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Tragedy in Cameron Station

Standoff with police ends in suicide.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The garage door that Dominique Dunford drove through to escape being shot to death by James Downs is still a mangled reminder that things are not the same in Cameron Station — not since the morning of Jan. 29, when Downs walked into the garage of the home they shared on Waple Lane with a loaded black Rohm revolver and began firing at the woman who served as his business partner running Cameron Perks Coffeehouse. Police officials say Downs shot Dunford once in the back and once in her side.

“James was a very quiet guy. He wasn’t your typical outgoing business owner.”

— Ingrid Sanden, president, Cameron Station Civic Association

“Maybe their relationship was coming to an end or maybe it was about the business,” said Alexandria Police Chief David Baker. “We really don’t know what prompted the violence, but we have reason to suspect that it was a domestic issue.”

Baker acknowledged that the domestic situation on Waple Lane was complicated. City land records show that Downs purchased the house in 1999 with his second wife and lived there with their teenage daughter. But Baker said that Dunford also lived in the Cameron Station townhouse with a daughter she and Downs had two years ago. Neighbors in Cameron Station say business at the coffeehouse Downs purchased in January 2008 had been slow, and the hours when the coffeehouse was open had been cut back a few months ago to save

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Makayla, a professional singer



Isaia, a lawyer and judge



Adiya, an actress



Ariel, a veterinarian

Careers In ‘Wax’

Monday night was career night at Jefferson Houston School for Arts and Academics. The third, fourth and fifth graders presented a special program for their visiting families of a “wax museum” of dream careers.

Each student researched and prepared a short statement on their chosen career. They positioned themselves in the hallways of the school and as a visitor approached and stepped on the “on” tag on the floor, the student came alive and described what they would like to be doing when they grow up. There were singers, fashion designers, a K9 police officer, a magician, a teacher, an actress and a basketball player, a hairdresser, an astronaut and a doctor.



Stephanie, an actress



Zion, a foreign journalist



Winston, a wrestler



Khanyja, a singer



Giovanni, a firefighter



Hunter, a Navy Seal

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Rising Use Of Taxis For Schools

Number of students using taxpayer-funded taxicabs quadrupled over last four years.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

In the past four years, the number of Alexandria students who ride to school in taxpayer-funded taxicabs has quadrupled, creating a mounting financial strain on a system during a time of dwindling revenues and tightening budgets. The trend is driven by a lack of special-education services offered in Alexandria City Public Schools and a dramatically rising number of homeless students. Although school officials were able to stem the cost somewhat last year by coordinating routes for cabs to carry multiple students, administrators say federal requirements to provide

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Closing In

Police make three arrests in one murder, identify “person of extreme interest” in another.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

On Saturday, the Alexandria Police Department took two men into custody for the January murder of a Yellow Cab driver in the Parker Gray neighborhood. On Tuesday a third man was taken into custody in connection with the murder. And Police Chief David Baker said his detectives have identified a “person of extreme interest” in a December murder of a Pentagon worker on the West End.

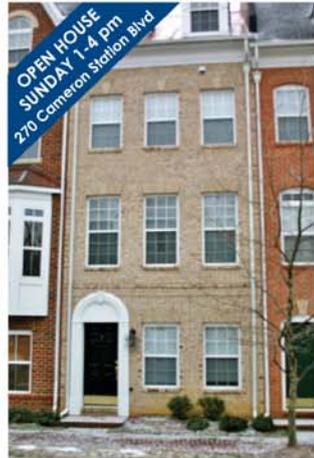
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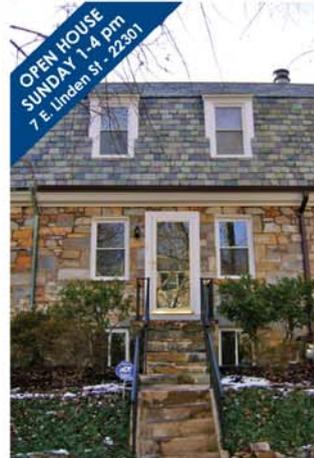
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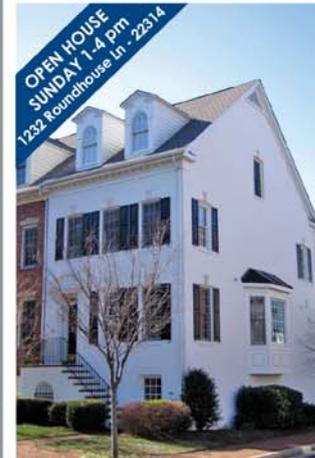


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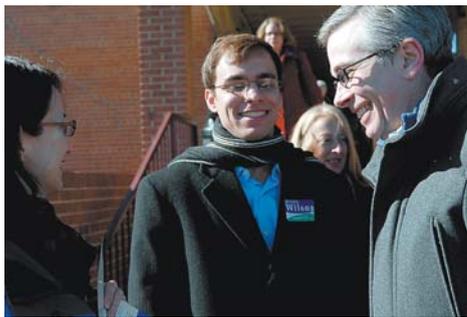


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Democrats Select Their Council Candidates

Donley Joins Ticket

Former mayor **Kerry Donley** won a place on the Democratic ticket Saturday night during the Alexandria Democratic Committee's caucus, placing fifth in a field of seven candidates with 1,471 votes. Donley and five incumbent City Council members will face at least two Republicans in the May 5 general election.

"There were a few voters who wanted to talk about issues like senior tax relief or industrial land use on the West End," said Donley as he greeted voters at Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center Saturday afternoon. "But for the most part, people already know who they are going to vote for."

Real-estate investor **Boyd Walker** received the fewest number of votes, placing seventh place with 800 votes in a race where only the top six candidates were able to secure a position on the Democratic ticket for the general election in May. This campaign marks the second time Walker has unsuccessfully sought a position on the Democratic ticket for the City Council, although he pledged to support the Democratic ticket against Republican and independent candidates.

"Obviously I was the underdog," Walker said after the polls closed Saturday night. "In order to challenge the establishment you have to have an organized campaign and do a lot of groundwork, and I guess we weren't able to pull that off."

CAUCUS VERSUS GENERAL

Councilman **Rob Krupicka** was the most popular candidate on Saturday with 1,595 votes, making him the number-one choice among Democratic caucus voters. But that's not necessarily an indication that he will be the most popular candidate in May — a distinction that traditionally earns



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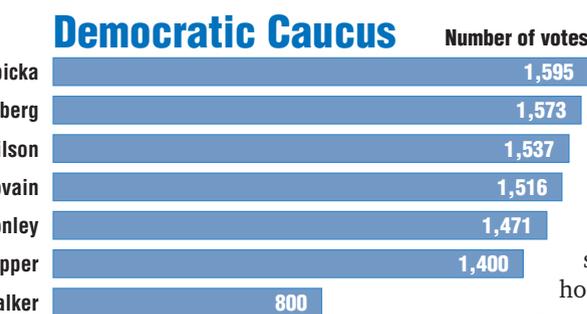
More than 2,000 Democrats voted in Saturday's caucus for the upcoming city council election.

the distinction of being vice mayor. Back in 2006, Councilman **Andrew Macdonald** placed fifth in the caucus but first in the general. Likewise Councilman **Paul Smedberg** placed first in the caucus but fourth in the general.

"**Jack Ticer** came in first in the caucus but ended up losing the general election," said Krupicka, referencing the 1970 City Council campaign. "Frankly I think **Del Pepper** is likely to be vice mayor when all is said and done."

COLORFUL CAMPAIGNS

Explaining a candidate's position on thorny land-use issues or development priorities in a parking lot during a caucus can



SOURCE: Alexandria Democratic Committee
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be nearly impossible. That's why candidates tend to spend a lot of time choosing the right campaign logos and color schemes. It may be superficial, but it's what many voters remember as they head into the polls.

Councilman **Rob Krupicka** has a University of Virginia orange scheme, including color-coordinated jellybeans and Reese's Pieces. Councilman **Paul Smedberg** has a Swedish blue-and-yellow combination that hints at the candidate's heritage as well

as his university colors. And although Councilman **Tim Lovain's** first campaign was limited to a brick-and-white format, he recently launched a new theme that includes teal. But Lovain remains humble about the new campaign branding.

"Let's hear it for the brick, ivory and teal just doesn't have the best ring to it," said Lovain. "Frankly I wish I had Paul's colors, but they were taken."

SAVAGE EDUCATION REFORMS

Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor **Rich Savage** was in Alexandria on Saturday during the caucus collecting signatures from Alexandria voters to get on the ballot for the June primary. In his pitch to voters, Savage said he would like to focus on education issues, directing potential voters to a 10-point plan posted to his campaign Web site. Among other things, Savage said he would like to give teachers tuition forgiveness, create economic incentives to attract more teachers and end the practice of at-home suspensions in favor of at-school suspensions.

"Unless they are security threat, it's much more effective to suspend students at school rather than at home," said Savage, who owns a Richmond-based political advertising firm.

REPUBLICAN CANVASS

So far two Republican candidates have expressed an interest in running for City Council, businessman **Frank Fannon** and real-estate agent **Phil Cefaratti**. But the Alexandria City Republican Committee plans to finalize its ticket during a Feb. 7 canvass, which will take place at Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Minnie Howard Center Merges with T.C. Williams High School

Since 1993, Minnie Howard Ninth Grade Center has been an independent school serving the city's ninth-grade students. But the school has always existed in a sort of limbo, with all of its standardized test results reported under T.C. Williams High School. Earlier this month, the Alexandria School Board and Morton Sherman decided to formally merge the two schools to create a seamless consistency between the two.

"On behalf of the students and staff at T.C. Williams High School, I extend a warm welcome to our newest official

Titans, the T.C. Williams High School Minnie Howard Campus students," Sherman wrote in a letter to parents. "By merging Minnie Howard and T.C. Williams, we will provide continuity and consistency; creating a strengthened and more unified 9-12 secondary program that enhances teaching and learning for all students."

Sherman plans to eventually offer a shuttle to Minnie Howard students so they can attend classes at T.C. Williams, and he plans to merge the guidance staff under one principal instead of two. Additionally Margaret Walsh, the

executive director of secondary programs, will move her office from Beauregard Street to the high school as part of an ongoing effort to place central administrative officers in the school they serve.

"There may be cost savings in the long run, but this was not a decision prompted by budgetary reasons," said spokeswoman Amy Carlini. "We're not adding positions or eliminating positions at this point, so there's really no budgetary impact other than the money associated with offering the shuttle service." — MICHAEL LEE POPE

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transportation to special-education students and homeless children offer little choice other than hiring taxicabs.

"The school system has been doing this at least as far back as 20 years ago," said Assistant Superintendent John Porter. "But we've recently seen a significant rise in the number of homeless students that require transportation."

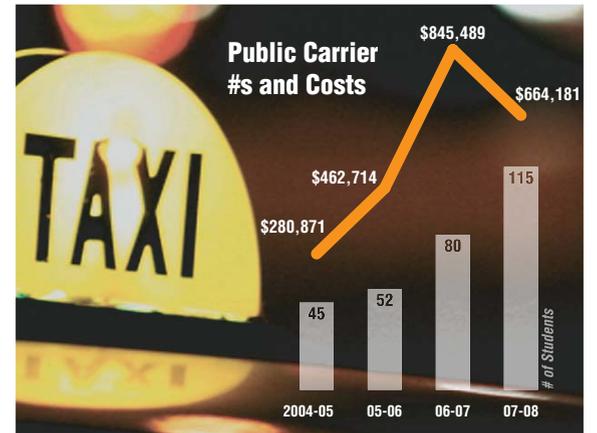
Administrators are increasingly concerned with the number of homeless students in Alexandria, a population that spiked from seven last year to 47 this year. While only one in five of those homeless students requires taxicab transportation, the quickly deteriorating economy could create a situation where school budget officials will be required to find more money for taxis during the school year. And a federal law known as the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires school divisions to offer homeless children transportation to and from school free of charge, with their choice of what school they want to attend regardless of what district the family resides.

"These are students who already have a tumultuous life," said Amy Carlini, spokeswoman for Alexandria City Public Schools. "So the point of providing taxicabs is to make sure they have as much consistency as possible in terms of where they go to school every day."

ALTHOUGH SCHOOL officials are concerned about the rising number of homeless students in Alexandria, the vast majority of students who take taxicabs to and from school each day require special-education services that are not offered in Alexandria. The city does not have the capacity to educate students who have certain forms of severe mental retardation, for example. So the division has arranged to send many of these students to private school in the District of Columbia, and school officials say using taxis is the most efficient way of providing the federally required transportation.

"If you only have two children that are going to be going to one of these private schools, you're not going to use a great big school bus," said Michael Romanelli, director of Student Services. "That would be way more costly than putting them in a private cab."

In addition to being able to accommodate several students with severe mental retardation, Alexandria



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also lacks capacity to serve students with severe hearing disability, severe emotional disability and severe physical disabilities. These students take taxicabs to an array of regional schools, some private and some public. Yet some of these providers, such as the Key Center in Fairfax County, have announced they will not be taking new students. So central administrators at Alexandria City Public Schools may soon be forced into offering more services than are currently provided.

"For many years, the school system as taken a laissez-faire attitude to special education," said Paul Wilson, a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee. "We could be offering more and better programs."

THE USE OF TAXICABS in American public schools began in the mid-1970s after President Gerald Ford signed the Education for All Handicapped Children Act, an initiative that is now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. Since that time, more services have become available for students with special needs. And even though smaller systems like Alexandria were not able to directly offer them, chartering taxicabs became one way to take advantage of the regional services offered in Fairfax County and the District of Columbia. The demographics of Alexandria have also contributed to the increased need for taxicabs.

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After Shooting, Standoff Ends in Suicide

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money. "The business had been having difficulties for some time," said Vice Mayor Del Pepper, who lives nearby. "But Dominique really gave it her all, and I admire that."

A NEIGHBOR WHO was walking his dog when the shooting happened called police, who responded to the scene shortly after Dunford crashed through the garage door. Several minutes later, Downs released the two-year old from the house and police removed the woman and child from the crime scene. Then the Alexandria Police Department set up a hostage negotiation team in the Cameron Station community center, initiating more than 11 hours of ne-

gotiation by telephone with Downs.

"At times he was remorseful, and at other times he was defiant," said Baker. "Frankly that's not unusual, and it's the kind of thing our hostage negotiation team is trained to deal with."

Shortly before 11 p.m. that night Downs shot himself, ending the standoff. When police officials entered the townhouse, they confiscated several pieces of evidence in an effort to make sense of the situation. According to court records, items confiscated included \$516 in cash that was recovered from the garage and the second floor of the residence.

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NEWS

For George Breakfast and a parade scheduled.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Beginning at 9 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 16, Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association will again host its annual George Washington Parade Day Breakfast at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 625 First St., Alexandria.

Highlights of this year's kick-off event to the nation's largest parade celebrating the birth of the nation's first commander-in-chief include a keynote address by former Del. Brian Moran, introduction of the 2008 Alexandria Living Legends, and the presentation of the Rev. Ben Lynt Distinguished Service Award to a surprise recipient.

