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Disputed Election Resolved

Recount confirms Herring's victory; Democrat sworn into office.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The 2000 recount in Florida played out in reverse this week in Alexandria, with a 16-vote margin of victory sending the city's newest delegate to the Virginia House of Delegates. Before a three-judge panel at the Alexandria courthouse on Monday, one of Al Gore's former recount lawyers argued that ballots set aside for irregularities should not be unsealed and counted. It was the opposite of arguments he made in Miami-Dade County eight years ago, when he was part of a team petitioning the court to count all ballots that were rejected for technical reasons.

"Recounts are statutory creatures," said Jack Young, the well-known Virginia election lawyer. "And every state does it differently."

The contrasts between 2000 and 2009 were striking. For example, Young argued in 2000 that a ballot in which a voter selected Gore and wrote his name on the ballot should be counted. Yet in 2009 he argued that a ballot in which a voter selected Democratic candidate Charniele Herring and wrote her name on the ballot should not be counted.

"That's politics," said Joe Murray, the Re
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Seasonably White Snow and dropping temperatures Monday adds an icy cover along the water's edge.



Grace Williams sleds at Pomander Park on South Union Street.

Looking To Fill 3,000 Jobs

Hiring U.S. Census workers is under way.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

At a time of rising unemployment and rising commercial real estate vacancies along comes the U.S. Census Bureau and the 2010 Census with a promise of 3,000 Northern Virginia jobs and the need for a "lot" of office space to house them. This was the lead message at the ribbon cutting of the Northern Virginia headquarters office last Friday.

"The decennial census is a seven to eight year process for us. We are now turning from planning to action. As far as I am concerned this is the real start," said Arnold Jackson, associate director and COO, Decennial Census, U.S. Census Bureau, in

"We will be the biggest players in the local real estate market over the next year."

— Arnold Jackson, associate director & COO, Decennial Census

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Miller Controversy Postpones ARHA Board Elections

Derek S. Hyra takes seat as new ARHA board member.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

An empty chair where Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority (ARHA) Board of Commissioners Chairman A. Melvin Miller should have been sitting Monday night was a stark reminder of the ongoing jousting between ARHA leadership and the Alexandria City Council.

Miller's latest term as an ARHA commissioner expired at the end of 2008. This was his second four-year term. He has also served as chair of the commission throughout his second term.

Following the City's established procedure, Miller had submitted his name for reappointment to a third term. The term of long-time Commissioner Ruby Tucker also expired in December 2008. After 12 years of service she decided to vacate her seat.

With two seats to fill, Council, at its Jan. 13 meeting, decided to split the appointments and only fill Tucker's seat. They gave no public explanation for their action and were not going to reveal the vote on whether or to reappoint Miller until pushed publicly by Councilman Ludwig Gains.

As it turned out, Gains cast the sole vote in favor of Miller. No other votes were cast — pro or con. Instead, the rest of Council, including Alexandria Mayor William Euille,

made the assumption Miller would continue to serve on the board, as chair, until he was either reappointed or passed over.

Council's only action on the ARHA vacancies was to appoint city resident Derek S. Hyra, to fill the vacancy left by Tucker. Hyra, a graduate of the University of Chicago, who has focused on housing and redevelopment academically in both Chicago and New York City, works for the U.S. Treasury Department. He is also an adjunct professor of sociology at George Washington University.
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In his 18 months as a member of the Alexandria City Council, **Justin Wilson** says there's one issue that he's received more e-mail about than any other topic: unwanted copies of the Washington Examiner. Wilson has heard from countless residents who are upset that extraneous copies of the Examiner litter the sidewalks, clog the gutters and announce temporarily unoccupied houses to potential thieves. In December, representatives from the Examiner met with city officials to put together a plan to solve the problem of unwanted free newspaper delivery.

"One of the most shocking things we found out was that when one of their contractors delivers the paper to someone who doesn't want it, the Examiner extracts fines from their contractor," said Wilson. "So they are profiting from the inappropriate delivery of the newspaper but they are unwilling to be responsible for fines from the city."

Wilson and newspaper representatives eventually hammered out a deal that involved the Examiner using tracking numbers and Internet forms to prevent delivery of unwanted newspapers. Yet when Examiner officials insisted the plan be kept a secret for fear it would be copied in other communities, Wilson balked and the deal fell apart. On Saturday City Council members ended up delaying a proposed do-not-deliver list in an effort to give the industry leaders, including representatives from the Alexandria Gazette Packet, more time to hammer out an agreement.

"I do think it's ironic that they are trying to use the fig leaf of free speech to protect them from the public knowing about the terms of the agreement," said Councilman **Tim Lovain**.

Hot and Bothered

The scantily clad female manikins stare out from windows of "Le Tache" as if lower King Street were some kind of red-light district, and they are certainly sending Old Town into fits of excitement. Ever since owners **John** and **Shannon Kenney** opened the adult retail store earlier this month, Alexandria residents have been besieging elected officials with calls and e-mails about the bawdy retailer. "It's not appropriate for the old and historic district," said Mayor **Bill Euille** at the outset of Saturday's public hearing. "But the city attorney's office, the planning director and the city manager's office have checked and double checked the process to make sure that nothing went awry in terms of this business getting a business license."

The sex shop is in a building that was at the heart of a dispute in 2007, when businessman **Michael Zarlenga** presented a plan to the City Council that would raise the roof of a historic "flounder" shed behind the building in an effort to increase his retail space. After the plan was rejected by the Board of Architectural Review, Zarlenga appealed to the City Council, which eventually upheld the board's decision. So now the building that was too historic to alter retails sexual apparel.

"We're not going to sit back and let this business ruin the ambiance we enjoy here in Old Town," Euille declared Saturday, announcing more meetings to find a solution.

Alexandria in Recession

As the world's economic crisis deepens, the city of Alexandria's real-estate market continues to slouch. According to a recent economic report prepared by the city's budget officials, real-estate sales for the first 11 months of 2008 showed a decline of 24 percent in sales from the first 11 months of 2007. Meanwhile, the city's number of foreclosures has risen from 118 during the first 11 months of 2007 to 324 in the first 11 months of 2008. And the city's unemployment rate of 3.2 percent in November is about a percentage higher than it was last November, although significantly lower than Virginia and national standards.

"The city's economy, as measured by tax receipts, continued to slow during the second half of 2008," wrote City Manager **Jim Hartmann** in a Jan. 21 memorandum on the city's financial situation. "The extreme turbulence in the credit markets and the uncertainty of future consumer spending continues to create significant downside risk to the city's revenue projections for Fiscal Year 2010."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

ARHA Waits on City Council

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Participating in his first ARHA Board of Commissioners meeting Monday night, Hyra explained that his interest in public housing and redevelopment stemmed from him playing basketball with friends in Harlem during his youth. "That experience had a huge influence on me and made me realize that we had to make public housing better," he said in explaining his interest in being appointed to the ARHA Board.

FOLLOWING THEIR ACTION on Hyra, Council directed staff to readvertise Miller's potential vacancy "within a reasonable period of time" and "bring such additional candidates' names before Council for consideration." The vacancy was to be filled by the end of this legislative session of Council.

They also requested that Miller agree to remain as a member of the ARHA Board "until such time as a successful candidate can be approved." However, that was never conveyed to Miller personally. Nor was he ever told that he was not being considered for reappointment.

"I received no notification from anyone. If I hadn't been watching the Council meeting on television that night I wouldn't have known anything in an official sense. I didn't get notified by anybody in city government," Miller said Tuesday morning.

"I applied for reappointment and only got one vote. But, Krupicka [councilman] said I was still on the ARHA Board until I or someone was appointed. That's not how I see it. As far as I'm concerned I'm not on the board at this time," Miller said.

He emphasized that point by not attending Monday night's meeting. His chair was vacant and his nameplate was not at the center of the board table. ARHA Vice Chair Carlyle C. Ring, Jr., presided.

The one person who was present prior to the meeting's commencement at the Ladrey High-Rise ARHA housing unit was Councilman Rob Krupicka explaining the changing situation to ARHA Executive Director Roy Priest and Ring. It was Krupicka who outlined three points relative to ARHA's future during the Jan. 13 Council meeting.

The first was the securing of a strong executive director. "We have that in the selection of Roy Priest," he said.

He also called for a "strong alignment between ARHA and the city's overall housing policy." He questioned the size of the ARHA Board. "Is it too big or too small," Krupicka asked rhetorically.

Thirdly he called for the City to raise its commitment to ARHA's mission, calling for an ongoing dialogue with the ARHA Board. It was also indicated that ARHA should broaden its mission to include affordable and workforce housing as well as public



The empty chair of ARHA Chairman A. Melvin Miller, flanked by ARHA Vice Chairman Carlyle C. Ring, Jr., (right) and ARHA Commissioner Kerry-Ann Powell, served as a silent reminder of the ongoing struggle between ARHA and the City Council during the regular ARHA monthly meeting.

housing.

"THAT'S ALL WELL and good but we are funded by HUD [U.S. Department of Housing And Urban Development] to do what HUD is mandated to do. If they [the City Council] want us to do more then they need to fund it. I don't think HUD is going to provide the funds for broadening our mission," Miller said.

"Council has two roles — appoint members to the ARHA Board of Commissioners and review development proposals," Miller said. Their latest appointment, Hyra, also took exception to an expanded role for ARHA in the area of workforce and affordable housing.

"I think it's a good idea to think about how we work with other agencies. We should have a dialogue with others. But, we can not get off our mission. We do both public and Section 8 housing now," Hyra said.

"That's more than most housing authorities do nationwide. I don't know if we should also be dealing with workforce and affordable housing," he said.

That's when Ring proposed that the annual election be postponed due to his understanding from Krupicka that "after further consideration Miller may be reappointed." That possibility was confirmed by Krupicka prior to the meeting when he said, "The matter will be reconsidered at Tuesday's [Jan. 27] Council meeting." That meeting was canceled due to the weather and rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 2.

"Mel interpreted Council's action as not to serve without reappointment. There were a number of people at the most recent council meeting that disagreed with both Council's decision and their method of handling it," Ring said.

"Council has been considering whether the mission of this board should be broader than public housing. They have proposed a dialogue over the next year to look at ARHA's role and whether or not we have the capacity to broaden our mission," Ring said.

"If Council wants us to do more then they need to fund it."

— **A. Melvin Miller, ARHA Chair in limbo**

Recount Confirms Herring's Victory

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publican candidate who requested Monday's recount.

Within minutes of the three-judge panel's confirmation of Herring's 16-vote margin of victory, the Republican-led House of Delegates swore-in its newest member. Later that afternoon, Murray decided not to pursue the matter further with an official contest, which could have been heard in the House Com-

mittee for Privileges and Elections. Democrats, who have been trying to seat Herring since the session began two weeks ago, greeted the news with shouts and celebration.

"There was a lot of loud cheering and banging of desks on our side of the aisle," said Del. David Englin (D-45). "The fact that the Republicans choose to allow Herring to be sworn-in indicates to me that they don't perceive any challenge of her election to be legitimate."

NEWS

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Marking the official opening of the Northern Virginia U.S. Census Bureau with the traditional ribbon cutting are, from left to right, Matthew Schnedl, U.S. Census Bureau; U.S. Rep. James P. Moran (D-8); the Rev. Lee Earl, Alexandria; Arnold Jackson, assistant regional director, Decennial Census, U.S. Census Bureau; and Vellie Dietrich Hall, REAC Advisory Committee.

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Regional Census Office Opens

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That real estate and those employees will be spread over a 22 county area of Northern Virginia. "The partnerships we form account for the success of the census. We make every effort to count everyone. This gives us a portrait of who we are as a nation and where we live," Jackson said.

Joining Jackson and other U.S. Census officials for the ceremony were U.S. Sen. Mark Warner (D-VA), U.S. Rep. James P. Moran (D-8), Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille, and Vellie Sandalo Dietrich Hall, member, Race and Ethnic Advisory Committee, a service organization to the census.

"This effort is one of the few parts of the Federal Government's operations that goes back to the Constitution. The face of America and the face of Virginia is drastically changing. What you do determines the flow of more than \$300 billion per year," Warner told the audience.

"We have certainly grown since the last census. And, much of that can be attributed to the fact that no matter who you are you are welcome in Alexandria," Euille said. He also invited the Census Bureau staff to attend his Friday staff meetings at City Hall.

As the event's keynote speaker, Moran said, "The Census Bureau is absolutely critical for what we do for our nation and its people. It tells us who we are, where we've been and where we haven't been."

Noting the dire economic situation, Moran said, "This is a particularly critical time to be doing this

work. The census is very important to us in the Congress. It tells us who we represent."

Referencing the latest stimulus package, Moran noted that the House of Representatives had just assembled an \$850 billion spending package. "In that package is \$1 billion for the census to ensure that the Bureau has all the money it needs to do the job right," he said.

