield, elected in 1880 and assassinated in 1881; William McKinley, re-elected in 1900 and assassinated in 1901; Warren Harding, elected in 1920 and died of a stroke in 1923; and Franklin Roosevelt, re-elected in 1940 and died of a cerebral hemorrhage in 1945. Apparently, the nu-



One of Florida's infamous voting machines from 2000.

merological curse did not apply to Thomas Jefferson, elected in 1800, or James Monroe, elected in 1820. Looking into the future, the circumstance seems to have missed Ronald Reagan, elected in 1980 and (so far) George W. Bush, elected in 2000 and current occupant of the White House.

Nevertheless, it's a distinctly haunting letter.

"He's talking about his own death in an abstract way, said Susanna Brockman, director of gallery relations at the Potomack Company.

THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL and Political Session is one of the three groups of items that will be part of the November Catalogue Auction. Others sessions include political memorabilia and decorative arts. Items range from an 1876 centennial flag to a 1909 inaugural plate commemorating the election of Secretary of War William Howard Taft (R-Ohio) and his running mate, Chairman of the House Indian Affairs Committee Rep. James Schoolcraft Sherman (R-New York). Those in attendance will also be able to purchase a Theodore Roosevelt calling card or a signed Kennedy photograph.

The value of the items is, of course, a matter of supply meeting demand. Everything is for sale at some price, and these items are no exception. Take, for example, the prescient Kennedy letter. The auction house estimates the letter to be worth anywhere from \$4,500 to \$6,500. But the real value is a matter of who shows up in November and what price points seems reasonable during the head of the session.

"It will go for what people are willing to pay for it," explained Brockman.



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Letter with JFK's Signature

The following is text from a May 27, 1959 letter from Sen. John Kennedy (D-Mass.) to California journalist Harry Squires. It is one of the items available at the Potomack Company's upcoming "American Historical and Political Session." The original letter, which is valued between \$4,500 to \$6,500, will be auctioned at the Potomack Company's Nov. 1 auction at 10 a.m. at 526 North Fayette Street. For more information, call 703-864-4550.

Dear Mr. Squires:

The historical curiosity which you related in your letter of May 4th is, indeed, thought-provoking: "since 1840 every man who has entered the White House in a year ending with a zero has not lived to leave the White House alive." Since you are writing an article on this topic and have asked for my view I'm afraid I can be of little help. I must, candidly, admit that I've really never reflected on this bit of Americana.

As to "what effect, if any, this will have on your presidential aspirations" I feel that the future will have to necessarily answer this for itself — both as to my aspirations and my fate should I have the privilege to occupy the White House.

On face value, I daresay, should anyone take this phenomenon to heart ... anyone, that is, who aspires to change his address to 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue ... that most probably the landlord would be left from 1960-1964 with a "For Rent" sign hanging on the gatehouse door.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,
John F. Kennedy



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Halloween Events

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

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CALENDAR

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SUNDAY/OCT. 26

Halloween Parade. 2 p.m. Begins at Mt. Vernon & E. Bellefonte Avenues. This annual tradition includes a parade down Mt. Vernon Avenue, prizes for Best Decorated Home, Business, Stroller and Best Pet Costume, free goodie bags, entertainment, children's activities and free food. Free.

Ghost Train. 10 a.m.-5:15 p.m. at Burke Lake Park, 7315 Ox Road. \$4/person. 703-323-3230.

THURSDAY/OCT. 30

Halloween Fest. 2-7 p.m. at Buzz Bakery, 901 Slaters Lane. Enjoy free steamed apple cider, decorate sugar cookies, play games and win prizes. From 4-7 p.m., the bakery hosts a canine costume and cocktail party, complete with judging and prizes. Free.

Costume Party. 9 p.m. at Old Town Theater, 815 King Street. Big Lebowski costume party and screening benefiting Community Family Life Services. \$10 donation in advance, email timothybeechmiller@gmail.com, \$12 donation at the door. Call 703-684-6000 for information.

Poe Performance. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. David Keltz will return at Edgar Allen Poe and perform selections such as "The Black Cat" and "The Raven." \$15/person. 703-838-4994.

Halloween on Parade. 1 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center. Children ages 3-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Costumes encouraged. Free. 703-339-4610.

FRIDAY/OCT. 31

Halloween Party. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. With Delbert McClinton. Information and tickets at 703-549-7500 or visit www.Birchmere.com.

Pumpkins on Parade. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 2-5 can enjoy a costume parade and stories. Free. 703-765-3645.

Poe Performance. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. David Keltz will return at Edgar Allen Poe and perform selections such as "The Black Cat" and "The Raven." \$15/person. 703-838-4994.

Trunk or Treat. 6 p.m. at New Hope Church, 8905 Ox Road. See cars and trucks decorated in a variety of themes. Enjoy trick or treating, games, a bonfire, a haunted walk and a movie outside on the lawn. Kids should dress up in costumes and bring a big treat bag. Free.

ONGOING

Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, will hold a pumpkin patch **through Oct. 31** from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. Proceeds benefit local charities.

On Mondays, through Dec. 1 from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., the Green Spring Gardens located at 4603 Green Spring Road, will be having **Yoga for Gardeners** for adults. The program will offer a series of classes featuring the Vinyasa method to increase your flexibility, strength, and endurance for gardening. \$ 66/ six-class sessions. For more information and to register call 703-642-5173.

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On Mondays, Oct. 27, and Nov. 24 at 2 p.m. Green Spring Gardens will be having **Family Story Time** for children of all ages where there will be stories and activities. Free. For more information visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gspg

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THEATRE

White Sings Pearly-ish Bailey

MetroStage unveils another tribute show.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
GAZETTE

With fourteen songs from Pearl Bailey's repertory, singing actress Roz White takes the stage at MetroStage to survey the career of that other singing actress whose flippant asides in the midst of her songs made her a star from the end of World War II to the heights of Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society." From 1946's "A Woman's Prerogative" and "Legalize My Name," both of which she introduced in her Broadway debut in "St. Louis Woman," right through "Hello Pearly" to recognize her success leading the 1968 all-black cast version of "Hello Dolly" twenty-two years later, the show covers Bailey's unique blend of comic blues delivery.

"Pearl Bailey ... by Request" is the latest in a string of shows that MetroStage has mounted which pay tribute to an artist of the past in a format that approaches a lounge act, "An Evening With ..." type of show that can be a good deal of fun.

It isn't the best of the bunch - clearly "Cookin' At The Cookery," which recreated

a late-career appearance by blues singer Alberta Hunter can claim that honor. However, it does provide a pleasant diversion for a while. The show, performed without intermission, runs just over an hour.

White is a talented performer who can deliver these songs with style. That style isn't exactly a duplicate of Bailey's but it is close enough to give you a feel for her subject's gifts. Besides, Bailey was often referred to as "inimitable," as in: can't be imitated. Many impersonators tried, and some succeeded more than others, but what

Where and When

"Pearl Bailey ... by Request" plays through November 9 at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal Street. Performances are Friday at 8 p. m. Saturday at 5 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$35. Call (703) 548-8497 or log on to www.metrostage.org.

White is doing at MetroStage is more suggestion of a style than an impersonation.

She's joined for a few of the numbers by William Hubbard in the role of Hot Lips Page, the trumpeter and singer who had accompanied Bailey in recordings of Frank Loesser's "Baby, It's Cold Outside" and the racy blues number "The Hucklebuck," both of which are included in this show.

Throughout the show, White is backed by a solid jazz combo headed by pianist Marvin Ford and featuring the smooth guitar sound of David Cole. Cole provides some of the most satisfying musical moments of the show, especially his neat work on Fischer and Roberts' "Fifteen Years."

Fischer and Roberts provided two other songs for Bailey that make it into this show, "That's Good Enough For Me" and the comic blues "Tired" which becomes a highlight in White's rendition.

The show ends on a spirited version of "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey," a song Pearl Bailey sang frequently.

MetroStage has decked out its playing space



Roz White as Pearl Bailey

with a pair of art deco panels and a shimmering back curtain while placing the combo on stage. The sound fills the small space nicely and there are even a few cabaret tables in front of the stage for patrons who wish to bring a drink in from the lobby concession stand.

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway, and edits Potomac Stages, a website covering theater in the region (www.PotomacStages.com). He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.

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OUTDOORS

A Spy (Tour) in Our Midst

Long Branch Nature Center's Hanssen Spy Tours provide unique glimpse into local history

BY ALISSA FIGUEROA
CONNECTION

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ert Hanssen, who used the park and nature center facilities as a drop off point for his packages in the 1990s and early 2000s.

"The spy tours offer something different," explained park Naturalist Alonso Abugattas, who runs the program. "We get all kinds of people, some who know a lot about Hanssen, others who are just curious. [The tour] attracts people who might not come here normally, they get a chance to learn about the park, our other activities, and many of them come back."

The last Hanssen Spy Tour at Long Branch took place on Saturday Oct. 4 and drew an audience of nearly two dozen.

Abugattas painted a vivid portrait of Robert Hanssen, fully engaging the crowd through the hour and a half tour. He gave a detailed account of Hanssen's life, chronicling the work he did as a mole for the Soviets from 1979-1981, from 1985-1989 and again after the fall of the Soviet Union from the mid-1990s to 2001, when he was caught in Foxstone Park in Vienna.

Abugattas used photographs



Naturalist Alonso Abugattas addresses the Spy Tour audience from the Long Branch amphitheater.

"[The tour] attracts people who might not come here normally, they get a chance to learn about the park, our other activities, and many of them come back."

— Long Branch Naturalist Alonso Abugattas

and props to illustrate the story and identify key players – including Hanssen's KGB handler, Victor Cherkashin and fellow FBI agent Brian Kelley, who was falsely accused of espionage, keeping the investigation from being aimed at Hanssen for years. Abugattas described the ingenious methods Hanssen used to keep his identity hidden and the many red flags which were overlooked by

the FBI, allowing for continued espionage activity that ultimately cost U.S. intelligence billions of dollars in damages.

