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VIEWPOINTS

Reactions to Obama's inaugural speech.

Answers from attendees to the Alexandria Democratic Committee's Inaugural Ball at the Mark Center Hilton.

Susan Kellom

watched the inauguration on the jumbotron at Market Square.

"My favorite part of the speech was when Obama reached out an open hand to countries that have clenched fists. I thought that really showed a sense of openness and willingness to become part of the diplomatic scene once more."



Marian Van Landingham

watched the inauguration with friends at the home of Harlene and Bill Clayton.

"My impression was that Obama was calling for responsibility and competence, and those are things that seem to have been missing over the last few years."

Bill Dickinson watched the inauguration at home with his wife.

"I would compare Obama's speech to Lincoln's first inaugural, in which Lincoln laid out the terms that the union would stay together. I thought Obama did something similar. It was a firm speech, and it was deadly serious."



Tim Lovain watched the inauguration from the office of Norman Dicks (D-Wash.) in the Rayburn House Office Building.

"The part that grabbed me was when Obama called for a new era of responsibility. That struck me as saying its up to the people now, not just the government."



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE CONNECTION

Marshall Weisiger, Susan Wilson, Lauren Mealy, Caroline Spogli, Emma Holt, Carly Lyerly, Alex Deitz and Maggie Boozer, students from Episcopal High School, try to stay warm while waiting for the start of Barack Obama's Inauguration ceremony on Jan. 20. The girls said that the entire school made the short trip from Alexandria to attend the historic event.

Witnesses To History

Lt. Col. James Lewis and Lt. Col. Patricia Lewis, of Alexandria, celebrate as Barack Obama is sworn in as the 44th President of the United States on Jan. 20 in Washington D.C.



Dorothea Peters watched the inauguration from Market Square. "I was struck by Rick Warren's invocation because I don't like his opposition to gay rights. But he was being a good enough Christian that his speech was a broad-minded outreach to all God's children."



Carolyn Herring watched the inauguration from the "gray zone" on the National Mall. "I liked the idea of having a united America working together instead of being so divided all the time."

Mark Feldheim watched the inauguration at Vermillion restaurant on King Street.

"I was struck by the part about how his father wouldn't have been able to be served in a Washington restaurant 60 years ago. That was fantastic."



Paul Friedman watched the inauguration at a Creative Coalition party in the Homer Building 6th and F streets.

"I was struck by the reference to George Washington's struggle at Valley Forge. I thought that suggested the need for a revolutionary mindset to face the challenges before us at this time."



Politics of Asphalt

West End issue could play role in council election.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When the Alexandria City Council held a series of contentious public hearings in 2006 about extending the hours for a West End paving plant, heated words were exchanged at City Hall about what would happen during the next council election. Several speakers vowed to work against incumbent members who supported the plan, with Cameron Station residents leading the charge against the council members who sided with Virginia Paving and allowed the asphalt plant to double its hours of operations de

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Cab Driver Murdered

Shortly after midnight on Jan. 18, Alexandria police officers arrived at the intersection of Princess and Buchanan streets to find a cab driver who had been shot in the upper body. The man was unresponsive when police arrived, and city medics pronounced the man dead at the scene. Shortly afterward, detectives arrived on the scene to canvass the area in search of possible witnesses.

The man was later identified as Khalil Siddiqi, a 50-year-old Fairfax man. An autopsy determined the manner of death to be homicide. Police officials say that detectives are looking at robbery as a possible motive. This is the first homicide in Alexandria this year. There were four homicides in Alexandria last year. Anyone with information about this case is asked to call the Alexandria Police Department at 703-838-4444.



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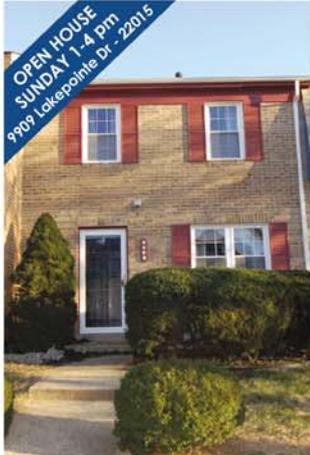
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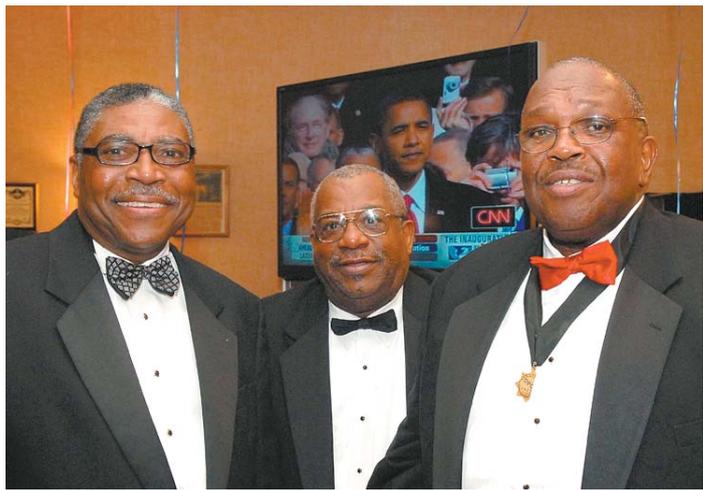
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— John Kenney, owner, Le Tache



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Lucky Elliott, Travers Gray and Jackie Mason. More photos at www.connectionnewspapers.com.

A ‘Progressive’ Celebration

The Departmental Progressive Club, Incorporated (DPC) — along with the DPC Ladies Auxiliary — celebrated the inauguration of Barack Obama, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the club’s Gibbon Street location.

The DPC, Alexandria’s oldest private club, was established

almost 82 years ago by seven young black men who worked in various departments of the Federal government.

Their purpose was to encourage character, to foster fellowship by providing wholesome recreation and to improve the general welfare of Alexandria.



Brenda Elliott with Howard and Jean Eads.



Clayton Taylor and Denise Leigh.

A Window of Opportunity

Who says Old Town is stuffy — not at “The Spot.”

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Sex has returned to Old Town. That is, advertised/retail sex. Not since its more bawdy days as an operating seaport, when there were several houses of ill repute along King Street catering to incoming sailors, one being Ramsey House, now the city tourist center, have the residents of Old Town been more concerned about a retail establishment. Le Tache, 210 King St., is the talk of the town.

With its opening Jan. 5, accompanied by the erotically clad mannequins in its windows, winter arrived for Alexandria’s elected officials with a snowstorm of emails. The vast majority demanded that something be done to close “this disgusting display,” as one observer put it.

Sorry. It’s perfectly legal and not subject to any of the regular Special Use Permit (SUP) controls of the Planning & Zoning Depart-



PHOTOS BY CHUCK HAGEE
THE GAZETTE

John and Shannon Kenney recently opened their new exotic “adult industry” shop at 210 King St.

ment.

“Within the Historic District retail operations are by-right. We have reviewed all the regulations as well as local and state laws very carefully as to whether or not they are in conformity and they have done everything properly,” said acting City Attorney Christopher Spera.

That evaluation was buttressed by the owners of Le Tache, French for “the spot,” John and Shannon Kenney. “We had our attorneys review all the statutes and make sure



A life size mannequin in the window of 210 King St. advertises some of the lingerie available in the newly opened Le Tache.

we got all the necessary licenses. They assured us we are in complete compliance,” said John Kenney.

LE TACHE is an “adult industry” store selling exotic lingerie, sex toys, and adult movies. It’s dual King Street display windows feature life size mannequins wearing some of that lingerie.

The only items visible from King Street are racks of lingerie and clothing. All other merchandise is

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Entrepreneurs Prevail in Downturn

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

The economy may be in a tailspin and unemployment may be reaching heights not seen in decades, but the entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well in Alexandria. This applies to new enterprises, expanding ones, and those transitioning to new owners.

In the new enterprise category is BatteriesPlus which opened at the beginning of December in the Bradlee Shopping Center. No matter what type of battery is needed BatteriesPlus has it. And, if they don’t or can’t get it, they can build it.

“We carry batteries for everything from cell phones to vehicle batteries. And, we can custom build batteries for what ever use is needed,” said Aileen Mitchell, who, along with her husband, Jason Mitchell, is the owner of the store at 3690-D King St.

BatteriesPlus is a franchise operation based in Heartland, Wisc. They have 340 stores nationwide.

This is the Mitchell’s second store in Northern Virginia. Their other location is 11213-G Lee Highway, Fairfax, which they opened three years ago. “We got into this business because of our children,” she said.

“We were looking for what we considered a common battery for a toy our son got for Christmas and we couldn’t find it anywhere. My husband was on the phone to a friend complaining about not being able to find the battery and he told us about BatteriesPlus,” Mitchell said.

THEIR NEWEST STORE is like a homecoming for the Mitchells. “When we were first married we lived in Farlington, just across King Street from this store. Now we live in Clinton, Virginia,” she said.

Both stores are open seven days a week. The Alexandria location operates Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

Although they sell a variety of brands, both retail and commer-



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE
THE GAZETTE

Aileen Mitchell, owner of Batteries Plus of Northern Virginia, explains the array of batteries available in her new store in the Bradley Shopping Center.

cial, the company brand is known as Werker. In addition to selling batteries they also do test charges, building of batteries, and recycling batteries.

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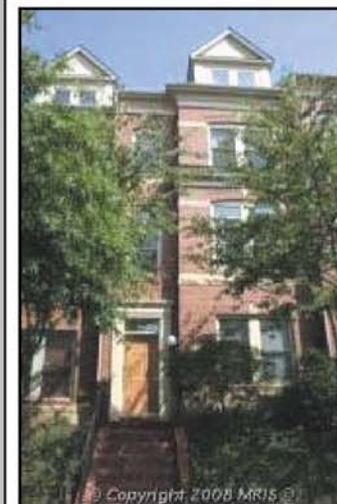
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Recount Set for Monday

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A handful of uncounted ballots are at the center of Republican candidate's petition to recount the Jan. 13 special election to replace former Del. Brian Moran (D-46). In a court filing this week, Republican attorneys asked the three-judge panel that will oversee the Jan. 26 recount to include 22 absentee ballots that were not counted on Election Day, a request that could change the outcome of Democratic candidate Charniele Herring's 16-vote margin of victory. At issue are eight absentee ballots that were not counted because they did not meet State Board of Elections guidelines and 14 absentee ballots that were received by the registrar's office after Election Day.

"I took about 80 percent of the absentee ballots that were counted," said Murray during a break in Monday's preliminary hearing on the recount. "If that holds with the votes that were not counted, my gut feeling is that it will change the outcome of this election."

Democrats have marshaled a team of lawyers to oppose the Republican arguments, rejecting the Republicans claims that the State Board of Elections guidelines are flawed and dismissing the notion that Virginia statute allows inclusion of absentee ballots that were received after the election.

Yet even if Democrats are successful in asking the recount court to discount the uncounted ballots, Republicans said they are prepared to contest the election in an effort to include the 22 uncounted votes toward the final election tally. A contested election could be appealed to the House of Delegates, dragging the process out for several more weeks.

"If the situation were reversed, I could imagine that Charniele Herring would contest the election," said Chris Marston, chairman of the Alexandria City Republican Committee. "One of the outcomes of this could be a determination that the election was manifestly unfair and that we need a do-over."

Republicans plan to argue that the State Board of Elections guidelines concerning absentee ballots are incomplete, leading Alexandria election officials to cast aside legitimate ballots that should have been counted on Election Day. For example, one of the Republican court filings draws attention to the ballot of James Durham, a voter in the 46th District. Although his handwritten voter statement included his zip code, it was cast aside and not counted because it did not include his city of residence.

"In this instance, there is no functional or material difference between omitting the word 'Alexandria' and omitting the ZIP code '22304,'" wrote Republican attorney Jason Torchinsky.



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Bert Ransom Creates a Chorus of Hope

BY SHERRY WILSON BROWN,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AGENDA ALEXANDRIA

This is the 10th in a series of 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.

It doesn't take long to discover that Living Legend Reverend Doctor Elbert Ransom, Jr. reaches out to everyone. This man of note — musical and renowned — makes everyone part of his life — and what a life.

Ransom arrived in Montgomery — to attend Alabama State College for Negroes — three months after Dr. Martin Luther King. King's Morehouse College classmate — and Ransom's voice coach — Robert Williams introduced Ransom and King. Eventually Ransom joined King's church, Dexter Avenue Baptist, where he sang in the choir, performed chores at the parsonage, and babysat the Kings' first child. Ransom found himself at the birth of the Civil Rights Movement: the Montgomery Bus Boycott, recruiting volunteers and distributing informational literature.

During those days, civil disobedience became a major method of bringing broad attention to inequities in the South, and being arrested was a major attention-getter. Going to jail was a frightening experience. Often when black persons were arrested, they might disappear permanently. The civil rights demonstrators overcame their fears, and packed the jails for freedom. In many cases, there was not enough room in the jails.

"Bert" Ransom was born in Jackson, Miss. His father labored to build Kessler Air Force Base before moving to New Orleans to work at Higgins Shipbuilders.

Eventually, the senior Ransoms put together \$700 to go into the dry cleaning business where the younger Ransom worked through 12th grade. By high school graduation, he had four music scholarship offers. "I accepted Alabama's as it was the farthest from the store." The 17 year old boarded a train for college armed with his mother's southern fried chicken and pound cake. His mother knew that in the segregated south he would not be allowed in the dining car.

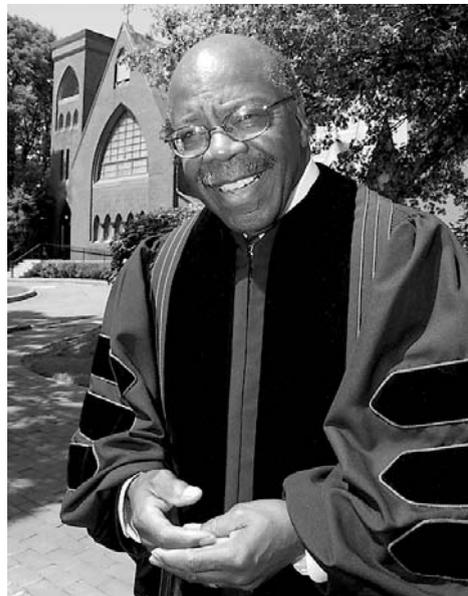


PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

The Rev. Dr. Elbert Ransom, Jr.

RANSOM WAS OFTEN a passenger on the bus Rosa Parks rode and knew the bus driver. Ransom had to pay his fare in front but board at the back because he was not allowed to walk through the white section. The bus boycott was originally scheduled to last one day: Dec. 5, 1954. Because of the one-day success the boycott was extended until all grievances were settled. It finally ended one year later when the United States Supreme Court acted to desegregate buses.