INITIATING THE WORK will be the address canvassing operation, according to Jeanie W. Presto, assistant regional manager, U.S. Census Bureau. "Hiring will start in February and work will begin in April," she said.

Of the total 3,000 workers in Northern Virginia, 1,000 will operate from the Alexandria office, according to Presto. "However, this office will get smaller as the work progresses throughout the 22 county area and other offices will grow," she said.

The object of the census is to count everyone — those who want to be counted as well as those who do not want to be counted. Those who do not return the mailed forms are known as non-responses. They account for the bulk of the work.

This census will also employ greater technology. During the address canvassing phase, census workers will utilize hand-held computers as opposed to paper tally sheet, as were used during the 2000 census. However, when actually collecting data from "non-responses," paper forms will be used.

The first positions to be filled will include address listers, office clerks, recruiting assistants, crew leaders and field operations supervisors.

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Hi, Tom

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she received the Salute to Women Award from the Alexandria Commission for Women. The award commends women who have exhibited outstanding leadership skills in a variety of areas including

education and training. She did extensive volunteer work with Junior Friends of the Alexandria Community Y, the Twig Junior Auxiliary of Alexandria Hospital and the INOVA Alexandria Hospital Corporation. She was also an active member of Charles Barrett and T.C. Williams PTAs, as well as the Ascension Academy Parent Advisory Board.

In her work as a teacher and educator, she had the opportunity to exert a positive and beneficial influence on the lives of many, many children and adults. Her warm nature and her enthusiastic embrace of life made her a role model for everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her husband of 43 years, David, of Alexandria;

their daughter Anne Dellefield Mills, husband Matthew Mills, and three granddaughters, Rebecca, Cassandra, and Mary Kathryn Mills, of Manassas; and her sister, Debbie Feehan, of Bowling Green, Ohio.

Joe Shkrlac

Joe C. Shkrlac, 82, of Locust Grove, Va. died on Jan. 21, 2009 at his home. He was born on May 12, 1926 in Johnson City, Ill.

He is predeceased by his parents Joe Shkrlac and Rosie Pinter Shkrlac, his sisters Ann Panko, Mary Kresich, Louise Bennett and Matilda Vaughn and brother Mike Zabarac.

He is survived by his wife Virginia; sister Catherine Degorica of Marion, Ill.; step children Betty Burnett, husband Al of Dayton Beach, Fla., William Phillips of Alexandria, Deborah McCormack, husband Stephen of Culpeper, Va., and Robert Phillips of Locust Grove, Va.; as well as many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

As a young man, he was a stonemason in Johnson City, Ill. He was drafted into the United States

Army where he served during WWII. After leaving the military he settled in Alexandria where he began his career as an owner/operator of several Texaco Stations. In 2001 he retired after 38 years of service as an owner/operator of Woodlawn Texaco on Richmond Highway where he received numerous awards for excellent service to his community. Mr. Shkrlac was an active member of Good Shephard Catholic Church in Alexandria.

In 2001 he and his wife moved to Locust Grove, Va. where they both became involved in their community. Mr. Shkrlac joined Precious Blood Catholic Church in Culpeper, Va. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, NASCAR fan and a civil war enthusiast. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and a member of the Ruratsins of Lignum, Va.

A funeral mass was held on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at Precious Blood Catholic Church, Culpeper, Va. Burial followed in Culpeper National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Family Care Home Health & Hospice, 610 Laurel St., Suite 2, Culpeper, VA 22701.

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ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

Saturday Caucus

The six-member Democratic slate of candidates for the May City Council election will be chosen this Saturday during a Democratic committee caucus at Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center. Seven candidates will be on the ballot, but only the six candidates who receive the most number of votes will become the party's slate. Polls will open at noon and close at 7:30 p.m. The G.O.P. will conduct a canvass on Feb. 7 at Minnie Howard from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and two Republican candidates have already announced an intention to run against the Democratic slate this May.

Donley v. Walker

The two non-incumbent candidates clashed last week during a candidate forum over decisions made years ago about locating the United States Patent and Trademark Office. At issue are opposing views of what the candidates view as "smart growth."

When asked about what his legacy would be, former Mayor **Kerry Donley** said he thought bringing the PTO to Alexandria was a way to promote what he called "smart growth." But Demo-

cratic challenger **Boyd Walker** criticized the PTO as a development that is not transit friendly because the final design included thousands of parking spaces. Furthermore, Walker said, Donley could have used political will to locate the office on the existing Eisenhower Metro station or as leverage to create a new station at Potomac Yard.

"Donley is the kind of leader who will go into a backroom somewhere to make a deal then walk out and announce what's going to happen," said Walker. "I think the PTO is an example of Donley's leadership style, and I will have a more transparent way of approaching city government."

Donley defended the PTO location as transit-oriented development because it was located between two underused Metro stations, and he pointed to a growth in the usage of both stations. Donley said the location was ultimately the responsibility of the federal government rather than the city government, and he took issue with Walker's assertion that the city could have used pressure to help create a new Metro station at Potomac Yard.

"The thing people sometimes forget about with new Metro stations is that somebody's going to



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Democratic candidates, from left to right, Kerry Donley, Justin Wilson, Rob Krupicka, Tim Lovain, Paul Smedberg, Del Pepper and Boyd Walker.

have to pay for it," said Donley. "I think the PTO probably decided to go with the certainty of being between two existing stations rather than the uncertainty of trying to create a new one."

Wilson v. Walker

With the global economic crisis squeezing city revenues, the next City Council will likely be faced with even more drastic cuts than the ones currently under consideration at City Hall. But the can-

didates have different opinions about what should be cut, said **Boyd Walker**.

"I wouldn't close libraries on Sundays, and I would not cut back on trolley hours," Walker said. "Instead I would seek a 5-percent cut in pay for the city's top management."

As a member of the city's Library Board, Councilman **Justin Wilson** decided to use one of his rebuttal opportunities to counter Walker. Wilson said that the board was facing the prospect of shut-

tering the Burke Branch Library and decided instead to cut back on Sunday hours as a way to spread the cutbacks rather than create hardship for the West End neighborhood residents who rely on the Burke Branch.

"None of these are good choices," said Wilson. "But when we say 'we will never do this' or 'we will never do that,' it's not going to get us where we need to go."

Trees and Trash

Since first being elected to the City Council in 2003, Councilman **Paul Smedberg** has carved out a distinctive place for himself at City Hall as one of the most painstakingly elected officials in the city. He's been known to ask about the height of outdoor furniture, the source of funding for environmental initiatives, the logic behind who gets to take home city-owned vehicles, the size of motor coaches used in the city and the use of the word "stewardesses" in a symbolic resolution. On several occasions, he has questioned the consistency of how applicants for special-use permits are required to purchase city-owned trash cans. "I will work to define and redefine government," said Smedberg. "Whether it be trees or trashcans."

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IN SESSION

Herring Joins the Club

After two weeks of sitting quietly in the back row waiting for the House of Delegates to accept her certificate of election, Del. **Charniele Herring** (D-46) finally walked to the front of the chamber Monday afternoon to be sworn in as a replacement for former Del. **Brian Moran**. The former delegate, who has represented the district since 1996, resigned last month to focus on his campaign for governor. The swearing-in was delayed by a recount of the Jan. 13 special election after Herring narrowly won a 16-vote margin of victory over Republican candidate **Joe Murray**.

On the first day of the session, the Republican majority refused to receive Herring's certificate of election from the State Board of Elections, and House Democrats made several attempts seat her during the session. But Republicans refused to budge until the recount was over, even though 25 uncounted ballots were never unsealed during the Circuit Court proceeding. Herring missed last week's deadline for filing new bills without unanimous consent, and the House ruled that she will not be able to submit "gray sheets" casting retroactive votes. But the newest delegate plans to draft a letter for the record indicating how she would have voted.

"It's been frustrating," said **Jennifer Bissett**, Herring's legislative aide. "We didn't even have a constituent services e-mail address until Monday."

Finding Fault

Who is to blame for the lack of representation of constituents in the 46th District during the first two weeks of the General Assembly? Was it the Republican candidate who considered contesting the elec-

tion during a session of the House Privileges and Elections Committee? Or was it the Democratic governor who called for a special election in less than 30 days, creating a problem for overseas voters who cast absentee ballots by mail?

People seem to be pointing fingers in all directions. "**Brian Moran** is to blame for the lack of representation of his former constituents," said **Chris Marston**, chairman of the Alexandria City Republican Committee. "My own belief is that people who are elected to serve a term should stick around to finish the job."

"I guess you could blame **Terry McAuliffe**," retorted Democratic recount attorney **Jim Lay**, referring to the former Democratic National Committee chairman who is now challenging Moran for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination. "It just depends on how far back you want to go with the blame game."

Taxing and Spending

Before the General Assembly session began earlier this month, Del. **David Englin** (D-45) hoped he could gain support from the Democratic caucus on an economic stimulus plan he's been hammering out for months. The plan would raise taxes on people making more than \$400,000 a year in order to eliminate the food tax and decrease taxes on those making less than \$400,000 a year. Yet a recount in the 46th District and a leadership fight in the caucus distracted attention, and Englin was never able to persuade the entire caucus to support the plan.

"We ended up with about a third of the caucus signing on to be patrons of the bill," said Englin. "But we decided to move forward with this because it's such an important issue."

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Providing Services in Tough Times

BY MARY ANNE WEBER
CHAIR, COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD



COMMENTARY

Ask any random Alexandrian what the Community Services Board is and the chances are he or she won't know the answer. There are, after all, a multitude of boards and commissions in Alexandria and the name certainly doesn't give anything away.

The answer. Over 40 years ago the state of Virginia began to organize Community Service Boards throughout the state, eventually creating 40 in all. Alexandria was the seventh and this year will be celebrating its 40th anniversary. The Board, composed of 16 volunteers appointed by the mayor with the consent of City Council, oversees the city's Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities and Substance Abuse programs. These volunteers, all city residents, are appointed to three-year terms and may be appointed three times. Their goal is to provide compassionate and effective services that support self-determination, recovery, and resiliency for Alexandria residents. By many measures including the state's own satisfaction surveys, Alexandria's CSB has done well and strives to improve and expand services for everyone who needs them from toddlers to senior citizens.

The overwhelming question is how does the Board continue to that in economic bad times? The state, facing shortfalls, is cutting

its budget. So is the city, and like every other department, the Community Services Board must make cuts too.

The staff combed the budget line by line, seeking out efficiencies and determining the impact of every cut in terms of service. Then the Board did its review. Proposed changes included eliminating vacant positions and some that are currently filled, eliminating the expansion of one program and delaying the start of another. The possible delay of that program, the opening of Safe Haven providing housing for homeless who are diagnosed mentally ill, substance abusers, or both, was reported in the media but it was only a possibility. Since then the Board has withdrawn that proposal and the Safe Haven project will go forward as planned.

AT THIS POINT the Board's suggestions for cuts have gone to the City Manager who in turn will present his budget to the City Council. He may make all the cuts proposed, some, or none. Then the Council itself will grapple with the numbers and hold public hearings before a final decision is reached.

The state too will be making hard decisions in the coming weeks and they only have a short time to do it. The Board, along with all the other Northern Virginia Community Services Boards has already objected to one proposal by Gov. Tim Kaine: The closure of the

Commonwealth Center for Children & Adolescents, the only public psychiatric facility for children in the state and the closing of the adolescent unit of the Virginia Mental Health Institute. Why does Alexandria care? Because, despite the state's suggestion, private facilities don't take tough cases, they don't want children who are violent or suicidal or charged with crimes or children who have intellectual disabilities as well as a mental illness. Commonwealth is the city's safety net, everyone's safety net, and last year 12 of our children used it.

AS THIS UNHAPPY PROCESS of cuts continues residents too will be involved. They must become informed and decide what balance of cuts and tax increases is fair, equitable and doable. It will be hard and there is always the chance that what we lose we will never get back. But at the same time it is an opportunity to look at the services the city provides and decide which ones work and which ones don't, which in a crisis we could do without, and which ones we must have.

Despite the gathering clouds, the CSB and the city have good reason to celebrate 40 years of service. The Board will kick off a year of events with a party on March 19 at George Washington Middle School. So save the date and read this column next month to get all the details. One hint, it will be a '60s affair to commemorate the beginnings of mental health care reform and community services and will be funded on a shoestring budget.

Looking at Middle Class Tax Relief

BY DAVID ENGLIN
DELEGATE (D-45)

Heeding President Obama's inspirational inaugural call to "pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America," on Monday, I led a group of 14 legislators in announcing House Bill 2588, the Middle Class and Small Business Tax Relief Act — an important reform effort that will help people now and will begin to strengthen our economy for the future.