The most intriguing part of the Hanssen spy tour comes in the second half, when Abugattas describes the specific role Long Branch played in both Hanssen's "dead drop" system and the FBI's investigation, when

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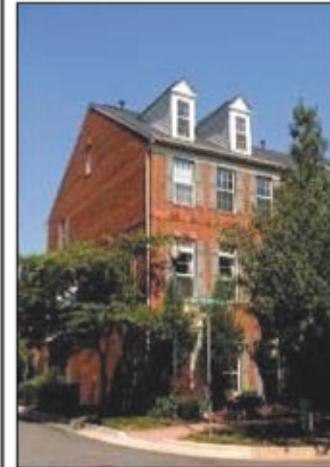


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shot glass and a 50 mL bottle of whiskey consisting of 11 different whiskey brands blended and aged at Mount Vernon in 2005. The gift sets are \$25 and are available for purchase in person with a valid ID at the *Shops at Mount Vernon* or George Washington's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

Continuing weekly through **Monday, Nov. 17**, Gadsby's Tavern Museum will be hosting its fall session of **Tavern Toddlers**. Tavern Toddlers features a weekly open playtime on Mondays, excluding Federal holidays,

between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Each week costs \$7 for a group of three, which must include one adult, and additional people are just \$3. Pre-registration is not required, and single or multiple passes can be purchased at the door. Gadsby's Tavern Museum is located at 134 North Royal St. For more information, call 703-838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Historic Mount Vernon welcomes all Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Camp Fire Club members (in uniform or wearing an official pin) to free admission during its *Scouting Days* program beginning Nov. 1 through Feb. 15, 2009. For more information,

visit www.MountVernon.org.

THURSDAY/OCT. 23

Stories and Science. 4 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 4-6 can enjoy stories, science experiments and more. Free. 703-971-0010.

Lullaby Stories. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center. Children up to age 5 can enjoy bedtime stories in pajamas. Free. 703-339-4610.

Story Time. 10 a.m. or 3 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 3-5. Free. 703-519-5900 ext. 4.

Thursday Story Time. 10 a.m. at

Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 3-5. Free. 703-838-4566.

Creatures of the Night. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Elementary school students only. Free. 703-838-4566.

Art of the Short Story. 7 p.m. at Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Discuss Raymond Carver selections in "Art of the Short Story." Free. 703-519-6000.

Story Time. 4 p.m. at Barrett Library, 1717 Queen St. Ages 3-5. Free. 703-838-4555.

Dr. H. Marc Cathey Day. 7 p.m. at River Farm. Hear a talk on "The Science and Magic of Flowers." \$12/member; \$15/non member. To register visit www.ahs.org or 703-768-5700 ext. 137.

Music Concert. 8 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Charles Williams and Tom Teasley present Word-Beat. \$15/adult; \$12/child/senior. Visit www.word-beat.com or 703-765-2118.

Comedy Show. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. See Paula Poundstone. Information and tickets at 703-549-7500 or visit www.Birchmere.com.

FRIDAY/OCT. 24

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

Taste for Giving. 7-10 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Enjoy food, wine, beer and entertainment to benefit local charities. \$75/person. Visit www.alexandriarotary.org or 703-535-1200.

Time for 2's. 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 24-36 months. Registration required, 703-519-5900 ext. 4.

Wee Ones Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Ages 2 and under. Free. Enjoy silly songs and stories. 703-548-4092.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Garwood Whaley Auditorium, Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road. Hear the Bishop Ireton Symphonic Wind Ensemble, Concert Band and Choir's fall concert. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and senior citizens. Call 703-212-5162 for information.

Movie Night. 7:30 p.m. at William Ramsay Elementary School, 5700 Sanger Ave. Free. Call 703-824-6950 for information.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. See the John Starling Band and the Claire Lynch Band. Information and tickets at 703-549-7500 or visit www.Birchmere.com.

Concert. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Cameron Perks Coffeehouse, 4911 Brenman Park Drive. See folk rock group The Jim & Ashley Cash Band. Free.

SATURDAY/OCT. 25

Design Symposium. The Green Spring Gardens located at 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria will be holding the special event Design Symposium: Gardening in Small Space from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Participants will explore imaginative solutions to small garden space and more. Free lectures, refreshments, and lunch. \$89. For more information and to register call 73-642-5173.

Bus Tour. Take a bus tour of Gettysburg. \$135/nonmember; \$120/member. Meet at 7:30 a.m. at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. To register, 703-838-4848.

Open House. 7-10 p.m. at Arlington House, the Robert E. Lee Memorial. Reservations required. Enjoy tours of the grounds, exhibits and more. 703-

235-1530.

Craft Show. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Edison High School. Browse artwork, jewelry, clothing and more. Free. E-mail edisonscraftshow@yahoo.com or 703-971-8693.

Opera Performance. 7:30 p.m. at First Christian Church of Alexandria, 2723 King St. Watch "La Rondine" by Puccini. \$25/adult; \$20/student, senior. Visit PucciniAmerica.org or 301-528-4305 for tickets.

Saturday Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages. Free. Registration required, 703-519-5900 ext. 4.

Fall Festival. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Potomac Crescent Waldorf School, 923 S. 23rd St. For children ages 2-10. \$8/person or \$15/family max. Lunch available. 703-624-1309.

Annual Dinner and Auction. 6:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Hotel, 625 First St. Benefits the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. \$75/person. Visit www.alexandrianimals.org or 703-838-4774 ext. 0.

Free Harvest Festival. 3-7 p.m. at Del Ray United Methodist Church, 100 E. Windsor Ave. Wear costumes and enjoy moon bounces, trunk-or-treats, games and more. Free. Visit www.delrayumc.org or 703-549-2088.

Opening Reception. 4-6 p.m., see "Homecoming" and "States of Mind" exhibition by William "Skip" Lawrence and Diane Santarella through Nov. 23 at the Workhouse Arts Center, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton. Visit workhousearts.org for more.

Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the new Boys & Girls Club, 7800 Belford Drive. Free. 703-304-8631.

LutherFest. 3-6 p.m. at Nativity Lutheran Church. Enjoy games, crafts, food and more. Free. Visit www.nativitylutheran.org or 703-768-1112.

Arts & Crafts Festival. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Browse paintings, glass art, quilts, jewelry and more. Free.

Bike Ride. 10 a.m. at Daingerfield Island, One Marina Drive. 10-mile guided tour, with a shorter 3-mile family ride to Founders Park and back. Free. Reservations required. Visit www.alexandriaarchaeology.org or call 703-838-4399.

Art Opening. 6:30-9 p.m. at the P&C Fine Art Gallery, 212 King St. See paintings by Michel Delacroix and meet the artist. Free. RSVP to Kei, 703-698-8452.

Nature Talk. 4-6 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Park Manager Kevin Munroe provides updates about Wetland Project. Free. Reservations required. Call 703-768-2525.

Arts and Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Browse furniture, wood carvings, jewelry, clothing and art. Admission is \$7. Call 703-883-4760 for information.

Christmas Bazaar. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Highway. Vendors will sell baked goods, arts and crafts. Enter a raffle to win a queen size quilt. Free. Call 703-984-9051 for information.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. See the Del McCoury Band. Information and tickets at 703-549-7500 or visit www.Birchmere.com.

Volunteerfest. Various times. The 14th annual VolunteerFest, a community-wide day of service, offers 37 volunteer projects, such as building outdoor classrooms, assembling care packages for troops overseas, creating a wildlife habitat and assisting with community events. Visit www.volunteerfairfax.org to register.

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Walk to end Breast Cancer. 8 a.m. Register at AMC Hoffman Center Theaters, 6 Swamp Fox Road. Choose from a 1.5K, 3K or 5K walk or run. \$35 registration fee. Proceeds go towards providing mammograms to uninsured women or to those in financial need.

SUNDAY/OCT. 26

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Hear "Requiem, Mass and Canticles" by the New Dominion Chorale. \$25; \$20/senior; \$5/student. Visit www.newdominion.org or 703-442-9404.

Dog Adoption. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. at PetSmart Potomac Yard, 3351 Jefferson Davis Highway. Visit www.homeward.petfinder.com for pictures of the animals. \$250/dog cash. 703-739-4844.

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's Chamber Group will perform. Free. 703-549-1421.

Coffee and Critique. 10:30 a.m.-noon at Torpedo Factory Art Center Multiple Exposures Gallery, Studio 312, 105 N Union St. Bring a new set of images or photos that you have questions about and engage in a friendly dialogue about your work. Visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/multiple_exposures.htm or call 703-838-4565.

Arts and Crafts Festival. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Browse furniture, wood carvings, jewelry, clothing and art. Admission is \$7. Call 703-883-4760 for information.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. See Vesta Williams. Information and tickets at 703-549-7500 or visit www.Birchmere.com.

Garden Party. 4-6 p.m. at 213 South Pitt St. Support the Athenaeum at their Autumn Garden Party Fundraiser. Tickets cost \$40. For information call 703-548-0035.

Concert. 4 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S Washington St. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Series featuring music for winds and

harp. Free. Call 703-548-0885 for information.

Art Collector's Evening. 6:30-9 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Experts will discuss how to assess and purchase art. Sample a variety of Virginia wines in honor of the 20th anniversary of Virginia Wine Month. \$25 tickets. Call 703-838-4565 x 2 or email events@torpedofactory.org.

MONDAY/ OCT. 27

Family Story Time. 2-3 p.m. at The Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Listen to stories and enjoy an activity. Free. For more information call 703-642-5173.

Stretch Your Mind. 4 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center. Children ages 6-2 can enjoy brain teasers, games and more. Free. 703-339-4610.

Little One-Ders. 10 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months. Registration required, 703-519-5900 ext. 4.

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Free. Children up to age 4. 703-838-4566.

Mindful Eating. 7-8 p.m. in Old Town. Learn how to create healthy cupcakes. \$25/person. Visit www.howtoeat.com to register.

Dance Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the Tyler Building Auditorium, 3001 N. Beauregard St. See "Vote" performed by the Kathy Harty Gray Dance Theatre. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

Concert. 7:30 p.m. at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave. See Zappa Plays Zappa 'You Can't Fit On Stage Anymore Tour'. Information and tickets at 703-549-7500 or visit www.Birchmere.com.

TUESDAY/OCT. 28

Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center. Discuss "When Elephants Weep" by Jeffrey M. Masson. Free. 703-339-4610.

Time for 2's. 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 24-36 months. Registration required, 703-519-5900 ext. 4.