I asked Ransom how the congregation reacted to Dr. King's non-violent movement, especially older members. "Dexter Avenue Baptist Church was a non-traditional southern Baptist church with professors, doctors, and lawyers: an educated congregation. These progressive people were prepared to pay the price for freedom. I learned that price from my cousin, Medgar Evers, an insurance salesman who was also field secretary for the Jackson, Miss. NAACP chapter. He helped black people register to vote. When he knew he was a target, he moved into my grandmother's house to prolong his life. He returned to his own home one evening and was killed."

Ransom finished his education at New Orleans' Xavier University — earning a B.S. in music education — and moved to Chicago where he taught music in the public schools for five years. Through his connection with the civil rights movement, he became an Eleanor Roosevelt Intern working for the American Friends Service Committee to desegregate housing. He sent white

and black couples to request housing in traditional white areas. This coincided with King's search for a northern city to show racism also existed outside the south and resulted in the organization of King's Chicago Freedom Movement. Ransom directed the Movement's Southside Action Center and helped organize open housing demonstrations with King, triggering an injunction from Mayor Richard. J. Daley.

IN SPEECHES, Ransom is quick to remind audiences that often there were more white faces at these demonstrations than black. He was the city manager of Resurrection City — the Poor People's Campaign — when King was assassinated.

His housing background brought Ransom to D.C. government to work on urban renewal and real estate. While there, he earned a master of divinity from Howard and a doctorate of ministry at Wesley Theological Seminary.

Eventually, Ransom, wife Louise, and three children moved to Alexandria where he spent 14 years as associate pastor at Alfred Street Baptist Church. He then became special assistant to City Manager Vola Lawson. His official responsibilities included the Office of Human Rights, Affirmative Action, and the Office on Women. Ransom also served as a troubleshooter for Lawson, assuring that her concerns reached throughout the community. During this time, he met Lois Walker who nominated him for the Living Legend Award.

His biggest challenge was creating the "Call to Community" initiative, a forum for racial and cultural dialogue to encourage cohesion in the City's diverse community. Today's spin-off is the Student Forum which broadens exposure of public and private school students to different races and cultures. The key is to encourage teens to talk face-to-face about community issues. Alexandria remains a racially, culturally, financially diverse city. The Forums help students confront stereotypes.

RANSOM HAS BEEN involved throughout Alexandria, chairing the Community Corrections Resources Board, the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, and the Community Justice Board and serving as a board member of the Alexandria NAACP. He was vice president of Fayette

Housing Corporation, working on affordable housing for financially indigent residents. Other involvement includes the Foundation of the Alexandria Bar Association, helping youth understand court proceedings; the Alexandria Interfaith Foundation, fostering cooperation among the clergy; the Potomac Community Mentoring Program, working with prison inmates; TRIAD, reducing crimes against seniors; and Choices, providing mediation and helping gang members make good choices.

He has created Reach, Inc. and travels the world fostering racial and cultural dialogue. Recent travels have included England, Ethiopia, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Turkmenistan, Ukrain, Ireland and Kosovo. He wrote one book "I Shall Not Pass this Way Again" about his quest to find his place in a life of multiple choices and the role of unconditional faith in God.

A new book, "Bridging the Divide," due this spring, describes America today at one of the most diverse times and calls us to unite to build an even greater America. The book is "intended to introduce brave thoughts and action toward unifying the greatest nation on earth."

He also finds time to teach a class he created at Virginia Theological Seminary, "Christian Social Ministry." Ransom sees these activities as the results of good and solid parental training and his involvement in the civil rights movement.

Louise Ransom has been at her husband's side for 40 years. Together they have raised Angela, a psychologist in Richmond; Stephen, a painter in Fredericksburg; and Gregory, a history and social studies teacher at Burgundy Farm Country Day School in Alexandria. Six Ransom grandchildren are evenly divided among their three children.

It may be hard to understand Ransom's lack of rancor and his infectious humor. How does a man who has been jeered at and attacked in the north and the south continue to reach out to everyone? Ransom explains: "When I remember that man is created in God's image, I am reminded that God is in each of us. God is the meaningful part of everyone, even those who hate us."

Ransom has taken all the notes of his life and created not a solo aria but a chorus of hope and achievement which includes all people.

"God is the meaningful part of everyone, even those who hate us."

— Bert Ransom

IN SESSION

Private Confessions

When the State Board of Elections presents a certificate of election to the House of Delegates, a new member is usually sworn into office. Yet that was not the case on the first day of the session last month, when the Republican-controlled House refused to seat Del-

egate-elect **Charniele Herring** (D-46) as the newest member of the oldest continuous legislative body in the New World.

The drama started when Democratic Gov. **Tim Kaine** called for the special election after former Del. **Brian Moran** (D-46) made a last-minute decision in December to step down from his seat to raise money for his gubernatorial campaign. After Her-

ring narrowly beat Republican candidate **Joe Murray** by a razor-thin 16-vote margin of victory on Jan. 13, Republicans called for a recount the next day. Then House Republicans refused to accept her certificate of election from the State Board of Elections by a party-line vote.

"When I talk with my Republican colleagues in private, they will gleefully ad-

mit this is about trying to embarrass Democrats in general and **Brian Moran** in particular," said Del. **David Englin** (D-45). "The people who live in the 46th District are being denied representation as a matter of revenge."

MORE ONLINE For full text of story, see the Alexandria Gazette Packet at www.connectionnewspapers.com

Backyard Conservation

Moran announces \$20 million land-conservation program for area.

Most land-conservation programs are based on acreage, with grants going to projects that protect vast areas far away from urban centers. Yet environmentalists in the Washington region have long been concerned about preserving land near the nation's capital in an effort to ensure clean air and water.

That's one of the reasons that officials from the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust approached the office of U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) last year in an effort to create a new land conservation program that was specific to the needs of the Washington metropolitan region.

"The way these programs are structured, taxpayers in Northern Virginia don't get their fair share because the money," said Michael Nardolilli, president of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust. "But people who live here should be able to get something a little close to home."

After Nardolilli approached

Moran's office, the contours of a new land-preservation program began to emerge that would target the capital and its regional neighbors for a small-acreage land-preservation program that would be structured to the needs of the area. Now, after several months of hammering out of the details and drafting legislation, Moran is ready to launch such a program in the early days of the Barack Obama administration. The congressman announced the legislation at a breakfast event earlier this month celebrating the 15th anniversary of the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.

Moran explained that the \$20 million conservation program, which would be administered by the National Park Service, would solicit proposals to acquire or preserve land within the Washington region and Potomac River watershed. The proposals would have to find funding for half the project, with the other money coming from the federal government.

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BUSINESS

Entrepreneurs Prevail in Downturn

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"We do recycling of all batteries including alkaline. We have recycling bins with plastic bags that we will drop off and pick up at businesses, churches, schools and other locations," she said. There is also a recycle bin just inside the store's front door for customers to deposit spent batteries.

They also service batteries and do checkups on battery chargers. "Often people think the problem is with the battery when it's actually with the re-charge unit. They have a life span also," Mitchell said.

Their Alexandria phone number is 703-575-771.

A RECENT EXPANSION of an existing Old Town business is the new location for "g!for hair," formerly known as Color Tech. They are now located at 1016 King St. "We changed everything — the name, decor — everything," said Hector G. Velasquez, owner. Although they moved in September from the old location in Arlington they just held their grand reopening Dec. 11.

"I used to be in a much smaller place. Now I am able to do much more. My old place was only one half the size of this location," he said.

Having been in the beauty business four and a half years, g!hair performs everything from hair cuts and shampooing to coloring, highlighting and texture treatments. "I am really glad I came to Old Town. I really love it here. And, business has been very good," Velasquez said.

He and his one employee, Mel Flores, service five chairs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. They are closed on Sunday.

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"Here we listen carefully to what our clients want. But we are also happy to suggest new, dynamic ways in which they can enhance their best features. We're open to creating both the traditional, and the less traditional, styles," he said.

Velasquez has been cutting hair for 22 years. He studied in his home country of Honduras as well as

Le Tache Receives Mixed Reactions

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located in the rear area of the first floor, former home of Subway, and on the upper and lower levels.

"We've been in the adult industry for a number of years. We had been looking for a location in this area. When I drove down King Street I was amazed at the number of stores up for rent," Kenney said.

"Business has been really good since we opened. Most of our customers have been just what we expected — women and couples," he said.

SOME ARE not very happy about Old Town's latest retail operation.

"Alexandria provides a friendly environment for small businesses. However, this kind of business is not appropriate for the Old and Historic District," said Mayor William D. Euille.

"This is really not the image we want to project in Old Town. I would hope they would tone down their presentation," said Vice Mayor Redella "Del" Pepper.

Old Town Civic Association's President Poul Hertel said, "Society will continuously have its bounds of rationality tested. Some for the good. This case is



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/THE GAZETTE

Mary-Lynn Saunders helps animal lovers find treats and gifts for their pets at "Chateau Animaux," 101 S. St. Asaph St., former home of "Fetch."

in the United States, where he has taken advanced training at Graham Webb Academy.

For more information on "g!for hair" visit www.gforhair.com or call the shop at 703-549-0606. Drop-in clients are also welcome.

IN THE TRANSFORMATION category is the newly named Chateau Animaux, formerly known as "Fetch," located at 101 S. St. Asaph St., across from the side entrance to the Alexandria Courthouse. The new owner, Dennis Bourgault, operates another animal specialty shop on Eighth Street in the District of Columbia.

Chateau Animaux has retained the same products offered by former owners of Fetch, Doug and Lisa Erby. They still maintain their other store in The Shops of Lorton Valley just off Ox Road.

Chateau Animaux specializes in treats, toys and accessories for dogs and cats. It was founded in 1994 in Washington, D.C., by owners Bourgault and Michael Suddath. Their Washington store was recently named 2008-2009 Retailer of the Year by Pet Product News International.

"We're thrilled to be in Old Town. It is an extremely dog-friendly place and we're already working with the Hotel Monaco to supply its pampered animal guests with our gourmet biscuits," Bourgault said.

Formal ownership transferred from Erby on Jan. 1.

not one of them and we are evaluating how to best bring them back. But, we need to do it in such a way as to not increase the notoriety, because that is the same as free advertisement."

As to what can be done, Planning & Zoning Department Director Faroll Hamer said, "We are looking into what other jurisdiction have done."

The only controls presently on the books in Alexandria for that zone applies to the definition of entertainment — and this establishment does not fit any of those defined categories.

"Had anybody thought that this was a commercially viable possibility in this location we probably would have had something in place in a regulatory sense," Spera said.

The ultimate answer may rest more with economics than regulations. If it succeeds it will probably stay. If it doesn't it will become another of those empty stores with the only thing in the front window being a for rent sign. Customers and their wallets will be the final judge.

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BRAC Attack

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Residents of Alexandria's West End gathered in the community room of the Buddie Ford Nature Center on Sanger Avenue on Wednesday night, Jan. 14, to express their frustrations over the Mark Center choice as the future home of 6,400 Washington Headquarters Services personnel as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Report (BRAC).

"We are trying to work with the Army, the City, and Duke Realty as cooperatively as possible. This development will rival PTO when completed. The difference is PTO has ready access to Metro and this site does not. But, we can't change it," said Lynn Bostain, president, Seminary West Civic Association, sponsor of the meeting.

THE PRIMARY FRUSTRATION expressed by the nearly 50 attendees was the lack of contact by ei

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The daily broadcasts will begin when each body convenes.

The 2009 legislative session Virginia General Assembly convened on Jan. 14, and will run 45 days.

Go to <http://legis.state.va.us/>. Links for streaming video and also an audio only option, are appropriately front and center.

More than one-third of all legislation proposed in the Virginia General Assembly dies in

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subcommittee. And in previous years, the votes of the subcommittee members were not recorded. There was no accountability for legislators who "tabled" proposals that were important to Virginians.

This year, subcommittee votes will be recorded and available on the General Assembly's Web site. It's an important step.

TIME FOR SMOKING RESTRICTIONS

Gov. Tim Kaine (D) is promoting legislation that would ban smoking in restaurants in Virginia. We support his efforts.

Secondhand smoke kills 1,700 Virginians per year, according to the Virginia Department of Health. Levels of secondhand smoke are up to

five times higher in restaurants than in homes with smokers, according to the American Lung Association.

If the General Assembly doesn't pass legislation banning smoking in restaurants, it should at least allow localities the power to restrict smoking within their borders.

CONSTITUENT VIEWPOINTS

The House of Delegates and Senate of Virginia operate a toll-free message center to accept calls from citizens who want to express an opinion on legislation. The messages are relayed to the members' offices as requested. Call the Constituent Viewpoint line at 800-889-0229.

Keeping Focused on Student Achievement

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN
ALEXANDRIA SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

This week, our country experienced a peaceful and majestic transition of power as a new president took office. I have lived through this transition with awe 12 times during my life. As a young man in the 1960s, I watched on black and white television as the new President, John F. Kennedy, challenged us to fly to the moon, and two decades later, I watched in color as a new President Ronald Reagan went to Berlin and said, "Tear down this wall." Today, I am able to watch these important events on my phone. We are blessed to live in this democracy of hope and limitless possibilities ... and we are challenged by ongoing and needed changes.

In Alexandria City Public Schools, we are excited about the possibilities that come with change. With input from parents and community members, we are simultaneously working toward accomplishing our 2008-2010 division goals, developing our operating budget for the 2009-2010 school year, and creating a long-term strategic plan. We will build on our strong



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foundation to make ACPS a great school division for all students, and not just the 70 percent who score well on the SOL exams. It is our moral imperative to ensure that all children succeed. Together, we too will tear down walls and soar higher than ever before.

LAST THURSDAY, I presented to the School Board the first quarterly update on our division goals, which is available on the ACPS Web site. We have made much progress in our efforts to attain higher achievement for each and every student; yet, there is much work still to be done. The goals we have set and the improvements we are making are based on data and research. We have instituted a new cyclical system for program assessment to ensure that what we are doing is working, and to guide us in making adjustments if needed. I will continue to provide an update each quarter on the 2008-2010 goals. We will assess and adjust until all students exceed the state average on

standardized test scores, and then we'll keep going until we raise the floor and blow away the ceiling.

The proposed operating budget for the 2009-2010 school year reflects this commitment. You are invited to participate tonight in a public hearing on the proposed budget, which is also available online. The proposed budget champions student achievement and excellent instruction while being responsive to current economic challenges. By creatively reallocating existing resources and having staff share the impact of reductions, we have developed a budget that continues to move us forward toward higher achievement for each and every student; maintains small classes and quality learning environments; and avoids large scale lay-offs. The School Board is scheduled to adopt the budget on Thursday, Feb. 5.