RICHMOND
REPORT

From Alexandria to Augusta, from Arlington to Abingdon, from Fairfax to Halifax, middle class families and small businesses are feeling the squeeze of the recession. As we in the General Assembly work to cut \$3 billion or more to balance the state budget, hard-working Virginians are bracing for cuts in education, health care, public safety, and other core services. In these difficult times, our challenge as leaders — in addition to preventing cuts to education that would undermine our future — is to figure out how to lend a hand to those who need it most in ways that will begin to grow our economy and give hard-working Virginians a fair shake and an equal opportunity to succeed.

That's exactly what the Middle Class and Small Business Tax Relief Act is designed to do. The bill

will repeal the current 1.5 percent state sales tax on groceries, providing \$230 million of tax relief annually for all Virginians; repeal the current 6 percent corporate income tax on the 22,000 businesses making less than \$100,000 per year, providing \$10 million in tax relief annually to employers struggling to keep and create jobs; and cut the personal income tax rate to 5.6 percent for the 42 percent of Virginia taxpayers making between \$17,000 and \$75,000 per year, providing them \$130 million in tax relief annually.

AS THE ARCHITECT of this plan, I consider it absolutely critical to provide tax relief to struggling families and small businesses in a fiscally responsible way that also protects vital resources for education and transportation and does not worsen our budget shortfall. Currently, revenue from one percent of the state sales tax on food is dedicated to local governments for public education, and revenue from the remaining one-half percent is dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund. Additionally, revenue from the current 5.75 percent income tax goes into the General Fund to pay for a variety of core services.

To protect these existing resources, the proposal would raise the income tax rate on people making more than \$400,000 per year by a modest 1.1

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LETTERS

Teachers And Janitors

To the Editor:

As the ACPS budget process moves towards a close, I am anxious to see what current school board members propose adding, and cutting, in the 2010 ACPS budget. It's a tough economy, with property values and tax revenue continuing to fall, but the superintendent and his staff have done yeoman's work.

But I am still concerned at what I'm seeing. Why are we cutting Latin at GW Middle School, three music education teachers system-wide, a Hammond world language teacher, science paraprofessionals at Cora Kelley and reducing science programs at Maury, Tucker and Ramsey But keeping 60 custodians "on staff" rather than converting them to private contractors?

I know I sound heartless, but custodians, as warm and as wonderful as they are, do not contribute to academic excellence. They are also not in the School Board's new strategic plan. In my view,

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45 GARDEN DRIVE
 Alexandria - \$440,000

This is a must see! Extremely convenient 3BR / 1.5BA Duke Gardens location w/ access to METRO bus line & METRO, Old Town & I 495. Additional 1BR au pair/in-law suite LL w/ separate entrance. New appliances, refreshed kitchen and bathrooms. Many upgrades including windows/roof, furnace, water heater and deck. *Don't miss the Virtual Tour.*



www.susanmovesyou.com
Susan Haughton 703-470-4545



Alexandria - \$850,000

Existing 1929 farm home as is. Value is in the land. Building lots in Memorial Heights for \$170K each. Includes approx 1.42 areas currently zoned R-3.

Adjoins R-8. Contract not to be contingent upon permits or approvals. Please call for more details and brochure.



Patrick Garrity 703-298-2287



5744 GOVERNORS POND CIRCLE
 Alexandria - \$579,000

STUNNING end unit TH w/over 3,000 sqft on a premium lot fenced, trees & landscaped. First floor hardwoods, gourmet Kit, FR, gas FP & deck. Lower level features small Kit, patio, gas FP, bath w/ handicapped shower & a 2nd laundry. Minutes from METRO, I-95, Old Town, Fort Belvoir & the Pentagon.



Heidi 703-609-7367 Elke 703-967-7633
The Kohler Team



1617 B HUNTING CREEK DRIVE
 Old Town - \$549,000

Sun-splashed 3Br/2.5Ba condo will wow you. Excellent layout maximizes space & has good flow for entertaining & living. Very clean, featuring FP, charming deck off Kit, LOTS of storage space, attached 1-car garage. Community features pool, tot lot, tennis and plenty of parking. Minutes to OT, airport, Del Ray. **PRICED TO MOVE!**



Laura Biederman 202-309-1350



126 ROBERTS LANE #300
 Alexandria - \$365,000
www.126RobertsLane.com

EXCEPTIONAL 3Br/ 2Ba END UNIT! 9' ceilings, windows galore, 2 level floor plan plus large balcony. Parking / Tennis / Pool / Pets. Less than 1/2 mile to King St METRO.



www.DebVaRealtor.com
Deborah Alea 703-447-1315



110 CAMERON STREET #CS-104
 Alexandria - \$395,000

Sophisticated renovation of sunlit condo in OT premiere location 1 blk from King St/Potomac River. Chef's Kit w/granite & SS, new BA w/ custom tile, granite & double sinks, hdwd flrs, full sized W/D, Gar pkg & storage.



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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Throughout February, the City of Alexandria and Mount Vernon Estate holds a variety of events to celebrate the birth of George Washington. For more information visit www.mountvernon.org or visitalexandriava.com. The following is a sampling of the events.

George Washington Comes to Dinner at Carlyle House

Saturday, Feb. 7 from noon-4 p.m.
Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St.
Regular admission price.
703-549-2997

A living history tour of the Carlyle House centering on Washington's visit to the house in 1760 for dinner after church. Stop and talk to John Carlyle and George Washington in the study and to servants and slaves setting up for dinner in the dining room, along with others.

'Walking with Washington' Tours

Sundays, Feb. 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 1:30 p.m.
Meet at the fountain at Market Square, 301 King St.
Free
703-991-4474
Walk the sites associated with George Washington.

The Cherry Challenge

Sunday, Feb. 1 through Sunday, Feb. 8
Participating restaurants including Bookbinder's, Finn and Porter, St. Elmo's Coffee Pub and Stardust.

Contact a restaurant to see if they are participating.

Each restaurant that is participating will create a menu item featuring cherries. Patrons vote for their favorite and the winning restaurant will be in the George Washington Birthday Parade, receive a plaque and a feature in "Washingtonian" Magazine.

George Washington Classic 10K Race

Saturday, Feb. 14 at 8:30 a.m.
\$30-\$35/person for 10K or \$10/person for 2K Fun Run
703-991-4474

Run a 10K or a 2K Fun Run, earn prizes, t-shirt and more. Benefits Alexandria Police Youth Camp.

Birthnight Banquet & Ball

Saturday, Feb. 14 at 5:30 p.m.
Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.
\$100/banquet and ball; \$50/ball only
703-838-4242 Reservations required.

Be part of a re-enactment of the ball held in Washington's honor at Gadsby's in 1797. Colonial attire is not required.

Revolutionary War Re-Enactment

Sunday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road
Free
703-838-4848

Enjoy historic camp and tactical demonstrations throughout the day including a Revolutionary War skirmish between the Redcoats and the Colonial Army.

Worship at Historic Christ Church

Sunday, Feb. 15 at 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.
118 N. Washington St.
703-549-1450 or www.historicchristchurch.org
Free

George Washington was a member of this church. Honor the first President during services through reading the prayer he composed, laying a wreath in his memory and displaying the Washington Family Bible.

Breakfast and Meeting of Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association

Monday, Feb. 16 at 9 a.m.
Historic Distric Holiday Inn and Suites, 625 First St.
Price TBD
Hear guest speakers and enjoy a breakfast.

Wreath Laying Ceremony

Monday, Feb. 16 at 11 a.m. at Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolution
Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St.
Free
Colonial Military and civilians honor the soldiers of the Revolutionary War.

George Washington Birthday Parade

Monday, Feb. 16 from 1-3 p.m. from S. Saint Asaph Street at Wilkes Street to Queen Street and on.

Free
Enjoy the largest parade celebrating Washington's birthday in the U.S.

Free Open Houses

Monday, Feb. 16
Call for last tour time.
The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. 11 a.m. 703-838-4994.

Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. 703-838-4242.

Friendship Firehouse Museum, 107 S. Alfred St. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 703-838-3891.

The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. 1-4 p.m. 703-838-3852.

Carlyle House, 121 N. Fairfax St. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 703-838-4242.

Lee-Fendall House Museum, 614 Oronoco St. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 703-548-1789.

Christ Church, 118 N. Washington St. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 703-549-1450.

George Washington Memorial Award Presentation

Saturday, Feb. 21 at 1 p.m.
George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive
703-991-4474
Free

The annual award is "presented to individuals who have promoted the virtues, character and vision of George Washington." The presentation will be followed by music, cake and more. The 2009 Recipient is General Dave R. Palmer, author of "George Washington and Benedict Arnold:



Explore the life of George Washington through a variety of events happening in February.

A Tale of Two Patriots" and "1794 America, Its Army, and the Birth of the Nation."

George Washington Symposium

Saturday, Feb. 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive
\$25/person includes luncheon
703-991-4474
"The Military Education of George Washington" will be the focus. Presenters will be Prof. Edward G. Lengel and historian Glenn F. William.

Tea with Martha Washington

Saturday, Feb. 21 at 3 p.m.
Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St.
Reservations required 703-838-4242.
Enjoy an 18th century tea including special blend of tea, pound cake, dried fruit and cookies.

George Washington Celebration Photography Contest

Deadline is March 31
Visit www.visitalexandriava.com for entry information
Amateur and professional photographers can submit photographs of George Washington Birthday celebration events, both past and present. Cash prizes for the winners.



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New Listing



13 East Myrtle Street | \$735,000

Move-in ready! This lovely 3 bedroom, 2 bath center hall colonial features formal living and dining, sunroom, garage, finished basement, and fabulous rear deck overlooking fenced backyard. Hardwood throughout main and 2nd floor, freshly painted, new windows, plus roof and chimney liner new in '06. Off street parking plus garage -- all within a few blocks to Braddock Road Metro!

Mark Souder | 703 518-2800

Rosemont

Rosemont Charm



4 West Rosemont Avenue | \$879,000

A classic Rosemont beauty on a great lot just blocks from the King St Metro. Comfortable, flowing floor plan with sunny living room leading to charming porch, large formal dining room, gourmet kitchen, powder room and family room that opens to private patio and yard. This three bedroom, two and a half bath home is an elegant renovation of a timeless classic. Dir: From King Street, turn north on Russell Rd, turn right on Rosemont Ave

Karen Leonard | 703 328-7041

Alexandria

Great Opportunity to Own



6286 D Rose Hill Court | \$199,000

This lovely 2BR 1BA condo in Heritage Hill is in immaculate condition and will impress the most discerning buyer. The condo features a traditional floor plan with separate living and dining rooms and a large balcony overlooking common grounds. With new carpet, newer HVAC and refinished parquet floors, it is ready for move in. Located in Rose Hill close to shopping, Metro and major commuter routes. Tired of looking at properties needing a ton of work, come see what pride of ownership really means.

Yvonne S. Croft | 703 973-1540

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New Listing



4717 31st Street #B2 | \$325,000

It's all been done! Two bedroom, one bath. Kitchen and bath renovation with granite and ceramic tile, new washer/dryer, HVAC, HWH and windows! Spacious, sunny, and located within Fairlington with amazing amenities and just minutes from I-95, Shirlington, and DC. Huge storage room/exercise room on lower level. Don't hesitate - this home nears perfection and is sure to capture your heart quickly!

Mark Souder | 703 518-2800

Fairlington Village

Old Town At It's Best



523 North Alfred Street | \$575,000
Just About Perfect!

Including the Price! This totally renovated 2/3 bedroom, one and a half bath Victorian Townhome is located in Old Town and is in move-in condition. There is nothing left to do! Kitchen, baths, floors, appliances, carpet, painting, partial roof, patio, HVAC, all renovated in the past few years. Most in 2008. Even a perfect Old Town location, close to Metro, shopping, restaurants, bike path, Starbucks, DC and Airport.

Linda Trinkle Wolf | 703 518-6165

Old Town

Spacious Rental



27 South Abingdon Street | \$2,250

Great Location -15 minutes to DC
Spacious three level townhome (2600 + square feet) close in. Only 15 minutes to DC. Three bedrooms, 2.55 baths. Two fireplaces, hardwood floors, backyard patio, gas forced air heat, and central AC, easy access to everything. Vacant and ready for new tenants. It won't last. Call Wil Roberts at 703 447-6556.

Wil Roberts | 703 447-6556

Alexandria

New Listing



2181 Jamieson Avenue #811 | \$379,900

Beautiful Condo at Carlyle Towers
Imagine how wonderful it is to choose whether to have your morning coffee on your enclosed porch or at your kitchen table in front of the window! The choice is yours in this wonderful unit. The 2 BR, 1 1/2 BA interior is elegant and neutral with hardwood floors, granite counters and marble baths. Also included is a w/d, garage parking, every possible recreational amenity and steps to metro. See photos at www.cbmove.com

Teddy Marchant | 703 402-0501

Carlyle Towers West

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409 North Columbus Street | \$799,000

Historic end townhouse full of character and light! Own a piece of history with this handsome brick townhouse and it's large rooms, wood floors, 12' ceilings, and 2 fireplaces. There are 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths as well as a new roof, new zoned central air conditioning and the kitchen has been updated. Steps to shops and restaurants. From Washington and King Streets, north on Washington St, left onto Princess St, right onto N Columbus to 409. www.VirginiaRealEstate4u.com.