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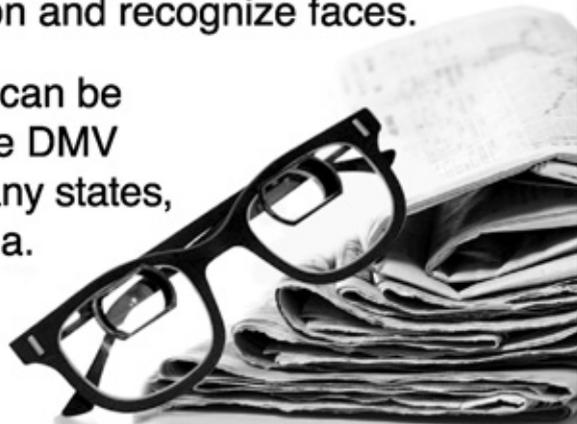
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Long Branch's Hanssen Spy Tour

they'd identified him as a suspected spy.

LONG BRANCH, which was code named the "Lewis" drop site, was one of several Hanssen chose himself. He left packages of sensitive materials wrapped in plastic garbage bags just under the stage of the Nature Center's amphitheater. Hanssen marked his drop offs with pieces of white tape; a horizontal piece meant a new package was in place and a vertical strip meant one had been picked up. This low-tech system, which worked for years, allowed Hanssen to avoid direct contact and maintain anonymity, with his Russian handlers.

In mid-February of 2001 two FBI agents came to the nature center during a weekend preschool program and informed Abugattas that they were conducting an investigation in the park. A week or so later they came back and requested the use of an indoor area to run high tech recording devices throughout the park.

Abugattas shines when he describes the surreal experience of being a small part of a top secret FBI investigation. Especially amusing were Abugattas's accounts of the bizarre interactions FBI agents had with the center's staff and the park's visitors during their four-day stint at Long Branch.

On February 19, the FBI agents announced to Abugattas that their work was done and they wrapped up. Only the next day, when the center's staff found a television crew filming in the park, and

Abugattas received a call from the BBC, were they informed of the nature of the FBI investigation. Abugattas also learned that a package containing \$50,000 had been found on the premises, and that if Hanssen had not been apprehended at Foxchase Park, Long Branch would have been his next pick-up.

"I don't know how many times I was doing a program on this stage and had no idea there was \$50,000 underneath," said Abugattas as the tour wound down at the park's amphitheater.

"Should we start looking around for bags of money?" joked Kathy Lewis, an Arlington resident and frequent park visitor. When the tour ended Lewis, along with the other participants, left wondering out loud at the many times they might have occupied the same park as one of the worst spies in American history.

Abugattas does an excellent job of incorporating local details into

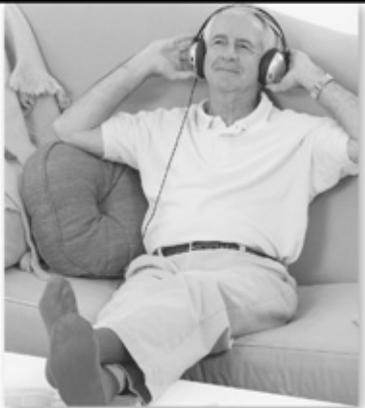
his tour, providing a unique perspective of the Hanssen spy story that one won't find in the many books and films produced on the topic. The next tour takes place on February 18, on the anniversary of Hanssen's capture.

If, however, espionage isn't your thing, or if you can't wait until February to visit Long Branch, activities and special events occur daily at the nature center. A rainy day is a particularly good time to stop by, according to weekend staffer Judith Richtett, as the center offers kids "hours of indoor educational play," and access to live owls, snakes, amphibians and other creatures treated in its in-house rehabilitation center.

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Red Barn Mercantile at 113 S. Columbus St will hold a Halloween Spook-tacular on Saturday, Oct. 25 all day. Cider and cupcakes will be served, there will be treats for the children and 25 percent off on Halloween decorations and accessories. For more information www.redbarnmercantile.com.

Once again **Maribeth Nyerges** is baking her pink-frosted ribbon cookies to honor Breast Cancer month.

Maribeth, who owns Maribeth's Bakery and is one of the most faithful vendors at the Alexandria Market, will be offering her cookies for donations at her booth at the market every Saturday in October. Those with a sweet tooth and those without can buy the cookies singly or order a batch directly from the bakery by calling

703-941-0400 or picking up an order blank at the market.

If you are looking for a treat to bring to the office, to your church coffee or neighborhood meeting, you can order as many as you need and Maribeth will bring them to the market for pickup

Check out the fall produce and other goodies at Alexandria's many Farmers Markets.

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Farmers' Market is located at King Street Gardens Park, 1806 King St. and open Wednesdays through Oct. 29 from 3-7 p.m.

The **Old Town Farmers' Market**, located at 301 King Street, is open on Saturday mornings year round from 6:30 to 10 a.m.

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END NOTE

Beautiful Flowers in Small Packages

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The Beverley Hills Garden Club (BHGC) evolved from the Beverley Hills Woman's Club in 1954. The club, which focuses on floral designs and horticulture, also provides a range of services and contributions to the community. This includes supporting local youth education gardens, scholarships, historic properties,

the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the National Arboretum. It raises its funds by creating and selling handmade boxwood wreaths at Market Square the first Saturday of December and from wedding flower bouquets, church and reception arrangements. The holiday wreaths which adorn the exterior of City Hall each December are created by the club. On October 16th the club held a flower show at the Westminster Presbyterian Church titled, "Great Things Come in Small Packages". The show included three creative design classes, horticulture and two special educational exhibits. Three accredited



Barbara Walczykowski, Firth Morris, Beth Smith and past president Lynne Winter.

ited Flower Show Judges from National Garden Clubs, Inc. presented awards to flower show participants in all the classes. The club meets on the third Thursday of each month (September – April) at the

Westminster Presbyterian church in Fellowship Hall. For further information about the club contact Barbara Walczykowski at b.walczykowski@gmail.com or on 703-400-4953.



Tom Walczykowski arranged: Astromeria, Japanese Blood Grass and Aspidistra Leaf.



A morning glory from the garden of Linda Popovich.



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Come to Fort Ward to see drawings by William Lydston, Jr., a Civil War-era artist and musician. The exhibition, at the Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site (4301 W. Braddock Rd.), has been extended through the end of the year. Lydston's drawings are featured with musical instruments and related objects as part of the statewide celebration of Virginia's musical heritage. Admission to the museum is free; you can visit the exhibition on Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Sundays, noon to 5 p.m. For more information, visit www.fortward.org or call 703.838.4848.

Daughter Katie and I have voted "in-person absentee" already. It was as simple as pie: we printed out absentee voter forms at home, and took the completed forms to 132 N. Royal Street, just across from City Hall. After our registration was verified, we cast our ballots on a regular voting machine. If you want to avoid the long lines and are eligible to vote absentee, you may do so through Saturday, November 1. Go to www.alexandriavoter.org or call 703.838.4050 for absentee voting information and other election information.

Having pets isn't exactly cost-free, but you can help the Animal Welfare League, just down the street, through the end of the year. October is Adopt A Dog Month, and there

are professionals at the Shelter, just down the bike path from Seminary Valley, with canine tips and tricks. You can celebrate "Howl-o-ween" at the Hotel Monaco at a special Canine Happy Hour on the 30th, after you have partied the night away at the League's Annual Dinner and Silent Auction on October 25th. Don't forget to schedule your pet's photo with Santa between December 5 and 7. For more information, go to www.alexandrianimals.org.

The West End is about to get much busier, with the influx of 6,400 personnel associated with the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure coming to the Mark Center, The Mark Center site, owned by Duke Realty, was chosen through a regional competition managed by the Department of Defense. According to Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations and Environment Keith Eastin, "The Mark Center site resolves security issues, improves space requirements and mission relationships, and minimizes changes to existing living, working, and quality of life issues." The new building is estimated to include 1.8 million square feet of office space; construction is slated to begin in January 2009.

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The American Center for Puccini Studies will bring another of their splendid performances to our neighborhood this Saturday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the First Christian Church, 2723 King St.

CAST

Kay Krekow will sing Magda, Harry Dunstan, Ruggero, Michelle Orhan, Lisette; Mattia D'Affuso will take the part of Prunier and Daniel Sherwood that of Rambaldo.

Doris Makari, Marilyn Wood, Brenda Ceumula, Donato Sorrano, Michael Begley, and the Puccini Festival Chorus will also appear.

Dr. Alfred Clark will accompany the performance.

CAFE BULLIER

Beginning at 6 p.m. there will be admission to a café performance with food, beverages, and musical performances by the artists. Reservations (301-365-6740) are required for the café. Admission to Café Bullier and the opera will be \$50. To the opera alone, price is \$25; \$20 for seniors and students.

TRCA HALLOWEEN PARTY

Costume parade for children will start at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 26 on Westview Terrace and South View.

The party itself starts at 3 and will include food, a live band and a moon bounce. Whee! Absolutely everyone is invited.

WHITE HOUSE VISIT

Dianna and Mickey Campagna attended the state



Founding Artistic Director, Dr. Harry N. Dunstan, who will be singing the role of Ruggero in Saturday's performance.

dinner given by President and Mrs. Bush in honor of the prime minister of Italy, Silvio Berlusconi, on Columbus Day. Dianna reports that the prime minister seemed to be enjoying himself and that the music was fine.

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This Sunday is the 12th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade! Do not miss it!!! Read all about it right here & right now!!!

On Sunday, October 26, families and parade enthusiasts will not want to miss this annual tradition. The 12th Annual Del Ray Halloween Parade is scheduled to kickoff at 2 p.m. Last year, more than 5,000 participated in this annual event which included over 2,000 children, special dignitaries and elected officials; over 50 pets in Halloween costumes; and 25 decorated strollers!

The parade will begin on Mt. Vernon Avenue, south of E. Bellefonte and continue down to the Mount Vernon Recreation Center's playing fields at the intersection of Mt. Vernon & Commonwealth Avenues. Children, pets, and strollers in costumes are invited to march and show off their finest and scariest Halloween garb. To register your stroller, please look for the registration desk at Bellefonte and Mt. Vernon Avenues beginning at 1:30 p.m. For Pet Registration, there is a new location – it will begin at 1:30 at Barkley Square at 2006 Mt. Vernon Avenue.

This year's parade will feature awards for the Best Pet Costume, Best Decorated Business, Best Decorated Home, and Best Decorated Stroller. Judges include local city and community officials, past and present. Awards will be given out at a brief ceremony at Mt. Vernon and Commonwealth Avenues following the parade, along with refreshments (hot dogs donated by 7-Eleven, cider, and cookies) and goodie bags for the children. Entertainment will be provided by one of our favorite bands, Folsom Prisoners and again this year thanks to the Alexandria Jaycees and DC Metro Church there will be games and activities

for the children. They will take place at the Mt. Vernon fields immediately following the parade. All activities are free!