WE HAVE our current goals, our budget for next year, and the third piece of the vision for our students — a long-term strategic plan. The strategic planning process will identify where we are, where we want to be in the future,

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Need To Set Aside Partisan Bickering

BY DAVID ENGLIN
DELEGATE (D-45)

On Wednesday, the Virginia General Assembly convened for the 2009 legislative session. Between the \$3-billion shortfall in state revenue, the economy in crisis, and families and businesses struggling, now is the time to set aside partisan bickering and focus on the issues that matter to the people of Virginia. Unfortunately, the House Republican leadership didn't get the memo. Their first act of the session — even before taking attendance — was a vote to refuse to seat Delegate-Elect Charniele Herring, the Alexandria Democrat who won the special election to succeed

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Brian Moran in the 46th District. After a close race, followed by the vote canvass required by Virginia law, the State Board of Elections certified the final results, formally declaring Herring the victor. In an unprecedented move, House Republicans voted to refuse to accept her Certificate of Election. Later that day, House Republicans called an "emergency" meeting of the Privileges and Elections Committee, on which I serve, to address a political bill they bring forward each year intended to prevent the Democratic Party of Virginia from holding its annual gala during the General Assembly session. I opposed the bill because I believe it is unconstitutional. Rather than making a serious effort to address cam-

paign finance reform, they forced a floor vote on a sloppy bill in an attempt to play political "gotcha!"

THE SMALL PIECE of good news from the opening of the session is that daily floor proceedings of the House of Delegates are now being broadcast live over the internet, so citizens can see what goes on here in Thomas Jefferson's temple of democracy. I sponsored a bill during the 2007 General Assembly session to require this open-government reform. The Republican leadership killed it at the time, so I am glad they have finally come around. (To view House floor sessions live, visit www.davidenglin.org/sunshine and you will

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Citizens Ignored Again

To the Editor:

It appears that the City's recently released staff report regarding the Tour Bus Task Force's findings is skewed 100 percent toward the business community's interests. The residents of Old Town have again ended up on the short end of the stick. Specifically, the report totally ignores the concerns of the

residents. There is not one finding in the entire 55-page report that satisfies the concerns of the residents despite the fact that the citizens on the Task Force articulated very direct and clear recommendations.

The citizens have repeatedly asked that these monstrous 45 foot tour buses be parked in a holding facility like the Masonic Temple Parking Lot, the Bus Barn or some other suitable location, perhaps on Eisenhower Avenue, and from

there the tourists be transported to Old Town, especially the Old and Historic District, by trolleys or jitney buses.

The residents requested that the trolleys and/or jitneys not be over 20 feet and that they replace the 45-foot tour buses in the Old and Historic District.

The citizens want the 45-foot buses be kept off our fragile streets in the Old and Historic District

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Nice Del Ray home located between Mt. Vernon Ave. and Rt. 1 on double lot. Brand new kitchen, 4 bedrooms, 3 1/2 bathrooms. Main level with high ceilings, oak floors, crown molding and fireplace. Central A/C, new washer and dryer, partly finished basement with lots of room for storage. Total fence in yard and paved driveway. Front porch and full back deck. Come see it! This one won't last long.

Nora Partlow | 703-518-8300 **Del Ray**

New Listing



6621 Wakefield Drive #502 | \$300,000

Rare three bedroom, two bath condo in River Towers located on 26 landscaped acres backing to wetlands. Beautiful wood floors, renovated kitchen, new convectors, updated baths, and new doors make this move in ready. Amenities include ample free parking, pool, tennis, garden plots, picnic grove with grills, exercise room plus more. Condo fee includes utilities. Convenient location to local shops and restaurants, parkway, Old Town and bus to Metro.

Denise Davis | 571 332-8531 **Alexandria S**

Open Sunday 1-4



1209 Duke Street | \$575,000

Circa 1846 brick TH gem, heart of Old Town with garage and driveway parking! Two levels, 2BRs, 1.5BAs. Warm hardwood floors, tasteful moldings, two fireplaces, updated kitchen with granite counters and SS appliances, neutral decor. Walk out to Georgetown patio and carriage house garage with bonus upstairs storage. Just blocks to King St Metro, Whole Foods, restaurants, et al. Photos on www.paddockhomes.com

Vaughn & Diane Paddock | 703 628-2828 **Old Town**

New Listing



1105 Belle View Boulevard | \$285,000

Two bedroom one bath porch end unit, totally renovated and lovely! This popular village offers easy access, pool, tennis, tot lots, shopping center, great walking/jogging, marina on Potomac and open parking. This home offers great hardwood floors, white kitchen, fresh white bath, fresh paint and rare porch opportunity. The low condo fee covers most utilities.

Nancy Tompkins | 703 518-2813 **Alexandria S**

New Listing



520 Carlyle Street #233 | \$339,900

Condos of Carlyle Square
Absolutely gorgeous and spacious studio apartment with granite kitchen counters, custom maple cabinets, hardwoods, 10 foot ceilings, floor to ceiling windows, lovely court yard as seen from the unit, assigned space in underground garage. Minutes to King St Metro, Whole Foods and restaurants.

Ed Pagett | 703 528-6161 **Old Town**

New on Market — Open Sunday 1-4



237 Murtha Street | \$665,000

Exceptional Van Metre built "Arthur Allen" model TH in Cameron Station. 2650 sq ft on 4 levels, 4 BRs, 4.5BA, spacious kitchen/family room combo w/fireplace, 2nd family room & office space on LL, deck & patio, garage plus driveway parking. Light filled w/high ceilings, tasteful moldings, hardwood floors. Prime location, 1 block to Brenman Park, fitness center & pool, free shuttle to Metro, et al. Photos on www.paddockhomes.com.

Vaughn & Diane Paddock | 703 628-2828 **Cameron Station**

Great Value



1108 Waynewood Boulevard | \$619,000

All-brick Berkeley model with popular floor plan. This home is light and bright, fresh paint, beautiful hardwood floors, new Berber carpet in recreation room, oversized back yard and spacious attic. Wonderful location between Waynewood school, pool, tennis and parks. Enjoy exercising along the beautiful GW Parkway Trail. Convenient to DC, Fort Belvoir, Old Town and Metro.

Sue Dickerson | 703 380-0153 **Alexandria S**



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912 Clifton Drive
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Located just off East Boulevard Drive along the George Washington Parkway, this home has the feel of yesterday with today's amenities. Wide planked floors, coffered ceilings, stone fireplaces, back staircase, archways, multi-piece moldings and hand made paneling on 3/4 acre. Both main and upper level masters plus four bedroom suites, library, catering center, kids mud room, fitness and theater, hobby and reading rooms. Wired for home media/technology, three car garage. Dir: S on GW Pkwy, left onto East Blvd Dr, right onto Clifton Dr.

Phyllis Patterson | 703 518-6158 Alexandria S

New Price ! Open Sunday 1-4

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1500 Grassymeade Lane
\$924,900



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

Karen Leonard | 703-328-7041 Alexandria S

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610 South Washington Street
\$1,899,000



Every once in a while a special property becomes available that will excite even the most discerning purchaser. This sun drenched brick end townhouse is only 2 years old and has extraordinary attention to detail, from the high ceilings, double crown molding, to the reclaimed pines floors on 3 levels to the media room with it's mini-kitchen and wine closet on the lower level. This home also includes a private gated entrance leading to its' detached 2 car garage. Perfect for entertaining, the gourmet kitchen flows into the family room and the back yard/patio area. Four gas fireplaces, including one on the rooftop deck. 3 BD and 4.5 BA completes the over 3300 finished sq ft. Call 703.598.7788 for more information. Shown by appointment only. www.VirginiaRealEstate4u.com

Bonnie Rivkin | 703 598-7788 Old Town

Open Sunday 1-4

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



2003 Glen Drive
\$1,675,000



You Don't Have To Be Inaugurated To Live In This White House!
Perched on the top of an ivy covered hill in a grand setting, this classic beauty exudes the grace and charm of old with a sophisticated blend of today's comforts. With six bedrooms, including a private au-pair suite with separate above - garage staircase and kitchenette, plus five and a half baths, two fireplaces, welcoming sunroom, dramatic central staircase and large finished basement, this grand home offers plenty of space for comfortable living or gracious entertaining.

Karen Leonard | 703-328-7041 Belle Haven

Open Sunday 1-4

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



227 North Lee Street
\$1,199,000



Beautiful 3 BR, 3 1/2 BA townhouse just steps from King Street and the scenic Old Town waterfront. This home effortlessly blends old and new to create the ideal living space! Handsome moldings, tray ceilings, hardwood floors, plentiful recessed lighting and many elegant details. The luxurious master bedroom suite features a bay window, gas log fireplace, and a shining marble bath with dual sinks, Jacuzzi and separate glass-enclosed shower. There are two additional "bedroom suites", an upper level family room, formal living and dining rooms and a sparkling eat-in chef's kitchen with granite. Two off-street parking places, and come Spring, look forward to enjoying the rooftop skyline from the sunny private patio!

Jane Cole | 703 682-5407 Old Town

New Price

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



6124 Edgewood Terrace
\$1,495,000



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

Jeanne Warner | 703-980-9106 Belle Haven

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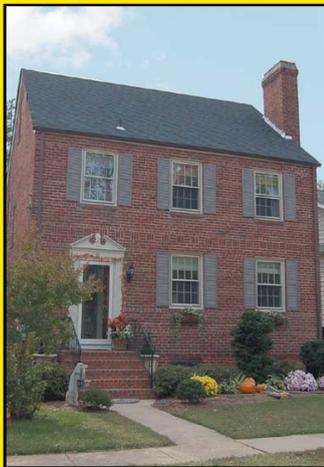
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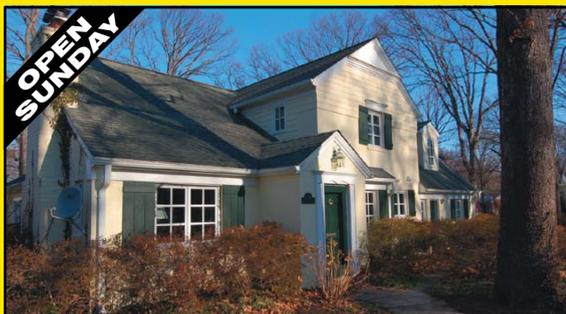
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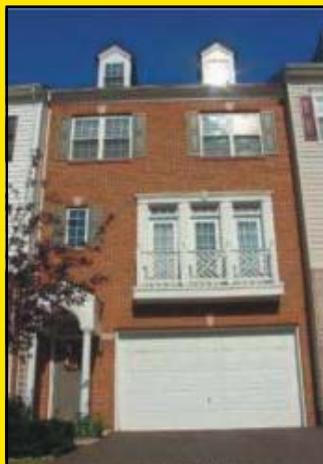
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Fantastic 3 bedrm, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2-car garage TH
w/new carpet thru-out. Hardwoods in kitchen, family rm
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Joe Davis 571-338-4989



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the Beltway. New kitchen, carpet, & hardwd floors.
Family rm, 2 master bedrms, 3rd bedrm & 2 fireplaces.
5201 Cottingham Place
Nancie Williams 703-608-6959



Alexandria
\$1,124,000
Situating on prime lot in sought-after Beverley Hills. Renovated
& expanded w/4 bedrms, 3.5 baths, family rm off huge eat-in
kitchen w/granite & enormous master suite w/fireplace.
3108 Circle Hill Road
Carlene Bahler 703-338-6636



Alexandria
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Stunning 3 bedrm,
3.5 bath, 3-lvl TH
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gourmet kitchen,
LL family rm
w/fireplace & built-
ins. Brick patio,
deck off kitchen &
fenced garden.
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Gary Chute
703-371-9926



Alexandria
\$1,549,000
New home! Breathtaking w/custom craftsmanship
thru-out. Huge great rm, 5 bedrms, 5 baths, luxury
master suite, library & office. Space galore!
2500 Crest Street
Lillian York 703-307-2721



Alexandria
\$1,495,000
Stunning Arts & Crafts renovation! A warm family home w/over
5,000 SF including 5 BR, 4.5 BA, library & huge custom kitchen.
Finished LL, deck, stone patio & fenced landscaped lot. A rare
package!
2412 Crest Street
Mary Hurlbut 703-548-4741



Alexandria
\$699,900
Spacious, beautiful brick Colonial on 1/3 acre w/garage,
office, large rms, 5 bedrms, 3.5 baths, French doors to
deck, & country kitchen w/SS appliances & ceramic tile.
919 Kemper Street
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Outstanding renovation w/5,100 SF on small cul-de-sac, 5
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THE SPORTING LIFE

Alexandria Sportsman's Club

Meets monthly at Old Dominion Boat Club. The Alexandria Sportsman's Club is a charitable organization which honors the student-athletes of the Alexandria community. The organization, established 50 years ago, holds meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at the Old Dominion Boat Club (1 King Street, Alexandria). Special guest speakers from the local sports community highlight the monthly get-togethers. Refreshments are provided at the meetings. All adults, 18 and older, who love sports are encouraged to attend. The organization's annual showcase event is the Awards Night meeting in May where the top athletes of Alexandria's high schools are honored. To learn more about the organization or get information on an upcoming meeting, call Alexandria Sportsman's Club Member Steve Lehman 703-470-4301 (cell).

Fort Hunt Sportsman Association

703-360-3134
Founded in 1963, Fort Hunt Sportsman Association raises money and presents awards to athletes and teams for the schools in the West Potomac High School pyramid and Fort Hunt Youth Athletic Association. The group holds a dinner meeting on the second Thursday of each month at rotating locations. For information and a meeting schedule, contact Rick Genuario at 703-360-3134.

Pohick Bay Regional Park Golf Course

10301 Gunston Road
703-339-8585
www.nvrpa.org/pohickbaygolf.html
Pohick Bay Regional Park Golf Course fea-

tures an 18-hole, par 72 golf course, as well as tournaments and golf lessons. Contact Golf Course Manager Craig Palm with questions.

Greendale Golf Course

6700 Telegraph Road
703-971-3788
www.co.fairfax.va.us/parks/greendale
Greendale is a municipal course in Fairfax County. It features an 18-hole, par 70 course as well as lessons, on 148 acres of rolling grounds with asphalt cart paths.

Play Soccer

Gunston Recreational Micro Soccer Fields (Grist Mill Park)
703-360-7013 and 703-313-8530
www.playgunstonsoccer.org/fields.php
Join one of the many micro soccer teams that play two seasons (fall and spring) on these fields. Also enjoy the playground and picnic areas and let your dog enjoy the dog park.

Alexandria Soccer Association

Swim Forever

Alexandria Masters Swimming
alexandriamasters@earthlink.net
www.alexandriamasters.com
U.S. Masters Swimming is a national organization which promotes swimming for adults over 18 years old. They offer structured coached workouts with Curl-Burke Swim Club. Workouts are held throughout the year at various local pools and emphasize fitness, conditioning, and stroke mechanics. Swimming abilities range from beginning lap swimmers to college.