Bonnie Rivkin | 703 598-7788

Old Town

Great Value



7402 Elgar Street | \$404,500

Solid home in North Springfield with over 1900 square feet offers one level living in a convenient location. This home features three bedrooms, two baths, separate Living and Dining Rooms, table space in the kitchen, two sided fireplace, and a great fenced and landscaped yard with large wrap around deck. Separate In Law Suite.

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6406 Wood Haven Drive
\$825,000



Price Reduction

A new price on this "Like New", 4/5 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2 car garage, 3 finished levels above grade plus storage level, high ceilings, hardwood floors, new kitchen with granite and center island opening to large family room overlooking private deck and yard, designer carpet, master retreat, wine cellar, study, formal living room and dining room. Perfect! Directions: South on GW Pkwy, right on Belle Haven Rd, left on Potomac, left on Old Towne Rd, right on Wood Haven www.phyllispatterson.com

Phyllis Patterson | 703 518-6158 Alexandria S

Ready For Spring In Old Town?

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649 First Street
\$1,050,000



A Great New Price!

Spectacular, large brick home on the edge of Old Town. Brick serpentine garden walls, garage parking, three to four bedrooms, four and half baths. Wood floors and high ceilings and quality throughout. Floor plan available. Freshly painted and ready to go! For more information, please contact Marie Louise Meyer at 703 836-2080. MLM1606@aol.com

Marie Louise Meyer | 703- 836-2080 Old Town

Newly Listed

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610 South Washington Street
\$1,899,000



Just listed, built in 2006 this brick end town home has everything you could ask for. There are high ceilings and 4 levels of over 3300 finished square footage, reclaimed pine floors, a bricked-in yard with a detached 2-car garage, 4 fireplaces, including one of the roof top deck, custom plantation shutters and crown molding everywhere! There is a gourmet kitchen with Viking appliances, granite counters and cherry cabinets, 3 bedrooms, 4.5 baths and a lower level media room. Steps to shops and restaurants. Call for a private showing. Shown by appointment only. www.VirginiaRealEstate4u.com

Bonnie Rivkin | 703 598-7788 Old Town SE

New Listing

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1816 Edgehill Drive
\$1,495,000



This Dutch Colonial has been expanded to satisfy gracious entertaining with spacious formal rooms as well as a generous country kitchen with adjoining family room, six bedrooms upstairs, and six full baths. Two staircases and multiple wood burning fireplaces add charm to the classic floor plan. The fully finished basement is complete with an additional kitchen, recreation room, library, full bath, and plentiful storage.

Mark Souder | 703 518-2800 Belle Haven

New Price! Open Sunday 1-4

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



227 North Lee Street
\$999,950



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 Listing - Open Sunday 1-4

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



3837 North Tazewell Street
\$1,299,000



Gorgeous Colonial

Exquisite property, perfect for elegant entertaining as well as comfortable family living. Over 4800 sq ft, this lovely property offers gracious formal rooms with 9' ceilings, crown molding chair rail, beautifully finished hardwood floors, and built-in cabinets; gourmet chef's kitchen with top of the line appliances, 4 fireplaces, first floor family room, first floor office, 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths and 2 half baths, lovely master suite w/ a sitting room, large recreation room, private elevator, large private patio overlooking a wooded vista, 2 car garage. Fabulous location only 5 minutes from Chain Bridge.

Jeanne Warner | 703-980-9106 Arlington

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Riverfront!
 Prime Mt Vernon location with the most breathtaking river views you have ever seen!

Over 11,000 sq ft 5BRs including main level river view MBR suite with enormous luxury bath and huge closets. Extensive balconies, deck and roof deck capitalize on the majestic setting high above the Potomac River. Open Sun 1-4pm. S GW Pkwy, past estate, L Old Mt Vernon Rd, L Rive Dr, R Belle Rive Terr.



9405
Ferry Ldng Ct
\$795,000
Magnificent Setting!
 Stately Colonial on highly desirable quiet cul-de-sac near the river.

Traditional exterior is complimented by bright, sunny interior opening to spectacular sun room. Large room sizes, updated baths, elegant trim detail, oversized garage and absolutely pristine condition on beautifully landscaped half acre grounds!



1210
N Pegram St
\$1,351,500
Classic New England Colonial!
 Come see Alexandria's most exciting new home

opportunity! Although the house nearing completion is sold, work is underway on the property next door. See our top quality construction, open floor plans and magnificent site in the heart of Alexandria's Seminary area. This home is now under roof and awaiting your finishing touches!



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.



3232
Woodland Ln
\$649,900
Water Access!
 Truly special home on half acre lot just steps from community water access! Bright,

open floor plan, 5BR, 3.5BA, updated eat-in kitchen, replacement thermal windows, oversized two car carport and major updated items. Stunning sunroom built in 2006 overlooks landscaped grounds in prime location just off GW Pkwy. Priced \$40,000 below tax assessment!



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.



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!



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

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2505
Crest Street
\$429,900
Rare Bargain!
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OPEN SUN. 1-4

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\$260,000

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3/4 BRs, 3.55 BAs, gourmet kit/family room, formal living & dining, cozy hearth room w/gas FP, river terrace & 2-car garage. Walk to shops & restaurants. By appt.

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703.507.5330
ReneeSellsAlexandria.com



OPEN SUN. 1-3

Alexandria
\$379,000

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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.

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Alexandria
\$379,500

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Do not miss this one! Large 1470 SF unit with balcony overlooking park setting & skyline view of the city. 3BR/2BA— Many updates throughout! MBR bath & gourmet kitchen will delight you! Garage prkg spot. Convenient location— Great security. Shown by appt. only!

200 N. Pickett Street #1207
LOUISE DEVERS 703.795.9944



Alexandria
\$289,900

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OPEN SUN. 1-4

Old Town
\$935,000

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by the modest façade. This is a wonderfully spacious TH that has been expanded over the years. Built Circa 1820 it includes a 26' MBR, a large formal dining room with skylights, double parlors, heart of pine floors, 3 fireplaces, 3BR/3BA.

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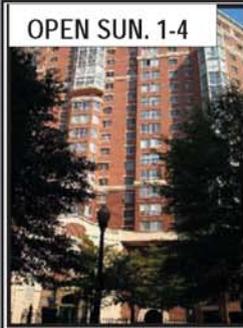


Historic Old Town
\$795,000

PITT MEWS GEM

Fabulous 3 bedrooms and 3.5 baths, all-brick townhouse with garage in Heart Of Old Town. Master bedroom with loft, custom built-ins/wainscoting. Bright kitchen, L/R fireplace, hardwood floors including loft. 1 block to King Street, 4 blocks to River.

421 Cameron Street
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OPEN SUN. 1-4

Alex/King St. Metro
\$459,900

EXCELLENT VALUE

2 master suites on either side of the unit. Hdwd flrs throughout main living area. Upgraded carpet & padding in sleeping areas. Updated kitchen. Enclosed balcony off of LR. BRs & balcony have city view & glimpses of the Potomac. Prkg, storage, the usual Carlyle amenities, shopping & restaurants of Old Town. For more information call Brian & Jerry or visit www.brianandjery.com

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OPEN SUN. 1-4

Alexandria
\$829,000

MODEL HOME LIVING!

Come see for yourself this well appointed, sun filled model home in close-in community of Cedar Knolls; minutes to Metro, Ft. Belvoir & Kingstowne. 3 fin. levels offer 4-5 BR's, 3.5 BA's, Chef's kitchen, formal rooms, luxury master suite, media rm & billiards rm, sun room, private deck, 2-car garage & much more. Dir: Telegraph Rd S, pass Van Dorn Bypass, R Clifton Knoll to 7032 on left.

7032 Clifton Knoll Court
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Alexandria \$515,000
Great new price for this 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath Colonial. Very Spacious w/finished LL, front porch & garage.
6715 Woodstone Place
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Alexandria \$675,000
Tucked away in the woods. Stunning, light-filled 3 level, 4 bedrm, 3.5 bath home in Kingstowne area. Over 3,700 SF.
6851 Rolling Creek Way
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Alex./Del Ray \$639,000
Beautiful 3 level, 3 bedrm, 2.5 bath home w/custom finishes & built-ins! Lots of storage & double driveway. Blocks to shops on "The Avenue" & Braddock Metro.
1717 Price Street
Christine Garner 703-587-4855



Alexandria \$1,199,000
Fabulous Colonial in private enclave backing to woods. Spacious rms w/5 bedrms, 5 baths, solarium, family rm, large kitchen, master suite & 2-car garage.
8819 Surrey Drive
Christine Garner 703-587-4855



Alexandria \$549,900
Beautiful 4 level townhome in Cameron Station w/3 bedrms, 2.5 baths, 2 fireplaces & 2-car garage. Shows like a model.
5065 Minda Court
Kerrie Price 703-901-2778



Alexandria \$715,000
Beautiful all-brick Colonial w/4 BR, 2 BA, newer kitchen, family rm w/fireplace & backyard oasis w/ landscaping & magnificent patio for entertaining. Ample parking.
1003 Braddock Road, W
Hal Sadler 703-677-7515



Alexandria \$549,500
Brick Colonial w/4 bedrms, 2 baths, wood burning fireplace, updated kitchen, huge fenced back yard & garage. Tons of attic storage.
1603 Rollins Drive
Hal Sadler 703-677-7515



Alexandria \$505,000
Brick 2 bedrm, 2 bath townhome w/gourmet kitchen, 2 master suites, deck, fireplace & cherrywood flrs. One-of-a-kind in convenient Old Town Greens.
1617 Potomac Greens Drive
Gary Chute 703-371-9926



Alexandria \$729,000
Luxury 4 lvl townhome in Old Town Greens w/3 bedrms, 2 full & 2 half baths, hardwood flrs, fireplace, 4th level loft, deck & 2-car garage. Rare corner lot.
728 Catts Tavern Drive
Gary Chute 703-371-9926



Alexandria \$599,900
Gorgeous remodeled home w/2 bedrms, 2.5 baths, rare detached garage+additional parking & private courtyard. Very quiet inside. Priced to sell!
509 Patrick Street
Bob Bazzle 703-599-8964



Alexandria \$688,600
Gorgeous 3 lvl single family home inside Beltway. Open flr plan w/grand 2-story foyer, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, huge kit. & 2-car gar. Lovingly cared for by original owners. Perfect for entertaining. Incredible location!
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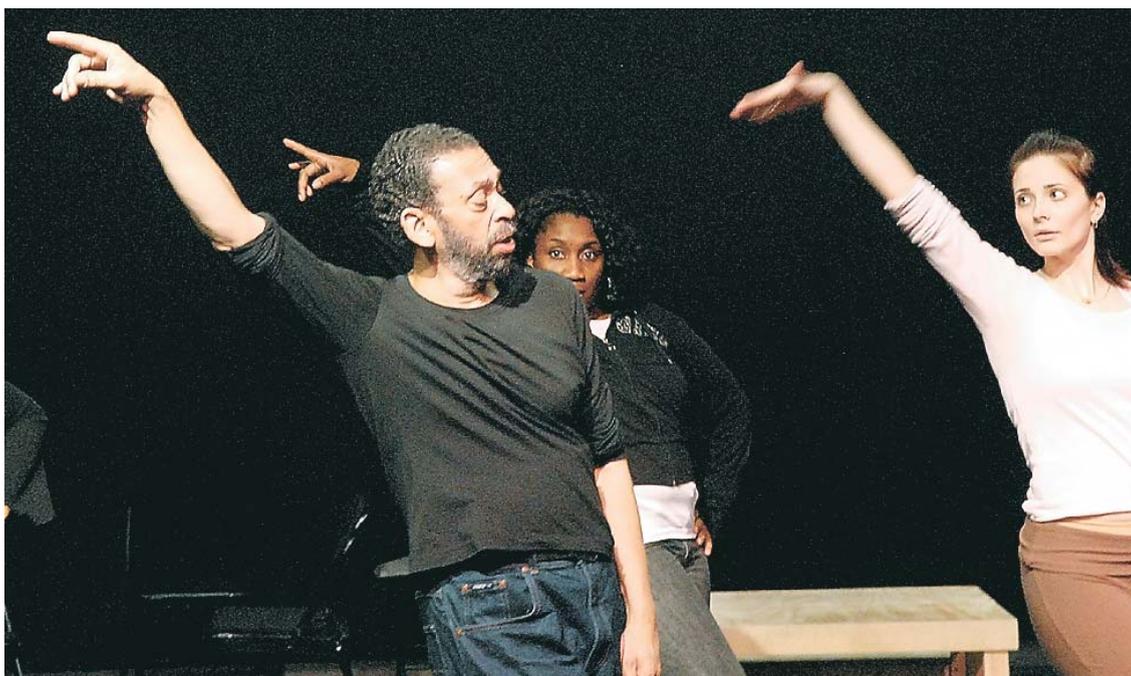


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Dancer and choreographer Maurice Hines works out a routine with Gia Mora and Rosalind "Roz" White for the upcoming show at MetroStage "Cool Papa's Party." The show opens on Feb. 5.