For the fifth year, we will collect and distribute Halloween costumes for children who would otherwise have to go without. We will be collecting donated costumes at the Caboose Cafe, 2419 Mt. Vernon Avenue and A Show of Hands, 2204 Mt. Vernon Avenue, and distributing them on Saturday, October 25, from 2-4 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center. We are especially in need of larger size costumes.

Also, we will once again be partnering with Alexandria's Carpenter's Shelter with their Annual Community Walk to End Family Homelessness. You can call them at 703-548-7500 to get more information.

After the parade, beginning at 6:30 pm, for the 2nd year, families can enjoy a haunted graveyard that is being constructed by Bean Creative and will be located next to their lot at Mt. Vernon and E. Del Ray Avenue. Last year in its debut, it proved to be a new, "must do!" Del Ray tradition. Special thanks to our business neighbor, Bean Creative.

The parade is sponsored by the Del Ray Business Association (DRBA) and the City of Alexandria. We are always looking for additional sponsors and welcome financial contributions, goodie bag contributions, and volunteers. We will need lots of donated candy and goodies in order to fill more than 2,000 goodie bags so look for donation boxes at your favorite Del Ray business. Finally, if you would like to

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FROM PAGE 35

help stuff 2,000 goodie bags, join your neighbors on Saturday, October 25, at 2 p.m. at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center for the helping-out fun!

We look forward to seeing everyone THIS Sunday at 2 p.m. either in the parade, along the route cheering us on or at the end on the Rec Center fields!!

Doesn't Del Ray have some fun for all sea-

sons? Next up is the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving Day! Volunteers needed and welcome. Contact Suzanne Couming Caldwell, Volunteer Coordinator of the 2008 Turkey Trot, at Alexturkeytrot@gmail.com or by calling 571.221.0614!

See you in your spookiest and most spectacular costumes on Sunday, folks!

—JEN WALKER &
LAUREN SMITH

CRIME NOTES

Incidents reported to the Alexandria Police Department between Oct. 14 and Oct. 20.

ROBBERY

330 North Washington St. . On Oct. 10 at 9:55 p.m. the suspect robbed the 55-year-old Fairfax County woman at gunpoint while she was filling out a form at the ATM window. There were no injuries. The suspect is described as a male, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt.

1200 Wilkes St. . On Oct. 12 at 9 p.m. The victim, a 47-year-old woman from Catlett, Virginia was approached two suspects who punched her and took her purse. The victim sustained swelling on her jaw. The suspects are described as black males, 15-25 years old, both of whom were wearing black jackets and blue

jeans.

5800 block of Duke St. . On Oct. 7 at 11:41 p.m. the 39-year-old City resident was robbed of personal property by a suspect who punched her and knocked her down. The suspect is a black male, 18-22 years-old, wearing a red hat and a red and gray shirt.

300 block of North West Street. On Oct. 18 at 10:40 p.m., two City residents were robbed at gunpoint of personal property. There were no injuries. The suspect is a black male, 20-25 years-old wearing a black coat and dark colored jeans.

2727 Duke Street. On Oct. 14 at 11:40 p.m., a 39 year-old City resident, had her purse snatched from her arm near her car in the parking lot. The suspect is a black male 20-30 years old. The suspect wore a gray fleece jacket and dark colored jeans.

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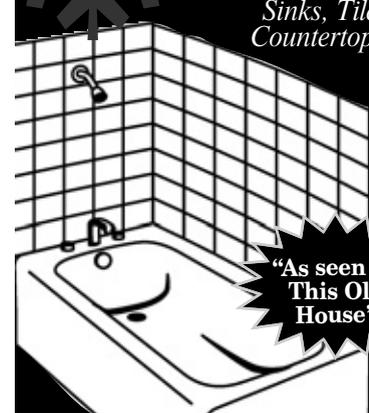
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2008 FALL VOTERS' GUIDE

**GENERAL ELECTION ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008
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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Leagues of Women Voters of Alexandria, Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Prince William County Member-At-Large Unit, are cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in choosing candidates for election to public office.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia sent questionnaires to candidates for the United States Senate, and the above-mentioned Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to all candidates for the United States House of Representatives as well as local candidates, whose names were qualified to appear on the November 4, 2008 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word and space limitations. A "*" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan organization whose purpose is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation in government. The League of Women Voters does not support any political party or candidate.

For additional information on the Fall 2008 Voters' Guide, or The League of Women Voters, please contact the Alexandria League of Women Voters at 703-548-5168 or visit www.lwvalex.org.

For additional information on the November 4, 2008 General Election, voter registration, the district in which you are eligible to vote, where to vote, or absentee voting, contact the City of Alexandria Registrar of Voters at 703-838-4050 or visit www.alexandriavoter.org. You can also contact the Virginia State Board of Elections at 800-552-9745 or visit www.sbe.virginia.gov.

You may also find comprehensive, nonpartisan information on the November 4, 2008 Election at www.VOTE411.org, sponsored by the LWV Education Fund.

IDENTIFICATION REQUIRED TO VOTE

All voters are required to present identification at the polls in order to vote. **PLEASE BRING IDENTIFICATION WHEN YOU COME TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008.**

Acceptable forms of identification can be any ONE of the following:

- Virginia Voter Information Card
- Original Social Security card
- Valid Virginia driver's license, or special identification card issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles
- Military Identification
- Identification issued by a government agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, one of the Commonwealth's political subdivisions, or the United States
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What is the most critical **ECONOMIC** problem faced by the U.S. and what legislation will you propose to solve it?

How should the U.S. deal with current **IMMIGRATION** issues?

Should the federal government ensure all Americans have access to affordable **HEALTHCARE**? Please explain.

VOTE

**TUESDAY,
NOVEMBER 4, 2008**

CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

Mark R. Warner
Democrat - Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Warner served as governor of Virginia from 2002 until 2006. His administration inherited \$6 billion in budget shortfalls, and ended with a surplus. He is a former high-tech business person, co-founding Nextel. He and his wife, Lisa Collis, and their three daughters, Madison, Gillian, and Eliza, live in Alexandria.

ECONOMIC: I believe we need to create a real national energy policy. We need a fresh approach that invests in renewable energy, allows states to drill offshore in an environmentally safe manner and eliminates our dependence on foreign oil. By making these new investments in solar, wind, nuclear, cleaner coal and electric and hybrid vehicles, we can create new world-class jobs here at home and make our nation more secure. A new

energy policy will also help us take-on the threat of climate change, letting us reassert America's moral standing in the world.

IMMIGRATION: Our immigration policy demands a comprehensive solution. First, we need to secure our borders by increasing border patrols and utilizing improved technology to prevent undocumented people from entering the country.

Second, we must enforce existing immigration laws. The federal government should hold responsible business owners who knowingly hire undocumented workers.

Finally, we need to deal with the estimated 12 million workers who are here illegally. They should be required to pay back taxes, pay a fine, and learn English as they begin the path toward

legal status.

HEALTHCARE: Yes. It is morally wrong that 47 million to 50 million Americans don't have access to healthcare in this country, but it is also wrong that we pay twice as much per person as our competitors around the world and we don't get twice as good a value.

We need to bring down the price of prescription drugs, so Americans no longer pay the research and development cost for drugs for the rest of the world. We must make sure every American has access to affordable, universal health care coverage.

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James S. "Jim" Gilmore III
Republican - Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: A Richmond native, Jim Gilmore is the son of working class parents who served as a member of U.S. Army counter-intelligence; a crime busting prosecutor; Attorney General and Governor. The former chairman of the anti-terrorism Gilmore Commission, Jim Gilmore is a recognized authority on national security.

ECONOMIC: The most serious economic problem facing our nation is the need for a comprehensive energy plan and a lack of domestic energy resources. As a member of the U.S. Senate I will push for a broad based energy plan that will include conservation, the use of alternative energy sources like wind and solar, an expansion of nuclear energy, clean coal technology and lifting the government's restrictions on drilling for oil offshore as well as in ANWR in Alaska. If we

increase America's domestic energy resources, including drilling for oil that is now restricted by Congress, we can bring down the price of gasoline, create jobs and make our nation independent from hostile foreign energy sources.

IMMIGRATION: We are a nation of immigrants. Immigrants from all over the world have been extremely important to the development and the success of our nation. However, if we are going to keep channels of legal immigration open, we must enforce our existing immigration laws. As a former member of U.S. Army counter intelligence and the former chairman of a much heralded government commission dealing with the homeland security concerns facing our nation, I believe keeping America safe requires that we control our borders. And as a former prosecutor and Attorney General,

I believe we must obey the law.

HEALTHCARE: Every American deserves access to affordable, high-quality, and reliable health care. In order to achieve this goal, I support a broad range of health care reform measures including tax reform to help people buy health insurance and maintain health savings accounts; making it easier for small businesses to provide health care for their employees by allowing them to form Association Health Plans; implementing medical liability reforms to reduce frivolous lawsuits and bring down health care costs; improving health information technology to decrease medical errors and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of medical treatments.

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CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE (CONTINUED) – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE



Glenda Gail Parker
Independent Green - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Business owner consultant, mother of three, grandmother of five. Senior budget analyst with over twenty years experience with high-dollar value government programs, retired Air Force Officer. Woman of strong faith and family values. Light-rail advocate.

ECONOMIC: There are two: the energy crisis and the \$9.5 Trillion Federal debt.

We must encourage alternative fuels, such as hydrogen, and remove the financial barrier

that prevents the building of Rail. Rail is the best way to ease the painful traffic congestion we experience everyday, to respond to higher fuel prices, deteriorating roads and budget gridlock without an end in sight. We could build fuel-saving light rail for one-fifth the cost of the deadly toll roads being constructed!

Save fuel, save lives and provide jobs at the same time! We can grow our economy with Rail and therefore grow revenue. Payment on the Federal debt is now second only to the Defense Department budget. Rail is a positive solution that cuts our dependency on

foreign oil and lets us get out of the mess in Iraq.

44,000 Americans are killed on our roadways every year. 320,000 are maimed or injured. We need More Trains, Less Traffic.

IMMIGRATION: Most immigrants are just trying to provide for their families and they contribute to the economy. In fact, we believe we will need legal immigrant labor to build Rail. We must abide by our existing laws and adequately fund enforcement.