Organized in 1774, Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association is one of the oldest fire companies in the nation and is known as "George Washington's fire company." The company purchased the city's first fire engine in 1775 from Mt. Gibbs in Philadelphia, Pa.

Located at 107 S. Alfred St., the firehouse is open Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will be open on parade day, Feb. 16, for free tours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Reservations are required for the three-course breakfast. Tickets remain \$25 per person. A table of 10 is priced at \$250. For reservations and more information contact Bill Kehoe at 703-751-6416 or Google Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association.

In addition to the breakfast and parade there a host of other activities taking place in Alexandria Feb. 16 to celebrate Washington's birthday.

They include:

- ❖ Special free open houses at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St., and Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. both from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- ❖ A special free presentation at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., 11 a.m., by actor Brian Hilton portraying the young Washington and describing his life from 1772 to 1760.

- ❖ The new History Center & Museum Store, 101 N. Union St., where visitors can try on 18th century clothing, make a tricorne hat and get pictures taken with cut-outs of George and Martha Washington from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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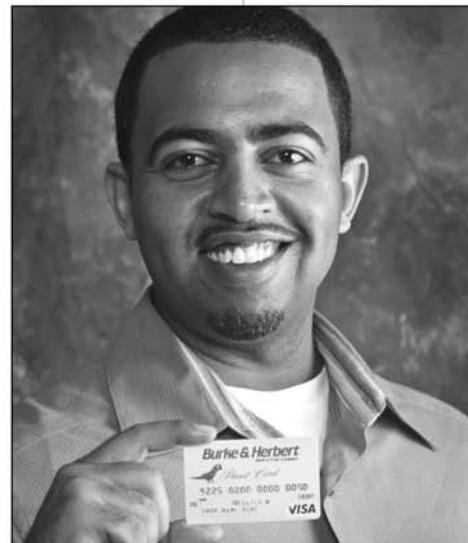
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But wiring the money was expensive and inconvenient. He and two of his sisters (who also emigrated from Ethiopia) used to take turns sending the money wires but no one enjoyed the task. "Each of us always tried to get out of going to wire the money and get the others to do it," he says, laughing.

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Here and Gone Again

The strange saga of **Melvin Miller** has concluded for now, but City Council members will be considering a new plan that could get rid of him all over again. On Monday night, council members voted to reappoint Miller to his position on the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority board of commissioners. But council members also voted on a controversial four-to-three motion to tie Miller's appointment to launching a new plan that would "reconstitute" the commission — essentially firing all the members and opening up the commission to new applicants.

"To tie the two together may be politically expedient," said Councilman **Ludwig Gaines**.

"Political expedience?" asked Councilman **Tim Lovain**. "You want to raise that issue?"

"Whatever," replied Gaines. "You guys have issues with whatever. You never bothered to come to me and share them."

Mayor **Bill Euille** and Vice Mayor **Del Pepper** sided with Gaines to separate Miller's appointment from the plan to reconstitute the commission, but a four-vote majority overruled them. In the end Miller got his position on the commission back, but only by initiating a process that could terminate his appointment all over again. The reconstitution plan will be docketed for consideration at future public hearing, possibly as early as next month. "If any of my colleagues have any concerns with me, don't do it over the dais," concluded Gaines shortly before the final vote was taken. "Approach me, and I'll be more than happy to talk to you and let you know just how I feel." "Ditto, sir," responded Lovain.

Kaine Appoints Krupicka

Since he was first elected to the City Council in 2003, **Rob Krupicka's** signature issue has been trying to find ways to increase access to early childhood education. Back in 2006, Democratic Gov. **Tim Kaine** appointed Krupicka to the Start Strong Pre-K Council. This week, Kaine appointed Krupicka to the Virginia Board of Education, a high-profile position that Krupicka plans to use to advocate for expanding access for early childhood education programs.

"Every child should show up for the first day of Kindergarten ready to learn," said Krupicka Tuesday night after the governor's appointment was announced. "I'm the first person from inside the Beltway to be appointed to the board in some time, so I'll be able to bring a different perspective that's been lacking."

According to enrollment records, one in four Alexandria kindergartners have no classroom experience when they arrive for their first day of school, a statistic that Krupicka would like to use his new position to change. As a board member, Krupicka will also have a say in setting statewide curriculum standards, establishing high-school graduation requirements, determining qualifications for classroom teachers, establishing standards for accreditation and implementing the federal No Child Left Behind Act. "I didn't even know this appointment was available until a week ago, so I'm not going into this with a specific plan," said Krupicka. "My head is still spinning from it all."

Basketball Bailout

Sometimes it helps to have a lobbyist around, like when the federal government is planning to spread billions of dollars around for "shovel-ready" infrastructure projects. Fortunately for the city government, Councilman **Tim Lovain** Councilman **Paul Smedberg** are both lobbyists by day and elected officials by night. So they are using their professional skills to help City Hall get its fair share of the bailout money now flowing out of Washington. Meanwhile, city budget officials have compiled a list of \$600 million worth of projects that could be funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Bill of 2009, including \$31 million for fire-fighting equipment, \$19 million for a new police facility, \$3.4 million for new sidewalks and \$2.4 million for new King Street trolleys.

"We should see at least 5 or 10 percent of the total if not all of it," said Mayor **Bill Euille**. "I may have to play [President **Barack Obama**] in a game of basketball for it."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS

Animal League Gains New Director

Economic realities increase animal welfare challenges.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's animal kingdom has a new friend in town. And, she couldn't have arrived at a more opportune time. The impact of the economic downturn is not confined to humans. It also has an adverse effect on pets in a myriad of ways.

That's where Martha Armstrong's experience, know how, and compassion become a vital bridge between abandonment and a new life of love and belonging. With 32 years of experience in the field of animal welfare, Armstrong became the new executive director of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) on Jan. 5.

"Every time you hear about another round of layoffs we have more pets turned in because their owners either can't afford them, they are moving to where pets are not allowed or for a host of other reasons," Armstrong said sitting in her office at the League headquarters on Eisenhower Avenue.

"The excess number of pets coming to us poses multiple challenges — money, space, increased needs for adoptions — are just a few. One half of the shelter's operating funds come from the City. And, the city's budget tightening will cause us challenges. We have to do more fund raising," she said. AWLA's annual budget is \$2.3 million.

But, Armstrong has met similar challenges before over her three-decade-plus career in this field. And, she is not new to this area.

From 1980 to 1984 she headed Arlington's Animal Welfare League and from 1996 to 2005 she was senior vice president at the Humane Society of the United States in Gaithersburg, Md. She has served as director of shelters in California and Tennessee, as well as director of advocacy for the Massachusetts SPCA.

"This is a great place to live and work. I had moved back to Tennessee after Arlington to get close to my family but I really missed running an animal shelter," she said.

"In my former life, before I got involved with animal welfare, I was an accountant for a wholesale liquor distributor in Tennessee. That was almost as exciting as watching grass grow," Armstrong said.

"Then I saw that the Memphis Humane Society was hunting for an office manager and I thought why not. I love animals and it should be a real experience. That's what started me on this career and I couldn't be happier," she said.

THAT ENTHUSIASM is shared by those who have known her. "We are thrilled that Ms. Armstrong has joined the Alexandria Animal Welfare League. She will lead a team of dedicated employees who strive daily to implement the League's mission to inspire compassion for all living things," said Maurice Levite, chair, AWLA.

That sentiment was echoed by AWLA Board member Sandy Yamamoto. "She's a wonderful breath of fresh air. She not only brings a wealth of experience but she is a real joy and pleasure to work with and

has a great sense of humor," she said.

"I've known Martha for more than a decade. She's a wonderful person and very compassionate about animal issues. Alexandria is very lucky to have her. She is nationally known and recognized," said Rob Blizard, AWLA Development Committee.

For Ann Church, Virginia State Director, Humane Society of the United States, Armstrong is "one of the brightest people I have ever known in this field. She can solve problems by being able to see through the grey areas of animal issues and spot the solutions. Problems in this field are never just black and white."

That capability to zero in on a particular issue will come in handy in this budget tightening era. "We are really challenged by not having enough space for people to get to know their adoptive pets or vice versa. Some shelters have new puppy classes before adoption," she said.

"We need more private space to interview people who want to adopt. Our goal is to not perpetuate the revolving door of adoption," Armstrong said.

THE LEAGUE'S animal space presently is nearly at capacity with the greatest number being cats. "Cats may be low maintenance pets but, they are not no maintenance pets," she said. We also need more space

for our dogs. Two dogs looking across a narrow aisle at one another is not ideal," she said.

Before returning to this area to accept the AWLA job, Armstrong lived in Knoxville, Tenn., with her husband Robert Preddy, president of a manufacturing firm. "We have done this before — a long distance marriage. One of these days we are going to get our moves to coincide," she said.

Two of Armstrong's other goals for AWLA is to improve the organization's community outreach and gain more physical space for both community events and the animals. Her background with animal protection organizations nationwide has helped her prioritize AWLA's programmatic, financial and physical space needs.

"I have been making numerous lists and mapping out a variety of improvements I believe will benefit the shelter and all our constituents, including the animals in our care. With the help of the board and staff, I will be working hard to make these improvements a reality," Armstrong said.

Founded in 1946, AWLA operates the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter at 4101 Eisenhower Avenue, from which 1,200 animals are adopted each year. AWLA also provides behavior and training advice, humane education programs, animal control and licensing, wildlife rescue, reduced cost spay and neuter certificates, and rabies and microchipping clinics.



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THE GAZETTE PACKET

Martha Armstrong assumed her duties as the new executive director of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria on Jan. 5.

"The excess number of pets coming to us poses multiple challenges."

— Martha Armstrong, executive director, AWLA

NEWS

Murder Suspects Arrested

FROM PAGE 1

"Solving murders is kind of like putting together a puzzle," said Baker. "You start from nothing, and then our detectives and prosecutors work together to piece together what happened and then track down those who are responsible."

Shortly after midnight on Jan. 18, police officials found cab driver Khalil Siddiqi, a 50 year-old Fairfax man, unresponsive in his vehicle at the intersection of Princess Street and Buchanan Street. Last weekend, Alexandria Police officers arrested Jamal Berry, a 20-year-old Alexandria man, and a 16-year old Alexandria man in connection with the Jan. 18 murder. On Tuesday, police also arrested Joshua Moore, an 18-year-old Prince George's County man.

The three men have been charged with murder and robbery.

"I assume the three suspects were friends," said Ashley Hildebrandt, police spokeswoman. "We have no indication that they were involved in a gang."

Baker also acknowledged that police officials are closing in on the Dec. 2 murder of Juantissa Hill, a 24-year-old Alexandria woman who worked in the Pentagon's Office of the Chief Naval Operations. On Dec. 2, Alexandria police were called to the EOS 21 apartment complex, where they found Hill's body. She was pronounced dead at the scene. Public-safety officials say the "person of extreme interest" is already in custody in a different state and that they are waiting for lab results of DNA evidence before charging anyone with the Dec. 2 murder.

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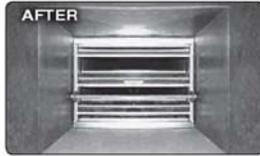
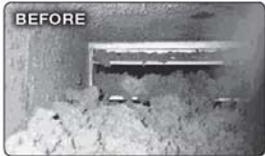
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Importance of College Options

Northern Virginia Community College will have a growing and critical role in coming decade.

Here in Northern Virginia, residents, businesses and government all recognize the importance of quality public schools. Great schools benefit everyone, not just families with children in school.

In Fairfax County, the public schools absorb more than half the county funds available. In Loudoun, the percentage is much higher. Spending per student in Arlington and Alexandria demonstrate those localities' commitment to their public schools as well.

Another critical component of the quality of life, education and the economy here is the Northern Virginia Community College. While it's hard to overstate the importance of NOVA, the second largest community college in the nation with more than 60,000 students, will

play an even bigger role in the decade to come.

While NVCC (or NOVA as it is more commonly known), along with local school districts, has taken its share of budget cuts, the General Assembly should not take steps to cap its tuition. Northern Virginia Community College offers access to high quality college classes and degree programs at a very affordable price (well under \$3,000 annual tuition for a full-time student) and also offers support to students with financial need in a variety of ways. The school must have some flexibility to manage its revenues to continue to meet growing demand.

NOVA is one of the most internationally diverse colleges in the United States, with students from more than 180 countries; international students make up about 20 percent of student population.

The community college conducts significant outreach to the many students in Northern Virginia high schools who could be the first in their family to go to college, many of them immigrants. This is a critical link to the American dream.

NOVA provides an affordable path to a four-year college degree, plus provides certificates and training in careers high in demand like

nursing and health care, "green" technologies.

With even many affluent families feeling the effects of the economic crisis, many students in Northern Virginia will need to find alternatives to paying full freight for four years of college education.

NOVA accepts IB and AP credits, so an advanced student from Fairfax County could arrive at NOVA with a year's worth of college credit, get an associates degree in one year at an affordable rate, and then transfer to a four-year college, finishing in three years and potentially cutting their college costs in half.

Students who graduate from NOVA with an associate's degree and a minimum grade point average are guaranteed admission to other Virginia colleges and universities, including George Mason University, the University of Virginia, and the College of William and Mary.

NOVA has campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge along with educational centers in Reston and Arlington. NOVA offers more than 160 certificate programs and degrees at the associate's level, along with distance learning programs.

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EDITORIAL

LETTERS

Abide by the Rules

To the Editor:

So, the "elite" of Old Town don't approve a "new" business offering what others do not, specifically one tailored to adult shoppers. A business survives based on the old "supply and demand" principle. Leave it alone and see what happens.

Two or three years ago this same "elite group" banded together and successfully kept 5 Guys from moving into 100 King. Denial resulted in that building being empty for several years, maybe because council could not find for them a "suitable" tenant. Does council deem it more appropriate to have another empty storefront on King Street? Council denied 5 Guys, welcoming a business dictated by a minority, a restaurant deemed "acceptable" by those who objected.

What happened? The complainers failed to support that which they demanded and received — one too expensive for most city residents' pockets. Locals, along with tourist dollars, would undoubtedly have made 5 Guys a successful, tax paying and welcome business. Being yanked by a minority has resulted in that building again being vacant. The structure recently sold. That situation should not be allowed to happen again. Rather than council spending time trying to put someone out of business — one that overcame all hurdles and obtained a legitimate license from that same council — they could approach 5 Guys to determine whether they are still interested in 100 King. The unwelcome reception to their earlier request may have soured their interest. I, for one, would have welcomed 5 Guys as a reasonably priced eatery in the heart of a city which has too few.

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Fighting to Reduce Pollution

BY PATSY TIGER
STATE SENATE (D-30)

The week started for me with a very active Agriculture, Conservation and Natural Resources Committee Meeting. Two of my bills passed, one which requires the Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Board to adopt regulations that provide for the evaluation and potential inclusion of emerging or innovative stormwater control technologies, such as steel slag, that prove effective in reducing nonpoint source pollution.