Maurice Hines: Keeping MetroStage Tapping

BY CAROLYN GRIFFIN,
PRODUCING ARTISTIC DIRECTOR, METROSTAGE

"Cool Papa's Party" covers 60 years of song and dance, against the backdrop of the world of entertainment — the political, the racial and the historic. MetroStage is premiering a new musical "Cool Papa's Party," an original work by Atlanta writer/director Thomas W. Jones II, with original music by William Knowles, beginning Feb. 5.

Dancer and choreographer, actor and singer, the legendary tap dancer Maurice Hines has joined Jones and Knowles and a cast of seven to choreograph this production, recreating the world of dance, tap and entertainment that spans the last century. "Cool Papa's Party" tells the story of a mythic figure in the world of entertainment in the tradition of Sammy Davis Jr.

Maurice Hines brings his own personal 60 years of dance and performing to the stage, reflecting the tradition of tap from the Nicholas Brothers to present

day tap icon Savion Glover. At age 65 Maurice Hines has been dancing since he was five years old, reflecting a history that includes dancing with younger brother Gregory, classes with the world renowned tap teacher and choreographer Henry Le Tang in Harlem, performing as the Hines Brothers then Hines, Hines and Dad (their father being an acclaimed drummer), debuting on Broadway when he was 11 years old, appearing in "Guys and Dolls," "Eubie," "Sophisticated Ladies," "Jelly's Last Jam," and "Uptown It's Hot" (for which he received a Tony nomination) on Broadway and in national tours, the film "Cotton Club," record recordings, and more.

Mr. Hines has thrilled the cast with stories of opening for Ella (Fitzgerald) at the Flamingo with friend and mentor Sammy Davis Jr. in the audience, his dozens of appearances with Gregory on the "Tonight Show" with Johnny Carson, stories about his good friend Lena Horne, tales of Lola Falana and Sammy Davis Jr.

When he leaves us here in Alexandria on opening weekend, he heads straight for Las Vegas!

Know of something missing from our Local Theater listings? Send it to Alexandria Gazette Packet at gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is 2 p.m. the Thursday before publication. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with any questions.

Upcoming Events

Watch "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" by the Arlington Players through Feb. 14 at Thomas Jefferson Community Center, 3501 S. 2nd St. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. \$15/adult; \$12/senior, junior. Visit www.thearlingtonplayers.org or 703-549-1063.

Ongoing Events

Aldersgate Church Children's The-

ater, 1301 Collingwood Road, presents "Aladdin Junior" Jan. 17, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 18, 19, 24 and 25 at 3 p.m. Visit www.acconline.org or 703-660-2611 for tickets and reservations.

Clark Street Playhouse presents "The Cherry Orchard" from Jan. 22 through Feb. 15 at the playhouse, 601 S. Clark St. Performances are Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets range between \$25-\$35/person. Visit www.washingtonshakespeare.org/ for more.

"Cool Papa's Party" is at MetroStage, 1201 N. Royal St. from Feb. 5 through March 15. Performances are Fridays at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. \$40-\$45/person. Visit www.metrostage.org or 703-548-9044.

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Austin Grill
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The Birchmere
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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 Chinquapin 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.

Visitors can learn about slavery at Mount Vernon during **Black History Month** programs, wish "George Washington" happy birthday, view new objects on display from a Revolutionary War cannon in the "George Washington & His Generals" exhibit to Mrs. Washington's wedding slippers and gown pieces (through Feb. 23). For more information, visit Visit.MountVernon.org.

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. 29

Cool Papa's Party. Enjoy a musical



Shawn Colvin will perform with Emmylou Harris, Patty Griffin and Buddy Miller on Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 3, 4 at the Birchmere.

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

Majestic 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 2-36 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.

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Workshop. 9-11 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St. Free workshop for parents and teachers. Visit www.celebratecalm.com for more.

Book Signing. 1-5 p.m. at Waldenbooks, 5801 Duke St. Author Jamey Long will sign copies of his "Possum" books. Free.

SUNDAY/FEB. 1

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.

Music Performance. The Marine Band will perform music from 1961 at Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com or 703-845-6156.

THURSDAY/FEB. 5

Reception. 6-8 p.m. Exhibition: "A Radiant Spirit: The Journey of Mary Ellen Henderson" from Feb. 5 through March 28 at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

FRIDAY/FEB. 6

Music Performance. 5 p.m. at Carlyle House. Hear 18th-century

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Clarendon Ballroom
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Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Ireton, 201 Cambridge Road. The concert band performs free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or 202-767-5658.

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

Magestic Eagles. 10:30 a.m. or 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.

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.

Boutique District Warehouse Sale. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Browse items from local stores and more. Free.

Oral History Lecture. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Char McCargo Bah will give a lecture about Freedmen's Cemetery. Free. 703-838-4356.

Awards Reception. 4-8 p.m. Gallery West, 1213 King St., presents the "National Juried Exhibition" from Feb. 4 through March 1. See works picked by Joey Manlapaz. Free.

Lecture. "Their Voices Can Be Heard, Part II: The Genealogist's Way of Doing Oral History" 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

SUNDAY/FEB. 8

Magestic Eagles. 1 p.m. or 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

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a.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe swans, ducks and other waterfowl. Free. 703-339-2385 for more information.

Music Performance. David Roth, Cletus Kennelly and Lori Kelley will perform at 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St. \$15/adult; \$12/member or in advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

Gallery Talk. 4 p.m. Deborah Ellis and Barbara Southworth will have artwork on display at the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince St., through March 8. "Painter and Photographer: Two Processes" is the topic. Free. 703-548-0035.

Music Performance. 2 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School. Hear music by The Duquesne University Tamburitan. Tickets required, 1-877-826-6437.

Valentine's Cabaret. 3 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Enjoy music, cabaret, theater and more. \$35/adult; \$25/student. Visit www.belcantanti.com or 301-266-7546.

THURSDAY/FEB. 12

Opening Reception. 6-8 p.m. 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.

Art Reception. 6-9 p.m. Gallery West, 1213 King St., presents the "National Juried Exhibition" from Feb. 4 through March 1. See works picked by Joey Manlapaz. Free.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Hear music by Jon Carroll. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org or 703-548-0035 for tickets.

Performance. 7 p.m. at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Hear performances, music and more. \$10/person. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

The Fish Market
105 King St., Alexandria. Shows at 9 p.m. Call 703-836-5676. Visit www.fishmarketoldtown.com.

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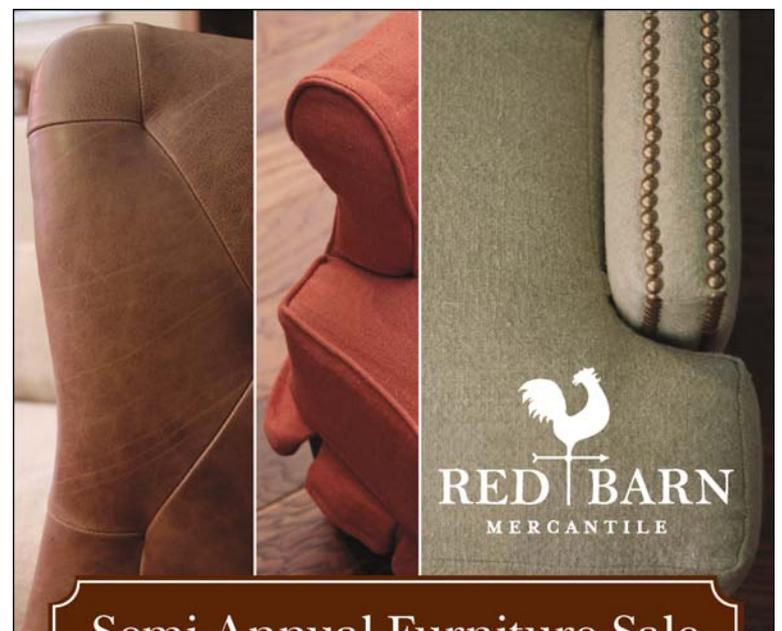
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LIVING LEGENDS

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The dedication of Eula and Melvin Miller.

BY CHRISTA WATTERS
FOR THE GAZETTE PACKET

This is the 11th 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.

Eula and Melvin Miller have spent more than 50 years making Alexandria a better place to live. His contributions began with civil rights law and came to focus on housing for minority and lower-income people. Hers focused on improving the education and skills of young children and their caregivers. Both were driven by a strong sense of justice and equality.

The Millers have lived in Alexandria since January 1958. They had been married here the year before, choosing the city as a meeting place between his Army posting in Philadelphia and her home in North Carolina. When he got out of the Army, Melvin Miller, who had graduated from Howard University Law School in 1955, was looking for a place to practice law, and as he had passed the Virginia Bar Exam, Eula Miller suggested they try the city where they had married.

Melvin Miller hung out his shingle on a room upstairs from a drugstore at the corner of Alfred

and Queen streets. He started with criminal law practice, but soon became involved in civil rights activism, doing pro bono work on school desegregation issues, though not as an attorney of record, and helping those involved with the Arlington lunch counter sit-ins in the early 1960s. He became active in Alexandria city issues, like housing, that affected African Americans.

"I think everybody has a code they live by, and I still have that," Eula Miller said recently. She had her first major insight into the need to fight injustice when she worked in an Atlantic City hotel between her junior and senior years of college. Her job was helping the head housekeeper check the quality of the maids' work, inspecting rooms after they were cleaned. One day she saw that the maids had to eat lunch outside at the back of the hotel in the summer heat. She worked in an air-conditioned office. At 19, she reacted fiercely to the injustice, urging them to strike for the right to eat indoors. "Somebody squealed," she said, "and I got fired. I called my daddy. His response was that I clearly needed a good education."

Melvin Miller explained his long pursuit of affordable and accessible housing: "I've always felt that in this city, with all the good intentions people have — when it comes down to housing the poor, it's too easy to do nothing."

THE MILLERS THEMSELVES had encountered difficulties finding a place to live within the city limits when they arrived here, first renting a room in a teacher's home. "You couldn't rent an apartment outside the African American community. Most teachers, lawyers and doctors who served this community lived outside the city limits in Fairfax or D.C. and

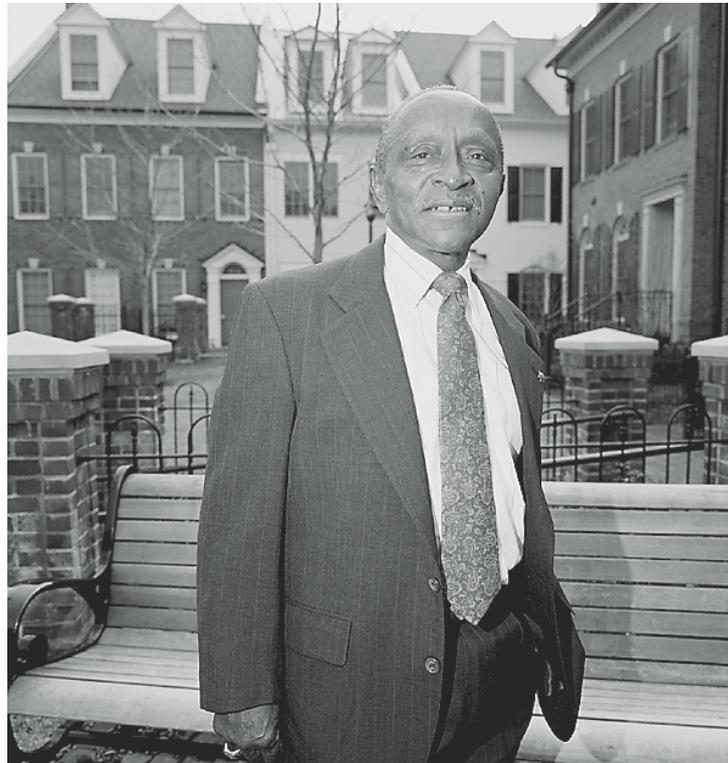


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Melvin Miller

commuted," recalled Melvin Miller. In his legal and volunteer work, he pursued equity and justice in all areas affecting the civil rights of individuals, but gradually housing issues came to dominate his life, both professionally and in his civic and volunteer work.