Join us. Run for office as our candidate.
HEALTHCARE: We believe that everyone in America should have access to afford-

able healthcare insurance. Just imagine being able to purchase –for about the price of a cell phone contract – a health care card that would enable health care for six months and purchased from the gift-card rack at the train station or grocery store!

Building Rail will provide good-paying job and access to good paying jobs.

Join us. Run for office as our candidate.
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William B. Redpath
Libertarian - Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: I am National Chairman of the Libertarian Party. I ran for the House of Delegates (1993), Virginia Senate (1998) and Governor (2001). I am a financial analyst specializing in media and telecommunications. Certified Public Accountant, Chartered Financial Analyst, and two business valuation designations. BA, Indiana University. MBA, University of Chicago.

ECONOMIC: The most critical economic problem facing the US is our aging population and the coming entitlement spending

explosion.

I support the Cato Institute's "6.2% Solution" for Social Security, in which individuals would be able to invest 6.2 percentage points of their payroll tax in personal accounts, with the employer's 6.2% paying for transition costs and disability and survivors' benefits. Under this plan, people would own their personal accounts and be able to pass them to heirs. This plan would help restore Social Security to long-term solvency and provide workers with higher benefits than would Social Security, although people who want to stay in the current Social Security system could do so.

Social Security will run a deficit by 2017;

Medicare is already doing that. Medicare needs to be reformed with prepaid Medicare accounts for workers. The prescription drug benefit should be repealed. Seniors should be allowed to opt out of Medicare without losing Social Security benefits or receive a voucher—that could be supplemented with private funds—to purchase health insurance from competing private insurers or to deposit in a Health Savings Account.

Federal Medicaid spending should be frozen at current levels, distributed to states as unrestricted block grants, and phased out over time, with this program becoming the responsibility of the states.

IMMIGRATION: There should be open, but regulated, immigration to the US. If someone has no criminal record, does not have a communicable disease and is not reasonably deemed a security threat, that person should be able to come to the US with a path to citizenship, including amnesty for those already here, provided that no welfare benefits are made available.

HEALTHCARE: No. It does not have that power in the Constitution. Additionally, health care is not a right, as it requires the talents and resources of other people.

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UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**CANDIDATES FOR THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES – 8TH DISTRICT
(VOTERS IN THIS DISTRICT VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE)**

THE OFFICE

TERM: Two years

SALARY: \$169,300

DUTIES: Legislative powers, with responsibility for making laws, raising revenue and adopting the federal budget; sole power of impeachment

BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

BIOGRAPHY: Background provided by each candidate.

THE QUESTIONS

What are your top three **GOALS** for the next Congress?

What are your **BUDGET** priorities for program funding and deficit reduction? Do you believe that both could be accomplished and, if so, how?

What do you believe are the most critical **ENERGY** problems facing the U.S. and what legislation and/or other steps will you support to solve them?

What other **ISSUES** are important to you?

James P. "Jim" Moran, Jr.
Democrat – Incumbent



BIOGRAPHY: U.S. Congressman; Founder, New Democratic Coalition; Co-chair Congressional Prevention Caucus; Co-chair Task Force on Sovereign Wealth Funds; MPA University of Pittsburgh; BA Economics; College of the Holy Cross; Mayor, Alexandria; Vice Mayor, Alexandria; Chair, United Way; Chair, Human Development Committee, National League of Cities; Chair, Aging Committee, COG //

GOALS: First, we need to transition defense policy from a near exclusive reliance on the hard power of military force appropriate for cold war national conflicts to balance with smart power of diplomacy. Second, we need to bring the federal budget back into balance by allowing unnecessary tax cuts to expire, enabling the Medicare program to negotiate with drug companies and requiring

any entitlement expansions to be fully paid for. Third, we need to reinvest in the nation's physical and human infrastructure, especially public transit, and early childhood development.

BUDGET: We must balance the budget and make long term investments in education, transportation and alternative energy sources by requiring all tax cuts to be paid for or allowed to expire. We need a tax surcharge to pay for any additional Iraq war costs matched by Iraqi oil surpluses and the simplification of tax codes eliminating unnecessary corporate and individual subsidies. Immediate fiscal responsibility is essential if we are to avoid passing on an insurmountable debt burden to our children and grandchildren. However, it is equally imperative that future generations of Americans be better educated so as to prosper in an increas-

ingly competitive global economy.

ENERGY: With 4 percent of the world's population and 3 percent of world reserves we cannot continue to consume 25 percent of the world's energy supply. Individually, we consume 20 tons of carbon per person, many times more than any other nation's citizens. Off-shore drilling could produce 1% of our needs in a decade, but conservation can cut demand by over 50% today. It's past time to shift to plug-in hybrid cars, clean natural gas for fleet vehicles and expansion of wind and solar power usage. I will also continue pushing for a mandatory 15 percent shift to alternative, renewable fuels by utility companies by 2020.

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Mark W. Ellmore
Republican – Challenger

BIOGRAPHY: Born and raised in Alexandria, mortgage banking executive, son serving overseas in USAF and daughter attending Marymount Univ., Chairman of KTT international missions, environmental activist, served Habitat for Humanity, the House in Anacostia, and Jill's house for children with special needs.

GOALS: To eliminate our foreign oil dependence

within ten years, ensure the continued safety and security of all Americans and revitalize and energize the national economy.

BUDGET: We need greater accountability and oversight of federal spending to ensure that our tax payer's dollars are spent wisely. I propose that Congress operate within a balanced budget.

ENERGY: I support a national mandate to be off of foreign oil dependence by 2019. This is a national security and national economic imperative.

ISSUES: Keeping our environment clean, our

families safe, and protecting our individual liberties.

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J. Ron Fisher
Independent Green – Challenger



BIOGRAPHY: Engineer, nonprofit executive, businessman, family man, optimistic, civic minded, responsible, caring. Honors graduate USNA, MA Business Management, ICAF, Retired Navy Captain, 16 nuclear submarine patrols, destroyers, shipyards, Engineering Duty Officer, experience in project management, power generation, air - water purification, educating, training, safety/homeland security, www.dfp.org, law, justice, civil rights.

GOALS: Meaningful job opportunities at living wages for all (including the 42,000 lobbyist that work Capitol Hill) in green industries, recycling, environmental protection, renewable energy, planting trees, building walk-

ways, bike paths, affordable housing, health care, LTC, pre-k- programs, etc.

Peace through diplomacy in Iraq, Afghanistan and rest of the world. Strengthen UN, its agencies, the ICC, the rule of law, etc. Bring all troops home from all over the world.

Restore and strengthen peoples control over Congress and Congress's control over: making laws; appropriating funds; regulating trade; declaring war; impeaching errant officials.

BUDGET: Switch from a war economy to a peaceful, green, sustainable economy. Repeat the Iraq FY 2008/09 War Supplemental, drastically reduce DoD spending, etc. Replace

military aid and weapons sales with foreign, economic aid. Implement fair, progressive income and property taxes. Provide publicly supported, single payer health care. Yes, we can have both deficit reductions and funding for necessary programs through responsible leadership, education and training, social justice, cooperation, sharing, democracy, elimination of fraud waste and abuse and the fact that there is an abundance in our world.

ENERGY: Pollution and global warming from use of fossil fuels. Growing demand for fuels around the world. Greed of oil company executives and under regulated energy traders. Large users in particular transportation

and DoD. To resolve these problems, I would support: Renewable energy sources; Modern energy-saving technologies; Trains and trolleys including high speed interstate rail along existing right-of-ways and oppose privately owned toll roads and toll lanes for example around the beltway; Dedicated bus lanes on highways; Natural gas powered and hybrid buses; Comprehensive planning and an immediate Kyoto II conference. Other issues and plans for most of the above are at: www.WeThePeopleNow.org. Please send me your comments.

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COMMUNITY

Firefighters And Partners Bring New Coats

FROM PAGE 5

"We are the only nationwide foundation, except for one other in Pennsylvania, that provides new coats to kids and families in need. It's important that the coats be new and not second hand. A new coat says to a child we are going to lift you up. We want the best for you," Darby said.

"It's all about the community and giving back."

— **Department Chief Ronald Mastin**

Coats donated by the foundation to this year's Fire Department effort were valued at \$120,000 with another \$70,000 for hats and gloves, according to Darby. "We have donated to 86 organizations in 25 states. We ship our coats anywhere in the country," he said.

BEGINNING IN 2004, Coats-for-Kids distributed 834 coats throughout Alexandria public schools that first year. Thus far in 2008 that number stands at 2,014. Their highest distribution year was 2006 when 3,669 coats were delivered to 77 organizations in 16 states and the District of Columbia.

The foundation gives priority to requests from organizations throughout the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area. Such requests may be submitted by schools, city and county social ser-

vice agencies, churches, community service organizations, and other non-profit groups that serve at-risk and disadvantaged children, according to their brochure.

"Getting a new coat not only keeps a child warm it also raises that child's self esteem," Darby said. "One child wrote to us and said, 'Thank you for my new jacket. Now I can go out and play in the snow.'"

Coat purchases and distributions are underwritten by groups and organizations throughout the nation. "The latest group to write to us was a group of fishermen in Alaska who wanted to get coats to a group of kids on an island that can be reached only by boat or floatplane," Darby said.

This year the foundation is partnering with "Operation Warm" based in Chadsford, PA. It designs and has manufactured high quality winter coats with hoods. They are then shipped directly to schools and services groups for distribution, according to the Foundation's brochure.

Last Wednesday's coat, hat, and glove distribution was coordinated with Fairfax County and City of Alexandria public schools, the County Department of Public Services, and local shelters enabling the firefighters' efforts to reach "a record number of youths and their families," according to Bailey.

"This has been our best effort ever on this project. Now we have to gear up for our holiday toy and gift collections and distribution," Bailey said.

Additional information about the Coats-for-Kids Foundation can be found on their website at www.coats-for-kids.org or by calling 703-567-COAT (2628). Their email address is coats-for-kids@comcast.net.



Carrie Jones, social worker, West Potomac High School, is aided by Fairfax County Fire & Rescue Department Lt. Dennis Kotecki, in loading winter coats, hats and gloves into her car for distribution to needy youth.

FAITH NOTES

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.

Fairlington United Methodist Church at 3900 King Street is holding its annual speaker series. The series, finishes on **Oct 24** with Rev. Pat Watkins, Chair of the UMC Virginia Conference's "Caretakers of God's Creation" ministry team. All events are 7-8:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public.