Catch a Wave in the Pool

Cameron Run Regional Park
4001 Eisenhower Ave.
703-960-0767
www.nvrpa.org/cameron.html
Cameron Run Regional Park offers a variety of recreation facilities in an urban area, including Great Waves water park. Catch a wave in the wave pool, twist and turn down four-story water slides, take a plunge down speed slides, splash in the splash pads, play



Alexandria Potomac Little League at the Bucknell Elementary School field.

with friends in the shallow waters of the play pool. Little ones will enjoy the tad pool. The park also features a deluxe miniature golf course with a pond, a nine-station batting cage, picnic shelters, and a special event pavilion.

Land a Kick-Flip

Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skatepark
3540 Wheeler Ave.
703-838-4343
Visit the Schuyler Hamilton Jones Skateboard Park on Duke Street at the intersection with Quaker Lane. The 11,000 square foot park features 6- and 4-foot half-pipes, a fun box, a 3-foot spine, and rails. It is free and open from dawn to dusk, seven days a week.

Hit Golf Balls at a Computerized Driving Range

TopGolf
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703-924-2600
www.topgolfusa.com
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Enlist in a Coaching Clinic

Alexandria Youth Sports Office
703-838-4345
The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities offers coaching clinics for individuals — with or without experience — who are interested in coaching youth sports. The clinics — for those who coach baseball, cheerleading, basketball, softball, and football — are held two times seasonally (spring, summer, fall, winter) at the Lee Center. Sessions are held evenings and are two hours long. There are two types of coaching training offered — Certification through the National Youth Sports Coaches Alliance; and 'Pursuing Victory With Honor,' which focuses on sportsmanship.

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Alexandria Little League

703-739-4444
www.alexandriabaseball.com

Alexandria Potomac Little League

(formerly Bucknell Little League)
703-768-5588
http://eteamz.active.com/apll/

Fort Hunt Little League

703-798-0893

Woodlawn Little League

703-780-9682
www.woodlawnlitttleleague.com

Someone once wrote that "Time begins on Opening Day." There is something special about Little League Opening Day ceremonies each spring. Ball-playing boys and girls gather for the festivities attired in their brilliant colored uniforms. They, along with parents/guardians, family members and community members, celebrate the start of a new ball season. Visit one of the local Little League Opening Day festivities next spring. Local leagues include Woodlawn, Alexandria Little League, Alexandria Potomac Little League, and Fort Hunt. Who knows, one might even feel younger for it and decide to catch some of the Little League baseball and softball action throughout the playing season. It's never too early to 'Play Ball!'

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FROM PAGE 15 Young Athletes Can Improve Their Game

Nannie J. Lee Memorial
 Recreation Center
 1108 Jefferson St.
 703-838-4345

Children can learn the basics of their favorite sport by attending a Fundamentals Clinic through the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Local coaches or volunteers will teach youngsters the way to play the game the right way through the teaching of basic playing techniques. They will also learn the importance of good sportsmanship. Whether it's learning more about hoops, baseball, softball, or football, youngsters will gain a greater appreciation of their sport.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

There are many options for youth sports, including soccer.

Get Into the Swing Of Things

The StrikeZone Academy
 826 South Pickett St.
 703-823-0061
www.thestrikezoneacademy.com

The indoor facility is the ideal place for players to practice their baseball and softball skills year round. Three batting cages are available for teams, along with 'Iron Mike' automatic pitching machines. And there are other areas to practice pitching and fielding. There are batting, fielding, and catching instructors for beginner-level players on up through high school aged players.

Attend Amateur/Pro Boxing Events

Dennis Porter
 Charles Houston Recreation Center
 901 Wythe Street
 703-838-4234

The Alexandria Boxing Club is located at The Fred Smith Center, which is an extension of the Charles Houston Recreation Center. Every weeknight, members of the ABC team — both pro fighters and amateurs — practice their craft under coach Dennis Porter. The ABC team competes in numerous boxing fights throughout the year — either in the metro area or statewide. During the last two years the team captured first place at the USA/Virginia State Tournament Championships in Arlington. There is a true love and passion for the sport at ABC. To visit a practice session or to find out when local "Fights Night" events are scheduled, call Dennis Porter.

Join the Horsey Set

Woodlawn Stables
 8907 Richmond Highway
 703-780-4344
www.woodlawnstables.com

With a summer horsemanship camp and group lessons for those over eight years, and classes for adults and children, Woodlawn Stables has been teaching English saddle riding for more than 25 years. For the required goods, trot on over to an associated store, Woodlawn Stablery, which provides English tack, riding apparel and accessories, as well as Breyer model horses, from 8405-J Richmond Highway in Potomac Square (703-360-2288).

Hit the Ice

Mount Vernon Recreation Center
 2017 Belle View Blvd.
 703-768-3224

Ever see one of those "Peanuts" TV specials where Snoopy easily glides across the ice as flawless as any Olympian skater? Well, it's harder than it looks even if "good ol' Snoopy" makes it look easy. But what a great sport to learn, and what a way to cool off during the hot months. To find out about ice-skating lessons at Mount Vernon Rec Center, go to: www.FairfaxCounty.gov/parks. Or, get a hold of a free Parktakes magazine by calling 703-222-4664.

Rock On

Sportrock-Alexandria
 5308 Eisenhower Ave.
 703-212-7625

The closest to a mountain range Alexandria has is the 12,000 square feet of indoor climbing walls at Sportrock Alexandria. A thorough calendar of course offerings for children and adults of all age levels, and the opportunity to walk in and take a beginners' class on the spot, makes any time the right time for a climb.

Jazz it up with Jazzercise

Hollin Hall Senior Center
 1500 Shenandoah Road
 703-765-0142
www.jazzmtvernon.com

Jazzercise combines elements of jazz dance, resistance training, Pilates, yoga, kick-boxing, to create effective programs for people of every age and fitness level. Increase muscle tone, flexibility, balance, strength and endurance using easy-to-follow movements. Arrive at least 15 minutes prior to class and register; managers are there to advise. Begin at any time.

Playing War Is Better Than Fighting War

Eagle and Empire Game Shop
 8405-D Richmond Highway
 703-360-5363

Players of miniature war games gather at this shop to play each other. Games played include Warhammer Fantasy, Warhammer 40K, Warmaster Ancients, Flames of War and Command Decision. Meetings are on Friday nights, the weekend and sometimes Wednesday nights. Free, one needs to bring one's own pieces. Call the shop on Wednesdays to find out the weekly schedule.

Knitting Nights

Knit Happens
 127A North Washington St.
 703-836-0039
www.knithappens.net

The self-described Nirvana for knitters shop Knit Happens hosts a Knit n' Nosh 5-7 p.m. the first Friday of every month, and is open late — until 8 p.m. — every Wednesday for quality after-work knitting time. New classes every quarter allow anyone over 14 to learn how to cast on and cast off, or practice for intermediate purling.

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ONGOING

On **Sundays** from noon-5 p.m., visit the Waterfront and see **history-inspired performances** near the Torpedo Factory; do a "meet and greet" of early Alexandria residents and travelers near the Waterfront and lower King Street. Free. Visit www.historicalexandria.org for more.

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 through Feb. 15, 2009. For more information, visit www.MountVernon.org.

La Muse, 108 N. Patrick St., collects and ships donations for www.AnySoldier.com every day of the year. Bring donations to La Muse and it will be packaged and shipped to soldiers. For ideas on what to donate go to: www.ShopLaMuse.net/Anysoldier.html or call 703-683-1696.

Historic Mount Vernon welcomes **Inauguration visitors** in January with 20 percent off adult admission. Visitors must print the coupon from Mount Vernon's Web site: <http://visit.mountvernon.org>. January is also the 250th wedding anniversary of George and Martha Washington, and on display Jan. 12 - Feb. 23 are

Mrs. Washington's wedding slippers, which have not been exhibited at Mount Vernon in over 30 years. \$15 for adults; \$7 for youth ages 6-11; and free for children five and younger. Visit <http://visit.mountvernon.org> or 703-780-2000.

The public can participate in the second annual "**Alexandria Recreation Games for Healthy Living**," **Jan. 10 through March 6**. An awards ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, March 28, at the Lee Center Kauffman Auditorium, 1108 Jefferson St. To register, pick up an information packet at the Chinguapin Park Recreation Center, or online at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services present free **dance workshops** at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, from 3:30-5 p.m. on Feb. 13, 27, March 13, 27, April 10, 24 and May 8. To register, 703-324-4386.

Woodlawn's Needlework exhibition is **March 1-31** at 9000 Richmond Highway. There will be demonstrations, lunch by Nelly's Needlers and more. See needleworks from around the world. Visit www.woodlawn1805.org or 703-780-4000 for more.

THURSDAY/JAN. 22

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

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at

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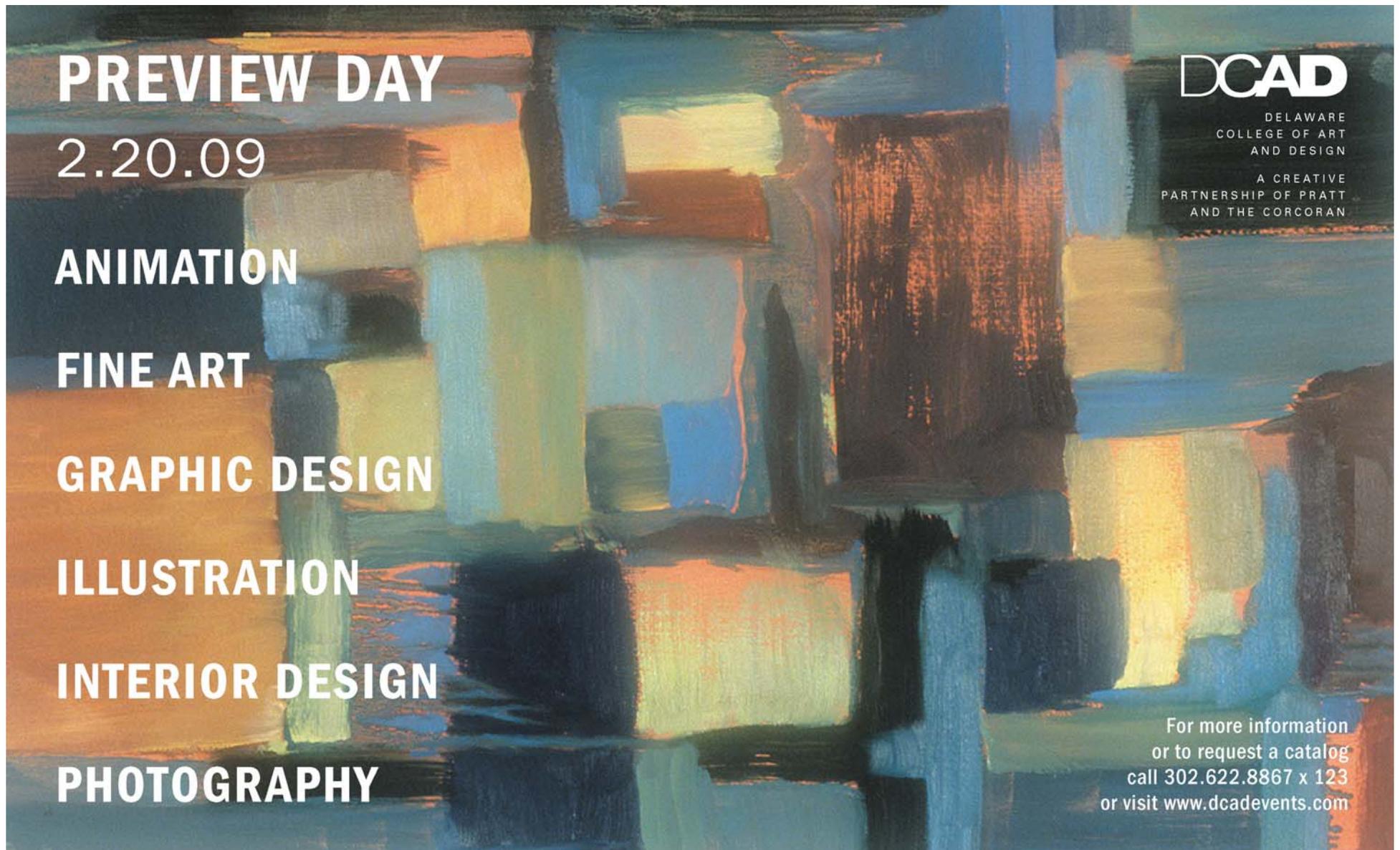
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4300 Neptune Dr
\$497,000
Yacht Haven Opportunity!
 Rare 3/4 acre corner lot in prestigious Yacht Haven Estates, one

of the Mount Vernon area's premier waterfront communities! Spacious home combined with exceptionally large building area provides limitless potential on this gorgeous level lot with access to Mount Vernon Yacht Club.



5304 Cedar Ct
\$398,500
Creekside Charmer!
 Cozy 3BR, 1.5BA rambler on huge 1/2 acre lot bordering scenic Dogue

Creek. Home has been completely remodeled and updated by leading local craftsman. Stunning updated kitchen with maple cabinets, granite countertops & stainless appliances, LR with fireplace, bamboo floors, updated baths & more! Assessed by Fairfax County for \$439,500!



4203 Adrienne Dr
\$459,000
Updated Home!
 Owner's job transfer creates a 'too good to be true' opportunity for this updated

home on 3/4 acre lot! High ceilings, thermal windows, updated kitchen & baths, gas fireplace, walk out lower level, new a/c unit, 2 car garage, 5 zone sprinkler sys, custom deck with gazebo & hot tub overlook park-like setting. Nothing like it in the area close to this price!



3601 Riverwood Rd
\$749,500
Riverwood Gem!
 Updated Colonial in premier location near the Potomac River

neighboring homes selling for \$3,595,850 and \$5,500,000! Owner spent \$175,000 in recent upgrades. Special features include: spectacular custom kitchen with granite, stainless and light maple cabinets, four bedrooms, hardwood floors, updated and reconfigured baths, large screened porch, oversized garage and fenced yard.



4003 Belle Rive Terr
\$4,800,000
Riverfront Estate!
 Prime Mount Vernon location with the most breathtaking river

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



6421 Olmi Landrith Drive
\$385,000
Major Updates!
 Fabulous property in prime location just a few houses away from Belle

Haven's multi-million dollar mansions! Recent major updates include: new roof, thermal windows, special insulated siding, refinished hardwood floor & more! Large screened porch & fenced yard. Nothing like it for under \$400K this close to Belle Haven!



8826 Camden Street
\$899,500
Gorgeous Setting!
 There's nothing like it on the market today – fabulous new

Wakefield Home custom designed for this half acre lot overlooking acres of natural conservation land. Bright and open floor plan, high ceilings, granite countertops and two car garage. Pre-construction sale allows for maximum customization.



Brambly Lane
\$969,900
FREE FINISHED BASEMENT FOR 1ST CONTRACT IN JANUARY – \$50,000 VALUE!
 Pre-construction special makes this new luxury home

available at a price that is simply incomprehensible! Same model sold a few months ago for over \$1,600,000! High ceilings, open floor plan, 4BR, 3.5BA, energy conserving features, oversize garage & more! (Picture of same model for illustration purposes only.)