Melvin Miller was born in Savannah, Ga., but moved as an infant to Haddonfield, N.J.. He graduated from high school at 16. A bright student, he'd not always seen the purpose of academic striving. A job stocking shelves in a grocery store quickly showed him the value of higher education. Then he heard about St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, N.C., where tuition was \$60 a semester and room and board was \$30 a month, including laundry. He figured he could handle that. "It was the first place where people made me think I could do something meaningful," Melvin Miller

remembered. He has since encouraged many young Alexandrians to attend the same school, where he has served on the board of trustees and acted as interim president for seven months in 1999 while the board searched for a new president.

Eula Miller was born in Maxton, N.C. in 1933 and graduated from Bennett College in Greensboro in 1953. She later earned a master's degree in education from the George Washington University. She taught school in Charlotte, N.C., before her marriage, and again here in Alexandria afterward, but stopped for a while when the couple's three children came along. When she went back to teaching, she focused on early childhood. She saw that some children were less well prepared than others, so she started tutoring programs to help make up the differences, enlisting the city's middle

class professionals to help.

She saw a need for better skills and education for caregivers. By the early 1970s, she had become a liaison between the Alexandria public schools and the new Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA), working to put together a degree program for classroom instructional aides. Originally, she had meant to return to the Alexandria school system, but by the time the program was in place, she decided to stay at NOVA, where she eventually became head of the Early Childhood Education Program, a position she still holds.

Angie Godfrey, a former school board member and director of Alexandria's Head Start program, remembers Eula Miller as someone "who will work with anyone and everyone. She has such a vision and a sense of how to support and grow families in a community." Eula Miller also organized a program to help Head Start families make the transition to kindergarten.

ONE OF HER GREATEST successes was a program for teenage mothers that provided daycare so they could attend classes to study early childhood education. The goal was to teach them better parenting skills, but also to give them the training for careers as childcare providers, enabling them to achieve and to care for their own children. Some went on to further education, including 4-year colleges.

"She willed those kids to succeed," said Suzanne Chis, Alexandria's director of Social Services, who has worked with Eula Miller for many years. One of their early efforts was the City's day care center, which in the early '80s did not have credentialed caregivers. Eula Miller's efforts helped turn the center around by helping pro

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New Director Of Development

J u n e Geoffray has joined the staff of Senior Services of Alexandria as director of development. She previously served as for The Campagna Center.

In her role at SSA, Geoffray will oversee donor cultivation and relations, fund-raising activities, and other sources of funding for the organization, accord

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PEOPLE NOTES

Promotions at Sheriff's Office

Tony C. Davis, a 21-year veteran of the Alexandria Sheriff's Office, was named Undersheriff on Jan. 22 by Sheriff Dana Lawhorne. He succeeds David M. Rocco, who retired on Jan. 1 after 29-years of service. Davis is now the second in command of the Sheriff's Office. Among his new duties



Undersheriff Tony C. Davis

will be overseeing the Detention Center. He has been a captain and Division Commander of Administrative Services since July 2005.

Three other longtime members of the Sheriff's Office have also been promoted. Civilian Commander **Wendy Webb**, a 23-year veteran, and **Frank Milano**, a 26-year veteran, were promoted to captain. **Carlton Dewberry**, who has served 20 years, was promoted to lieu-



Captain Frank Milano

tenant.

Webb, who resides in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County, started her career in the Alexandria Sheriff's office as a deputy in 1986. She was named sergeant in 1991 and in 1995 promoted to a civilian supervisory position. In 2006 she became Division Chief and commanded the Administrative Support Section.

Milano, a New Jersey native, began his career in Alexandria in 1983 as a deputy. He was promoted to sergeant



Captain Wendy Webb

in 1989 and to lieutenant in 2002. He has held various supervisory positions and currently is assigned to Judicial and Special Operations Division, in charge of warrants, transportation and special operations.

Dewberry, a retired U. S. Marine Corps captain, joined the sheriff's office as a deputy in 1989. He currently serves as training coordinator. He was promoted to sergeant in 2002.



Lieutenant Carlton Dewberry



Couple Dedicates Their Lives to Others

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vide staff training through the programs at NOVA. While some staffers resisted change at first, Chis said, Eula Miller's positive outlook provided a circle of reinforcement that encouraged people to grow and brought about positive change. It was the first center for low-income children in the country to receive national accreditation.

Carol Farrell, director of the Office for Early Childhood Development in the Department of Human Services, also has worked with Eula Miller for years and watched her design the courses and open up ways to make the collaboration with NOVA work. "Her goal is to break down barriers to achieve what's best for children," said Farrell. "The core of what she's done is her willingness, her passion, her advocacy for children and their caregivers and mothers."

Farrell and Chis both note that the story continues. NOVA still maintains a Head Start classroom and playground on the campus that serves city residents. Three years ago, when the city identified a need to provide more training for English language learners who work as caregivers, Eula Miller helped develop a program that combined interpretation and specialized language training with a focus on early childhood education. While learning English, they were also taught better classroom and childcare practices.

Back when the Millers were starting their family, it became clear that pro bono civil rights cases weren't going to pay the bills, and Melvin Miller took a job as an attorney at the Federal Housing Administration, the predecessor

to today's Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ultimately, he became director of HUD's Metropolitan Washington Office. He quit HUD in 1969, but returned in 1977 as a deputy undersecretary in the Carter administration. He retired from the agency in 1997.

EARLY ON, Melvin Miller's civil rights activism led him to become a member of a group of Alexandria African Americans who met regularly to study issues affecting their community and work to improve the situation. The group was called the Secret Seven. "We didn't give ourselves that name," he said. "We were actually eight. We think it was an FBI informer who named us after infiltrating the group," he said. "Nobody was in charge, but we agreed we would have one spokesperson. I was mostly that person."

The group always met at 10 p.m. or later, Melvin Miller recalled. "We pledged to be available to help each other and discuss critical issues at any time of day or night, by phone or in person. But we also socialized, sometimes gathering with our wives, not talking business."

The members became active in the political process, interviewing candidates who were willing. Because many of them were federal employees restricted by the Hatch Act, which limited political activities of government workers, they would ask other prominent members of the community to endorse candidates based on the research of the Secret Seven.

Melvin Miller unsuccessfully ran for City Council in 1963 and for mayor in 1976, but felt it was im-



Eula Miller

portant to challenge the system and set a precedent for African Americans. He was appointed to the Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority (ARHA) in 1970, serving as chair until 1977, when he returned to HUD. Miller was a member of the School Board from 1986 to 1993, serving as chair from 1990 to 1992. He was appointed to the State Council of Higher Education by Gov. Linwood Holton in 1971. He served for eight years.

Melvin Miller is proudest of his work in the 1970s, when he, George Cook, Wiley Mitchell and Ira Robinson sat down in Mitchell's kitchen and drafted a resolution that led to an agreement between the City and ARHA that no public housing in the city would be destroyed unless there was a provision for one-for-one replacement. Though modified somewhat in the 1980s to allow "publicly assisted"

units that were not directly public housing, that agreement still underlies the City's housing policy, he said.

Melvin Miller was reappointed to the ARHA board in 2000 and has been chair since 2001. Connie Ring, another ARHA board member, said Miller's strength has been his ability to look at ARHA development projects and come up with a viable way to redevelop neighborhoods. For example, doing the Glebe Park and Bland projects together worked because of the high land value in the Bland neighborhood, which saved city taxpayers money. The combination of replacement public housing with market value housing has made the whole project economically feasible, Ring said. The project was approved on Oct. 18, 2008.

"Except for the determination, skills and perseverance of Melvin, I don't think we would have been

able to get the whole project through City Council. Of course Council and other civic leaders contributed a lot to the process, but the one person who was indispensable was Melvin."

Ring also remembers Melvin Miller's contribution to civil rights efforts in years past, and remembers Eula Miller cooking breakfast for some of their gatherings at the Miller home.

Ferdinand Day cited Melvin Miller's time as a spokesman for the Secret Seven, and called him "a trusted friend for a half century. As a civil rights attorney, he inspired and provided courageous leadership to generations in search of justice and equality."

Former School Board member Shirley Tyler said she relied on Melvin Miller for advice and counsel for many years. She appreciated his insights on education, but also on public housing issues. Tyler said she thinks Alexandria's housing policies have been more successful than in other places. "Small clusters give a sense of community," she said. She also cited the importance of residents' "sense that people like Melvin were on their side and looking out for their interests." She believes that scattered site housing has been a positive development.

The Millers had three children, one of whom is deceased. They are proud that their children were educated at Amherst, Harvard, Yale, Stanford, Georgetown, and the George Washington School of Law. All four of their grandchildren live in Alexandria within minutes of their grandparents' home. Their children explain the return to Alexandria after their schooling this way: "We like home."

New Director

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ing to Janet Barnett, executive director, SSA.

"To continue to provide services and bring comfort to our community of seniors and their families, especially in times of economic challenges, we are very pleased to welcome June Geoffray, to help us expand our funding base and thereby serve the needs of the growing senior population in our community," Barnett said.

SSA partners with other charitable organizations and the City to provide programs and services, including Meals on Wheels, low cost transportation, and assistance with life and financial management needs.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

NEIGHBORHOODS

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INAUGURAL EXCITEMENT

Our neighborhood, like the rest of the world, paid attention in various ways, to the inauguration of President Obama.

Two California couples staying at a B&B tried to board Metro for two hours before they gave up.

Dorothea Peters and Lucelle O'Flaherty took a taxi into D.C., showed their purple tickets to a guard, who refused to let them in. They dutifully followed his orders to enter the tunnel, a move less than popular with the hordes already there.

"We've been here since 5 a.m.!" rang out.

Despite thermal underwear and foot warmers (very uncomfortable when cold, says Dorothea) our heroines were uncomfortably cold. When they ran into Judge Nolan Dawkins, thwarted in his attempt to reach the office where he was supposed to be, Alexandria looked better all the time, so they all went back to Market Square.

Mary and Peter Newbould, with silver tickets, fared well. They took a bus in, saw the ceremony perfectly, and when caught in congestion afterwards, resourcefully walked until they reached a working Metro station.

Katherine Morrison, housebound by a cold, was thrilled to tears by the whole thing, espe-

cially Aretha Franklin's hat.

REFORM KILLED

The League of Women Voters, formed from the suffragettes who fought so long and hard to extend the franchise to women, works doggedly to ensure the fairness and justice of elections.

This year the Virginia state league is studying the decennial redistricting. We hope for a non-partisan commission. A bill establishing one has passed in the Senate each of the last two years; Gov. Tim Kaine has declared it a priority. All of our legislators (with the possible exception of Sen. Dick Saslaw, who declares himself in favor of gerrymandering as long

as he gets to do it), support the proposal.

MURDER AT DAWN

Judy Miller, president of the local league, and L.K. Hunt, state legislation chairman, were therefore distressed to see that a small subcommittee of the House P& E. Committee, had, at the crack of dawn — (literally it was 7 a.m.) on Martin Luther King Day, killed the bill on a 4-2 vote. The four votes were Republicans.

We do hope that the bill may be revived and given a fair chance at a floor vote, in which every delegate's vote will be recorded.

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OPINION

Flurry of Bills in Week Two

BY PATSY TICER
 STATE SENATE (D-30)

I chaired the first meeting of the year for Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources on Monday morning and we managed to quickly complete our rather short docket because several bills were carried over to the next meeting.

The committee heard excellent testimony from two experts on the oyster industry, and attempts to restore its success. There is an effort to stay with the reintroduction of native oysters by the practice of aquaculture. While the restoration has been successful in places such as the Lynnhaven River in Virginia Beach and the lower Rappahannock River, it must be done at the right scale. One of the bills on which we dwelled was Senator Howell's concerning dangerous and vicious dogs.

It seems that no matter what the subject matter is, there is an enormous amount of controversial testimony on any animal legislation. While Senator Howell's bill did not pass because of a tie vote, she felt she would be able to work to achieve compromise over the year and try again next year. Senator Hangar had two bills which passed out of committee and one of these established a non-profit corporation to foster collaboration and partnerships to raise money for projects providing environmental education, pollution prevention and citizen monitoring and promote the mission of the foundation. I was glad to see this bill pass, as well as one of

Senator Whipple's to expand and continue the funding process for the Virginia Natural Resources Foundation. This foundation was begun last year as a joint project of environmental organizations and farm interests and it addresses non-point pollution by assisting farmers with best management practices to prevent run-off from their farms into streams, the water supply and ultimately the Bay. I was a co-patron on this bill.

I had two minor bills on Monday, one to honor farmers who have implemented nutrient management plans and best management practices. The other bill was to take care of an administrative change in reporting.

ON INAUGURATION DAY we went into session early so we could watch the event on television, which had been set up all over the General Assembly Buildings, on the floor of the House and Senate and in large meeting rooms. I found it particularly moving to sit in my own seat on the floor of the Senate and watch the historic event on the boards that usually tally our votes. We didn't share the wonder of actually being on site with all our fellow citizens who made such a Herculean effort to travel there, but it was still thrilling.