Monthly Music and Spirit Service takes place on the second Sunday of each month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. This beautiful contemplative worship service is a time apart from the busyness of life, bringing together music from the Taizé and Iona communities, scripture, intercessory and healing prayer, and silence. For more information, contact Mary Kay Brown at Marykay@stpaulsepis.com. To volunteer to assist with the music leadership, contact Douglas A. Beck at Douglas@stpaulsepis.com.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Mt Vernon, located at 1509 Collingwood Road, invites all to attend Sunday services at 10 a.m. Wednesday testimony meetings are held at 7 p.m. There is child care at all services. The Christian Science Reading Room is open to the public.

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Fossella Found Guilty of Driving While Intoxicated

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and traffic rumbled along outside the windows facing South Pitt Street. The daylong trail culminated when Fossella dramatically took the stand to refute the testimony of the Alexandria officers who arrested and processed the congressman in the early morning hours of May 1.

On the stand, Fossella's explained how his life in politics began as a member of the City Council in New York, representing Staten Island. He was later elected to the 13th House District of New York during a 1997 special election. On April 30, Fossella explained, he had been attending a

White House reception honoring the New York Giants before heading back to the House floor to cast several votes after 8 p.m. While waiting for votes on the House floor, Fossella testified last week, he would often use a hand sanitizer known as Purell. Such was the case this particular Wednesday evening, when Fossella cast several votes before a night of partying at Bobby Van's Steakhouse and Logan Tavern.

"You shake a lot of hands in this business," said congressman, whose lawyers would later argue that the hand sanitizer may have contributed to problems with the Intoxilyzer machine that produced a document identified as

"Commonwealth's Exhibit One."

Fossella admitted that he had two or three drinks during the course of the evening, although no testimony was presented to explain the congressman's whereabouts in the hour prior to his arrest. On the stand, the New Yorker explained how he steered his white Honda Civic through a yellow light through Quaker Avenue traveling west on Seminary Road. He disputed much of the testimony presented earlier in the day by Alexandria officers Jamie Gernatt and Richard Sandoval.

"I wasn't going to allow him to defecate on the floor," Sandoval explained at one point during the trial, testifying that Fossella was

belligerent when told that he was not allowed to go to the bathroom.

ACCOUNTS CONFLICTED

about what exactly happened during the field sobriety test on Pickett Street and afterward at the Intoxilyzer machine at the Mount Vernon Police Station. Fossella testified that he was not intoxicated, and that he did as well as could be expected on the field sobriety test considering that the officer's car-mounted strobe lights were flashing in his eyes. He repudiated Sandoval's testimony that he threatened to use the bathroom on the floor of the room where the Intoxilyzer machine was stored. As to the Intoxilyzer test, the Purell

might have tainted the results his lawyers argued.

But Judge Moore did not side with the congressman and his three lawyers. Late Friday afternoon, she found him guilty of driving under the influence. She scheduled sentencing until after a separate hearing on whether Fossella's blood-alcohol content was above 0.15, a crime that carries a mandatory five-day jail term.

"He would be put in general population and treated like everybody else," said Harry Covert, a spokesman. "And his sentence would probably be reduced because he would be given credit to account for the time he was held after the arrest."

Schools Feel the Pinch

FROM PAGE 3

School parent Mimi Carter and Maury Elementary School parent John Leary had filed applications be members of the budget-advi-

sory committee, McEneaney was eager to see their names on the consent calendar. Yet when their applications were not considered because of a division-wide restructuring of the committee system,

the budget-advisory chairman pleaded with board members to vote on Carter and Leary and announced his intention to resign as chairman.

"I've served as chairman for two

years, and I'm done," said McEneaney, adding that he would remain an active member of the committee.

Carter and Leary were both leaders of a group known as

AlexandriaKids.org, which was critical of the way five members of the School Board worked together to fire former Superintendent Rebecca Perry without consulting the four minority members last year. Former Chairwoman Claire Eberwein has been replaced in a special election by Marc Williams, yet the old five-to-four split reemerged during last week's School Board meeting. After Vice Chairwoman Sheryl Gorsuch made a motion to add Carter and Leary to the consent calendar, board members divided along old lines.

On the winning side: Chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts, Blanche Maness, Scott Newsham, Arthur Peabody and newcomer Marc Williams.

On the losing side: Vice Chairwoman Gorsuch, Ronnie Campbell, Eileen Cassidy Rivera and Charles Wilson.

Members in the majority expressed a desire to avoid making "at-large" appointments to the budget-advisory committee at a time when the entire committee system was being revamped. Although they moved forward with adding three board-selected members to the committee, the will of the majority was that applications for at-large members should not be considered at this time. In the end, the board decided to accept five resignations from the committee and appoint three new members.

"I'm hoping we'll be able to get a quorum at the next meeting," said McEneaney. "So we can start talking about who will be the next chairman."

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NEWS

Red Cross

FROM PAGE 1

well volunteer," she said. Volunteers deployed to disaster zones receive special training to provide assistance in sheltering, communications, feeding, staffing and bulk distribution of food and supplies to victims. That is accomplished by the use of specially designed and equipped Emergency Response Vehicles or ERV's.

The national Red Cross has 500 such vehicles throughout the nation. One, a 2006 Ford box truck, is owned and operated by the Alexandria Chapter in conjunction with the Alexandria Fire Department. It is housed at the Department's Lee Center training site.

"These vehicles are equipped with emergency food service and communications capabilities," she said. The Alexandria Chapter was the first to experiment with an ERV when they were charged with deploying a prototype to Florida in 2004 to aid victims of Hurricane Charley.

At that time the vehicle was known as a "Sprint." It was designed and built by Daimler Benz to deal with more narrow and hard to navigate areas associated with urban disaster situations that prove to be problem areas for other truck style vehicles.

THIS HAS proven to be an extremely active disaster year with more than 60 large-scale disasters including a record number of tornados, the worst flooding in the midwest in 15 years, early and fierce wild fires, all coupled with killer hurricanes that left both property and lives strewn along Gulf coast beaches from Florida to Texas.

Included within the nearly 70,000 disasters to which the American Red Cross responds each year, are the approximately 14 local disasters that the local chapter answers in a given year. Many of these are in support of local fire and police incidents.

"The Red Cross is always there when disaster strikes, but this year has been an active disaster year and the cost of providing relief has rapidly outpaced contributions," said Gail McGovern, American Red Cross President and CEO.

To learn how to make donations log on to www.redcross.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). To make contributions directly through the Alexandria Chapter mail to Alexandria Chapter, American Red Cross, 123 N. Alfred St., Alexandria, VA 22314 or by email at www.alexandriaredcross.org. The local phone number is 703-549-8300.

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A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2008 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2008-0137
Request for approval of alterations at 625 N. Washington St, zoned CRMU-X.
APPLICANT: Jeffrey Taylor, AIA, for Trader Joe's

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

CASE BAR2008-0181
Request for approval of signage at 821 S. Washington St, zoned CRMU/L.
APPLICANT: Tim Traywick

CASE BAR2008-0182
Request for approval of demolition at 817 King St, zoned KR King Street Retail.
APPLICANT: Barrie Ahmadu Samba

CASE BAR2008-0183
Request for approval of alterations at 817 King St, zoned KR King Street Retail.
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CASE BAR2008-0184
Request for approval of alterations at 612 Queen St, zoned OCM (50) Office Commercial.
APPLICANT: Jamie Lynch

CASE BAR2008-0185
Request for approval of alterations at 316 N. Alfred St, zoned RB Residential.
APPLICANT: Laurel Celeste

CASE BAR2008-0186
Request for approval of signage at 124 S. West St, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: William Hatherill

CASE BAR2008-0188
Request for approval of signage at 717 Pendleton St, zoned CL Commercial.
APPLICANT: Alexandria Dental Care

CASE BAR2008-0189
Request for approval of signage at 718 Jefferson St, zoned CRMU/L Commercial.
APPLICANT: The Sign Shop

CASE BAR2008-0190
Request for approval of signage at 1016 King St, zoned KR King Street Retail.
APPLICANT: Hector Velasquez

CASE BAR2008-0191
Request for approval of signage at 625 First St, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Holiday Inn Historic District

CASE BAR2008-0192
Request for approval of alterations at 408 Duke St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Nels Nordquist

CASE BAR2008-0193
Request for approval of new construction at 714 Wythe St, zoned OC Commercial.
APPLICANT: Sophie Development, LLC

CASE BAR2008-0194
Request for approval of demolition at 1199 S Washington St, zoned RC.
APPLICANT: Hunting Creek, LC

CASE BAR2008-0195
Request for approval of a concept for new construction at 1199 S Washington St, zoned RC.
APPLICANT: Hunting Creek, LC

CASE BAR2008-0199
Request for approval of alterations at 523 S Lee St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Robert Bentley Adams & Associates

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

In Memoriam Sgt. George Washington Rimmer Sr

We love and miss you so very much and you will be forever remained in our hearts. Love Your wife Connie and your children George Jr, Don, Wynn, Yasmin & Grandchildren

Legal Notices



TAKE NOTICE

The Alexandria City Council will hold its Retreat on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at 9:30 a.m., at the Transportation and Environmental Services and Recreation Department Main Facilities Building at 2900 Business Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia.

For further information, you may call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 703-838-4550.

Jackie Henderson

City Clerk and Clerk of Council



LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Public Hearing to Obtain Citizens Input on the City's Proposed Fiscal Year 2010 Budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Take notice that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers in City Hall, Alexandria, Virginia, at 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, October 30, 2008, to obtain citizen input on the City's proposed FY 2010 Budget and Capital Improvement Program for FY 2010-2015.

Persons wishing to speak on the proposed budget may sign up prior to the public hearing meeting by calling the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at 703 838-4550. All presenters are requested to provide a copy of their text to the City Clerk.

Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the City Council meeting may call the City Clerk's Office at 703 838-4550 (TTY/TDD 703 838-5056.) We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made. Individuals who require translation services to participate in the City Council meeting may call the City Clerk and Clerk of Council's Office at 703 838-4550. We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made.