2505 Crest Street
\$429,900
Rare Bargain!
 Very attractive Braddock Heights rambler with all brick exterior, spacious updated

kitchen, replacement thermal pane windows and large attic for great storage. Gorgeous setting on beautiful fenced lot convenient to everything! Live in Alexandria's premier single family neighborhood for less than the cost of a townhouse!

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Alex/Mt Vernon
\$1,080,000
WYCLIFF ON POTOMAC

Spacious beautiful all brick home located in sought after community. 4-5BR/3.5BA, 2-story entry foyer, formal LR/DR, kitchen w/brkfst bar w/adjoining FR & sun room, library & fully finished walk-out LL w/5th BR, game room & bar. Bordering on Mt Vernon Estate & close to community golf, pools, tennis & boating clubs.

3806 Washington Woods Drive
 MARYLOU SAGE 703.851.5441



OPEN SUN. 1-4



Mt Vernon
\$650,000
JUST LISTED
1ST OFFERING

Many improvements made to this 4 bedroom colonial, to include kitchen and bath updates, roof and systems. Located in cul-de-sac near Stratford Elementary School. Dir: From Alexandria/Old Town, GW Pkwy S, R Collingwood, cross Ft. Hunt Rd, L Riverside, R Cavendish, R Camden to 8404.

8404 Camden Street

LEAH CHAPLA 703.929.4875



OPEN SUN. 1-4



Alexandria
\$379,000
FAIRLINGTON MEWS GEM

Fabulous, rarely available 3-level Edgewood, All-brick end townhouse. 1 bedroom, 2 full bath, hardwoods, huge MBR walk-in closet, den plus office, tennis court across street. At I-395 and King street. To view 4665 S. 36th St before open call Philip.

4665 36th Street

PHILIP G. MATYAS
 703.518.8727



Alex/Clover
\$799,999
PRICE REDUCTION

Expanded cape with white picket fence in Clover. You'll be amazed what lies behind the front door of this home, 4BR/2.5BA, library enveloped w/bookcases, bright & airy 20x20 family room with FP & French doors opening up to nicely landscaped yard. For an appt. to see this wonderful house, call Mary.

311 Cambridge Road

MARY BOURKE 703.906.5825



OPEN SUN. 1-4



Stratford Landing
\$599,000
JUST LISTED!

Bright & Sunny beautiful hdwd flrs, large foyer, Euro cabinet kit, extended master w/ large walk-in & updated en-suite bath, screened in porch, large lot begging for pool, mature trees, brick patio, pond in front, tandem garage for 2 cars, 2BR/2BA up, 2BR/1BA lower, w/ family rm & laundry/utility rm. EZ commuting to Old Town, DC & South. Huntington Metro. For more information call Brian & Jery or visit www.brianandjery.com

8443 Porter Lane

BRIAN HONG/JERY BEAMER
 703.518.8738



OPEN SUN. 1-4



Maryland
\$1,095,000
BEAUTIFULLY RENOVATED

3-lvl, brick home with heated, salt water swimming pool, bounded by a natural barrier fence of trees. 2008 renovations include: Updated kit w/granite & new appl. Renovated spa bath on LL, 2 updated 2nd flr BAs/powder rooms. Fresh paint, refinished oak flrs, library shelving in Fam. Rm. Patio walk-out & new fence with gated entry & driveway.

9601 Accord Drive

SEAN SATKUS/KENDRA CAREY/THE CAREY TEAM
 703.731.8086



Alex/Stonegate
\$379,000
A LITTLE DRAMA FOR THE NEW YEAR

Nine foot ceiling, sparkling hardwood floors & a spacious 1210 SF sets this 2BR/2BA condo apart from the competition. Other features include balcony (w/view of Capitol & Washington from monument), luxury bath & quiet but convenient location. Just listed call JR for details.

4689 Longstreet Lane

JOHN RANDOLPH
 703.307.4182



OPEN SUN. 1-4



Washington DC
\$779,900
DUPONT

Stunning tree top views from this loft style 2-lvl condo. Hardwood floors, 2BRs/2BAs, gourmet kitchen w/BB, wood burning FP & wood stove in loft bedroom. Perfection in entertaining/stargazing from the 200 SF penthouse deck. Move-in ready. 1 parking space conveys.

1820 T Street NW #6

SEAN SATKUS
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 THE CAREY TEAM
 703.731.8086



Alexandria
\$599,900
4 LEVEL BRICK SPLIT...

has been meticulously maintained & it shows. The property is move-in ready w/neutral colors. 3 generously sized BRs/2FB/2HB, large eat-in kit. w/cherry cabinetry & granite countertops, dreamy MBR, walk-in closet, large bath. LL above grade den w/access to backyard, half bath plumbed for shower. Double flat lot w/ mature trees. Great value in popular neighborhood.

8018 Wellington

SUZANNE BACKUS 703.338.3594



GOING WITH THE DOGS

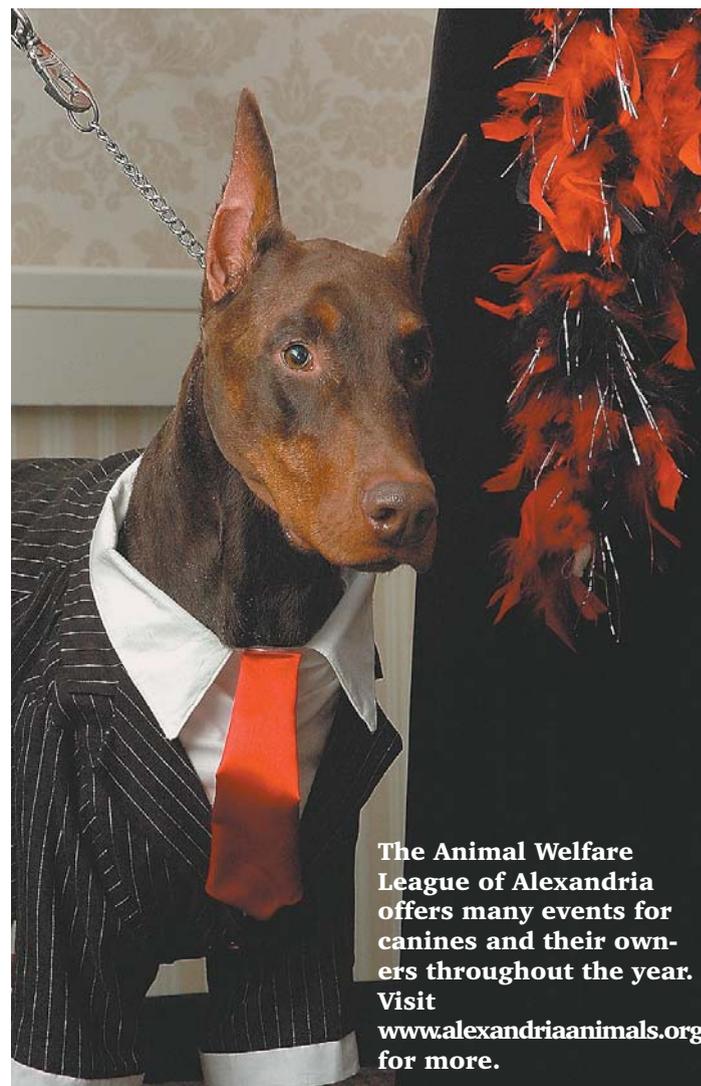


Watch the pool calendars for doggie swimming in Cameron Run Regional Park and the Cameron Street pool after Labor Day.

Living Off the Leash

Grist Mill Dog Park
4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway
703-324-8662

Let your dog run free at the new Grist Mill off-leash dog park. Your dogs will love to frolic with their canine companions in the one-acre, fenced in park covered by crushed stone.



The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria offers many events for canines and their owners throughout the year. Visit www.alexandrianimals.org for more.

St. Pat's Fun Dog Show

Market Square at 10:30 before the St. Pat's Day Parade, the first Saturday of March.

Eats, treats and drinks for all from April through October.

Doggie Drinks, Treats

Doggie Happy Hour
Hotel Monaco
480 King St.
703-549-6080
www.doggiehappyhour.com

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m., meet two- and four-legged friends in the courtyard of the Holiday Inn Select.

No Doggie Paddling Here

Canine Cruises
Potomac River Boat Company
Alexandria City Marina
Cameron and Union Street
703-548-9000
www.potomacriverboatco.com

Every second Thursday of the month, there will be special canine cruises on the Potomac River aboard the Admiral Tilp.

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Tuesday - Greek Night
Lamb Marinated and Roasted for 3 hours, Athenian Roast Chicken, Moussaka!

Wednesday - All American Night
Meatloaf, Chicken Fried Chicken. Va. Ham

Thursday - Italian Night
Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, Calamari

Friday - Fish Night
Crab Cakes, Shrimp & Scallops over penne pasta with white sauce

Saturday -Steak and Chop Night
Prime Rib, Lamb, Surf and Turf, Pork Chops, and Moussaka

Sunday
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CALENDAR

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Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 1-2 years. Free. 703-838-4566.

Thursday Story Time. 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Free. Ages 3-5. 703-838-4566.

Storytime. 4 p.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3-5 years. Free. 703-838-4555.

Theater Performance. Hayfield Secondary School's Middle School Drama Department will present the musical "Oliver!" at 7:30 p.m. in the Rebecca S. Wilburn Auditorium, 7630 Telegraph Road. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit www.hayfielddrama.com to purchase tickets.

FRIDAY/JAN. 23

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children ages 2 and under enjoy songs and stories. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

Time for 2s. 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Ages 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-519-5900.

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

Theater Performance. Hayfield Secondary School's Middle School Drama Department will present the musical "Oliver!" at 7:30 p.m. in the Rebecca S. Wilburn Auditorium, 7630 Telegraph Road. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit www.hayfielddrama.com to purchase tickets.



The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will perform Sunday, Jan. 25 at 4 p.m. at The Lyceum.

SATURDAY/JAN. 24

Needlework Workshop. 10 a.m. - noon at Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. Learn about 18th-century needlework and start a project. \$20/person includes a tour. Beginners and intermediate. Reservations required, 703-549-2997.

Magestic Eagles. 2:30 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe these birds and learn about their lives. Free. 703-339-2385.

Bay View Sunset Walk. 4 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe animals as they get ready for bed. Free. 703-339-2385.

Wild For Winter Waterfowl. 10:30 a.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe swans, ducks and other waterfowl. Free. 703-339-2385.

Gardening Lecture. 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Green Springs Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about how to start a garden, design one and more. \$160 includes all three lectures and afternoon workshop or \$15/lecture. Bring lunch. Registration required, 703-642-5173.

Wildlife in Winter. 1-3 p.m. at Huntley Meadows. Children ages 5-10 can play games, make crafts and more. \$4/child. Registration required, 703-768-2525.

In the Jungle Storytime. 11 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children ages 2 and up enjoy songs and stories about jungle friends. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

Kristin Levine Book Launch. 3 p.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children ages 10 and up can meet Alexandria author and hear her read from her new book "The Best Bad Luck I Ever Had." Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

Saturday Stories. 10:30 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All

ages can enjoy stories. Free. Registration required, 703-519-5900.

Theater Performance. Hayfield Secondary School's Middle School Drama Department will present the musical "Oliver!" at 7:30 p.m. in the Rebecca S. Wilburn Auditorium, 7630 Telegraph Road. Tickets are \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Visit www.hayfielddrama.com to purchase tickets.

Author Reading. 11 a.m. at Barnes and Noble, 3651 Jefferson Davis Highway. Susan Crites will read from her book "I Love You More Than Rainbows." Free.

SUNDAY/JAN. 25

Open House. 1-4 p.m. at Commonwealth Academy, 1321 Leslie Ave. For students entering grades 6-12. Visit www.CommonwealthAcademy.org or 703-548-6912.

Wintering Animals. 1 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe swans, ducks and other waterfowl. Free. 703-339-2385.

Magestic Eagles. 3 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe these birds and learn about their lives. Free. 703-339-2385.

Wild For Winter Waterfowl. 10:30 a.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe swans, ducks and other waterfowl. Free. 703-339-2385.

Wildlife in Winter. 1-3 p.m. at Huntley Meadows. Children ages 5-10 can play games, make crafts and more. \$4/child. Registration required, 703-768-2525.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road. Hear music of Bach with organ, hymns and more. Free. Visit www.wpc-alex.org or 703-549-4766.

Candlelight Yoga. Experience relaxing and rejuvenating yoga with

Carissa Ciuca, Sundays at 6:30 p.m. at Mindful Hands, 211 King St., \$60 for 6 weeks. Drop-ins welcome. Call Carissa Ciuca at 843-906-8784 for more information and to register.

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. Free, donations accepted. 703-505-0700.

MONDAY/JAN. 26

Wildlife in Winter. 1-3 p.m. at Huntley Meadows. Children ages 5-10 can play games, make crafts and more. \$4/child. Registration required, 703-768-2525.

Little One-Ders. 10 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 12-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-519-5900.

Family Tale Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages. Free. 703-519-5900.

Baby Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children up to 11 months. Free. 703-838-4566.

TUESDAY/JAN. 27

Time for 2s. 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Ages 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-519-5900.

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

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3. Free. 703-519-6000.

Mother Goose Time. 9:30 a.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. For children ages 12-24 months. Free. 703-838-4555.

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Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. for children ages 2 and up. Free. 703-838-4555.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road. Hear the National Chamber Players. Free. Visit www.episcopalhighschool.org or 703-933-4135.

WEDNESDAY/JAN. 28

Book Sale. 7-9 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Browse a variety of books. Free. 703-838-4566.

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6. Free. 703-519-6000.

Mother Goose Time. 9:30 a.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. For children ages 12-24 months. Free. 703-838-4555.

Stories to Grow On. 11 a.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. for children ages 2 and up. Free. 703-838-4555.

Presentation. 7 p.m. at Virginia Tech Alexandria Center, 1021 Prince St. Discuss "Parks, Open Space and Recreation Lands: A Report." Free. 703-706-8132.

THURSDAY/JAN. 29

Cool Papa's Party. Enjoy a musical odyssey at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. Call 703-548-9044 for tickets.

18th Century Dance Lessons. 7:30-9:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Learn from instructors. \$12/class or \$30/series. Reservations recommended, 703-838-4242.

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

Book Sale. Noon-9 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Browse a variety of books. Free. 703-838-4566.

Short Story Discussion. 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Call 70-519-3498 for story titles. Free.

Storytime. 4 p.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Children ages 3-5 years. Free. 703-838-4555.

FRIDAY/JAN. 30

Wee Ones Storytime. 10:30 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children ages 2 and under enjoy songs and stories. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

Book Sale. 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Browse a variety of books. Free. 703-838-4566.

Workshop. 7-9 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Free workshop for parents and teachers. Visit www.celebratecalm.com for more.