RICHMOND REPORT The second bill addresses the Virginia Land Conservation Fund and public access to park land. When the fund exceeds \$10 million, (which has happened only once) the designation of public access must be a designation for awarding funds. The Virginia Outdoors Foundation, which administers the fund, will award grants for public access to park land based on a number of factors.

This designation is important to urban areas, because some of the factors would be the availability of public parks in the planning district, and the population in the immediate geographical area rather than just on the size of the property.

State Parks and open space are even more important in a recession than in good economic times, since it gives citizens an outlet and access to the outdoors. In 2008 more than 7.2 million people visited Virginia's 35 state parks, the second-highest attendance

in the park system's history.

John Edward's bill to regulate the use of fly ash, a coal byproduct that can contain arsenic, lead, mercury and other toxins, passed the Ag committee and is on the way to the full Senate. It requires a solid waste permit from the state Department of Environmental Quality to use coal fly ash in a 100-year flood plain. After recycling it has been used in embankments and for structural fill. The clear purpose of the bill is to avoid toxic run-offs in rivers and streams. While it failed in the House last year the need for it is more urgent due to the collapse of an earthen dam last year near Harriman, Tenn. This collapse resulted in the release of about 1 billion gallons of a mixture of coal ash and water which covered 300 acres and contaminated the Emory and Clinch rivers, tributaries of the Tennessee River. There is hope the bill will pass this year.

ANOTHER of my bills passed which clarifies that a transferor of a nonresident decedent's stocks, bonds, securities money or tangible personal property held in Virginia may comply with either the law of Virginia or the law of the state or country in which the nonresident decedent was domiciled. This bill represents a solution to difficulties encountered by Pentagon Federal Credit Union and I presume other credit unions and banking institutions.

The other bill which passed through the Senate changes the name of the Department

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Such approval might have resulted in a continuing contributor to the city. So, if this “new” business succeeds — great. Should it fail, that failure should be the result of lack of business not from complaints of that same vocal “elite” which has again left a vacant structure at a busy corner in a city that could benefit, visually and financially, if it were occupied. The “new” business appears to have met all requirements, so why go on a witch hunt now trying to create a “ghost regulation” not on the books to close its doors? If council erred in its judgment that is the council’s fault not that of the business.

Perhaps council time could be better spent in an attempt to bring the budget under control, and resolve to become diligent in an attempt to recover from its “spend and waste” addiction for which it has been in denial for too many years.

Once approved, let sales dictate how businesses take care of themselves rather than create a dictatorship governed by a few. Additional businesses are going to disappear if council keeps acting to their disadvantage — as in having them pay higher “penalty” taxes just to be on King Street. So, keep those storefronts occupied. Do something positive for the city residents and business owners. Failure to be positive will result in additional economic woes. Leave the running of a business to the business owner(s) and let council take care of council business such as generating income, being fiscally responsible and accountable, providing a safe city and reducing already excessive business and real estate taxes.

I may or may not ever shop at this new venture; however, that business apparently has abided by the rules, so let council do the same.

C. Donaldson

Scatter Public Housing

To the Editor:

As a 29-year resident of the Inner City, I must comment on your Dec. 22 article, “Seeing Differently,” which profiled ARHA’s new Executive Director Roy Priest.

Mr. Priest has already demonstrated that he is an improvement on his predecessor, and our community appreciates his accessibility and openness. Hopefully the ARHA Board will give him the breathing room necessary to turn around a troubled, inefficient and corrupt agency. ARHA has served

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Budget Shortfall Forces Difficult Choices

By DAVID ENGLIN
DELEGATE (D-45)

Governing is about choices, and a state budget shortfall that now looks like it could run as high as \$4 billion or more draws into sharp relief our choices about what matters most. Virginia is continually ranked the Best Managed State by Governing magazine and the Best State for Business by Forbes magazine in part because we run an efficient operation with strong accountability measures and minimal waste. Therefore, when the economy falters and revenues drop, there really is not much fat left to cut from the state budget, and we are forced to make some very painful decisions.

While I have proposed some moderate, reasonable measures to bring in more money to reduce the harm to education and health care, the Republican leadership, which still controls the House of Delegates by six votes, apparently has declared all such bills dead on arrival. For example, a House Finance Subcommittee killed my bill to bring Virginia's cigarette tax, which currently ranks 47th lowest in the country, up to the national average. Governor Kaine's proposed budget already cuts \$400 million

from health care, and it assumes \$150 million in new revenue from at least a 30-cent cigarette tax increase. Therefore, killing this proposal means the state will be forced to cut an additional \$150 million from Medicaid. The sad irony is that the legislators most concerned with protecting tobacco come from parts of Virginia with the highest poverty and unemployment rates, so their constituents will suffer the most from reduced Medicaid services.

ANOTHER BILL I proposed would have reinstated the inheritance tax with the same provisions that U.S. Sen. Mark Warner supported when he was governor: exempting estates up to \$5 million and exempting family farms and small businesses. Just 80 to 100 of the very wealthiest estates in Virginia would end up paying the tax each year to bring in more than \$100 million per year that I proposed dedicating in equal shares to Healthy Families Virginia, the Virginia Preschool Initiative, and the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant Program. This choice would have allowed us to strengthen our investment in children from before birth through age five, saving more than seven times what we would have spent over the long run, and it would have made college more affordable for students and

families across the state, which is a proven investment in our long-term economic strength. Unfortunately, this proposal suffered the same fate as my effort to raise the cigarette tax.

BY REFUSING to move forward any ideas to bring in even comparatively modest amounts of revenue, the primary remaining choice becomes which existing services to cut. In Virginia, because of our efficient government and at least three previous rounds of cuts totaling more than \$2 billion, that means cutting bone and muscle from programs that matter to people's survival and quality of life. For example, Virginia has a triple A bond rating, which we have leveraged for a number of critical infrastructure and higher education projects. However, without new revenue, the state has reached its full debt capacity and there is no money left to pay the debt service on additional bonds. For that reason, on Friday, the Capital Outlay Subcommittee tabled my Virginia Flood Mitigation Infrastructure Bond Act. While that means no new state money for local flood control projects this year, the good news is that our local governments will still have access to state-backed bonds issued through Virginia Resources Authority to finance these projects with local dollars. However, this

just one example of how difficult choices are already affecting people's lives.

LEST MY REPORT leave the impression that the news from Richmond is all doom and gloom, I was able last week to get a fairly complex bill through the House of Delegates with a near unanimous bipartisan vote that closes a corporate tax loophole that will save Virginia taxpayers \$30 million this year and up to \$7 million each year moving forward. Additionally, the Rental Assistance Pilot Project bill that I am carrying for the third year in a row made it through the committee process with unanimous bipartisan support and now awaits a funding decision by the Appropriations Committee.

My election reform legislation, which proposes some technical changes to make it easier for registrars to run elections and which repeals the unconstitutional ban on wearing political clothing while voting, seems to be moving along nicely.

I am hopeful that the next week will bring progress on a range of issues the General Assembly has yet to address, including my Middle Class and Small Business Tax Relief Act and my Renewable Energy Job Creation Tax Credit. Contact me at DelDEnglin@house.virginia.gov or 703-549-3203 if I can be of assistance.

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OPINION

Toward a Post-Racial Society

BY NICK J. SCIULLO

The inauguration of President Barack Obama, the 80th anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birth, and Abraham Lincoln's bicentennial are all momentous occurrences. It is as if the stars have aligned to herald a new day of racial politics in the United States. We would be remiss to forget that the struggle continues. The stars

COMMENTARY may have aligned, but let not the shadows of forgetfulness, denial, or contentment loom. The call to describe our times as post-racial has risen. But, what is a post-racial society? We cannot fulfill the vision of Dr. King if we fail to continue questioning intolerance in our world. We must take up that banner, wave it proudly, and let the vision of progress never cloud. Opposing intolerance is not a spectator sport.

The beacon of hope should burn bright as ever and it must continue to burn. Dr. King reminded us that he might not get to the mountaintop with us, but that we would arrive.

To describe our times as post-racial is to white wash the politics of the present. Racial animosities have festered well before Lincoln's birth, as well as ended the lives of Medger Evers, Dr. King, and others. Let us also not forget the racial divides that surfaced throughout the last year's presidential campaign.

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its residents and the community poorly in recent years.

However, it is exasperating to realize that Mr. Priest, a long-time Silver Spring resident, is being taught — and is eagerly absorbing and repeating — all of the false political and socio-economic notions that the supposedly liberal City of Alexandria uses to justify to sustain its artificially-created ghetto now known as Braddock.

First, Mr. Priest states that "Public housing is well-disbursed [sic] throughout this City." Wrong. Half of the City's Resolution 830 public housing units are still located in a small area of North Old Town and at Braddock Road Metro.

We must not move beyond race, but must embrace the discussion of race that leads to communication across racial and ethnic identities. We must not talk of a black or a white country, but a county united in the pursuit of equality and open to discussions of our checkered racial past and a hopeful, racially aware future. The solution to our racial woes is not an election, but the continued struggle toward new consciousness.

President Obama warned us that times would be difficult. Obama was speaking of our economic times, but his words resonated across the great landscape of the United States. Times will be hard, struggle will ensue, the world will continue in tumult, but the continued pursuit of a more just society is a power vested in each of us. The ability to fight, resist, and empower lies in each and every one of us and we must not let that power die by failing to take even the smallest of actions.

Post-racial society threatens to deny the importance of continued struggle. It should not divest an active citizenry of their power, our power, to continue pursuing the dream. It must not be a moniker of success, but instead a cry to action. Post-racial society should empower us to re-think our being in this world. It is an opportunity to journey, to toil and travel, contemplate and create — all in the pursuit of a more equal society.

Alexandria resident Nick J. Sciullo writes on critical race theory, politics, and public policy.

Second, the article states "Mr. Priest points to Chatham Square as a sociological success." If Chatham Square is a success (as was Quaker Hill), why not apply the same formula elsewhere and scatter at least half the existing public housing units from big projects like Bland to other small clusters in Alexandria? And why does the City now insist that, unlike Chatham Square, the proposed James Bland redevelopment project needs minimal off-siting but requires an additional layer of work force tenants to ease the supposed social tension that according to Mr. Priest doesn't apparently exist at Chatham Square?

Mr. Priest fears "Alexandria's demograph
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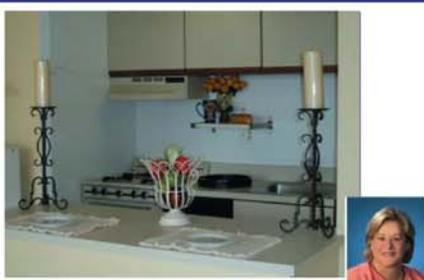


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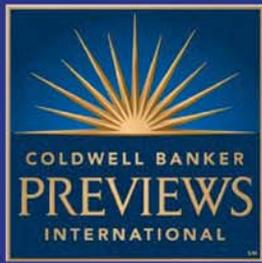
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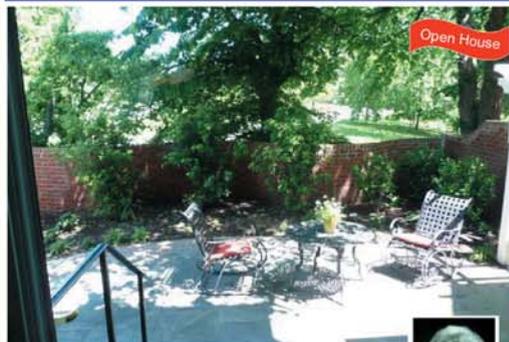


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ics are changing dramatically ... There are now many non-blacks moving into neighborhood [sic] that have been traditionally, primarily black." Apparently Mr. Priest's political tutors don't know their history. In 1924 this neighborhood was half white. Historically, as with President-elect Obama now, half white translates to mostly black and at a Braddock East Advisory Group meeting, Mr. Priest denied that Hispanics now live in Braddock's public housing

— not only contradicting what the community has seen but also bellying ARHA's own board minutes, which reveal the authority hired a Spanish translator to work with Jefferson Village residents.

While Mr. Priest and others like Mayor Euille only grudgingly acknowledge that the neighborhood has changed, in fact Parker-Gray has been changing dramatically for 30 years. It is an utterly different neighborhood in terms of income, occupation, education, and quality of housing stock. It will

continue to evolve as it has for more than a century, and the 2010 Census will document these changes in cold hard print.

The sad truth is that it suits the City, and ARHA's non-managers, to deny the changes; to perpetuate the notion that there is a "community" here — one that can live nowhere else — which must be "preserved" by keeping public housing monolithic and institutionalized.

It is NIMBYism raised to the highest degree, and in the year in which Barack Obama triumphantly enters the White House, why is the City and its public housing authority still perpetuating racial segregation, dysfunction, and the concentration of poverty? Or is this really a financial coverup because the City finds it politically and economically convenient not to invest in dismantling the last vestiges of Jim Crow?

Leslie Zupan
Alexandria

City Needs These Skills

To the Editor:

I have been a teacher and football coach in Alexandria since 1973, and I am writing to support

Frankie Fannon for City Council. My association with Frankie over the years, especially his involvement with the Alexandria Sportsman Club, has shown me his commitment, compassion, and concern toward our youth in Alexandria.

Frankie is a native of Alexandria and knows the people, the neighborhoods, the history, and the concerns. His people skills, understanding and insights allow him to participate on the Council and serve its future direction from Day One.

I have also known Frankie on a professional level through SunTrust Bank. He is diligent, organized, and resourceful in order to get the best results for his clients.

The well-being and growth of the City of Alexandria has always been of utmost importance to Frankie. He has been a strong advocate for the advancement of education, youth athletics, planning development, financial growth, and real estate in the City.

I am proud to endorse Frankie Fannon for City Council.

Coach Bill Allan
Alexandria

Total Learning Environment

To the Editor:

Mimi Carter's school board campaign letter of Jan. 29 concerned me so much that I contacted her. She clarified that she questions evening custodial service, not custodians who serve schools during the day. As a member of the now-defunct Alexandria School Board's Arts and Humanities Committee and an arts education advocate who works nationally, I concur that cutting art and music specialists hurts students. Likewise, national trends away from recess, P.E., foreign language, and lab science numb students and dumb down the curriculum. What most education reformers overlook, however, is the influence of school culture on student achievement.

I teach in many schools nationwide. Those where principal, staff, and faculty work collaboratively have the richest learning environments. Research indicates that the more positive relationships young people have with adults, the greater their chances for success. Administrators come and go, but custodians, cafeteria workers,

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FINE ARTS

Thirty Five Years of Plowshares from Swords

Traveling exhibit reception and guest artists show culminate for anniversary.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Thirty five years ago it was just an ugly building filled with old World War II files and excess federal government furniture. Many in Alexandria saw it as not only an eye sore but also an obstruction to their vision of waterfront open space.