Jackie M. Henderson

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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 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 November 6, 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 # 2008-0077
ADDRESS: 2018 Mt. Vernon Ave

Request for change ownership of a restaurant

Applicant: Tasneeya Gordon

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2008-0076
ADDRESS: 3030 Duke Street

Request for change ownership of a automobile dealership

Applicant: Fred Gheysari

LEGAL NOTICE

I, Yvonne D. Hughes hereby state that I am divorcing my husband, Conrad Robert Hughes as of this day 10/16/2008

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TAKE NOTICE

The Alexandria City Council will meet on Tuesday, October 28, 2008, at 7:00 p.m., at the School Board Administration Building, 2000 North Beauregard Street, Board Room, First Floor for the purpose of conducting its regularly scheduled legislative meeting. Prior to the Legislative Meeting, the Alexandria City Council will hold a work session on the Landmark/Van Dorn Area Plan at 5:30 p.m. at the same location.

Full-text copies of ordinances, resolutions and agenda items are available in the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council. Meeting materials are also available online at www.alexandriava.gov/council. Individuals with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate in the work session and City Council legislative meeting may call the City Clerk's Office at 703-838-4550 (TTY/TDD 703-838-5056). We request that you provide a 48-hour notice so that the proper arrangements may be made. City Council meetings are closed-captioned for the hearing impaired.

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ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION

NOVEMBER - 2008

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

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2008

7:30 PM, CITY HALL

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

301 KING STREET

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2008

9:30 AM, CITY HALL

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS

301 KING STREET

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A WORK SESSION ON NOVEMBER 6, 2008 AT 6:00PM TO DISCUSS THE POTOMAC YARD TOWN CENTER PROJECT (LANDBAY G).

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0043

801-803 KING STREET

AUSTIN GRILL

Consideration of a request for an amendment to a condition regarding the provision of parking at a restaurant; zoned CD/Commercial Downtown. Applicant: Austin Grill, LLC by Ali Azima

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0067

116 EAST DELRAY AVE

PIECE OUT

Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned CL/Commercial Low.

Applicant: Culinary Concepts Corporation by Lawrence J. Ponzi

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0069

904 KING STREET

OLD TOWNE GOURMET

Consideration of a request for an amendment to add seating at an existing market with

restaurant; zoned CD/Commercial Downtown. Applicant: ADNY Company, LLC. represented by Dessye Ayal-Sew

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0059

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1310 MOUNT VERNON AVENUE
RESTAURANT AND PARKING REDUCTION

Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant and for a parking reduction; zoned

CL/Commercial Low. Applicant: Jose Domínguez and Oscar M. Bermudez

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2007-0025

2950 EISENHOWER AVENUE
MARRIOTT SPRINGHILL SUITES

Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan and modifications, to construct a hotel and a request for a reduction in loading spaces; zoned OCM-100/Office Commercial Medium. Applicant: SpringHill SMC, LLC represented by Duncan Blair, attorney

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2007-0006

5311 DUKE STREET
MCDONALDS RESTAURANT

Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan and modifications, to redevelop a fast food restaurant with a drive through window, as well as

a request for a parking reduction and for a free standing sign; zoned CG/Commercial General. Applicant: McDonald's Corporation by M. Catherine Puskar, attorney

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2007-0013

2400 RUSSELL ROAD
ALEXANDRIA COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL

Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan and density transfer under Section 7-2300 of the Zoning Ordinance, to enlarge an existing private elementary school to accommodate a gymnasium, kitchen and cafeteria; zoned R-12/Residential. Applicant: Alexandria Country Day School by Duncan Blair, attorney

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021417-04-00/JJ021417-05-00

Commonwealth of Virginia

VA. CODE § 8.01-316

Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re

JASON POMMIER

The object of this suit is to:

Approve the submitted permanency plan, with goal of adoption, and terminate the parental rights of Carla Pommier, mother of Jason Pommier, born to Carla Pommier on 12/18/2001; and enter any other appropriate orders. Carla Pommier to receive no further notice of future hearings.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Carla Pommier(Mother) appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/18/2008 at 9:00am

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Commonwealth of Virginia

VA. CODE § 8.01-316

Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Commonwealth of Virginia, in re

JASON POMMIER

The object of this suit is to:

Approve the submitted permanency plan, with goal of adoption, and terminate the parental rights of the unknown father of Jason Pommier, born to Carla Pommier on 12/18/2001; and enter any other appropriate orders, and unknown father to receive no further notice of any future hearings.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Unknown father appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 12/18/2008 at 9:00am

OBITUARY



KNUDSEN, Lorraine Schaffer, born March 23, 1922 in Elkton, Maryland, passed away on August 13, 2008 in Ft. Collins, Colorado. Mrs. Knudsen was a longtime resident of the Mt. Vernon area of Alexandria; she moved to Ft. Collins in May of 2006 to be closer to family. Her children Lisa D. Knudsen of Ft. Collins and Kristin B. Knudsen of Brevard, North Carolina, and grandchildren Sarah Keroff, Jessica Knudsen, and Will Stanford, as well as son in law Josh Johnson, were at her bedside. Lorraine was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ronald N. Knudsen. The family wishes to thank the wonderful people of Hospice, and encourage friends to donate to Hospice in their area

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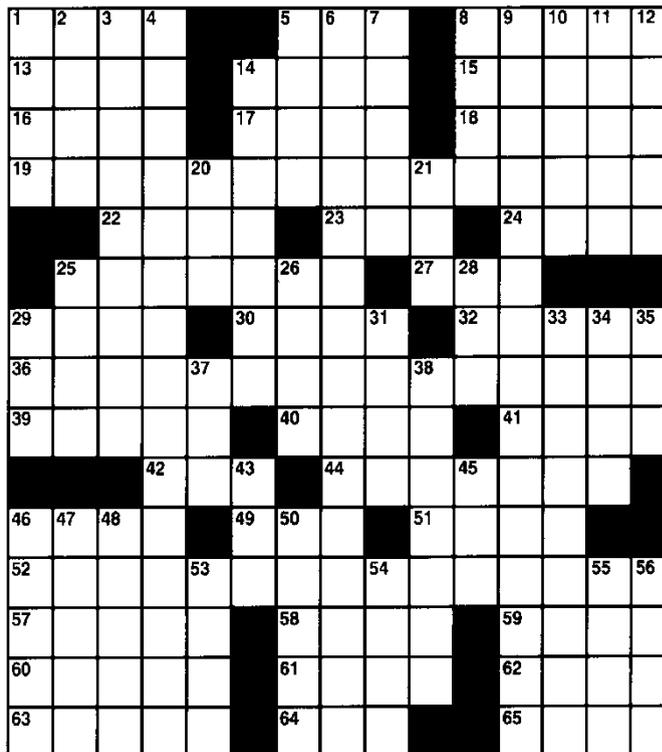


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- 15 Celebrity
- 16 It can make a date
- 17 Obey a court order
- 18 "La — di seta" (Rossini opera)
- 19 Oregon Trail sight
- 22 Sheet of matted wool
- 23 Ore suffix
- 24 Atlas abbr. before 1991
- 25 1935 musical with Astaire and Rogers
- 27 Time in history
- 29 Arthur and others
- 30 John Beck's "Sleeper" role
- 32 Cornered
- 36 Phoenix or Sparrow

- 39 One of Mia's exes
- 40 It may be tended
- 41 Trial run
- 42 — tangent
- 44 Spills one's guts
- 46 McDonald's founder
- 49 Shadow, so to speak
- 51 Häagen-Dazs alternative
- 52 Some noncoms
- 57 With all one's might
- 58 Where Zeno of Citium lectured
- 59 Kind of hall
- 60 Asperity
- 61 Series finale: Abbr.
- 62 Future J.D.'s hurdle
- 63 Minute
- 64 Hamilton's place
- 65 Girl's name ending

- 4 Highly stylized sculpting style
- 5 Bend at the bar
- 6 This might provide a last shot
- 7 Chosen ones
- 8 Mexican mint product
- 9 Ledger column
- 10 Feud participants
- 11 They're passed around campfires
- 12 First Super Bowl M.V.P.

- 14 Republic since 1993
- 20 Itinerary abbr.
- 21 Bray beginning
- 25 It might run down the neck
- 26 Calc preceder, perhaps
- 28 Rio Treaty implementer: Abbr.
- 29 Leicester cry
- 31 The toe of the Arabian Peninsula
- 33 Branch office?
- 34 Porters
- 35 "Uh-huh"
- 37 Across, in verse
- 38 Like some aliens
- 43 E.R. administration
- 45 Cowley composition
- 46 It first opened in 1962
- 47 Summer fabric
- 48 Missouri feeder
- 50 Resource
- 53 "Just you wait, — 'iggins..."
- 54 Bookbinding leather
- 55 Udder part
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Looking For His Shot

Alexandria native fights around the world in search of boxing stardom

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

The sun is beginning to set outside the converted garage off of Jefferson Davis Highway that currently houses the Alexandria Boxing Club, making the problem facing several waiting boxers even more dire.

No one can seem to figure out how to get the lights working.

But in walks 28-year-old Kompa "Kay" Koroma and quickly the mood changes. Koroma, just back from Zambia where he won the Global Boxing Union middleweight title, heads directly for the drafty gym's circuit breaker, jimmying it with just the right touch, so practice can begin as usual.

Just one of the obstacles facing Koroma as he tries to shed more high profile light on the old gym these days.

"Everybody in Alexandria always ask me, 'Kay, you think you can beat Floyd Mayweather?'" Koroma said as he sat beneath posters of numerous local boxing notables that have stepped through the Alexandria Boxing Club through the years.



Alexandria boxer Kay Koroma has fought in both China and Zambia in the past month and recently brought home the Global Boxing Union Middleweight Title. He also helps out younger fighters as a trainer and mentor.



Koroma (left) spars with former World Champion Demarcus Corley at the Alexandria Boxing Club.

"There's only one way to find out. Hopefully he'll come out of retirement and I'll get the chance. I want that chance."

Koroma began his professional career with three straight wins in 2007, all of which took place in venues around Northern Virginia. But things got off track following a doctor-imposed two-year hiatus from boxing due to a shoulder injury he sustained in an exhibition match.

With his injury finally healed this summer, Koroma signed up for a September match in Chungdu, China, scoring a second round TKO over unknown Bai Hang. The win impressed promoters enough to give Koroma his title shot — albeit a minor one — on October 4 in Zambia against Zambian native John Chibuta.

"When you go overseas they treat you really, really well," said Koroma, who defeated Chibuta after an intentional head butt left Koroma woozy, sending the fight to the scorecards after four rounds. Koroma said he made about \$3,000 for the Zambia title fight, a huge pay raise from the \$400 he estimates he would bring in from fighting on a local card. Koroma currently has a 9-to-5 job at a publishing warehouse that allows him to take leave for his fights.