Music Performance. Alexandria resident Chris Gekker will perform at noon at the Summer School Museum, 17th and M Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Hear poetry and music by Eric Ewazen, Katherine Gekker, Gail Collins and Stephen Brown, all with ties to Alexandria. Free.

The Boston Brass. 7:30 p.m. The brass quintet will perform in Springbank Auditorium at West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria. \$10/person. Seating is limited. To request tickets call 703-718-2586, or e-mail

penelope.bauer@fcps.edu.

SATURDAY/JAN. 31

Magestic Eagles. 2:30 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe these birds and learn about their lives. Free. 703-339-2385.

Bay View Sunset Walk. 4 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe animals as they get ready for bed. Free. 703-339-2385.

Wild For Winter Waterfowl. 10:30 a.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe swans, ducks and other waterfowl. Free. 703-339-2385.

Good Sports Storytime. 11 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children ages 2 and up enjoy songs and stories about touchdowns, goals, and more. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

Turn the Page. 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Discuss "A Whole New Mind" by Daniel Pink. Free. 703-519-5900.

Time for 2s. 10 a.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Ages 24-36 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-519-5900.

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

Book Sale. 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Browse a variety of books. Free. 703-838-4566.

Movie Watch. 7 p.m. at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church. Watch "Fireproof" and have a discussion. Childcare provided. Free. 703-360-4370.

FINE ART

New and Upcoming Exhibits

Deborah Ellis and Barbara Southworth will have artwork on display at the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., **through March 8.** "Maine Woods and Waters" is free. 703-548-0035.

The **Springfield Art Guild** will showcase art at River Farm, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive **through March 30.** Free. Features art of a botanical nature. Free. 703-644-6677.

Ongoing Exhibits

Gallery West's new exhibit "**4X4 - New Year New Visions**" is on display **from Jan. 7 through Feb. 1.** See photographs, paintings, drawings and more. Located at 1213 King St. Free. Visit www.gallery-west.com or 703-549-6006.

Nature photography show at Huntley Meadows, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. **through Feb. 28.** All pictures were taken at the park. Free. 703-768-2525.

Multiple Exposures Gallery presents its "**Juried Member Show**" **from Jan. 12 through Feb. 1** in the gallery at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. See photographs juried by Barbara Southworth. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org.

The Art League presents "**A Hosta Story,**" watercolor paintings by

Yoshimi Matsukata **through Feb. 2.** Located in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit www.theartleague.org.

"**Winter Blues**" is the new exhibit at Scope Gallery, Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. The Kiln Club has pots and pieces decorated with blue motifs. On display **through Feb. 1.** Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.

Enamelists Gallery, Studio 28, presents "**Stars and Stripes**" **through Feb. 1** at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. See a change and hope from the artists. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.

"**Red/White/Blue plus Yellow**" is the theme of the new exhibit at Potomac Craftsmen Fiber Gallery, studio 18 in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St., **through Feb. 8.** Browse jewelry, sculpture, clothing and more. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.

See "**Nocturne-from Dusk to Dawn**" at Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., **from Jan. 16 through Feb. 15.** See the effects of light between dusk and dawn. Free. 703-838-4827.

Target Gallery presents "**BookEnds: The Book as Art**" in their gallery at Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. **from Jan. 22 through Feb. 22.** Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org or 703-838-4565.



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Don't miss our silent auction, dinner and dancing, or this year's entertainment, 10 piece band 'Round Midnight, sponsored by Alexandria Toyota!

ALSO, as in years past, we expect approximately 400 guests at this year's gala! Our **silent and live auctions** have been a huge success thanks to the generous donations from our members and the business community.

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Hilton Alexandria Mark Center
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18 MAPLE ST W	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Detached	0.14	ROSEMONT		
305 UNION ST S	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$850,000	Townhouse	0.02	WATERFORD		
2119 MARLBORO DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$825,000	Detached	0.23	MARLBORO ESTATES		
717 GIBBON ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$822,500	Townhouse	0.08	GIBBON ROW		
1303 TRINITY DR	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$800,000	Detached	0.28	MALVERN HILL		
727 FAYETTE ST N	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$768,000	Vacation Home	0.03	BRADDOCK LOFTS		
206 JEFFERSON ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$750,000	Townhouse	0.04	YATES GARDENS		
610 SAINT ASAPH ST S	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$749,000	Detached	0.05	THOMAS SHELTON ESTATE		
426 SAINT ASAPH ST N	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$728,500	Townhouse		LEE MEWS		
3317 OLD DOMINION BLVD	4	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$695,000	Detached	0.16	BEVERLY HILLS		
429 PATRICK ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$660,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	OLD TOWN		
521 PITT ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$654,000	Townhouse	0.02	CHATHAM SQUARE		
4 WALNUT ST W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$649,000	Detached	0.14	ROSEMONT		
1210 QUEEN ST #5	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		OLD TOWN		
1210 QUEEN ST #6	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$600,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		OLD TOWN		
1115 CAMERON ST E #104	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$592,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		PRESCOTT CONDOMINIUMS		
409 WEST ST N	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$570,000	Townhouse	0.04	OLD TOWN		
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385 CAMERON STATION BLVD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$559,000	Townhouse	0.03	CAMERON STATION		
416 LURAY AVE E	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.11	DEL RAY		
1003 PENDLETON ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.07	KINGS ROWE		
805 LATHAM ST N	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Detached	0.28	BELLE WOOD		
1227 MADISON ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$529,500	Townhouse	0.02	BRADDOCK PLACE		
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #118	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$525,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		OLD TOWN		
2302 RANDOLPH AVE	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$500,000	Detached	0.11	DEL RAY		
1023 ROYAL ST N #402	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		OLD TOWN		
1309 PRINCE ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,900	Townhouse	0.04	OLD TOWN		
1115 CAMERON ST #118	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$499,900	Multi-Family		THE PRESCOTT		
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4662 BRADDOCK RD W	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$485,000	Townhouse	0.04	STONEGATE		
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505 CAMERON STATION BLVD #14	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse		CAMERON STATION		
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309 HOLLAND LN #319	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$407,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		THE ROYALTON		
224 TAYLOR RUN PKWY W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$405,500	Duplex	0.07	TAYLOR RUN		
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3816 KING ST #294	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$387,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON TOWNE		
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2803 RIDGE ROAD DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$380,000	Detached	0.15	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS		
3756 KELLER AVE #135	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$369,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON TOWNE		
3726 KING ST #14	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$357,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON TOWNE		
3 MOUNT IDA AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Detached	0.03	DEL RAY		
3101 HAMPTON DR #1417	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		NORTHAMPTON PLACE		
1211 PITT ST N #2C	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		CANAL PLACE		
218 PATRICK ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Duplex	0.05	OLD TOWN		
216 PATRICK ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Duplex	0.05	OLD TOWN		
4432 VENABLE AVE	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Detached	0.16	TARLETON		
200 PICKETT ST N #1607	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$325,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		HALLMARK		
3559 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #905-35	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	PARKFAIRFAX		
505 BRADDOCK RD E #306	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		COLECROFT		
1514 MOUNT EAGLE PL #955	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		PARKFAIRFAX		
309 YOAKUM PKWY #1715	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$315,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		WATERGATE AT LANDMARK		
416 ALEXANDRIA AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$299,900	Detached	0.15	BRENTON		
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #313	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$285,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		OLD TOWN		
5 CLIFFORD AVE	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$280,000	Townhouse	0.03	WAVERLY TAYLOR		
4852 EISENHOWER AVE #334	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$280,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN		
2500 VAN DORN ST N #1001	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$272,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		PARK PLACE		
4870 EISENHOWER AVE #302	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$265,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		EXCHANGE AT VAN DORN		
1734 ABINGDON DR W #201	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$265,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		POTOWMACK CROSSING		
1425 MARTHA CUSTIS DR	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$255,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		PARKFAIRFAX		
3380 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #207	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$255,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		PARKFAIRFAX		
307 YOAKUM PKWY #725	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$250,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		WATERGATE AT LANDMARK		
3102 MONTROSE AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$245,000	Townhouse	0.04	LYNHAVEN		
301 REYNOLDS ST #203	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$225,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		LOFTS		
6101 EDSALL RD #510	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$210,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		ALEXANDRIA KNOLLS		
4561 STRUTFIELD LN #3407	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$198,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		PALAZZO AT PARK CENTER		
307 YOAKUM PKWY #1418	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$190,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		WATERGATE AT LANDMARK		
3015 MANNING ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$185,000	Townhouse	0.03	WAVERLY TAYLOR		
4 VAN DORN ST S #204	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$182,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		TWENTY-ONE		
2500 VAN DORN ST N #722	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$172,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		PARK PLACE		
104 REED AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$169,900	Detached	0.06	BEAUMONT		
6300 STEVENSON AVE #1005	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$165,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		SENTINEL OF LANDMARK		
20 AUBURN CT #20A	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$158,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		AUBURN VILLAGE		
710 FOUR MILE RD	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$130,000	Duplex	0.07	BEVERLY PARK		
5931 QUANTRELL AVE #103	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$130,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		MAYFLOWER SQUARE		
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431 ARMISTEAD ST #408	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$117,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		THE SEASONS		
401 ARMISTEAD ST N #206	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$112,900	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		THE SEASONS		
479 ARMISTEAD ST N #303	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$111,300	Garden 1-4 Floors		SAXONY SQUARE		
5801 QUANTRELL AVE #505	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$106,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors		THE SEASONS		
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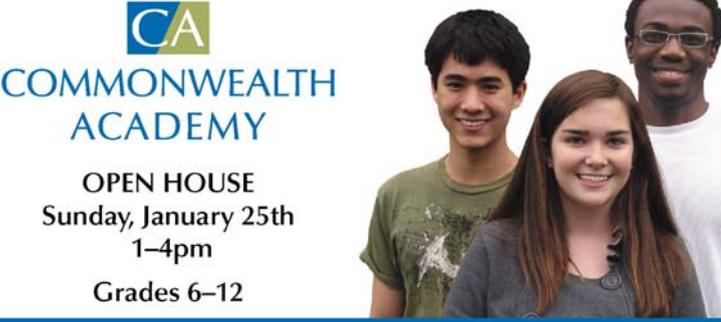
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West End Faces BRAC Consequences

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 ther representatives of Fort Belvoir or the City of Alexandria with them or their civic associations. The only community meeting to explain the future development of the 16-acre Mark Center site was held Dec. 4, 2008 at Ramsey Elementary School, immediately adjacent to the Ford Nature Center.

During that meeting Col. Mark Moffatt, deputy installation commander for BRAC, Fort Belvoir, representatives of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Duke Realty, outlined the various facets of the development including plans to address transportation concerns envisioned with the influx of 6,400 personnel. Those workers must be in place by Sept. 15, 2011, according to BRAC law.

As the last element of the Ft. Belvoir BRAC relocation plan, the Mark Center was officially chosen by the U.S. Department of Defense on Sept. 29, 2008. It won out over the Victory Center on Eisenhower Avenue and the GSA Warehouses in Springfield to become the new home of the collective agencies that comprise Washington Head-

quarters Services.

During that meeting, James Turkel, Corps of Engineers, told the audience, the Mark Center site was chosen because, "It was our conclusion that the Mark Center site provided the best value." It was that statement that triggered skepticism then and again last Wednesday night as both the Dec. 4 audience and attendees at this meeting echoed, "Best value for whom?"

SINCE THE DEC. 4 MEETING, a group known as the West End Task Force On BRAC 133 chaired by area resident, Dave Dexter, has been studying the issues they see as paramount to successfully blending Washington Headquarters Services with the surrounding communities. On Jan. 9 the Task Force sent a detailed letter to Alexandria Mayor and City Council; Donald Carr, public information, Fort Belvoir, and Nancy Miahira, Duke Realty.

That letter addressed the issues of traffic, public safety, pedestrian safety, environmental concerns, architectural design, parking, financial issues, construction man-

agement, and other development impacts on the West End, primarily the areas in and around the Mark Center site. It was a prime element of discussion at Wednesday night gathering.

"We have people throughout the area that are deeply concerned. This is an area wide problem. It was really a disappointment to hear that the elected leaders of this city had supported this site," Dexter said.

He read a letter sent from the City to the Army in the summer of 2008 stating that the city was supporting the approval of either the Victory Center or Mark Center for the relocation of BRAC 133. "There was no contact by the city with the residents of this area before that letter was sent," Dexter said.

DEXTER ALSO MADE the request to Vice Mayor Redella "Del" Pepper, and Councilmen Paul Smedberg and Justin Wilson, who were attending the meeting, that the Task Force be "invited to any and all future meetings between the City, the Army, and Duke Realty on the Mark Center site."



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Our family did not get too close to Inaugural activities. Our initial plans to spend the night at Pat's office downtown were derailed when the office building announced plans to turn off the heat and lock the bathrooms! Daughter Katie probably got the closest; she worked for neighbor Stephanie Clayton's catering firm, Federal City Caterers, at the Root Ball at the American History Museum. Stephanie reported that business was brisk and very last-minute. Keep the economy going ... have a

party and hire a caterer.

Our neighborhood was dealt a blow this past week with the passing of John Graham, just down the street from us on Pegram Street. John, who was only 59, was a staple at Dowden Terrace Pool, Blessed Sacrament School and Church and in various neighborhood activities. John is survived by his wife, Leslie and son Edward, who attends Gettysburg College.

Upcoming neighborhood events include the quarterly BSVCA meeting, set for Monday Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. at the Beatley Library. Three top City officials will speak on local

issues: Vice Mayor Del Pepper, City Manager James Hartmann and Councilman Rob Krupicka. The Association will also present its annual budget for 2009 for review and comment. For more information, contact President Geoff Goodale at geoff.goodale@bsvca.net.

It's hard to believe that in May we will be electing a new City Council and School Board. Seminary Valley's own Kerry Donley, a former mayor of the City, has thrown his hat into the ring. Democrats will caucus for city council choices on Saturday, Jan. 31 and there are opportunities for early absentee voting. For

more information, go to www.alexdem.org.

For those of you looking to support a local cause, I have raffle tickets for a Toyota Prius. The raffle benefits the Alexandria Scholarship Fund. Many Seminary Valley students have gone onto a higher education using Scholarship Fund money, which really is the "last dollar" available to students, whether they are going to NOVA or Harvard. Each raffle ticket is \$100 and, as in last year's raffle, the number of tickets is limited. Email me at mamamiajones@gmail.com to get yours!

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where they cause a great deal of damage to the historic fabric of our 18th and 19th century homes.

The residents have never requested designated routes for the 45-foot tour buses driving in the Old Town, yet the City staff came up with six routes that the buses are to use. The citizen's request to not use designated routes was ignored.

The City staff has decided to add additional drop off/parking spaces on the 100 block of both North and South Washington Street. So much for the historic significance of the George Washington Memorial Parkway which was the genesis for the creation of Alexandria's Old and Historic District (the third oldest historic district in the country). By making Washington Street a parking lot the citizen's desires were totally ignored.