Then there was Marian Van Landingham. To her it was an opportunity to create an art center like no other in the nation. It could be a place where artists worked in full view. Individual studios would be open to visitors where art lovers and creators could intertwine their shared love of art.

This place had been a factory for the manufacture of weapons of war. Now it could be a multi-dimensional, thriving example of the old prophesy of “swords into plowshares.”

It could offer the opportunity for a shared experience by resident and visitor, adult and child, artist and patron, admirer and detractor.

As a result of that vision, the former torpedo factory — which came into existence at the end of World War I and supplied torpedoes to the U.S. Navy during World War II through the efforts of 5,000 to 6,000 munitions workers — morphed into the Torpedo Factory Art Center, on July 13, 1974, Alexandria’s 225th birthday. It officially opened to the public Sept. 15, 1974.

Today it is home to 165 artists working in 82 studios on three levels in all mediums. It is also home to six galleries, the Art League School, the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, and a major attraction to more than 500,000 visitors per year.

In September 2008 the Art Center initiated its first traveling art exhibition featuring the works of 24 Torpedo Factory artists that will be on display in various cities throughout the nation. It will return to Alexandria in September 2009 with a closing exhibition at the Athenaeum to celebrate the Center’s 35th Anniversary.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE

Marian Van Landingham, the guiding light behind the founding of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, sits in her river view studio with one of her pet dachshunds, Spike, as she related stories of the early days of the now nationally famous working artists center in Old Town.



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A giraffe and friend watch over the studio corridor on the first level of the factory.

“We hope to make this a real celebration. On Sept. 10 we are planning a show in the Art Center’s Target Gallery for artists from the cities visited by the exhibition,” said Mary Cook, director, Target gallery.

“On Friday night, Sept. 11, the Athenaeum is planning a free reception for all the artists whose works were part of traveling exhibit and the public,” she said.

BUT, THE BIRTH of the Torpedo Factory Art Center was not an easy one.

“I was president of the Art League at the time and our lease was up on our location on Cameron Street. I was afraid we were

about to be priced out of Old Town,” said Van Landingham seated in her river view studio with her two dachshund pet dogs.

“This building was in terrible shape with vines growing over it and the dock area was actually crumbling. But, it was the perfect place for open, working studios. And, Alexandria Mayor Charles “Chuck” Beatley was very much in favor of the concept and brought a lot of imagination to the table,” Van Landingham said. “However, there were massive protests against the concept of the art center being located here. Many residents viewed it as preventing their vision of having continuous river open space because of a few selfish artists, as they viewed us,” she said.

That opposition is spelled out in Van Landingham’s book “On Target” commemorating the Art Center’s 25th Anniversary. As one speaker at a City Council meeting on the art center proposal put it, “Destroy that thing and get it off the landscape. If you want to subsidize the arts, do it in another building,” Van Landingham recalled in her book.

The artists, led by Van Landingham, mounted a counter offensive to build support for the center. She felt that better communications would turn most opponents into supporters — but not all. That became apparent when Van Landingham reached

“I was afraid we were about to be priced out of Old Town.”

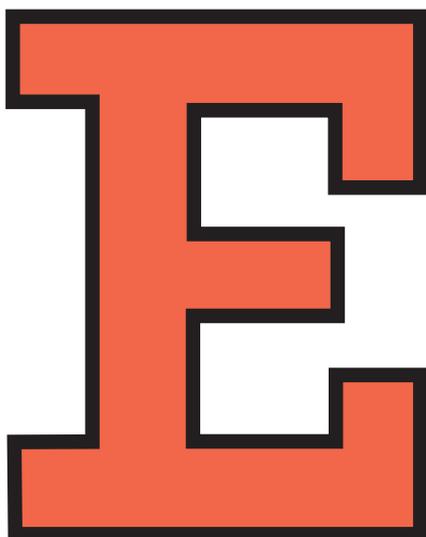
— **Marian Van Landingham, founder, Torpedo Factory Art Center**

out to one ardent opponent and was told, “Thank you, but I can spend my time better collecting petitions against you,” she noted in her book.

To pacify some of that opposition it was decided to place the Torpedo Factory Art Center on a three-year experimental basis. The Torpedo Factory Artists Association “has a turnkey operation with the City,” according to Van Landingham. The City purchased the original four building sites from the federal government in 1969.

During a February 1974 meeting, City Council agreed to appropriate \$140,000 to do basic repairs and renovations to the building. They also rezoned it for “this use only,” according to Van Landingham.

THE ARTISTS did a great deal of the sprucing up and removal of old federal gov



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Artist Attraction

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ernment "junk" being stored there. Some of that "junk" supplied City Hall and the artists with furniture, including the legs to the conference table in City Council's workroom.

Most of the initial artists were from the Art League. "I collected the first month's rent and put the checks on a bulletin board for council members to see. I think many thought that a bunch of artists were irresponsible when it came to fiscal responsibility," she said.

"I didn't want this to house just a group of itinerant galleries so we established strict rules right from the beginning. Original work had to be done here. And, each artist was required to be in their studio a certain number of hours each week," Van Landingham said.

The Art Center is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. year around. On the second Thursday of each month it is open until 9 p.m. with a special event each month. It is closed on Christmas, New Years Day, Easter and a couple of other holidays.

"We all have individual business licenses with the city. We all pay rent for our studios. To become a working artist here you have to be accepted through a tight juried process. And, we have a waiting list," Van Landingham said.

"We are not sales people. We are working artists and we welcome interacting with visitors. For the

most part, they are also very respectful of us and usually don't try to talk to us when we are working unless we open up the conversation," she said.

"But, there are funny experiences. I've had many come

Promotions and Events For 35th Anniversary

A 35th Anniversary Coupon encourages visitors to add an original piece of Torpedo factory artwork to their collections with a special offer. Fifty-three participating artists will honor \$35 off a \$200 purchase or \$350 off a purchase of \$2000 or more. Coupons may be printed at www.torpedofactory.org or picked up in the building at 105 N. Union St.

Each month's Second Thursday Art Night will feature an anniversary event. Feb. 12 will take a look at the Center's history. March 12 will reveal the role of Torpedo factory artists in the community. April 9 will get the public involved in an environmentally "green" installation of art. Additional information on the Torpedo Factory Art Center and the 35th Anniversary can be found on the Web site.

in a say 'you have a great office' and spend their entire time admiring the view of the river without ever looking at a painting," Van Landingham said.

"This concept of artists working in public view also helps the public to understand how we work and broadens their knowledge of art and artists. As one woman was heard telling her small son one day as they toured the Center, 'see Johnny not all artists are dead and famous.'"

Every year the artists volunteer to paint all of the hallways throughout the Art Center. They also paint the walls of their individual studios annually. The building has been upgraded with heat and air conditioning since that initial opening 35 years ago.

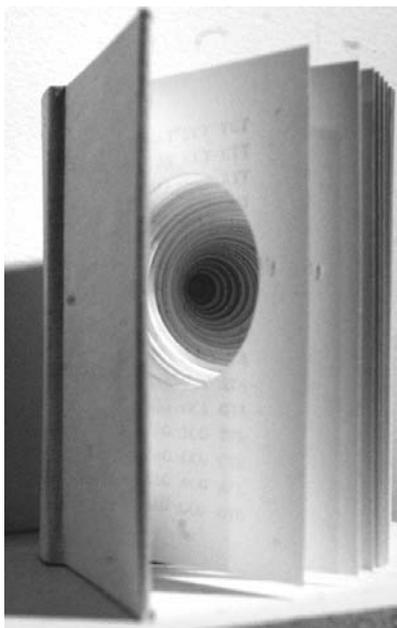
The Torpedo Factory Art Center has served as a national and international prototype for a working art center, according to Van Landingham and is a must stop for Alexandria tourist. Through a series of financial negotiations and a secured long-term lease, Art Center artists now have the "opportunity to keep their dream growing."

As Torpedo Factory artist Carol Bruce stated at the conclusion of Van Landingham's 25th Anniversary book:

"Artists are a funny breed
They shun the comforts other need
Give them a bit of space somewhere
With light aglow and dreams to dare ...
Give them a bit of space somewhere
With light aglow and dreams to share."

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

"M168: Tracing the Y Chromosome" by Geraldine Ondrizek is part of the "Bookends: The Book as Art" exhibit at the Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory.



CALENDAR

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

FRIDAY/FEB. 6

Music Performance. 5 p.m. at Carlyle House. Hear 18th-century music and enjoy a candle-lit tour. 703-549-2997 for tickets.

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.

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

SATURDAY/FEB. 7

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.

Propagation Series. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to grow flowers, vegetables and herbs from seeds. \$20. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp. 703-642-5173 to register.

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

Saturday Stories. 2 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. All ages. Free. 703-519-5900.

SUNDAY/FEB. 8

Music Performance. David Roth, Cletus Kennelly and Lori Kelley will perform at 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard 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.

Benefit Concert. 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Listen to "Broadway Then and Now." Free, donations go to the Alliance for Autosomal Recessive Polycystic Kidney Disease and Congenital Hepatic Fibrosis. Visit www.trinityalexandria.org or 703-549-5500 ext. 103.

Past, Present and Future of the Smithsonian's Ripley Garden.



In honor of George Washington's birthday, Mount Vernon Estate is holding a variety events on Feb. 14, 15, 16 including a parade, breakfast and more. Feb. 22, anyone who celebrates a birthday on that day or is named George, will receive free admission to the Estate. Visit <http://www.visit.mountvernon.org> for more.

1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about this public garden. \$10. 703-642-5173 to register.

2 and up. Free. 703-838-4555.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 11

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

Pajama Party. 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6. Free. 703-519-5900.

Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Barrett Library, 717 Queen St. Discuss "The Geography of Bliss" by Eric Weiner. Free. 703-838-4555.

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

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

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.

Performance. 7 p.m. at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Hear

MONDAY/FEB. 9

Black Saga Competition. 6 p.m. at Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road. Students answer African-American history questions. Free. Visit www.blacksaga.org or 703-461-4100.

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

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

Baby Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 0-11 months. Free. 703-838-4566.

TUESDAY/FEB. 10

Books to Film Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Discuss "Love Story." Free. 703-931-3559.

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

Stories and Songs. 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 0-4 years. Free. 703-838-4566.

Tuesday Tots. 11 a.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 2-3. Free. 703-519-5900.

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

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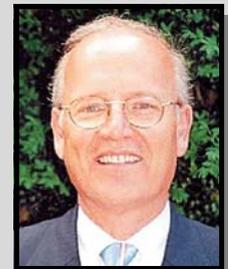
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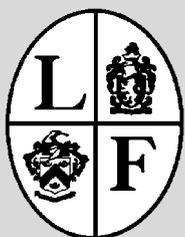
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Ta'u Pupu'a, former Baltimore Raven pro foot-ball player and current acclaimed lyric tenor, will demonstrate his NFL-trained operatic singing apparatus on the upcoming Valentine's Day Concerts of the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, entitled "O'Lovers' Voice."

I have had the privilege of working with world-class singers and am awed by them. I am awed by the power of their voices and their ability to project them into vast spaces — and to do this without amplification. I am awed by the absolute command over their vocal and breathing apparatus and the arduous physical training that is necessary to achieve such super-human things. So the training that Ta'u Pupu'a received as a pro football player has undoubtedly prepared him well for the physical rigors and demands of his burgeoning career as an opera singer.

Pupu'a's golden tenor voice is perfectly suited to the ASO's upcoming Valentine's Day Concerts. He will be joined by soprano Julie Rowling in two of the most beloved operatic love scenes — the love music from "La bohème" and from "Madama Butterfly."

"See the stars! Ah, lovely night!

Thy perfect calm is breathing love near and far!"

— *Madama Butterfly*

These two Puccini operas span different continents and cultures but share the

composer's unsurpassed ability to write ravishingly beautiful vocal and orchestral music that comes directly from the heart.

The first half of the concert is in collaboration with the Opera Theatre of Northern Virginia and will be conducted by John Edward Niles. Pupu'a and Rowling will be joined by mezzo Leslie Mutchler and tenor Peter Burroughs in a historic regional premiere of Ravel's "L'heure espagnole (The Spanish Hour)." This masterful romantic comedy, paired with the soaring sentiment of the Puccini love scenes will take an alternately humorous and moving look at love and romance.

I hope you have a Happy Valentine's Day! See you at one of the concerts!

"In order to be a really good singer, you have to be an athlete. The way one breathes, the positions of standing, how the air flows in and out of the body. When you sing, you have to sing with your body."

— **Ta'u Pupu'a, former Baltimore Raven pro football player**



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Ta'u Pupu'a

Where & When

The ASO and tenor Ta'u Pupu'a will perform two concerts over Valentine's Day Weekend with music of Ravel & Puccini, Saturday, Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 15 at 3 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. \$5 youth tickets (8-18) available for the Sunday matinee. Adult tickets: \$20-\$70. Visit www.alexsym.org or call 703-548-0885 for tickets or more information. For an interview with tenor Ta'u Pupu'a, visit www.alexsym.org and click on the link to the ASO's blog.

Valentine's Day Treats



Heart-shaped mousse delights can be found at the Alexandria Pastry Shop in the Bradley Shopping Center.



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Legendary Lovebirds

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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When their four children were growing up in the 1960s, Donna and Mel Bergheim would hire a babysitter and sneak out for dinner and a movie on Valentine's Day. Even now, after 49 years of marriage, the Bergheims still like to go out on Valentine's Day. As the first married couple to be named Living Legends by the Alexandria Gazette Packet and the Rotary Club of Alexandria, the Bergheim's partnership is a story of unflinching idealism and mutual affection.

"If I hint at it often enough, Mel will bring me a box of chocolates," said Donna Bergheim. "I try to write him a poem instead of buying some drug-store card."

Mel Bergheim was first elected to the Alexandria City Council in 1970, when he launched a career of civic life promoting civil rights and neighborhood protection. Donna Bergheim made a name for herself promoting the arts and played a critical role in the development of MetroStage. As a team, the Bergheims have become part of the political gauntlet that potential candi-

dates must navigate through in order to gain office in Alexandria. They and 22 other Living Legends will be feted during a private reception at the Carlyle Club on Feb. 8.

"They were chosen as a couple because they are both very involved in the community," said former Alexandria Gazette Packet editor Mary Anne Weber, who was part of a panel that named the Living Legends for 2008. "But they each had their own separate projects."

He fought for civil rights. She became a powerful advocate for the arts community. Together, their teamwork over the years has achieved a wide range of accomplishments, everything from establishing non-smoking areas in city restaurants to preventing the Old Town Theatre from becoming a restaurant. When asked for their secret of their long-term romance and partnership for the Living Legend feature honoring them, each deflected attention toward their spouse as if to underscore the yin-yang nature of their relationship.

"I couldn't have done what I've done without Donna," he said.

"It's very simple," she said. "I'm in love with him."

Living Legend couple will celebrate 50 years of marriage this year.



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Donna and Mel Bergheim cast a curbside ballot during the January special election.

CALENDAR

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performances, music and more. \$10/person. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

Latin American Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Stories by Latin American authors. Free. 703-519-3498.