Local Government has been one of my committee assignments since the beginning of my Senate service, and when it met Tuesday afternoon, I introduced Alexandria's charter bill which allows City Council to impose term limits on all boards and commissions

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The Streak Hits 60-Plus

Victory over West Potomac Friday night extends four-year win streak for T.C. Williams

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

As members of the T.C. Williams boy's basketball team casually trickled out of the locker room following another ho-hum Patriot District victory — this time a 68-37 win over West Potomac — it was easy for them to overlook the significance of the event.

The Titans have won so much for so many years within their own district that only a loss would get their attention at this point. The throttling of the Wolverines last Friday night was T.C. Williams 60th-straight win within the Patriot District — a streak that spans more than four seasons, three Gilbert Arenas knee surgeries, and two Presidents.

"The streak is very important because that's the backbone of all our operations," said senior Edward Jenkins, who along with senior Dominique Copeland, has never lost a district game in his four years on the varsity squad. "For us to keep it going, it means a lot to the team. It shows the team and every player is growing and taking care of business."

The formula was no different against West Potomac, as the Titans jumped out to a 12-2 lead in the first quarter and never looked back, more than doubling up the Wolverines, entering halftime with a 35-17 lead. Junior Billy Rowland led the team with 13 points and five rebounds, while Jenkins chipped in 10 points.

THE VICTORY over West Potomac capped off a week that saw perhaps the biggest challenge the streak has faced ever, as T.C. Williams (14-2 overall, 9-0 Patriot District) survived against district foe Hayfield, 71-66, in an overtime affair last Wednesday

night. The Titans then followed up their win over West Potomac Friday by barely extending their district winning streak to 61 games with a 67-66 victory over Annandale Monday night after Yates hit a game-winning shot with under six seconds to play.

Oftentimes coaches point to tough losses during the regular season as character building assets, and Titans coach Julian King has worried at times about whether his team is developing the necessary fortitude to make another run to a state title considering they've experienced so few defeats over the years.

"The streak is ... the backbone of our operations."

— Senior Edward Jenkins

But this streak is bigger than any one opponent — it has transformed into a call to duty for everyone involved. With others aiming to dethrone them, the streak has become a sense of pride for the Titans.

Talk to any of the members of the team, and it's clear they believe that the mental toughness that has come as a result of protecting such lofty status within the Northern Region has proven more beneficial than



T.C. Williams sophomore Darrick Wood goes up for a dunk in last Friday's 66-37 win over West Potomac — the Titans' 60th-consecutive Patriot District victory. A 67-66 win over Annandale Monday night extended the run to 61 games.

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET

means more to them than anyone. I make sure I play my hardest for them."

"We just pass the torch," said Copeland. "We expect them to keep it going."

IN RECENT WEEKS, players have begun flashing a diamond symbol with their hands as part of pre- and post-game festivities as a way of signifying the dynasty that T.C. Williams boy's basketball has become within the entire Northern Region.

West Potomac coach David Houston thinks someone will beat these Titans eventually, but could only shrug his shoulders when the thought of when came up.

"Unfortunately I've been on the other end of some of those 60," he said. "What T.C. does is if you have a weakness, they'll bring it out in you."

All this adds up to a small drop off in victories for this year's Titans, who lost nine seniors and their head coach from last season's state championship team.

What was once just a winning streak is now a way of life.

"Guys spend all day in this school, come into the gym, and put in a lot of work just so we can keep the streak going," said Jenkins.

But here's the scary part, courtesy of someone who hasn't experienced district

defeat since our current President had just started his first term as senator.

"We've been doing this for three or four years straight, undefeated," said a grinning Copeland. "And we can get better."

SPORTS BRIEFS

T.C. Williams Softball Clinics

The T.C. Williams High School Softball Boosters are offering pre-season clinics for Alexandria softball players.

Pitching clinics will be held from 8 to 9 p.m. on Monday evenings, Feb. 2 and 9 in the auxiliary gym at the school, 3330 King St., Alexandria. T.C. Williams head varsity coach Jennifer Moshier will lead the clinics. The cost is \$15 for a single night.

The boosters are offering two more softball clinics for Alexandria softball players on Saturday, Feb. 7 and 21. The clinics will be led by T.C. Williams

coaches Jennifer Moshier, Dan Cortright, Michelle Salmieri and Katie Frawley, who will provide instruction and practice time for throwing, catching, hitting and pitching. The clinics will be held in the auxiliary gym. Girls in grades four through seven should attend from 8 to 10 a.m., and girls in grades eight through 12 should attend from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$15 for both Saturdays.

To register for the clinics, contact Moshier at jennifer.moshier@acps.k12.va.us. Each pitching clinic session will be limited to six players. The T.C. Williams softball team's home opener is March 20. The team's schedule is posted at <http://www.tcwilliamsathletics.org/>

[index.cfm?action=main.team&ID=3558](http://www.tcwilliamsathletics.org/index.cfm?action=main.team&ID=3558).

Area Adult Swim Meet

Regional competitive swimmers, ages 18 to 83 will be heading to the tropics this weekend — in Alexandria. The George Washington Rec Center will be filled with colorful Hawaiian shirts, leis, coconuts, and calypso music at the fifth annual Tropical Splash. One of four U.S. Masters swim meets held in the area each year, the event has a reputation for a relaxed atmosphere that makes competition fun for adults. The event is hosted by the local Masters swim

club, Alexandria Masters Swimming and will take place Feb. 1 beginning at 7:45 a.m.

Charity Bowling

Participants, family, friends and supporters of Fairfax Adult Softball, Inc. (FAS) united together on Sunday, Jan. 25, for the 9th Annual Bowling Tournament to benefit Northern Virginia Special Olympics and Fairfax County Park Authority field improvements; 225 participants contributed their time and spirits to raise over \$9200 in this year's tournament. FAS has been involved in raising funds for Special Olympics for 19 years.

OPINION

A Better Company Because of Special Use Permit

BY DAVID HORTON,
ALEXANDRIA PLANT MANAGER,
VIRGINIA PAVING COMPANY

Virginia Paving is a better company and community partner today because of the Special Use Permit (SUP) City Council passed in 2006.

Three years ago, City staff and elected officials, working closely with civic association leaders, developed 78 SUP conditions for the company. Today, because of the SUP process, annual asphalt production is reduced, a full-time City inspector is enforcing the conditions, nighttime production is closely monitored, and the Virginia Paving SUP/Community Liaison Committee is meeting several times a year to discuss and evaluate plant activity and facility improvements.

AS REQUIRED in the SUP, Virginia Paving has made extensive equipment upgrades. This includes installing state-of-the-art "blue smoke" emission-capturing systems that were designed to en-

hance coexistence between residential and industrial areas. Additionally, a new fleet of clean-emission dump trucks was purchased and one of the largest storm water management systems in the City of Alexandria was installed.

It is because of the SUP that the Alexandria plant is one of the cleanest and environmentally-efficient facilities in Virginia. Last year, the Virginia Recycling Association, which is the leading resource of recycling information for the general public, the Virginia General Assembly and local governments, named the Alexandria plants' recycling program as "the most outstanding in Virginia".

Just this month, the National Asphalt Pavement Association picked the Alexandria plant as a national finalist for the Ecological Award, which promotes safe and responsible environmental practices based on design layout, clean operation, and maintenance practices. The Association also named VirginiaPaving.com the best Web site in the nation.

Virginia Paving works exception-

ally hard at building and maintaining the highway systems Alexandrians and Virginians depend upon for every facet of their lives. This manufacturing business, which provides 175 good paying jobs, has been operating at the same location in the City since 1960. Just a few hundred yards from the Beltway, its immediate neighbors include the Covanta Waste-to-Energy facility, warehouses filled with auto shops and dry cleaners, several railroad tracks, and the Summer's Grove and Cameron Station residential communities.

COMMON GOOD came out of the SUP process. Besides a better understanding of the expectations of the local community, Lane Construction Corporation, which owns Virginia Paving, instituted a community service program at all of its locations throughout the east coast. This program was developed and instituted company-wide because Virginia Paving heard time-and-again it was not supporting the Alexandria community.

Virginia Paving supports the Alexandria community. When asked,



Plant manager David Horton announcing Virginia Paving's "Dump Trucks for Charities" program in August of 2008.

the plant provides donations and support to dozens of Alexandria charities, non-profits and events. Some include: First Night Alexandria; Cameron Station's 10-year Anniversary Celebration; Tucker Elementary School PTA; Alexandria YMCA; Alexandria Earth Day; Salvation Army; Colin Casey Race; Animal Welfare League; Breast Cancer Walk; Senior Services; Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

of Alexandria; and Parent Leadership Training Institute.

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Living Legends of Alexandria (LLA) is an ongoing project of the Rotary Club of Alexandria and the Alexandria Gazette Packet to identify, honor and chronicle today's history makers. Nina Tisara is project director/ photographer. LLA is funded in part through a grant from the Alexandria Commission for the Arts.

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teaching positions that have a direct impact on children should be the last thing we cut.

Superintendent Sherman wisely proposed converting janitorial staff to contracting positions in an effort to cut costs and better afford new initiatives. All current custodians would have retained their jobs and the system would have saved \$500,000 a year. Yet after a meeting with representatives of the labor community, the proposal was nixed.

We're in a bind because about 85 percent of the ACPS budget is spent on staff salary and benefits. If we must reduce our labor costs, isn't there a better way to do it than by eliminating teachers?

As enrollment continues to increase, cuts in teaching positions seem unwise at best. And this is bigger than just custodial staff. What about food service, grounds maintenance and transportation? Would contracting these services help us better afford universal pre-K and the "exemplary academic program" promised for each school?

If I'm elected, I will launch a wholesale review of ACPS staffing and labor costs and assess how we can best address this issue. We'll see what other districts have done to learn what's worked, and what has not.

If we are truly a community committed to academic excellence, we have some hard choices to make. And for the sake of our children, we've got to get it right.

Mimi Carter

Mimi Carter is a candidate for the Alexandria School Board in District A. You can learn more about her at www.mimicarter.org.

Man of Integrity

To the Editor:

Councilman Paul Smedberg's specific accomplishments are many — but we are writing today to highlight, not what he has done for our City, but the way he does it. We admire his character and his approach to public service. After nearly six years on the Alexandria City Council, Paul Smedberg has demonstrated time and again that he is a man of integrity, with good common sense and the intellectual capability to serve with distinction. He has the respect of his fellow Council members, City Staff, and constituents. He examines all sides of the issues, listens to arguments pro and con, and announces his position only after careful consideration. He is pragmatic and most importantly he is fair. He truly seeks ways that best serve the greater good.

Fiscally, he exemplifies the citi-

zen-representative who asks tough questions, demands clear answers and considers the bottom line for all programs and initiatives. His thinking is clear, his comments are to the point, concise and timely and our City is better for his presence on the Council. His role on Council and his pursuit of defining and refining the role of government has been exemplary. This City is fortunate that Paul Smedberg has generously given of his time and talents in service to Alexandria. That's why we are supporting Paul Smedberg for reelection.

**Vola Lawson and
George Pera**

Seasoned Leadership

To the Editor:

We are writing for two reasons. First, this should serve as a reminder to exercise your voice as a citizen in Alexandria and vote during the Democratic caucus on Saturday, Jan. 31 (from noon to 7:30 p.m. at Minnie Howard School). As most of us realize there are critical issues that confront us and that define the need for leadership in solving them. Our economic situation, the city and school budgets, continued services to all citizens, the improvements to transportation, the on-going needs for education, and our quality of life cannot be addressed without strong political leadership. So voting for candidates for City Council is important.

Second, we need seasoned leadership, based on experience and grounded in proven dedication to service. We feel that leadership will be provided through the reelection of Tim Lovain to City Council. He is a man of his word in accomplishing many of the things he promised to do, and has the vision to continue to build on that record. He deserves your vote.

Meredith Taylor, Kenneth Taylor, James S. Roberts
Alexandria Citizens for Lovain

Independent Thinker

To the Editor:

On Saturday, Jan. 31, at Minnie Howard School on Braddock Road, citizens voting in the Democratic primary may well select the next Alexandria City Council.

We, the undersigned, are just a few of the many supporters of Boyd Walker who are listed on his Web site, www.boydwalkerforcouncil.org, which includes elected and former elected officials; Alexandria Democratic Committee members and precinct cap-

tain; and other friends, neighbors and people who have worked with Boyd in the community.

Boyd Walker offers a fresh voice on Council. Like his mother, who served with distinction on Council, he has been outspoken in favor of mass transit as a critical element of our future. He was among the first to speak in favor of delaying a development plan for Landmark Shopping Center until a transit component could be added.

Boyd has served on the city's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee and understands the financial crisis we all face. While he recognizes that our government will have to make tough decisions, he is committed to preserving Alexandria's heart. He will be devoted to reducing the pain for those least able to handle it.