Our continual requests to curtail bus idling in Alexandria which along with the Mirant Plant, aircraft and other polluting entities makes our air quality one of the worst in the country has also been totally ignored.

Our comments stating that Alexandria already has enforcement authority of its own to legally en-

force transgressions by the tour bus fleet without going to the General Assembly in Richmond have been sat on and essentially ignored. The City staff wants to temporarily let the drivers "do their thing" on a voluntary basis and then go to the General Assembly in three years arm-and-arm with the tour bus industry to come up with a set of rules governing tour bus operations. The city has repeatedly claimed that they are not able to enforce the following items and that they will have to go to the General Assembly to do so:

- ❖ Designating tour bus routes in the City
- ❖ The permitting of tour buses
- ❖ Restricting areas in which the tour buses can and cannot navigate
- ❖ Enforcing excessive idling
- ❖ Establishment of a central parking facility where all tour buses must park
- ❖ Restriction on the number of tour buses allowed within the City
- ❖ Prohibit night operation of tour buses
- ❖ Only allow touring of the historic areas in smaller buses controlled by the City.

The Virginia State Code 15.2283 (Purposes of Zoning Ordinances)

clearly specifies that local ordinances shall be for the purpose of promoting the health, safety or general welfare of the public and of further accomplishing the objectives of 15.2-2200. These ordinances should provide for the convenience of access, safety, impounding structure failure, congestion and the protection of the historic areas. In our opinion these descriptors essentially give historic localities the ability to pass local ordinances that allow all of the items described above, without going to the General Assembly for approval. State Code 46.2-1305 also adds credibility to our proposition. Despite being one of the 40-plus states in which the Dillon Rule is observed, we believe that invoking it on every local ruling is not what our Virginia legislators desire or expect.

The next tour bus forum for the public will be conducted by the City staff at Lyles Crouch School on the Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. If you live in Old Town please come to the meeting to protect your turf. Otherwise, we will again be trod upon by the bureaucrats. Most of them don't even live here.

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John Walker Gray, Jr.

John (Jack) Walker Gray, Jr. of Alexandria died on Jan. 14, 2009 at the age of 78 after a brief illness. He was born in Atlanta, Ga. and spent his childhood in Newport News, Va. He was the son of John Walker Gray and Nellie Sears.

He received his bachelor of science in business administration from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1952. That same year he married Nancy Valentine Lumpkin of Newport News, Va., and served two years in the United States Air Force. He earned his bachelor of laws from the University of Virginia in 1957, where he was a member of the Law Review. They settled in Alexandria in 1957 where they raised their three sons.

He practiced law in Washington, D.C. with the firm Covington and Burling before moving to the law department of Norfolk and Western Railroad. He spent 35 years in the Bell System, initially with C & P Telephone Company and later as corporate vice president of Federal Governmental Relations at American Telephone & Telegraph (AT&T). He served on the Board of Trustees of INOVA Health Sys-

tem for 18 years, including chairman of Mt. Vernon Hospital. He served on the advisory boards of the Salvation Army in Alexandria and the Pamplin School of Business at Virginia Tech. He was a member of Rotary International, Belle Haven Country Club, and the Metropolitan Club of Washington, D.C. He was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church where he served on the Vestry.

He was a kind and thoughtful person who always brought out the best in those around him. He was well respected by his colleagues and had many friends. He was always happiest with his family and friends at his "county house" in Lottsburg, Va. He had a deep faith in God.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Nancy L. Gray, three sons and daughters-in-law, John W. Gray III and Kimberley of Redmond, Wash.; Burton S. Gray and Donna of Springfield, Va.; David B. Gray and Phyllis of Alexandria, Va. and four grandchildren who knew him as PawPaw. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. F. Bradley Gray of Irvington, Va.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alexandria Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 230666, Alexandria, VA 22320 or

The Salvation Army of Alexandria, P.O. Box 2245, Alexandria, VA 22301. Demaine Funeral Home in Old Town Alexandria is handling the arrangements.

Charles Craig

Charles H. Craig, husband of Fariss Craig, father of Michael Craig and Nancy Craig Blackburn, all of Alexandria, and grandfather of Craig Blackburn of Alexandria and Blanton Shauinger of Portland, Ore., died at his home Jan. 13, 2009 after suffering cardiac arrest. He was 90 years old.

Mr. Craig was born in Corning, New York on June 21, 1918 and graduated from Syracuse University. Upon graduation he joined IBM in Boston as an IBM salesman. On Dec. 20, 1941, shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he enlisted as an aviation cadet and began pilot training in January 1942 at Maxwell Field Army Air Corps Field in Montgomery, Ala. He earned his pilot wings, as both a twin and four-engine pilot, and his 2nd Lieutenant commission in January 1943. In October 1943, Lt. Craig married Miss Fariss Fraser of Montgomery. After serving four years in the Army Air Corps, he was discharged as an Army Air Corps captain/pilot in

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Short bio:

Born in New York City; mMarried; attended Queensborough Community College in New York, American University in Washington, D.C. and took interior design courses at The Corcoran Institute in Georgetown; owned a technology training company in Rosslyn, Va. for seven years and was a federal government contractor before opening Verdigris in 2003.

Why did you choose this particular business?

I have always been a creative person. I love history and working with people. I am fascinated by how objects can affect our emotions in the way that antiques and other items from the past do. I also believe that selling vintage and antique goods is the ultimate in recycling. This is how I do my part!

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

I left home at 18 because my parents could not afford to send me to college. I have worked successfully for a number of companies, but I also come from an entrepreneurial family. There are seven of us, and four of us are self employed. It is certainly scary to go out on your own, but there is great pleasure in knowing that you are making your own way. Being your own boss

Verdigris

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Owner: Ursula Baukol

makes you responsible for your own success or failure, and that's a great motivator. Having all the responsibility is never easy, but it can be very rewarding, and not just financially.

What have you learned from being in business?

Honesty and integrity are the most valuable assets you can offer your customers. They will never fail you.

Share an anecdote of a challenging or humorous experience.

This experience was not challenging or humorous, but it is a good example of why I love what I do. I have a wonderful customer who bought a painting from me because it reminded her of her young son who died while helping victims of Katrina in New Orleans. It was so touching to know that something in my store gave her comfort from such a terrible loss. It's experiences like this that make my business such a joy

for me.

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

Because of its historic designation, Old Town, Alexandria draws a large number of visitors year round. That's good because you know your business will always get regular foot traffic, especially if you're on King Street. The disadvantage seems to come from how the City government interacts with small business. In my opinion, the people who represent the City rarely include the small business community in its decision-making process when it comes to decisions that will affect us. I, and many of my business colleagues, feel like the City doesn't really care about what we have to say. It makes you wonder whether they understand that small business is the lifeblood of our community and that it takes more than historic architecture and a waterfront to make a town successful. Small business is a vital part of Alexandria, and we just want to know that the City recognizes that and respects our input.

Key staff:

Michele Flynn, Sandi Conklyn (weekend sales staff)

Description of services and/or



Ursula Baukol, owner of Verdigris, believes that selling vintage and antique goods is the ultimate in recycling. "This is how I do my part!" she says with a smile.

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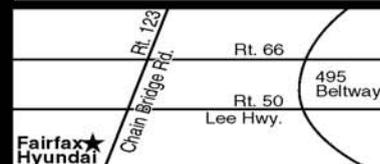
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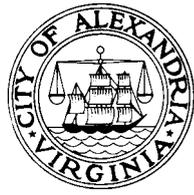
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ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY - 2009

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
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2009
7:30 PM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2009
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301 KING STREET
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THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A WORK SESSION ON FEBRUARY 3, 2009 AT 6:00 PM IN CITY HALL TO DISCUSS THE GREEN BUILDING POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS AND ITEMS PREVIOUSLY DEFERRED:

[The public hearing for this item is closed.]
MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT #2008-0008
LANDMARK/VAN DORN SMALL AREA PLAN
LANDMARK/VAN DORN CORRIDOR PLAN

Consideration of a request for a revision of, supplement to, and an amendment of the Landmark/Van Dorn Small Area Plan to include the Landmark/Van Dorn Corridor Plan.

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2006-0018(A)

COORDINATED SIGN PROGRAM SUP #2008-0089(B)
2001 MAIN STREET AND 2301 MAIN STREET POTOMAC YARD - LANDBAYS I AND J
Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan, for a

residential development, temporary sales trailer, and a temporary coordinated sign program within Potomac Yard; zoned CDD-10/Coordinated Development District.
Applicant: Potomac Yard Development, LLC by Duncan Blair, attorney

STREET NAME CASE #2009-0001

POTOMAC YARD
Consideration of a request for new street names in Potomac Yard.
Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning

CDD CONCEPT PLAN #2008-0004

CDD #10 AMENDMENTS- POTOMAC YARD LANDBAYS E AND K
Potomac Yard is generally bordered by the Arlington County line to the north, Jefferson Davis Hwy to the east, George Washington Parkway to the west and Braddock Road to the south. Consideration of request to amend the conditions of CDD #10 to permit alterations to Landbay E consistent with the Four Mile Run Master Plan and to revise the timing and construction for the pedestrian bridge in response to the Metro Feasibility Task Force studies; zoned CDD-10/Coordinated Development District
Applicant: Potomac Yard Development, LLC by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0082

1 GROVES AVENUE
HOME DAY CARE
Consideration of a request to operate a home child day care; zoned R2-5/Single-Family.
Applicant: Heather Christiani

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0086

610 MONTGOMERY STREET
RESTAURANT
Consideration of a request for an amendment to allow delivery at an existing restaurant; zoned CDX/Commercial Downtown (Old Town).
Applicant: Richard Smith

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0088

1101 QUEEN STREET
SMILE MARKET
Consideration of a request to allow food service and seating in an existing grocery store and request for a parking reduction; zoned CL/Commercial Low.

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Applicant: Asegdech Kelecha

SUBDIVISION #2008-0005

1401-1405 KING STREET
Consideration of a request for a subdivision to adjust the lot lines for the subject properties; zoned CD/Commercial Downtown.
Applicant: 1401 King Street Associates, LP

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0020

4001 EISENHOWER AVENUE
CAMERON RUN REGIONAL PARK
Consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan, to install and operate a group picnic shelter; zoned POS/Parks and Open Space. Applicant: Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, January 24, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 4-1202 (PERMITTED USES), under Section 4-1200 (INDUSTRIAL ZONE), of Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, to allow public recycling centers as a permitted use on land zoned I/Industrial (TA No. 2008-0008).

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption Text Amendment No. 2008-0008 to allow a public recycling center on land in the industrial zone as a permitted zone.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Title 9 (Licensing and Regulation) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended by adding thereto a new Chapter 14 (Unsolicited Newspaper Deliveries).

The proposed ordinance would establish a "do not deliver" list, analogous to the "do not call list" applicable to telemarketing, and permit residents of the City to list their property address with the City's Office of Citizen Assistance. The delivery of unsolicited newspapers to premises included on the list would be prohibited. Delivery by mail, by handing directly to the recipient in person, and by placing in a newspaper box provided by the recipient would not be subject to the prohibition. The list would be updated and published quarterly. A request for inclusion on the list would be valid for a two-year period, unless the request is cancelled sooner. The listing would apply to all unsolicited newspapers, without regard to content, subject matter or viewpoint. The proposed ordinance also prohibits depositing an unsolicited newspaper in the public right-of-way immediately adjacent to a listed premises. Publishers and distributors would be required to remove offending newspapers from public or private property. Violation of the new regulations would be a class five civil violation, punishable with a \$25 fine for the first infraction, \$50 for the second infraction and \$100 for the third and subsequent infractions within one year at a listed address. A fee of \$5.00 is proposed for listing, and \$25.00 for a copy of the list, and transactions must be available on-line. Information on the list will be subject to the Freedom of Information Act.

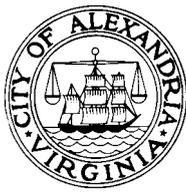
Public Hearing on Phase I Environmental Action Plan for the Eco-City Alexandria Project.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, CMC, CITY CLERK

ABC LICENSE

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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

The Board will hold a work session on the Gadsby's Tavern Ice Well project immediately following the adjournment of the Regular Public Meeting in the City Council Work room.

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

CASE BAR2008-0245
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 408 N. Union St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Elizabeth Reno & Roy Wuchitech

CASE BAR2008-0168
Request for approval of alterations at 408 N. Union St, zoned RM Residential.
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CASE BAR2008-0242
Request for approval of alterations at 713 S. Pitt St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Virginia Magestic for Bob and Rebecca Sutton

CASE BAR2008-0250
Request for approval of after-the-fact alterations at 329 N. Washington St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Leah Fried Sedwick

CASE BAR2009-0003
Request for approval of alterations at 507 S. Saint Asaph St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Christopher Fox

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

Obituary

Wanchese, NC

Martha Angela Daughtry Runge, 73, passed away at her home after a long illness on Thursday, January 15, 2009, in Wanchese, NC, with her family at her side.

Born February 3, 1935, in Raleigh, NC, she was the daughter of James Hallie Daughtry of Clinton, NC, and Angerola Melson Daughtry of Wanchese. She grew up in Kenansville, NC, and after graduating from high school, she attended Indiana University and George Washington University.

She lived most of her adult life in Alexandria, VA. She was a distinguished researcher and the financial administrator at George Washington University for 35 years. After her retirement, she and her husband moved to Wanchese, her ancestral home. She was a member of Bethany Methodist Church (where she was christened as an infant), the Dare County Shrinettes and the Daughters of the American Revolution, having served as Regent of the John Alexander Chapter in Alexandria, VA, and as a Museum Docent at the DAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

She was an accomplished pianist in her youth and had a lifelong love of classical music. She was passionate about her ancestral genealogy, gardening, cooking, and renovating her home. She was an enthusiastic traveler, traveling throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and the Far East. She adored and cherished her children, grandchildren and her entire family.

She was predeceased by her husband Deane Runge in 2002, her parents, James Hallie Daughtry in 1959 and Angerola Melson Daughtry in 2001, and her brother, Samuel E. Daughtry, in 1978.

She is survived by her two sons: James Phillip Alan Bentz, his wife, Lynn, and their children,

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spite persistent complaints about noise and odors.

Now — three years later — four incumbent members who voted for extending that permit will be up for reelection. Although much of the original passion has subsided, many West End residents say they have lingering resentments about how the Virginia Paving issue was resolved in a controversial four-to-three vote.

"There are still a number of people who still remember what happened and are still upset about it," said Ingrid Sanden, president of the Cameron Station Civic Association. "Actions have consequences, and we have seen what had happened since the Virginia Paving decision."

Since the 2006 vote doubling the hours of operations at Virginia Paving, Norfolk Southern transformed a plot of land near the asphalt plant into a facility that loads liquid ethanol from rail cars to tanker trucks. Then the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality fined Virginia Paving \$74,000 for submitting incorrect data, exceeding emissions limitations and installing equipment without the necessary permits. Now, with the City Council election fast approaching, West End issues could become an important part of the debate.