"You wake up and everyone is rushing you," he said of fighting on other continents. "You feel like Muhammed Ali out there. You don't have to be someone in a poster or a magazine, they just love that you're in their country and you respect their country."

Whether he's a superstar in the making remains to be seen, but with a perfect 5-0 record during his short professional career Koroma appears intent on being more than just a "could have been" in the boxing

world.

Those around Koroma have noticed he's much more confident in the ring, transforming from a more defensive boxer to an aggressive puncher in his most recent bouts.

And as of late, Koroma has been sparring with Demarcus "Chop Chop" Corley, a 34-year-old former Light Welterweight World Champion. Corley has fought, to varying degrees of success, Mayweather, Miguel Cotto and Zab Judah — the kinds of big names Koroma strives to be mentioned with. After battling Koroma the past couple months in the ring, Corley doesn't see all that much of a difference.

"There's no reason why Kay shouldn't be fighting for a (United States Boxing Association) title within the next couple of months," said Corley. "His people just have to make the right phone calls and get the right fights for him."

IT WAS DURING his injury-induced hiatus that Koroma realized his fighting career could live on in other ways. Koroma, who was born in London, England before moving to Alexandria as a 12-year-old, remembered his days coming up as an amateur when he was told he could be great, but never really understood the work that goes into reaching one's potential.

It was the motivating factor in his decision to train many of the

young fighters that frequent the Alexandria Boxing Club.

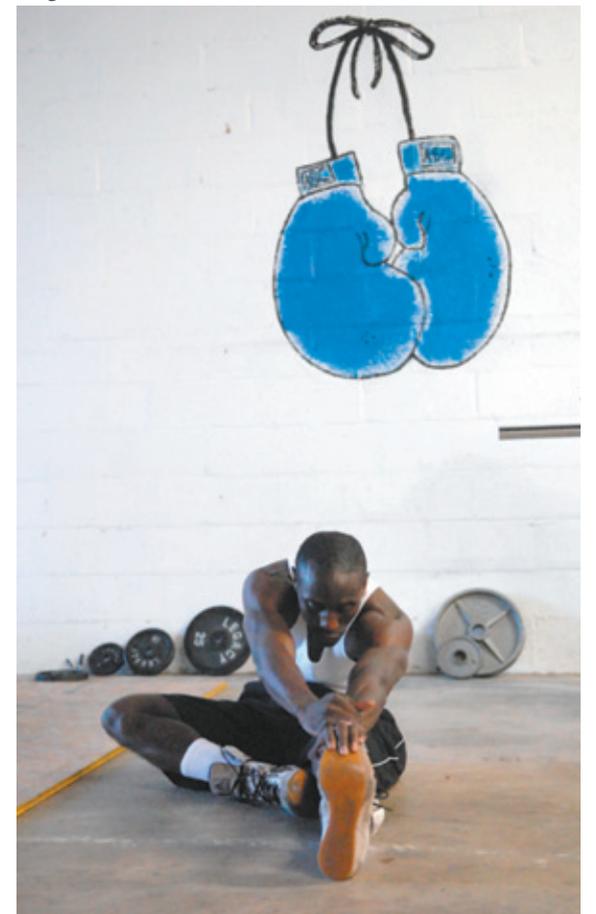
"I would watch other kids that I knew had talent, they just needed that push or to hear from somebody they looked up to," said Koroma "So that's when I thought, 'Hey I'll just go back and be a trainer, help out the community a bit.'"

One of his biggest points of emphasis is getting a young fighter's mind right outside the ring before stepping inside the squared circle. It's a new twist on the old cliché of boxing keeping kids away from violence on the street.

"Kay stays on you, he motivates you, and he trains you hard," said 22-year-old Alexandria native and T.C. Williams graduate Brandon Quarles, who estimates Koroma has been his trainer for about 30 amateur matches. "He always tells me to you're going to perform how you feel."

After two wins in a row overseas, Koroma says he is fine with the prospect of another minor title fight overseas, and recently decided to take a December fight in Kenya. Ultimately, though, he longs to show the people of Alexandria that the sun never sets on a dream.

"I'm just trying to bring (a major belt) back to Alexandria," Koroma said. "We could fight in the back alleys, as long as it's sanctioned and a belt is on the line and everyone knows I'm fighting for Alexandria,"



After suffering a shoulder injury that sidelined him for almost two years, Koroma became a trainer and mentor for many of the Alexandria Boxing Club's younger members.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Titans Upset W. Springfield

The **T.C. Williams** football team pulled off a stunning upset last Saturday, defeating West Springfield, 18-16. The win was the Titans' second-straight win and third in four games after beginning the season 0-4. West Springfield had previously been unbeaten within the Patriot District.

T.C. Williams can thank its special teams for giving it a chance against a West Springfield team that was without its star quarterback Bryn Renner, a North Carolina signee who was out due to injury.

Following a score that put West Springfield up 14-6, wide receiver Tony Richardson returned the ensuing kickoff 90 yards to narrow the lead to 14-12 in the second quarter.

With momentum on its side, the Titans capitalized in the third quarter as well. Sophomore quarterback connected with senior wide receiver Marc Grosser on a 53-yard touchdown pass to give T.C. Williams a lead it would never relinquish.

The Titans travel to Lee this Friday and close out the regular season on Halloween night at West Potomac.

Boat Club Shines at National Regatta

The Old Dominion Boat Club's Junior Men's 8+ competed this weekend at the 44th Head of the Charles Regatta in Boston. Battling 39 degree temperatures, 20 mph head winds, rough water and fatigue over the 3.2 mile technically challenging course, the ODBC men placed 12th out of 66 competing teams. The Head of the Charles Regatta is the largest two day regatta in the world hosting nearly 10,000 athletes and 300,000 spectators.

The field was so fast, the top 12 times so close, ODBC was only 18 seconds from earning a Bronze medal, and less than 50 seconds from the Gold medal position." says Men's Coach Scott Gordon. "The boat

has never moved so fast and looked so clean and disciplined".

Also on a positive note, the ODBC Men's 8+ beat perennial championship teams such as Radley College Boat Club, St. Catherine's Rowing Club, Thompson's Boat Club, Community Rowing (CRI), Choate Rosemary Hall, Princeton National Rowing Association, Oak Ridge Rowing, Walt Whitman Crew Boosters, as well as last year's Stotesbury Champions - St. Joe's Prep.

The Old Dominion Boat Club has earned an automatic entry into next year's 45th regatta, and finishes the 2008 season on November 2nd at The Head of the Occoquan at Sandy Run Regional Park Rowing Facility. The Men's program looks to end their undefeated local season in good form by once again winning Gold and will attempt to break a third course record in their fourth and final local race.

Seminary Hill Cup Update

The Seminary Hill Cup, a competition created by the athletic departments of Episcopal of St. Stephen's/St. Agnes that pits the girls' teams of the Maroon against the girls' teams of the Saints, hits its stride this week with the final six games between the two schools scheduled for this Thursday.

In the opening weeks of the competition, each school has earned two points out of a possible ten, with six events remaining in the Cup. Events will be held on both campuses this Thursday, with the first annual trophy being presented to the winning school after a girl's varsity volleyball match at Episcopal.

Local Pro Fishing

This past weekend, the FLW Outdoors fishing tour held the Stren Series Northern Division Tournament on the Potomac River. Pro Mike Hoskings of Alexandria finished in fourth place, catching 20 bass fish that weighed a combined 59 pounds and 12 ounces. For his haul, Hoskings earned \$4,557 in prize money.

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Each week, **The Connection's Pigskin Prognosticators** select winners from the top prep games.

GAMES OF THE WEEK

1. Churchill at Whitman
2. Dominion at Park View
3. Herndon at Robinson
4. Mount Vernon at Yorktown
5. Oakton at Westfield
6. Potomac Falls at Broad Run
7. Washington-Lee at Edison
8. W. Springfield at Lake Braddock
9. Penn State at Ohio State
10. Redskins at Lions

WEEK NINE SCHEDULE:

Games played Friday, Oct. 24

Churchill at Whitman, 6:30 p.m.
 Dominion at Park View, 7:30 p.m.
 Herndon at Robinson, 7:30 p.m.
 Mount Vernon at Yorktown, 7:30 p.m.
 Oakton at Westfield, 7:30 p.m.
 Potomac Falls at Broad Run, 7:30 p.m.
 Washington-Lee at Edison, 7:30 p.m.
 W. Springfield at L. Braddock, 7:30 p.m.
 Chantilly at Centreville, 7:30 p.m.
 Falls Church at Fairfax, 7:30 p.m.
 Hayfield at South County, 7:30 p.m.
 Gonzaga at Paul VI, 7 p.m.
 Heritage at Briar Woods, 7:30 p.m.
 Langley at W.T. Woodson, 7:30 p.m.
 Marshall at South Lakes, 7:30 p.m.
 McLean at Madison, 7:30 p.m.
 Stone Bridge at Jefferson, 7:30 p.m.
 T.C. Williams at Lee, 7:30 p.m.
 West Potomac at Annandale, 7:30 p.m.
 Wootton at Magruder, 6:30 p.m.



Jason Mackey

Sports Editor

Last Week: 7-3
Season: 53-17
Percentage: 76%

1. Churchill
2. Park View
3. Robinson
4. Yorktown
5. Westfield
6. Potomac Falls
7. Edison
8. W. Springfield
9. Ohio State
10. Redskins



Mark Giannotto

Sports Editor

Last Week: 6-4
Season: 49-21
Percentage: 70%

1. Churchill
2. Park View
3. Herndon
4. Yorktown
5. Westfield
6. Broad Run
7. Edison
8. W. Springfield
9. Ohio State
10. Redskins



Rich Sanders

Sports Editor

Last Week: 5-5
Season: 42-28
Percentage: 60%

1. Churchill
2. Dominion
3. Herndon
4. Mount Vernon
5. Oakton
6. Broad Run
7. Edison
8. W. Springfield
9. Penn State
10. Redskins

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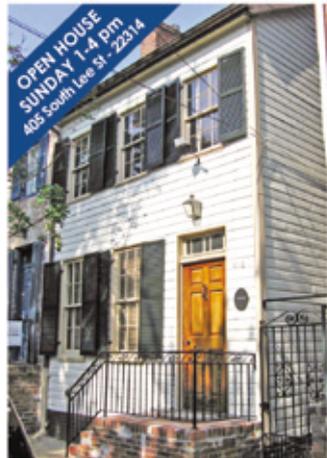
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