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

Mother Goose Time. 10 a.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children ages 12-24 months. Free. 703-838-4566.

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

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

FRIDAY/FEB. 13

Couples Ballroom Dancing. 8:30-11:30 p.m. at a location in Mount Vernon. Dance the waltz, rumba, swing and more to live music. \$15/person. Reservations required, www.fridaynightersdancingclub.com.

Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School. Watch "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." \$5/person. 703-799-6204.

Basic Gardening Series. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to compost yard debris and kitchen scraps into a soil amendment. \$12. 703-642-5173 to register.

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

SATURDAY/FEB. 14

Book Sale. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Find books for all readers. Free. 703-339-4610.

Valentine's Tour and Tea. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronoco St. \$20/person. Reservations required, 703-548-1789.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs Puccini and more. \$20-\$80/person. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Birthnight Banquet and Ball. 5:30-11 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. Celebrate George Washington's birthday with a dance and dinner. \$100/person for dinner and ball or \$50/person for just the ball. Registration required, www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242.

Story Telling. 11 a.m. at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Hear stories by Baba Jamal. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

Breakfast with George and Parade. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Enjoy parades, breakfast and more. \$15/adult; \$7/child. Visit MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Majestic 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.

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Theater Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School. Watch "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz." \$5/person. 703-799-6204.

Family Fun: Enchanted Dish Garden. 2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Hunt for enchanted creatures hiding in the tropical greenhouse and then build a dish. \$15/project. 703-642-5173 to register.

Impact Development Strategies for Home Gardeners. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about rain gardens, water barrels and more. \$16/person. 703-642-5173 to register.

Valentine's Day Tea. 1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Examine love letters throughout history. \$25. 703-941-5173 to register.

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

SUNDAY/FEB. 15

Music Performance. David Hildebrand will perform a concert honoring George Washington at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. \$20/person and \$15/member. Reservations recommended, www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs Puccini and more. \$20-\$80/person. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

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North Ridge

The North Ridge Citizen's Association is holding its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 9, at the Beverley Hills United Methodist Church, at the corner of Tennessee Ave. and Old Dominion Blvd.

Acting City Attorney Chris Spera will be our guest speaker.

This is a chance to hear first hand how the City has been addressing some challenging issues such as emissions from the Mirant power plant, the West End ethanol transfer plant, and the opening of the Monroe Street bridge.

Hope to see you there.

— RUSS BAILEY

Seminary Valley

A new calendar is on everyone's list right now, and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria's 2009 Calendar is on sale now!

This full-color calendar features all pet photos submitted to the Calendar Photo Contest. Contest winner "Torch," photographed by PawPrints Photography, graces the cover. Contest runners-up were photographed by Expressions3 Photography and represent each month of 2009. Proceeds benefit the League, whose shelter is just down the bike path from our neighborhood.

Hammond High School (now Middle School) alumni are tickled pink that beloved Coach "Red" Coughron will be inducted into the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame this April. Born in Tennessee, Coach Coughron came to newly opened Hammond after a stint at GW and coached the football team to a 28-10-2 record from 1956-1959. He moved on to

Woodberry Forest in Orange and compiled a record of 217-56-7, with eight undefeated seasons and 15 conference championships. One of the several alumni-sponsored benches in Hammond's courtyard is dedicated to "Red." If you would like to attend the festivities, please contact Tom Scott ('58) at 540-576-3335.

Neighbor Mike Anderson, of Mango Mike's fame, wants to spread the word that the restaurant is about to go smoke-free ... starting on Valentine's Day. Give the economy a boost and take your sweetie out for a West End treat.

We all know this is a great neighborhood, one of the closer-knit Alexandria communities. Our community just lost a long-time resident, Dr. Charles McKeon, who bought his house on Strathblane Street in 1957. His wife, Mae and he raised eight children there. I asked Jane Chopko (Kirby) to give me some thoughts on growing up in Seminary Valley. My reaction to her musings was that the names and faces change, but not the flavor of our neighborhood. Jane writes:

"There were eight McKeon kids: Charlie, Sharon, Brian, Peggy, John, Patrick, Kathleen (Keen) and Marie, plus a basset hound named Maggie. They lived in the rambler across the street from us; Dr. McKeon finished off the basement himself to make more bedrooms, and much later put on an addition. Marie (Zack) lives in the house now with her five children. There were a lot of kids in the neighborhood in the those days (6 Laceys, 2 Newhouses, 4 Kennedys, 3 Strattons, 3 Lavans, 4 Youngs, 4 Kirbys, 4 Morellis, 2 Vawters, etc.) and many of us were around the same age range and played together; the under-10 crowd was in and out of each

other's houses all the time.

There was always something going on at the McKeons' house, whether it was soccer in the side yard (where their big addition is now), climbing their 100+ year-old trees in the back yard, baking cupcakes in the kitchen, going back and forth to Brookville swimming pool in their VW van, playing piano in their front living room, playing kickball, "500", and red light-green light on Langley Street, or trading books to read (Nancy Drew was big with the girls). Some of the older ones, including Charlie McKeon, my brother Steve, and Alan and Bill Kennedy, used to play football and other sports on the church parking lot behind our house (now the St. Martin de Porres Center) and also played chess and cards on our back porch. Every family had their own bell or whistle that sounded down the street for dinner. In the summer when we'd all go out to play after dinner, the bells and whistles would go off again at dark. Dr. McKeon (Charlie Sr.) was a dentist, and I recall that he was off on Wednesdays. It seemed like Mae was always doing laundry, or coming home from the grocery store with gobs of shopping bags."

— MIA JONES

PEOPLE NOTES

T.C. Williams High School English teacher **Alexander Duncan III** wrote "Bridging the Gap: The Journey Towards Self-Restoration and Inward Repair." It is currently for sale. 703-824-6800.

Maria Christopher Bursenos, owner of Christopher's Flowers in Alexandria, was chosen as the official florist of the Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast and luncheon at the J.W. Marriot Hotel.



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PEOPLE



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Kate Klim, who recently moved to Old Town Alexandria, won the Pop division in the song-writing contest sponsored by the Songwriters Association of Washington.

Mount Vernon resident John Langan, left, and Chuck Smith of Ashburn won the grand prize in the 2008 Middle Atlantic Song Contest. Their original song, "A Thing or Two" also won the country song-writing category.

Local Songwriters Win Awards

Regional recognition reinforces their dreams.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
FOR THE GAZETTE

"It's not the Grammys," said Alexandria songwriter John Langan. "But it's a great step up the ladder." Langan, an Alexandria accounting executive, and his collaborator, Ashburn resident Chuck Smith, won the grand prize in the 25th annual Middle Atlantic Song Contest.

More than 900 songwriters submitted original works for judging in nine categories from Acoustic & Folk to Vocal Jazz & Blues. The Jammin' Java music club in Vienna hosted the awards ceremony on Jan. 11. The Songwriters Association of Washington (SAW) sponsored the competition, one of the longest running in the country.

Langan and Davis also won the top prize in the country music category in addition to overall honors. Their winning song, "A Thing or Two," tells how good values are as important as a fancy education.

And I know something 'bout Honor and courage and doing to others As they would do. Yeah I may not be as smart as you, But I know a thing or two.

"I had that phrase — 'a thing or two' — stuck in my head for a while," Langan said, "so we shaped a story around it. It's about a college-educated son who realizes that his father, a simple farmer, knows "a thing or two" about life."

Davis, also an accountant, said they enjoy combining stories and music. "Writing and performing is great fun, especially when we find a song from the heart. But we are also glad when we can entertain others at the same time."

Langan and Smith were runner-ups in the 2008 Country Music Television song contest, and write a dozen new songs a year. They enter several contests annually and view the SAW competition as good exposure. "Chuck and I are thrilled to have our work recognized by SAW in such a public and powerful way," Langan said after the award ceremony. "These

are people who know great songwriting and their recognition of our craft motivates us to keep reaching for the ring."

Listen to Langan and Smith songs at www.riderpublishing.com. Langan plays in a local dance band "Who's Ya Daddie," (<http://whosyadaddie.com/index.html>), and Davis in a country group (www.brandystills.com).

KATE KLIM, who recently moved to Old Town Alexandria from Philadelphia, won third place in the overall judging, as well as the top prize in the Pop category. She wowed the audience at Jammin' Java with her song "Ripple."

"I love performing, but singing my own songs is the best," she said backstage. Klim, 26, teaches piano and sings in clubs. (See www.kateklim.com.)

Second place in Pop went to Fairfax resident Sophia Bass, a freshman at Eckerd College in Florida. She also won the Young Artist Award, but could not perform her song, "Some Little Girl," because she just had her tonsils removed. "It's a great honor to win the award," she said hoarsely the next day. "Besides singing, I want to write music for movies and eventually get into music production." She recently began working with Boyd Tinsely, a member of the Dave Mathews Band, who has taken an interest in Sophia's music. (See www.sophiabass.com.)

"We use national artists as judges," contest director Siobhan Quinn said. "We send them CDs with all the songs without identifying the songwriter. Contests help aspiring songwriters get attention and experience." Pointing at the overflowing Jammin' Java crowd, Quinn added, "They also get a chance to perform."

Quinn, an Alexandria resident, teaches voice, and performs, both alone and with husband Michael Bowers. (See <http://dreamersloversandoutlaws.com>.) For more information on SAW, visit www.saw.org.

For winning the grand prize, Langan and Smith split \$1,000, won a free video recording session, and a year's free membership in Taxi, the music industry's biggest independent artist and repertoire (A&R) company.

"These are people who know great songwriting and their recognition of our craft motivates us to keep reaching for the ring."

— John Langan

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Living Legends of Alexandria: 2008 nominees.

Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing program to identify, honor and chronicle the people who are making history in Alexandria today. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Alexandria and the Alexandria Gazette Packet, the project was conceived and is directed by Nina Tisara. Over the last year, a dozen of the nominees, The Legends of 2008, were selected for feature articles in the Gazette Packet. They are Engin Artemel, Donna and Mel Bergheim, Bernard M. Fagelson, Lillie Finklea and Louise Massoud, Carlton Funn, Arlene Hewitt, Eula and Melvin Miller, George Pera, Elbert Ransom, Jane Ring and Charlene Schiff.

All of the nominees will be honored at a reception, Sunday, Feb. 8, 3-5 p.m. at the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street. Here are their biographical sketches:

ENGIN ARTEMEL

Engin Artemel sees the 1982 Waterfront Plan as the highlight of his 10 years as director of Planning and Community Development for the City of Alexandria. He has degrees in architecture, urban planning and civil engineering, and has used all of them in his long career. While he worked for the City, he and then-mayor Chuck Beatley set in motion a plan to improve Alexandria's waterfront. To educate leaders, and through them a wider public, Artemel took a group to Europe and later to other parts of the United States to study how other waterfront cities used these important locations. Under his leadership, the City began the long and continuing process of relocating and removing industrial uses from prime waterfront land, providing open space and increased public access, and planning new and better uses. Artemel is married to Agnes Artemel, a partner in his international planning and economic development firm. He has four children.



DONNA and MEL BERGHEIM

Donna and Mel Bergheim have been partners for 50 years, working together and individually to enrich the civic and cultural life of Alexandria. Donna Bergheim served five years on the Virginia Commission for the Arts and advocated for arts education in public schools and for festivals such as the Alexandria Arts Safari. She helped transform an old lumber warehouse in Old Town North into MetroStage's 150-seat professional theater, which is named for her. Donna Bergheim was a Foreign Service Information Officer when she married Mel Bergheim in Mexico in 1959. They raised four children in Alexandria. Donna Bergheim was an active volunteer in civic and school groups. Professionally, Mel Bergheim was a Washington Post reporter, an Alexandria Gazette Packet op-ed columnist and an editor or writer for several other publications. He also held senior positions serving federal and local governments. As a city councilman and vice mayor, Mel Bergheim led the way in protecting consumers and human rights, abating air pollution, soil erosion and noise, acquiring Dora Kelly Nature Park, and providing primary health care for the poor. He was founding president of the Alexandria Federation of Civic Associations, headed citizen efforts to establish an



adolescent health clinic and was influential in requiring Alexandria restaurants to set aside non-smoking areas.

KATHRYN A. BROWN

Photographer Kathryn A. Brown has long worked to advance artistic opportunities in Alexandria. A former member of the Visual Arts Panel of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Brown is also a founding member and leader of the Del Ray Artisans, the Alexandria Arts Forum and the King Street Gardens Park Foundation. She helped these organizations achieve financial growth and stability and remains an active board member. She regularly exhibits her work at Del Ray Artisans' shows and other locations, and has participated in the biannual Art in City Hall exhibits, which she helped make a reality through her work on the committee that developed the program. She has been active in planning and promoting Candidates Nights for the Arts Forum as a way of focusing politicians on the importance of art in civic life. She has run a successful photography business specializing in architectural and event photography for more than 25 years. Brown is an affiliate member of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects, who presented her with the Honor Award for Allied Professional. She is a recipient of the Cultural Affairs Award from the Alexandria Commission for Women.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE

William D. Euille made history in 2003 by becoming the first African American to serve as mayor in Alexandria's 254 years of history. A City Council member from 1994 to 2003, he served as vice mayor from 1997 to 2000. A former chairman of the Northern Virginia Urban League, Euille also served on the Alexandria School Board from 1974 to 1984, and has been a member of the boards of the YMCA of Alexandria, NAACP, the Alexandria Boys & Girls Club, League of Women Voters, Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. Euille was born and raised in Alexandria and has a degree in accounting from Quinnipiac College in Connecticut, awarded in 1972. He is the owner of William D. Euille and Associates, a general contracting firm. With the goals of prizing diversity and respecting differences, he has made his vision of "One Alexandria," a working reality in the city.

CHARLIE EURIPIDES

Sometimes a business is so much more. Over the decades, the Royal Restaurant has been Alexandria's prime gathering spot, a place where families come for Sunday brunch and old friends meet for lunch, where weddings are planned and city council campaigns are hashed out. The door is always open at St. Asaph and Madison. Credit big-hearted proprietor Charlie Euripides, who has worked at the Royal since he left Cyprus as a teenager in the 1950s. Eventually, he took over for two weary uncles when the restaurant was still on Royal Street. Charlie's philosophy is simple: work hard, treat everybody like family, and serve "the kind of food your mother would put down on the table for you." homemade soup, turkey dinners and, by popular vote over the years, the best breakfast in town. Euripides and his wife, Barbara, who died in 2001, helped a half-dozen immigrants settle in Alexandria, employing them at the restaurant and coaching them with naturalization studies. One of them still works in the kitchen. "I love my work. I love my life. I love Alexandria," said Euripides, who at 75 still puts in 12-hour days, seven days a week. "I wish I could do more."