"Now is the time for the candidates to take a stand on redeveloping the West End," said Mindy Lyle, a member of the civic association board who has lived in Cameron Station since 2000. "We need to get the industrial land-use in this area under control."

BACK IN 1960, the City Council

Democratic Debate

The seven candidates vying for the six Democratic nominations to the Alexandria City Council will take part in a debate Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. at Hammond Middle School on Seminary Road. The event will include Kerry Donley, Rob Krupicka, Tim Lovain, Del Pepper, Paul Smedberg, Boyd Walker and Justin Wilson. It will be the only debate before the Jan. 31 caucus at Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center.

received the first application for a special-use permit for an asphalt plant at the West End site. At that time, the council granted approval on the condition that the plants meet several conditions, one of which was a limitation that the plant operate in daylight hours. Over the years, the plant began operating during nighttime hours in violation of the permit. But it was only after a 2004 letter from an assistant city attorney pointing out 22 specific violations that neighbors began clamoring for the City Council to take action. In 2006, Councilman Tim Lovain presented a plan for extending hours at the plant that was eventually adopted by the council.

Lovain's plan included 78 new conditions he said would place tight restrictions on how the plant could operate and a sunset provision that supporters said would allow time to change the zoning in the area. Those who voted for Lovain's plan were Mayor Bill Euille, Councilman Rob Krupicka, Councilman Paul Smedberg and Lovain himself. Those who opposed the measure were Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald, Councilwoman Del Pepper and Councilman Ludwig Gaines. Since that time Macdonald resigned his seat and Gaines announced that he would not run for reelection.

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Haley and Matthew of Lexington Park, MD, and David Melson Bentz, his wife, Laura, and their children, David and Jessica of Virginia Beach, VA. She is also survived by one brother and two sisters: James Ventress Daughtry of St. Leonard, MD, Johnnie Daughtry Koromilas of Dover, NH, and Mary Hallie Daughtry and her husband, Stephen Tibbetts of Brunswick, ME. She is also survived by four nieces, six nephews, nineteen grand nieces and nephews and two aunts, Willa D. Granacher and Louise D. Klee of Clinton, NC.

The funeral will be at 2:00 pm on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at the Bethany Methodist Church, Wanchese, NC, with the Rev. Bill Cottingham officiating.

Friends may view from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm directly before the service at Bethany Methodist Church.

The graveside service and interment will be at the Clinton, NC, Cemetery at 3:00 pm on Friday, January 23, 2009 with the Rev. Cottingham officiating.

There will be a viewing at 2:00 pm at the graveside.

Arrangements are by Twiford Funeral Home, Manteo, NC.

Memorials in her name may be made to Bethany Methodist Church of Wanchese, NC, or the American Cancer Society.

Legal Notices

Obituary

Uwe K. Hinz, 80, of Colonial Beach, died Sat. Jan. 17, 2009 in Fredericksburg, Va.

Uwe was born on November 13, 1928 in Neumunster, Germany and immigrated to the United States with his family in 1930. Raised in the Chicago, Illinois suburbs where he attended school and served in the U.S. Navy in World War II from 1946 to 1948. After attending college, he spent five years in Madison, Wisconsin and finally moved to Northern Virginia in 1965 where he joined the Structural Steel Fabricating Company of Southern Iron Works as an Assistant Engineer and Erection Superintendent. His career included the design and construction of buildings throughout the area. He also served in the Code Enforcement division of the City of Alexandria for twenty years, the last five as their Building Official. Since his retirement from the city in 1989, he practiced his profession as a professional engineer from his home in Colonial Beach. While living in Colonial Beach he was active in local politics and served on their Planning Commission, Board of Zoning Appeals and as a member of the Town Council for four years. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Hinz; his children, Jeremy Hinz of Asheville, N.C., Anthony Hinz of Alexandria, Va., Jane Kallander of Madison, Wisconsin and Sally Malloy of Herndon, Va. A gathering of family and friends will take place 11 a.m. Thurs. Jan. 22, 2009 at Nash & Slaw Funeral Home, 131 Third St., Colonial Beach, Va. 22443. Online guest book available at www.NashandSlawFH.com

SPORTS

Saints' Soaring Scoring Star

Alexandria's leading scorer, St. Stephen's/St. Agnes senior has created a tough college choice for herself.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

St. Stephen's/St. Agnes girl's basketball star Danielle Williams had to make a decision last Saturday and she just wasn't sure what to do. On an official visit for track and field at the University of Maryland, Williams' Saints also had a game against Sidwell Friends taking place almost simultaneously.

"It was just chaos," said Williams, who was averaging more than 21 points per game heading into the Sidwell game. "I'm

sitting there being like you gotta make a choice now. I made the choice right then and just decided to go."

After saying a brief hello to one of the Maryland coaches, Williams and her mom ran to the car, sped home on the Beltway, picked up some clothes, and finally arrived at the St. Stephen's gym.

Williams ended up getting there at halftime with her Saints down by double digits. And despite a valiant comeback effort the team lost, 54-38, but even worse, the whole experience only served as further proof to Williams that a difficult decision looms.

A star for the Saints in the 100- and 200-meter dashes already, Williams, a senior, has made a name for herself on the hardwood this season, averaging close to 20 points per game and establishing herself as one of the best players in not only Alexandria, but the entire Washington, D.C. area.

It hasn't made life easy for the reserved Williams, who must weigh the possibility of having to give up either basketball or track once she departs for college somewhere next fall.

"Today I couldn't even choose," said Williams, who in addition to Maryland has received interest from Virginia, Florida, and NC State for track. "All through my high school career I couldn't choose between basketball and track, so I've done both. And now it's really setting on me that I'm going to have to choose."

IT MAY BE DISTRESSING now, but Williams's decision has been made difficult because of how well she has played for the 8-6 Saints, who take on Georgetown Day Friday night. Alongside junior guard



"When she's not there, it's like where do I go?"

— SSSAS point guard
Brianna Richardson

ting a 19-point deficit to just eight.

"I think just knowing that they had her there, the kids got more and more comfortable with what they wanted to do," said Crenshaw of Williams, who finished with six points and four steals with basically no warm-up time before beginning the second half.

Added her partner in crime Richardson: "I'm more of a passer and when she's not there, it's like where do I go? When she got here, I was like 'OK, we can pick this up now.'"

THOSE WHO KNOW her describe Williams as quiet and shy until she grows comfortable in a situation. Then her humor breaks through.

"Once she gets out of her shell, she'll crack jokes all the time," said Richardson who takes Spanish with Williams and also plays on the same AAU team.

Having scored more than 24 points five times this season, it appears the same transformation has taken place on the court.

But it's outside the lines that has Williams worried these days. Since she's a strong student, Williams is hoping to receive an academic scholarship, which would be the best-case scenario being unsure of what sport she would like to do.

Clearly talented enough, it appears the choice is once again hers to make.

"Everything about basketball I love," she said. "I can't stop playing."

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET

St. Stephen's/St. Agnes senior Danielle Williams is averaging almost 20 points per game this season, establishing herself as one of the best girl's basketball players in the Washington, D.C. area.

Brianna Richardson, Williams has gone from being a solid high school player to a star thanks to an improved jump shot that now complements an already lightning quick first step to the basket.

And her coach thinks more people should be taking notice as she carries SSSAS through ISL play this year.

"I think this kid really can play, people just haven't seen her," said Saints coach Calvin Crenshaw. "Once people get the opportunity to see her, they'll see there's a diamond in the rough here."

Against Sidwell, her presence was felt almost immediately, getting a steal and a subsequent lay-up on the Saints' first possession of the second half. After attaining next to no rhythm before halftime, SSSAS then proceeded to go on a 12-1 run, cut-



"It's really setting on me that I'm going to have to choose," said Williams on her looming decision as to whether she should pursue basketball or track in college. She also stars for St. Stephen's/St. Agnes track team in the 100- and 200-meter dash.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Former Alexandria Star To Play in Super Bowl

Former Episcopal High School running back Tim Hightower helped lead the Arizona Cardinals to the Super Bowl last weekend. Hightower had just 33 yards in the Cardinals' 32-25 NFC Championship game victory over the Philadelphia Eagles last Sunday, but played a pivotal role the week prior in the NFC divisional round, picking up 76 yards in a 33-13 pounding of the Carolina Panthers.

Hightower, a Waldorf, Md. native, starred for Episcopal between 2000 and 2003 before a successful career at Richmond, where as a two-year starter, he set school records with 4,448 all-purpose yards and 39 touchdowns. While with the Maroon, Hightower earned All-State honors as a junior and senior and was named team MVP and first-team All-I.A.C. those two seasons. He also served as team captain. In addition to football, Hightower starred on the basketball and track teams and was a four-time honor roll student. He also served as chairman of the Spectrum Club, a diversity organization, during his final two years of high school.

Soccer Tryouts

The Lee-Mt. Vernon Soccer Association (LMVSA) Patriots, a boys U-10 NCSL team, is looking for talented and motivated players, born after Aug. 1, 1998, who are serious about playing competitive travel soccer. The team offers a year-round training program in a competitive, educational and fun environment. If interested, drop by one of the training sessions on Jan. 28, Feb. 4 or Feb. 11 from 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Bucknell Elementary School, located at 6925 University Drive, Alexandria. Contact Coach Karl Rosenberg at krosenberg@extron.com for more details.

Partisanship

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be redirected to the broadcast.)

Additionally, after three years of lobbying by House Democrats and a variety of non-partisan groups like the League of Women Voters, we succeeded in changing the rules of business to require most votes in subcommittees to be recorded. This is an important accountability measure, so citizens can see how legislators voted on issues of concern. Continuing the spirit of open government, I am again this year making my daily calendar available for viewing at www.davidenglin.org/calendar.

It is my sincere hope that we can put last week's political gamesmanship behind us, ensure the people of the 46th District have a vote on the House floor, and focus on issues that matter. We face some tough choices to address the budget shortfall. For example, Governor Kaine has proposed some smart moves to reform prison sentencing in ways that protect public safety while saving millions of dollars, which I support. However, he also has proposed cutting \$400 million from education and another \$400 million from health care. While he is engaged in a good-faith effort to meet core needs in a variety of areas, I have grave concerns about taking money from education and health care, so I am working with my colleagues, pouring over the budget, trying to find other options that balance the budget while protecting our schools and access to health care for people who need it. In addition to the budget, I am working on several key initiatives. The highlights include: A bill to protect the health and safety of workers and customers by banning smoking in restaurants; the Virginia Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Bond Act to make funds available to address our community's flood-prevention needs; the Renewable Energy Job Creation Tax Credit, that will create new jobs while moving Virginia toward the renewable energy economy of the future; and, a bill to reinstate the estate tax — with exemptions for family farms and small businesses — that will dedicate tens of millions of dollars to Healthy Families, the Virginia Preschool Initiative, and the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program, so we can invest in the next generation.

OBITUARIES

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December 1945. He and Mrs. Craig returned to Boston where Mr. Craig rejoined IBM as a salesman. In 1952, Mr. Craig was promoted to a number of IBM marketing and staff positions with assignments on the east coast, including New York City, Miami and Washington, D.C. He retired in August 1983 after a distinguished 44-year career in IBM marketing of data processing machines. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are long time members of Belle Haven Country Club. During his career at IBM, Mr. Craig and his family left Alexandria four times, but they always returned, establishing new residences each time.

A memorial service was scheduled to be held Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2009 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery.

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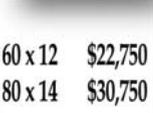
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OPINION

First Week Observations

By PATSY TIGER
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

I started my first week's trek to Richmond on Monday, Jan. 12 to attend a State Water Commission (legislative) meeting that afternoon. As chairman of the Senate Agriculture Conservation and Natural Resources Committee I am a part of the 15-member commission charged with the responsibility of creating a state plan for water supply and quality. In doing so it will coordinate legislative recommendations from all other state entities and the water plans of localities. The meeting was interesting and educational with presentations by experts on surface and ground water supply from Department of Environmental Quality, Department of Conservation and Recreation and the director of Virginia Water Research Center. After learning a little bit about the subject it became clear to all of us that it would take time to come up with a strategic plan to define and reach a long-term plan for water supply and quality for the state.

Tuesday's events centered on caucus events and meetings into the evening hours and the first day of our 2009 short session (45 days) began at noon on Wednesday the 14th. It was a short meeting prolonged by procedural debates in the House of Delegates which kept us there too long. There was and continues to be a refusal on the part of majority Republicans in the House to seat Charniele Herring who won the seat for 46th District House of Delegates vacated

by Brian Moran. There was a 16-vote discrepancy between Herring and Republican Joe Murray, and he has asked for a recount which will take place a week from Monday on Jan. 26. We remain confident that the vote will hold for Charniele and she will ultimately be seated.

The Governor's State of the Union speech is the highlight of the beginning of every session, and Governor Kaine's final speech was an eloquent statement of current conditions and future hopes.

RICHMOND REPORT

While the governor did not underestimate the severity of our three plus billion shortfall and the terrible choices he faced in preparing his budget, his outlook for the future for economic growth in green industry and renewable energy was good. "Those who dare to take risks will create the new companies and new jobs," he said, "calling energy the next great challenge of our generation." He has attempted to provide jobs and jump-start the state economic by bidding 30 capital construction projects worth 250 million by July 1. He talked about his Renew Virginia Program with its legislative initiatives of tax incentives for green jobs and investment in new energy technology and conservation. He also asked individual Virginians to reduce their own energy consumption 19 percent by 2025.

Committee meetings have started and some bills have already been heard and passed in committee. The rapid pace will increase in the days ahead and in future articles I will tell you about some of my bills.

Focus on Student Achievement

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and how we are going to get there. Serious attention needs to be focused on the unique needs of our entire student body — the students who are not achieving, the students who require additional resources or services, the students who are already achieving at high levels but who should be reaching even higher, and the changing needs of our future students. Our long-term strategic plan will serve as our guide in creating future goals and operating budgets. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, Feb. 21,

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for the strategic planning town hall meeting.

There is a German proverb that says, "The main thing is keeping the main thing the main thing." Our main thing is higher student achievement. In ACPS, we do many things well, and we are a good school division, but there is much work to be done. Every decision and change that we make and every dollar we spend must lead us toward this goal of higher achievement. With a laser-like focus, we will become a great school division, and the possibilities for our children and our future will be limitless.

MONDAY/JAN. 26

Meeting. Agenda: Alexandria will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Ave. "Ethanol and Emissions: Too Toxic for Alexandria." \$22/member or \$27/nonmember includes dinner. Just program is free for members; \$5/nonmember. 703-549-4696 for reservations.

Meeting. 7 p.m. at Lyles-Crouch Elementary School, 530 S. St. Asaph St. Meeting of the Motorcoach Task Force. Free. 703-838-4966 ext. 183.

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