In addition, Boyd has been an advocate for remaking Alexandria's waterfront in a way that will open up access to the public, enhance its tourism value, and increase its beauty. Most importantly, he will stand against any development plan that would undermine those goals. We need such an advocate on Council.

Boyd is also committed to protecting the environment, especially when there is a threat to the health and well-being of our citizenry. Whether it is opposing Virginia Paving exposing citizens to pollution or fighting to prevent the dangerous transloading of ethanol in close proximity to people, Boyd is determined to stand up for what is right.

Boyd and his family recently moved from Old Town to Del Ray. His wife is a teacher and his daughter goes to public school. Having grown up in Alexandria, Boyd has a deep connection and knowledge of our city. He recognizes how vital it is to strengthen and retain small businesses since they create jobs. Moreover, he wants to preserve the diversity and historic buildings that combine to make Alexandria unique.

Finally, because Boyd is an independent businessman who manages and renovates properties, he is not subject to the conflicts of interest that can affect other candidates who work for companies that may have an economic stake in the decisions of Council.

Jamal Awamleh, Kevin Bailey, David Colton, Paul Friedman, John Kinney, Suzanne and Gary Mead, Tom Parry, Andy Rosenberg, Rebecca Squires and Paul Vogel

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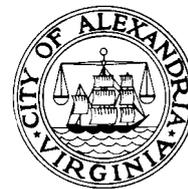
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if it so chooses, and to require any applicant for land use to fully disclose all parties who have an ownership or financial interest in the land or application that is the subject of the hearing. It requires that all parties, members of city council, members of the planning commission, members of the board of zoning appeals and members of the board of architectural

review make public any relationship for the 12-month period prior to such hearing. It carries a Class 1 misdemeanor penalty. The bill passed out of committee and I think it will probably pass through the whole process.

Please visit when you are in Richmond, and let us know your opinions on legislation by contacting the Constituent Hotline at 800-889-0229.

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

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Request for change ownership of a convenience store
Applicant: Elen Tedla

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2009-0003
ADDRESS: 50 S Pickett Street Unit 24
Request for change ownership of a restaurant
Applicant: Dahab Beyene

ABC LICENSE
Candy & Wilfrid Briffa trading as Grounded Coffee Shop LLC, 6919 Telegraph Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310-3320. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a wine and beer on premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Candy Briffa/owner

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Ginger and Spice Inc. trading as Ginger and Spice Market, 6548 A Little River Turnpike, Suite 124, Alexandria, VA 22312. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer off Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Shashi Handa, President

ABC LICENSE
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There will be a public hearing on the ATC 2010 Transit Development Program and Budget in the Sister Cities Conference Center (Room 1101), City Hall, at 5:30 P.M., on Wednesday, February 4, 2009.

No significant changes in service or fare structure are contemplated in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

The program and budget are available for public inspection during business hours at the ATC office, 116 South Quaker Lane, Alexandria, Virginia.

Paul Abramson, Chairman

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Obituary

Joe C. Shkrlac, 82, of Locust Grove, VA went to be with his heavenly father at 6:15 am on January 21, 2009 at his home. He was born on May 12, 1926 in Johnson City, Illinois.

He is predeceased by his parents Joe Shkrlac and Rosie Pinter Shkrlac, his sisters Ann Panko, Mary Kresich, Louise Bennett and Matilda Vaughn and brother Mike Zabara.

He leaves to cherish his loving memory, his wife Virginia; sister Catherine Degorica of Marion, IL; step children Betty Burnett, husband Al of Dayton Beach, FL, William Phillips of Alexandria, VA, Deborah McCormack, husband Stephen of Culpeper, VA, and Robert Phillips of Locust Grove, VA; as well as many nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Joe was a loving and devoted Grandpa to Sean McCormack of Leesburg, VA, Ryan McCormack of Radford, VA, Caitlyn McCormack of Culpeper, VA and Lynn Hathaway of Fairfax, VA.

As a young man Joe was a stonemason in Johnson City, Illinois he was drafted into the United States Army where he served during WWII. After leaving the military he settled in Alexandria, VA where he began his career as an owner/operator of several Texaco Stations. In 2001 he retired after 38 years of service as an owner/operator of Woodlawn Texaco on Richmond Highway in Alexandria, VA where he received numerous awards for excellent service to his community. Joe was an active member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Alexandria, VA.

In 2001 he and his wife moved to Locust Grove, VA where they both became involved in their community. Joe joined Precious Blood Catholic Church in Culpeper, VA. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, NASCAR fan and a civil war enthusiast. He was a lifetime member of the NRA and a member of the Ruraltans of Lignum, VA.

Joe will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 to 8:30 pm on Monday, Jan. 26, 2009 at Johnson Funeral Home, Locust Grove. A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 am on Tuesday, Jan 27 at Precious Blood Catholic Church, Culpeper, VA. Burial will follow in Culpeper National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be sent to Family Care Home Health & Hospice, 610 Laurel St., Suite 2, Culpeper, VA 22701.

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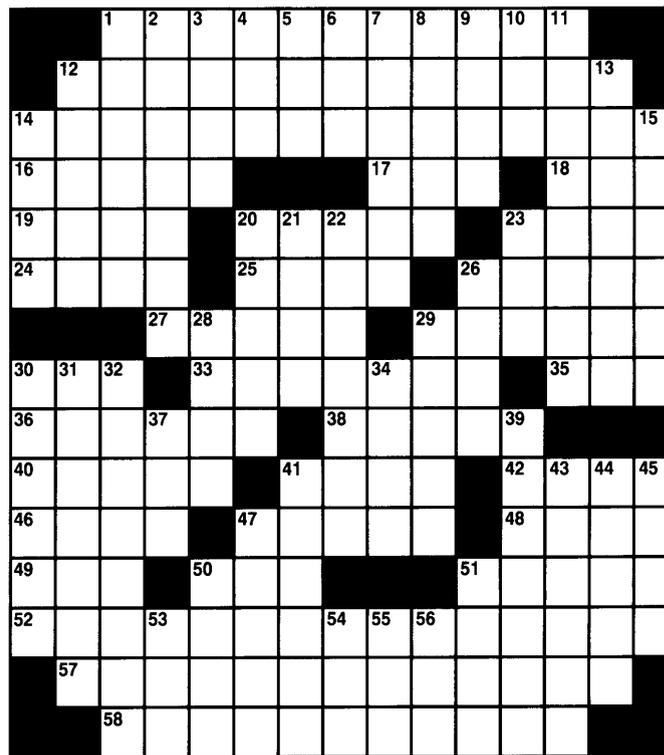
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ACROSS

- 1 Court systems
- 12 Bailed out, in a manner of speaking
- 14 Principle of economy
- 16 Individual shares
- 17 It may be red or black
- 18 Salutory site
- 19 Move
- 20 Influences
- 23 Otter and others
- 24 In bridge, the player on the dealer's right
- 25 Fuse sound
- 26 Depth charge target
- 27 Cow
- 29 Like the Godhead
- 30 14-Across, e.g.
- 33 Hit, as a Texas leaguer
- 35 Early Plains building material
- 36 Bonds after splitting
- 38 Amass
- 40 Scrub
- 41 Engender

DOWN

- 13 One who gets high?
- 14 Mud dauber, e.g.
- 15 Experienced
- 21 Dipsomaniac
- 22 Port in Oregon
- 23 Justice Dept. division
- 26 Literary variant of Hindustani
- 28 Be an accessory to
- 29 Position
- 30 Popeye's female foe in early comics
- 31 White elephants, e.g.
- 32 Stork with a featherless head
- 34 Persian output
- 37 Grand — ("Evangeline" setting)
- 39 Untroubled
- 41 Track event
- 43 Lighter fill
- 44 Uncomfortable neckwear
- 45 Not impotent
- 47 Two-tone treats
- 50 Great—
- 51 Curtainlike partitions, biologically
- 53 T-shirt size: Abbr.
- 54 Highest
- 55 Café alternative
- 56 Like some cats

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percent, affecting roughly 30,000 people, or the wealthiest four-tenths of a percent of Virginians. To further put that increase in perspective, after a person's income reaches \$400,000, then each additional \$100,000 of income would result in \$1,100 more in taxes. It is also important to keep in mind that these wealthiest of Virginians would still enjoy tax relief from the state grocery tax repeal and, depending on their circumstances, possibly also from the corporate income tax repeal.

According to data from the Virginia Department of Taxation, the amount of tax relief provided by the plan is the same as the revenue raised by the small rate increase

on income over \$400,000 per year. Therefore, while the plan provides much-needed help to the middle class and small businesses, overall it is tax and revenue neutral. That means that even the most conservative anti-tax Republicans can support the plan without violating their No Tax Pledge. By designing the plan to respect this well-established Republican concern, my goal is for this to be a serious bipartisan effort to help people who need it.

With the General Assembly session now in full swing, we are working long, intense days addressing hundreds of different issues. If there are particular issues of concern to you, please contact me any time at DelDEnglin@house.virginia.gov or 703-549-3203 to share your feedback.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Leadership Qualities

To the Editor:

We support Vice Mayor Del Pepper in her bid for re-election to city council. We believe you should, too. Alexandrians can be proud of all of our city council members, but Del has qualities that set her apart. She has tremendous experience, astute judgment, and boundless energy. Our community is facing many significant challenges today, and we need Del now more than ever.

Del understands homeowners' concerns about their real estate taxes, and she'll push for a responsible budget that is fair and protects core City services. We have full confidence in Del's judgment in making the tough choices that will need to be made. She has seen the city through ups and downs before, and she will do so effectively again.

Del is a leader in protecting Alexandria's environment. She co-chairs the Mirant Community Monitoring Group, which is working to clean up the Mirant power plant in the east end of the city. She is also co-chairing the Norfolk Southern Monitoring Group, to make sure the ethanol transloading facility doesn't endanger Cameron Station and its environs in the west end. Del was one of the leaders in pushing for the development of Alexandria's Eco-City initiative, including the development of an environmental action plan for the city. Del has consistently fought for the DASH bus system, and for making Alexandria more pedestrian and bicycle friendly.

Del knows our communities backwards and forwards. She listens, and does the hard work — both behind the scenes and in public — to strike a careful balance between preservation and development. Del's vision, energy, and hard work are vitally important for moving Alexandria forward. The Democratic Caucus is on Jan. 31 at Minnie Howard School, and the general election is on May 2. We urge Alexandrians to vote for her for city council so we can continue to benefit from her vital leadership.

Scott Barstow
Dorothea Peters
Alexandria

Don't Reduce Medicaid Payments

To the Editor:

Today we are facing monumental challenges in healthcare that we have never seen before. These challenges in the economy span across the Commonwealth, the nation and the world. This trend is now poised to affect how you receive healthcare. These uncertain times have caused our leadership in Virginia to consider reductions in Medicaid payments. If approved, these reductions would severely jeopardize the healthcare services you and your family receive.

Medicaid is essential for the most vulnerable: the elderly, the disabled, children and the uninsured. Even if you do not receive Medicaid, cutting reimbursement rates affects those who are insured because it increases the burden on hospitals, and it causes insurance companies to raise deductibles and businesses to deny medical benefits, increasing the number of people seeking charity care.

The cuts will save the state \$55.5 million but it will cost healthcare providers in the state \$111 million because the federal government matches state Medicaid spending. This means that every dollar the state cuts, it has twice the impact on patients and providers. This is a double strike against healthcare.

Inova Alexandria Hospital could potentially see a reduction of 67 percent in expected earnings. As a not-for-profit, all earnings go towards hospital services and community programs. This will impact purchasing new equipment and offering services.

Is there another way to reduce the expenses of Virginia? Yes. Gov. Tim Kaine has offered to offset some of the Medicaid costs of treating smoking-related illnesses by increasing the existing cigarette tax up 30 cents per pack. We urgently need citizens like yourself to send letters to our senators and delegates in Richmond explaining what these potential cuts will mean for our community, hospital services and the health care safety net of Northern Virginia.

Christine Candio
CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital

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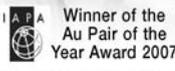
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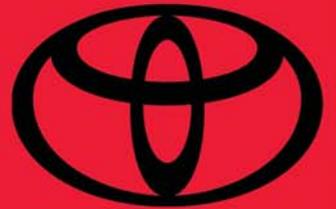
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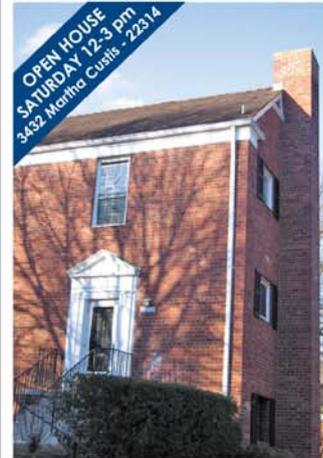
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