BERNARD M. FAGELSON

At 95, Bernard M. Fagelson, a native Alexandrian, still serves as senior counsel at his firm, Fagelson, Schonberger, Payne and Deichmeister, P.C. A land use attorney, Fagelson has represented builders, developers, investors and businesses in zoning, land use and development cases. Fagelson's colleagues describe him as the dean of Alexandria's land use attorneys. The son of

an Alexandria dairy farmer, Fagelson was the first member of his family to achieve higher education. He is a depression-era graduate of the George Washington University Law School, where he was both class president and the youngest member of his class. After serving as a lieutenant in the Navy during World War II, he returned to Alexandria to practice law in 1946, working for Judge Robinson Moncure during his first year of practice. He is a former president of the Alexandria Bar Association and a director emeritus of Burke and Herbert Bank. He takes pride in having helped Alexandria grow from a small southern town to a city where growth and land use are controlled by law. Attorney Lonnie Rich, who nominated him, said, "Fagelson is probably most noted for his sustained civility and graciousness while practicing in an area of law noted for its contentiousness."



THOMAS (TJ) FANNON

Native Alexandrian TJ Fannon and his family have given major support to Inova Alexandria Hospital, the Alexandria Symphony, the foster care organization Alexandria's Child, Senior Services of Alexandria, Bishop Ireton High School, St. Mary's Academy, Alexandria youth baseball (continuous team sponsorship since inception, plus other support) and the Rotary Club of Alexandria. A private man, Fannon is reticent about receiving recognition and engages in many of his philanthropic acts without great fanfare. The Fannon family business, which has served Alexandrians for over 120 years, reflects his principles of honesty and fair dealing.

LILLIE FINKLEA and LOUISE MASSOUD

Lillie Finklea and Louise Massoud ensured that the Alexandria Freedmen's Cemetery, a burial ground for African Americans, was recognized and restored after generations of neglect. Established by the U.S. Army in 1864, during the Civil War, the cemetery was directly across from St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery, near where the George Washington Memorial Parkway (Washington Street) crosses over the Beltway today. More than 1,800 freedmen were buried there between 1864 and 1868, when the federal government abandoned it. Gradually it fell into disrepair and in time was largely destroyed by new construction, and then forgotten. In 1997, Finklea and Massoud read a Washington Post story about this site. Fearing that what remained of the cemetery would be destroyed and further desecrated during construction of the new, wider Woodrow Wilson Bridge, Finklea and Massoud formed the Friends of Freedmen's Cemetery. For the next 10 years the group advocated for memorializing the sacred ground. They appealed to City officials, African-American churches, the NAACP and archaeological and historical preservation groups, slowly building support. In 2007, the City purchased the office building and the gas station, tore them down, and rededicated the site as a cemetery. Archaeologists have discovered nearly 500 graves and a memorial will be built to commemorate the Freedmen's Cemetery for future generations.



CARLTON FUNN

Carlton Funn has devoted much of his life to promoting and preserving the history of African Americans and other minorities, particularly in Alexandria. Funn's passion is teaching, whether in the classroom, in museums or other exhibition spaces, or in daily contacts with others. Born at 1005 Oronoco Street in 1932, Funn attended Lyles

Crouch Elementary School in the days when it was a segregated school for black children. After he graduated from Storer College, a historically black school in Harper's Ferry, W.Va., Funn became a teacher himself, specializing in history. He noted right away that the textbooks he was given had little accurate history about African Americans, and he made it his mission to supplement and improve the information he taught and to advocate for better textbooks. He also began collecting information on his own, creating an exhibit promoting African American heritage and awareness of 28 other cultures. It has been shown more than 500 times, traveling to school and community groups in 12 states over the past 51 years. He is chairman of the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, and was honored in 2008 by the Alexandria Historical Society for a lifetime of service in promoting African American heritage through his cultural exhibits.



ARLENE HEWITT

Arlene Hewitt has devoted more than 42 years to improving health services in Alexandria, both professionally and as a volunteer. The Boston native was hired as the first social worker at Alexandria Hospital in 1967. Always relishing a challenge, she has initiated or worked on programs for the well-being of her fellow citizens ever since. Among her achievements are Alexandria Hospital's first patient discharge plan, counseling patients, a treatment program for alcoholic patients, a fitness program for seniors, and a city regulation requiring children under 14 to wear bicycle helmets (the program provided an initial supply for police officers to distribute from squad cars). She wrote brochures to educate seniors and new mothers and the indigent on resources available in the City, chaired the task force resulting in the Flora Krause Casey Clinic and is still working on the executive committee of the Mayor's Task Force, the Alexandria Campaign on Adolescent Pregnancy. She raised awareness of stroke symptoms and accident prevention for children and succeeded in doubling the number of infants immunized. Now 78 and retired, Hewitt continues her volunteer efforts, serving on the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission, First Night Alexandria, and as a trustee of the Beth El Hebrew Congregation Permanent Endowment Fund.



SUSAN B. KELLOM

Susan B. Kellom gives generously of her time to organize and involve Alexandrians in politics and advocacy for youth, women, and families. A retired U.S. Army Reserve Military Police officer, Susan Kellom is married to Ben Kellom, also a retired military officer. A native of Southampton, Pa., and Dover, Del., Kellom learned her organizing skills through extracurricular activities in high school and college and in the U.S. Army. She has been a member of the Alexandria Commission for Women since 1997 and served on the Youth Policy Commission from 1997 to 2004. She was a member of the Alexandria Human Rights Commission from 1985 until 2004, serving two terms as chair. She has served on the Resource Development Board of Healthy Families Alexandria for nearly eight years. She has been chairman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee since 1999, organizing voter forums, debates, outreach activities to youth and other groups, and achieving a long string of electoral victories. If she knows of a member of the community who is ill, she organizes circles of caring friends to provide meals and transportation, to shop and run errands, and to stay in touch via phone, visits, and writing.

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Those Who Are Committed to Alexandria

FROM PAGE 28

JOHN D. KLING

Dr. John D. Kling grew up in Alexandria, attended George Mason Elementary School and graduated from St. Stephen's School. He graduated from Wake Forest University and in 1984 earned a dental degree from Case Western Reserve University in Ohio, where he volunteered at a free dental clinic associated with the Cleveland Clinic. During a residency in Buffalo, New York, he volunteered to treat children with special needs and patients at a Veterans Administration Hospital. His 25-year private practice in Alexandria emphasizes reconstructive and cosmetic dentistry, expertise he has voluntarily provided, through the Give Back A Smile Program, to women needing reconstructive dentistry after spousal abuse. Dr. Kling is a past Chair of the Alexandria Public Health Advisory Commission. He worked with the Health Department to place protective dental sealants on the teeth of disadvantaged Alexandria youth and has provided pro bono work for low-income patients in his office and at the Northern Virginia Dental Clinic. He has been an annual sponsor of the Alexandria Walk to Fight Breast Cancer, a Cub Scout master, and a coach for Little League Baseball and CYO basketball. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Alexandria, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, and the Alexandria Dental Society, of which he is a past president.

MARLIN G. LORD

Marlin G. Lord is an architect, artist and civic activist. A former chairman and 20-year member of the Alexandria Park and Recreation Commission, Lord has worked to maximize parkland citywide, including in Potomac Yard. He created a plan and led a campaign to replace the Monroe Avenue Bridge with a new, straightened structure, resulting in added contiguous parkland for Simpson Field and elimination of a traffic hazard. Lord is a founding member of the Del Ray Artisans, the Potomac West Business Association (now Del Ray Business Association), King Street Gardens Park Foundation and the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. A native of Minnesota, Lord received a bachelor of arts in architecture (1960) and a bachelor of architecture (1962) from the University of Minnesota. He has owned his own architectural firm since 1986. He has been an active, contributing resident of Alexandria for 42 years, serving on numerous City committees and always striving to improve the quality of life of citizens and benefit the community as a whole. As an artist, he has exhibited his work in juried shows at the Art League, the Campagna Center, the Alexandria Festival of the Arts, Art in City Hall and Del Ray Artisans.

EULA MILLER

Eula Miller has been working to improve the lives of children and fighting for justice and equality since she was 19 years old. Born in Maxton, N.C. in 1933, Eula graduated from Bennett College in Greensboro in 1953. She later earned a master's degree in education from the George Washington University. Moving to Alexandria in 1958 with her husband, she worked as a schoolteacher until her children were born. When she returned to teaching, she became involved in early childhood education, working to improve daycare centers and the education of childcare providers. As a liaison between Alexandria City Public Schools and Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA) she helped put together a degree program for classroom instructional aides. She stayed at NOVA and became the head of the Early Childhood Education Program, a position she still holds. She also created a program to help teenage mothers continue their education, become better mothers, and learn to become childcare providers. She helped Alexandria's city-run daycare centers for low-income families achieve national accreditation, and continues to recruit and train people from disadvantaged backgrounds to become better childcare providers.



A. MELVIN MILLER

A former attorney at the Federal Housing Administration, which later became the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), A. Melvin Miller rose to become director of HUD's Metropolitan Washington Office and became a deputy undersecretary in 1977. He was appointed to the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority in 1970, serving as chair until 1977. He served on the Alexandria School Board from 1986 to 1993, and as chair from 1990 to 1992. He was appointed to ARHA again in 2000, and in 2001 became chair, a position he still holds. He is recognized for his innovative leadership in finding ways to incorporate replacement public housing in new development projects that mix market value housing with public housing. He was also a leader and spokesman for the Secret Seven, a group of African American leaders who advocated for equality for all people in this community during the period of school integration and the civil rights movement. He often provided pro bono behind-the-scenes legal advice to civil rights activists involved in court cases. He served on the State Council of Higher Education for eight years beginning in 1971.



JAMES P. MORAN

U.S. Rep. James P. "Jim" Moran is in his 10th term as a member of Congress, where he represents the 8th District of Virginia. He is a member of the Appropriations Committee, where he serves on the Defense, Interior, and Labor, Health and Human Services subcommittees. Moran began his political career in Alexandria, where he was elected to City Council in 1979. He served as vice mayor from 1982 to 1984 and was elected mayor in 1986. In Congress, he has supported regional transportation solutions, and has led the way on environmental and women's issues, technology, fair trade, and fiscal discipline. He has worked to protect federal employees and military retirees. He supported authorizing the replacement of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge, closing Lorton prison and preventing drug dealers from living in public housing. He has also been a strong advocate for reducing harmful emissions from the region's aging coal-fired power plants, preserving green space and restoring local streams such as Four Mile Run.

MIKE OLIVER

Mike Oliver thoroughly enjoys living and volunteering in Alexandria. He supports T.C. Williams sports teams, cultural and community events, and nonprofit organizations such as Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center, the Alexandria 250th Birthday Celebration, the George Washington Birthday Celebration Committee and ALIVE! (ALexandrians InVolved Ecumenically). Oliver is a past president of ALIVE!, a 40-year-old organization of volunteers from religious congregations and the community. ALIVE! provides a 16-bed shelter, low-cost early childhood education, financial assistance for rent, utilities, medical care and other critical needs; emergency food and deliveries of donated furniture and housewares. Oliver and his wife, Linda, help make those deliveries, personifying the spirit of all those who make ALIVE! such a critical part of Alexandria's safety net for the needy. Between Thanksgiving and Christmas morning, Oliver enjoys performing as Santa throughout Alexandria. He accepts no fees for this, but steers those who wish to make a donation to the ALIVE! Child Development Center. Mike and Linda Oliver graduated from West Virginia University in 1961. They have two daughters who attended Alexandria public schools, during which time Oliver presided over PTAs and, from 1984 to 1987, the PTA Council. He retired in 2000 from the U.S. Department of Education, where he was a student financial aid specialist.

REDELLA S. "DEL" PEPPER

Redella S. "Del" Pepper has served on City Council since 1985. She is the longest-serving council member in the City's history. Pepper has served as vice mayor from 1996 to 1997, 2003 to 2006, and 2007 to the present. Pepper has always devoted

herself full-time to council service, attending as many community events as possible and taking a first-hand look at issues of interest to her constituents. As a council member, she serves as co-chair of the Mirant Community Monitoring Group and the Norfolk Southern Community Monitoring Group and chair of the Facility Naming Committee. She is the mayor's alternate on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). The immediate past president of COG, she serves on the COG Climate Change Steering Committee and is a board member of the Metropolitan Washington Air Quality Committee. She represents City Council on the Alexandria Commission on Aging, the Commission on Information Technology, the Alexandria Environmental Action Plan Steering Committee, the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Coordinating Committee, the Mayor's BRAC Committee, Alexandria Works! Coalition, the Walk to Fight Breast Cancer Committee, and the Historic Alexandria Resource Commission Facilities Committee. She is treasurer and Operations Committee chair of the Northern Virginia Regional Committee. Former City Manager Vola Lawson, who nominated her, credits Pepper with leading the way in the City's adoption of information technology advances. Pepper also serves on many nonprofit community boards and is affiliated with service and environmental organizations. A graduate of Grinnell College, she and her husband, Dr. F.J. Pepper, live in the West End.

GEORGE PERA

George Pera came to Alexandria to serve as pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in 1980 and quickly became involved in the community, following his belief in service to others. "You can't just point to what needs doing," he believes. "You lead by doing." Twenty-five years ago, Pera created a staff position at his church to advocate for and assist senior adults, a fairly novel idea then. As the population has aged, this idea has spread, and in his retirement, Pera, still serving as pastor emeritus of Westminster Presbyterian, has remained active in working with seniors. He is a past president of Senior Services of Alexandria, an organization that promotes independence and self-sufficiency through providing accessible, comprehensive and affordable services that permit people to age with dignity while remaining in their community. He was also a co-founder of Agenda Alexandria, an organization that presents public forums on issues of import to citizens. He is a trustee of the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation, has served as president of the board of Elder Crafters, and chairs the Inova Alexandria Hospital Pastoral Care Fund. Pera and his wife, Nancy, have two grown children. They have been married 48 years.



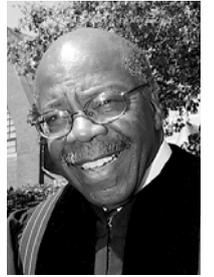
ALICE QUINT

A native of Philadelphia, Alice Quint first came to Northern Virginia as an Army wife in 1944, living in Arlington with her new husband. In the next 20 years, she moved 26 times, finally coming to roost in Alexandria in 1959 after a military tour in Korea. The couple has two sons and five grandchildren. Now 87, Quint has been an active volunteer for most of her adult life. She was a Pink Lady the first year Alexandria Hospital opened in its new home on Seminary Road. She volunteered at Whitman Walker Clinic in Washington, working as their food purchaser for three years, good experience for her work with ALIVE! (ALexandrians Involved Ecumenically) in the 1980s and '90s. She was the food purchaser for ALIVE! for 18 years, and also organized, collected and delivered food and other necessities from local individuals, businesses and food banks to the City's neediest. Active in her place of worship, Agudas Achim Congregation, she has served as president of the temple sisterhood. She knit scarves and hats for Carpenter's Shelter clients, and now knits warm hats for premature babies. A painter since she was a young girl, Quint took up sculpture on her 72nd birthday.

ELBERT RANSOM, JR.

The Rev. Elbert Ransom Jr. has spent a lifetime working for civil rights and equal access, beginning

with his student days in Alabama, where he studied for two years at the Alabama State College for Negroes. He earned a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in New Orleans in 1959. He came to Washington and worked for the National Urban Coalition from 1967 to 1970 and for the District of Columbia government on urban renewal and housing issues from 1970 to 1991. In time he went back to school, earning a master's degree in divinity from Howard University in 1989 and a doctor of divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary in 1995. He served as associate pastor of the Alfred Street Baptist Church from 1984 to 1997. He worked in various positions in Alexandria city government from 1997 to 2002, including serving as special assistant to the City Manager. His biggest challenge was coordinating the Call to Community initiative, a forum for racial and cultural dialogue to encourage cohesion in this diverse community. He also ran a mentoring support program for prison inmates at the Alexandria Adult and Juvenile Detention Centers. He is the author of "I Shall Not Pass This Way Again," a book about his life, and is working on another book. He and his wife Louise have been married for 40 years and have three children.



JANE RING

Jane Ring doesn't just join organizations. She works hard for them. As a lover of music, she joined the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria more than 20 years ago. One of its major fundraisers over the years, she has chaired SOLA's symphony ball auction, served as co-president, maintained the SOLA database, run their peanut sale fundraiser, and helped run the organization's scholarship competition. SOLA named her their Volunteer of the Year in 1997. At her church, Westminster Presbyterian, Ring sang in the choir, plays piano and organ duets with the music director, and has been a member of the English handbell choir since '70. She has served three terms as an elder, been co-superintendent of the church, president of the women's group, and provided services to members through the Compassion Guild. She was the church's business administrator for eight years, helps provide food each month for Carpenter's Shelter, and has chaired countless committees. In the community, she is active in politics and has provided music activities at day care centers, schools and other groups. With her husband, Connie, she is a member of the Inova Alexandria Hospital Foundation, and she has been a member of the hospital's auxiliary, the TWIG, since 1968. She and Connie have four grown children.



CHARLOTTE ROSS

For more than 44 years, Charlotte Ross has helped protect Alexandria school children through her work as a school crossing guard for the Alexandria Police Department. She began her work in 1964 at MacArthur Elementary School but switched to Polk School, at the corner of Polk and Pegasus streets, in 1965, when the new school opened, and has been there ever since. She not only makes sure that children, parents and grandparents cross safely to school, she is a role model for doing one's best at whatever job one assumes in life. Now 82, Ross has seldom taken sick days, though she had to take three months off in 2005 when she suffered a hand amputation as the result of a car accident. Assaulted and knocked down the stairs by a thief on her own doorstep while returning from church in 2007, Ross got stitched up in the emergency room and went right back to work within a week. Ross is a deacon at Fairlington Presbyterian Church, has been a block captain in her Brookville-

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Seminary Valley Civic Association, worked on their Mile-Long Yard Sale, and participated in the Neighborhood Watch Program. She is an example of the many Alexandrians whose steadfast contributions make the city a good place to live.

CHARLENE SCHIFF

Since 1988, when, with Mayor Jim Moran's encouragement, Alexandria organized its first Days of Remembrance ceremony, Charlene Schiff has worked with the committee, Chairman Allan Labowitz and City staff on the annual commemoration. She has always found the keynote speakers. "I have a mandate, a duty, to honor the memory of the 11 million people lost in the Holocaust — 6 million Jews and 5 million others," she said. Schiff was born in Poland in 1929, the daughter of a professor. After the German invasion of Poland in 1941, she became an orphan; her father was arrested and killed in 1941, her mother and sister in 1942. She barely survived, hiding in the forests. When World War II ended, she spent three years in displaced person camps before being sent to Ohio to live with an aunt. She attended Ohio State University, where she met her future husband when he visited his cousins. He served 29 years as an Army officer. They had a son, Stephen, who became a physician. They lived in Europe and Asia as well as across the United States, and were often separated by hardship tours, including Vietnam. In 1979, Ed Schiff retired and they settled in Alexandria. In 1985, Charlene Schiff began telling her Holocaust memories — first to groups at the Children's Museum in Washington, then to confirmation classes at Agudas Achim Congregation and elsewhere. The couple became actively involved with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum when it opened in 1993, and she continues to travel for its Speakers Bureau. Until his death in 2008, she and her husband regularly visited wounded soldiers from the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts at Walter Reed Army Hospital. She has two grandsons.



PAM ST. CLAIR

Pam St. Clair was a guiding force in the creation of the King Street Gardens Park. The award-winning park provides a restful, history-filled gateway to the oldest section of the city. It offers places to sit and a space to hold a farmer's market and other outdoor events that enliven upper King Street's urban landscape. The first chair of the King Street Gardens Park Foundation, St. Clair helped set the course, always keeping the focus on the artists' design. St. Clair also worked with Barbara Joseph and others to organize Christmas in April in Alexandria (now Rebuilding Together). This organization repairs housing for low-income and elderly homeowners, sustaining neighborhoods and enabling people to stay in their homes. She represented the Alexandria League of Women Voters on the City's affordable housing task force and served as the first chair of the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. She received awards from the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce and the Alexandria Commission for Women for her work on affordable housing. She has been president of the Rosemont Citizens Association and the Alexandria League of Women Voters and chair of the Vocational Education Advisory Committee at T.C. Williams High School. She and Kerry, her husband of nearly 40 years, are the proud parents of Colin and Kathryn.

THE STEUERLE FAMILY

The Steuerle family lost their wife and mother, Norma Lang Steuerle, aboard American Flight 77, the plane that crashed into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. Norma Lang Steuerle was a clinical psychologist practicing in the city of Alexandria. She met Eugene Steuerle at the University of Dayton before transferring to Carnegie Mellon University, where she was class valedictorian. She earned a master's degree from Temple University and a doctorate from the University of Wisconsin. She married Eugene Steuerle after his service in Viet-

nam, and the couple had two daughters. He became a budget, tax and economic policy expert who served as a senior fellow at the Urban Institute from 1989 to 2008 and is now vice-president of the Peter G. Peterson Foundation. Eugene Steuerle has written 15 books and over a thousand briefs and articles. Daughter Lynne Steuerle Schofield recently completed her Ph.D. in statistics and policy at Carnegie Mellon University. Daughter Kristin Steuerle Swanson was a Navy doctor until recently joining Kaiser Permanente as a pediatrician. The Living Legends project is recognizing them for turning their family tragedy into a way to give to others. They donated all their proceeds from the 9/11 Victims Compensation Fund to charity, with a majority as seed money to help establish the Alexandria Community Trust (ACT), where Eugene Steuerle has served on the board. ACT helps foster a variety of charitable and volunteer efforts within Alexandria. Among the many successes in which it has played a vital role has been the establishment of the Center for Alexandria Children, a facility that works with SCAN, a child abuse prevention organization in the City.

THE SWANSON FAMILY

The Swanson family of Rosemont was nominated for making a real difference in the lives of their neighbors. Margaret "Mimi" Swanson and Sanden "Sandy" Swanson had five children: Lindsey, Ryan, Andrew and twins Katey and Kelley. After the untimely death of their daughter Kelley in June of 2005, the family began the Kelley Cares Foundation, an organization supporting the City of Alexandria's Therapeutic Recreation Program. Following the Foundation's first annual 5K race, the family, with help from their friends, volunteers, and sponsors, was able to build a multi-sensory room at the Lee Center for Alexandria citizens with special needs. The Foundation continues to raise money and awareness for special needs issues today. In recognition of their contributions to the City, as well as to Alexandria Youth soccer over the years, the City of Alexandria named the soccer field behind the George Washington Middle School in their honor. Mimi and Sandy Swanson still live in Rosemont and both work for the Navy. Lindsey, now married and living in Del Ray, attended the University of Arizona and is a marketing specialist. Ryan attended James Madison University and works in the information technology field. Andrew attended Christopher Newport College and is now an apprentice on the path to becoming a master electrician. Katey currently attends Virginia Tech and plans to go to graduate school in the fall.

PAT TROY

Pat Troy is recognized for starting the tradition of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Alexandria 28 years ago and keeping it going ever since. He formed an organization called the Ballyshanners (Gaelic for Old Towners — a name offered by Judge O'Flaherty), which co-sponsors the event with the City. Troy spends many hours each year selling ads for the program and generating the enthusiasm that helps pay for and support the parade, which attracts thousands of participants from the Washington Metropolitan area and even farther afield to celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month. The parade, which includes a dog show and antique car show, encompasses the whole of downtown Alexandria, not just east of Washington Street. Troy is proud that the parade brings business to the city's merchants. A politically active resident, he speaks out on city issues and has run for office. He believes he's made his points even when he didn't win. He also leads the group that helps the City organize the Irish Festival held each August in Waterfront Park to support Irish heritage in Alexandria. The owner of Pat Troy's Ireland's Own on Pitt Street, he and his wife Bernadette have been married 44 years. They have two children, Patrick and Kathleen. Kathleen is married to Alan Molloy, and they have provided Pat with a granddaughter, Mairead.

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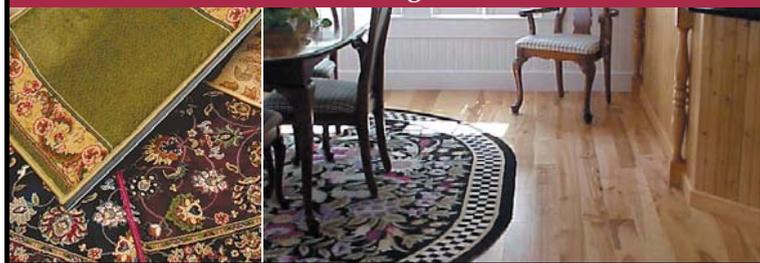


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Librarian Trades Books for Travel

Although she has always been partial to learning from books, local school library media specialist, Elizabeth Lockwood, recently traveled to the Galapagos Islands and discovered a new world of education. Selected as one of 30 teachers from across the United States by the Toyota International Teacher Program, Lockwood traveled to the islands for two weeks over the Thanksgiving holiday.

Lockwood, librarian at Alexandria Country Day School for the past six years, and her fellow travelers came from 25 states — including the Aleutian Islands off the coast of Alaska and Maui. Dr. Arturo Keller, professor at the Bren School of Environmental Science at the University of California at Santa Barbara accompanied the group. "The opportunity to learn from the other participants was a huge bonus," Lockwood said.

The theme of the trip was environmental sustainability. Keller defined sustainability as "forms of progress that meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs." The group began consideration of this issue with a visit to Everglades National Park in Florida. The park rangers enhanced the teachers' appreciation for the unusual ecosystem by leading them on a "slough slog." Waist-deep in swamp water and armed with large sticks to assure they didn't step on alligators, the teachers hiked to a Cyprus dome for a view few park visitors see.

THE FIRST STOP in the Galapagos was San Cristobal, one of the four inhabited islands in the archipelago. The teachers hiked to El Junco, a volcanic crater and the only source of fresh water in the Galapagos, and attended lectures about marine resources at the Galapagos Academic Institute for Arts and Sciences. Each teacher also visited a school on the island, and many taught a class and met with the school administration. "We began to understand the complexity of balancing the needs of people with the needs of the environment," Lockwood said.

Traveling by boat, the teachers visited three additional islands. They found the number, proximity and fearlessness of the wildlife on the islands awe-inspiring. Sea lions were everywhere — in and out of the water. Marine iguanas, lava lizards and sally lightfoot crabs frequently shared the same rock. The birds, including blue and red footed boobies, flightless cormorants, frigate birds, Galapagos hawks, penguins, flamingos, and albatrosses, perched unafraid of the visitors. The tortoises were massive and looked prehistoric.

The final island of the trip, Santa Cruz, was the most populous and brought several sustainability issues into focus. Here, the teachers visited the Charles Darwin Research Station and learned about efforts to conserve the tortoise population after several species were nearly eliminated by 19th century sailors and pirates looking for food.

All of the teachers made plans to bring the Galapagos and the lessons of sustainability back to their classrooms. At Alexandria Country Day School, Lockwood oversees a year-long, school-wide program

In the Galapagos Islands



Elizabeth Lockwood, school library media specialist at Alexandria Country Day School, was one of 30 teachers selected nationwide to participate in the Toyota International Teacher Program. As part of the program, she traveled to San Cristobal, one of the four inhabited islands in the archipelago.

called the Festival of Learning that focuses on a single topic. Each year, the week before spring break all of the students collaborate on projects, attend workshops and assemblies, go on field trips and eat a community meal relating to the theme. This year, ACDS will be learning not only about Lockwood's adventures in the Galapagos, but about all of the complicated issues involved in preserving ecosystems.



During the teachers' tour of the Galapagos Islands, the birds, including blue and red footed boobies, flightless cormorants, frigate birds, Galapagos hawks, penguins, flamingos, and albatrosses, perched unafraid of the visitors. Through lectures and ranger-led hikes, the teachers learned about the many species that are found only on the Galapagos Islands and about the many invasive species that threaten them.

The Art of Being an Esthetician

PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

Aida Fekir was born in Tunisia and it was her dream as a teenager to pursue a career as an esthetician. She moved to Paris and received her graduate certification from the internationally renowned School of la Maison de Beaute, Carita Paris, France in 1983. Her certification includes specialties in facial-body treatments and makeup.

Aida feels that her temperament and creativity are well suited for her profession. It is her art, an extension of herself. She draws on her world travels and Mediterranean upbringing when she approaches each client's individual needs. Aida has an extensive knowledge of how herbs and oils enhance daily lives and aromatherapy is a part of her daily living.

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

Aida enjoyed her work in an Old Town spa for the past 10 years. With the encouragement of her family, she decided to pursue her own philosophy of quality and personalized treatments in a relaxing and private atmosphere. Her husband of 25 years built her space and her son set up the office. Her daughter occasionally helps in the spa during school vacations.

It was a difficult decision to leave the spa and start her own business. She truly en-

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joyed her clients and was concerned about losing touch with them. Much to her delight they are finding out about her new business and it is a joy for her to see them again and enjoy their support of her new endeavor.

"I live here in Alexandria and I love working in my city. It is wonderful to be here and feel like everybody knows me. I have worked hard to build my reputation and I am happy to be a part of life in Old Town. Every day reinforces that fact that I have chosen the right path. I truly enjoy what I do," she said.

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For Aida Fekir, "Every day reinforces that fact that I have chosen the right path."

She uses her own recipe for waxing, an organic sugar paste, which has been used in the Mediterranean for hundreds of years. Combined with her unique technique, it is perfect for sensitive skin causing minimal discomfort with no irritation. Aida also includes massage, manicures and pedicures, lash and brow tinting, and ear candling among her treatments.

She has chosen to use Southy's-Paris products in her spa — a French line that she believes, after years of experience, is the best.

Aida has been chosen Allure Magazine's Top Rated Waxer in Virginia for 2006, 2007, and 2008, a distinction that has brought her many loyal clients. She is also a member of the Alexandria City Chamber of Commerce.

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From Africa to Alexandria

The stars of Episcopal boy's basketball team have been on a remarkable journey together.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Living about 8,000 miles away from home, it's hard to believe Episcopal's Given Kalipinde and Yao Sithole say they don't miss home all that much.

Then again, watching them comfortably answer a reporter's questions over the din of teammates teasing them about the game that just ended, girlfriends, weird looking clothes, and whatever else teenagers think is worthy of postgame fodder — all while the senior duo suppresses their own laughter — could be enough proof for their claim.

"The team doesn't look at us as outsiders, they just look at us as one of the guys," said Sithole, a 6-foot-5 forward from South Africa. "They joke around a lot, but they're great guys."

Kalipinde and Sithole aren't the average transfer students that attend the Alexandria boarding school. Each came to Episcopal before their junior year from the Durban Boy's School in South Africa and have transformed the athletics scene on campus.

They were the two leading scorers on last

year's basketball team that finished with a 16-8 record, its best finish since a string of state titles in the late 1990s. The duo followed that up this fall as key members of the Episcopal soccer team that went undefeated and won the Virginia Independent School League state title. Kalipinde was even named All-Met Player of the Year as a result.

Heading into a Friday night showdown against IAC-leading Georgetown Prep, Kalipinde (23 points per game) and Sithole (12 ppg) are poised to propel themselves onto the basketball map — not that they haven't been globetrotting for quite some time.

"We've been together for awhile now, and we just kind of see ourselves as brothers," said the 6-foot-3 Kalipinde, whose Episcopal team vaulted itself into the IAC title conversation with a 77-65 upset of second-place Landon Tuesday night.

AS SITHOLE TELLS it, he and Kalipinde



"Students just gravitate to them," said Episcopal soccer coach Rick Wilcox of seniors Yao Sithole (left) and Given Kalipinde (right). The duo has starred on both the soccer field and basketball court after transferring to the Alexandria private school from South Africa last year.

PHOTO BY MARK GIANNOTTO/THE GAZETTE PACKET

"We just kind of see ourselves as brothers."

— Given Kalipinde

of black people" and traditional South African foods like goat, the transition was made easier as roommates.

"It kind of just became easy going through everything together," said Kalipinde of how he coped with all the changes in his life.

"I think school was hard at the beginning because it was a different schooling system than what they were used to over there," said Fitzpatrick. "But immediately from the day they stepped on campus, they're nice, humble people and everybody loved having them there. Basketball and soccer have just been a plus."

The duo's soccer coach at Episcopal, Rick Wilcox, said the connection between the

two was apparent from the get go. In the beginning of the 2007-08 school year when both were scheduled to arrive, Kalipinde got held up in South Africa with visa issues. So Sithole came to Virginia several days ahead of him and began practicing with the Maroon soccer team.

Wilcox said he could tell Sithole was not at ease and very introverted those first few practices. But when Kalipinde finally arrived several days later, Sithole "instantly became more comfortable," according to the coach. "Now, students just gravitate to them because they've got these really warm, nice personalities."

ON THE COURT, the love is mutual. Kalipinde and Sithole may be the catalysts, but they are by no means swaggering superstars that seem to highlight the AAU scene around here. Sithole says sometimes the two "just make eye contact" on the floor and know exactly what the other wants to do having built such a connection over the years.

But next season that will change. Sithole is undecided on where or if he'll play basketball at an American college, but Kalipinde's journey will continue on to Los Angeles where he will play in the backcourt for Division-I Loyola-Marymount. He could have played major-conference Division I soccer as well, but full scholarships are rare in that sport.

Ask him what he'll miss most about his two years in Alexandria and Kalipinde thinks back to the first time it snowed. Surprising for someone whose hometown has an average yearly temperature of 78 degrees Fahrenheit. Then again, he never really missed home in the first place.

"When I was back [in Zambia], I was kind of dreaming about all this," said Kalipinde. "The last time I realized it, I was like, 'Hey, we're in the U.S. and we actually had this dream of coming here and trying to make this opportunity work.' And it's a great feeling right now."

THE CULTURE SHOCK of going from Africa to a buzzing suburb of the capital of the free world would be daunting for anyone. For Kalipinde and Sithole, used to "lots

hit it off right away when they were back in South Africa. Sithole had already been attending Durban Boy's School for a few years when Kalipinde arrived from his hometown of Lusaka, Zambia — that country's capital. Sithole is originally from a rural area of South Africa, but as a child moved to Pietermaritzburg, South Africa — best known for an 1893 incident when Mahatma Gandhi was kicked off a first-class train car for being Indian, prompting him to fight racial discrimination there.

Both Kalipinde and Sithole were stars for the Durban basketball team early on, which led a coach to suggest they attend an NBA-sponsored program called Basketball Without Borders in the summer of 2007.

There, they were surrounded by some of the best high school basketball players from Africa as well as NBA coaches and players like the Lakers' Luke Walton and the Spurs' Bruce Bowen.

"From then on playing in Africa, there wasn't that much competition because a lot of people play soccer and those camps challenged us," said Sithole. "Basically we started working harder because we knew there are a lot of people out there that could play basketball."

Also at the camp was Jeffrey Goodell, the director of counseling at Episcopal. He thought Kalipinde and Sithole were perfect for a school like Episcopal that features students from 17 different countries.

Both qualified academically and once the duo's coach in South Africa got in contact with Episcopal coach Jim Fitzpatrick, the rest was just a matter of getting to America.

"We looked at the school and said, 'Hey that looks like a good opportunity for us to not only better ourselves as basketball players, but also better ourselves academically,'" said Kalipinde.



The Potomac River may be partially frozen over these days, but that didn't stop more than 1,000 local rowers of all ages from participating in an indoor version of their favorite outdoor activity. The 2009 Mid Atlantic Erg Sprints were held this past Saturday at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria with high school, collegiate, and adult rowers from all over the Washington, D.C. area trying to make it to the National Erg Sprint Championships. The T.C. Williams gym was outfitted with more than 60 Concept2 Indoor Rowers as competitors rowed the equivalent of 2,000 meters (or about 1.25 miles) on the machines. Members of both the T.C. Williams crew team and the Bishop Ireton crew team competed in the event. The Titans begin their spring rowing season on March 28, while the Cardinals take to the water starting March 31 with the Cherry Blossom Regatta.

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crossing guards, and school secretaries are constants. Contracting out services not only eliminates the livelihood and benefits of hard workers but also removes them from daily interaction with students, teachers, and families. It disrupts community in more ways than one.

In a southern elementary school where custodial duties are contracted out, I recently encountered cleaners who worked in teams at night under the sharp eye of a tough supervisor. They are fearful of losing their jobs and have no benefits. In most other schools, I see staff who know students by name and interact warmly with them throughout the school and throughout the day. The workers reflect the community and are more likely to come from students' neighborhoods than are faculty.

Honoring staff and their contributions to the school community and paying them a living wage are good models for how students should treat people. Dignity and wisdom are not limited to the college-educated. As with Wall Street, examining pay at the top makes as much sense as questioning the worth and devaluing the work of the lowest paid.

Paddy Bowman

Why IB at Elementaries?

To the Editor:

Personally I am concerned about the School Board's proposal to begin the International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Program (PYP) at one or two Alexandria elementary schools next year. This would add a foreign language teacher, while simultaneously reducing language classes at middle schools. Also the IB program has significant and expensive training requirements and ongoing fees during a time of reduced budgets.

This is clearly not a viable long-term plan. What happens when IB students arrive at middle school? They not only will need more advanced language classes, but additional specially suited IB classes in other subjects. Only a small number of students will have had the IB prerequisites. Will IB students get put into standard classes? Will students who haven't done IB in elementary school join up to the IB program in the middle? Or will two simultaneous tracks have to be maintained? If we are not to do this in an inefficient and half-baked way, it should be undertaken in a time of stable funding.

I understand the desire of the board to make elementary schools

stronger and I support it. However, all but one of the under-enrolled Alexandria elementary schools are those which already have tried magnet programs (Cora Kelly, Jefferson Houston, Mount Vernon and John Adams). Those which have shown increases in both enrollment and scores are those with solid basic education programs. For example, Lyles Crouch, Maury and George Mason. Let's not just switch magnet themes around, let's build on what parents seem to want.

I have not been able to find evidence of the success of IB at the elementary school level. It seems that upper grades are the most suitable place to try this, budget permitting. Also all students will have equal access at high school level.

Pamela Smith

Motorcoach Management

To the Editor:

As a member of the Motorcoach Task Force representing historic preservation, I would like to comment upon the work of the task force to date.

The task force began meeting in May 2008, devoting the first meetings to determining a mission statement that was agreed upon unanimously. This statement acknowledges need to develop a proactive approach to motorcoach management, noting the economic benefit of the industry while voicing concern about the intrusive effects of motorcoaches upon our city.

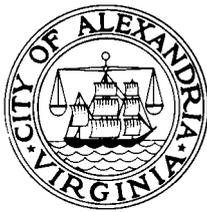
Each city is, of course, unique, and while studying motorcoach management in other historic cities, such as Charleston, S.C., is very helpful, Alexandria must decide upon a system of management that meets our particular needs. Our neighborhoods are mixed use (residential and commercial) and Alexandria is a dense urban environment with limited space for parking and for maneuvering large coaches, particularly in the Old and Historic District, and without a convenient perimeter road.

Over the year the task force has focused on short-term recommendations that will be presented to City Council on Feb. 24. This month we will complete our recommendations for long-term issues that will be addressed by a proposed on-going motorcoach task force. The members of the task force developed the list of concerns that evolved into short and long-term recommendations.

Some recommendations can be

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The applicants listed below have requested a special use permit for a change of ownership. The Director of Planning and Zoning may approve the permits unless a request that the application be forwarded to City Council is received by February 26, 2009.

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

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2009-0006
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Request for change ownership of a restaurant

Applicant: Baharuzzaman Syed

OBITUARY



Meta Barbara Brady (Age 85)

Of Alexandria passed on January 27, 2009. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of 39 years, Jack Brady. She is survived by her daughters Barbara Anne Gottshalk (Matt) of Alexandria and Jacqueline Brady of Tarrytown, New York and sister Friedel Mueller of Amberg Germany. She was the caring grandmother of Ruby Kezur. She was a long time resident of the Fort Ellsworth Community of Alexandria Virginia. Services will be held at Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer on Friday, April 24, 2009 at 9:00 AM with interment following at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Barbara's memory to The American Lung Association, 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006. www.everlyfuneralhomes.com

OBITUARY

Gladys Argatha Smith Burcham went to be with the Lord on January 30, 2009. Gladys Smith was born in Richmond, Virginia on March 3rd, 1919. She graduated from Highland Springs High School and attended business school there. She married Preston L. Burcham on April 22, 1942. They moved to Alexandria, Virginia where she lived the remainder of her life, being active in her church and community. She received a commendation for her volunteer work in the community. Gladys Burcham was a member of the Jessica Callahan Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star and had received her 50 year membership pin from the organization. She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Preston Burcham; sisters, Edith N. Martin and Dorothy Smith; and brothers, Russell, Claude and James Smith. She is survived by three daughters, Joyce Burcham of New York, NY, Jacqueline Burcham Stewart of Richmond, VA, and her husband, Richard, Jeanne Burcham of Kensington, MD; and three grandchildren, Jennifer, Alex and Tyler Stewart, all of Richmond, VA. The family will receive visitors at the Everly Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria, VA 22302 on Thursday, February 5th, 2009 from 3:00 - 7:00 PM with an Eastern Star Ceremony. A funeral service will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA 22305 on Friday, February 6th, 2009 at 11:00 AM with a reception following. Interment will take place on Saturday, February 7th, 2009 at Oakwood Cemetery, Richmond, VA at 11:00 AM

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The Trial Court
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WORCESTER, Division

Docket No 09D0101DV1

Divorce/Separate Support Summons By Publication

Marc E. Wiles, Plaintiff

v

Elizabeth A. Skokowski, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Marc E. Wiles, seeking a divorce.

An automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. Please refer to the Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

You are required to serve upon the attorney for plaintiff, Jeffrey A. Cozzolino, who address is 51 Union Street, Suite G10, Worcester, Massachusetts 01608 your answer on or before May 5,

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implemented immediately such as aggressive enforcement of the current regulations (parking, drop-off and pick-up, idling) by the police force and educating the motorcoach operators and citizens by improving maps, signage, Web sites and dispersing the information through motorcoach and tourism publications. In addition, we have recommended additional short-term parking during peak tourist visitation.

In 2009 the City will begin counting the number and routes of motorcoaches in the city, both those driving through and those actually stopping east of Washington Street, to provide us with accurate data upon which thoughtful decisions can be made. The lack of empirical rather than anecdotal data has been a significant concern to the members of the task force. During this period, we will attempt voluntary registration of motorcoaches with the goal of implementing mandatory registration of motorcoaches by 2010. Mandatory registration offers the city the possibility of limiting the number and routes of the coaches and dispersing them to appropriate parking. However, city funds will be required to develop this Web capability.

The City Attorney has been asked to determine whether this approach will require legislative action due to the fact that Virginia follows the "Dillon Rule" (all powers not explicitly given to the localities fall to the Commonwealth) or whether the city can legally enact regulatory changes specific to motorcoaches.

There are no "easy" solutions; several points of view and possible consequences must be taken into consideration for every recommendation.

I believe that the task force of 15 members representing diverse constituencies has been productive in addressing the issues, acting in a thoughtful and balanced manner, and offering recommendations to the City Council. Citizen input is encouraged at the meetings and access to agendas and to minutes of the meetings is available through the Web site alexandriava.gov/motorcoach. The collective effort will lead to specific changes that represent a proactive approach to motorcoach management in the city.

Ellen Stanton
Task Force Member
Representing Historic Preservation

A Toast To 225 Years

To the Editor:

Congratulations are certainly due the Alexandria Gazette Packet, inasmuch as Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, marks the 225th Anniversary of the Alexandria Gazette newspaper, now a weekly, under local ownership and produced and published as the Alexandria Gazette Packet.

This special occasion affords an excellent opportunity to recognize the newspaper's history over its last two and a quarter centuries of its existence, since Feb. 5, 1784, when its humble beginning evolved. This

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achievement in itself reflects evidence of the durability of the newspaper, especially during these troubled times, to survive and preserve its historical name and record.

A great deal of credit is certainly due to the current owners, employees, and their astute news staff personnel past and present. I offer a toast to the Alexandria Gazette Packet and may it continue to always uphold the highest tradition of your profession in the spirit of Alexandria's immortals, George Washington, George Mason, and Robert E. Lee.

Glancing backward over these past 225 years of the newspaper's existence, one can, indeed, be proud of the part you have played in recording and preserving this history. May the newspaper and its officials remain totally committed to the unceasing fight for freedom of the press and the public's right to know; to be the faithful reporter of the daily events of our beloved City of Alexandria and Fairfax County; to build up its readership and advertising revenues; to be so strong that nothing can deter its ability to be fair, totally independent, and successful as it continues to enter its third century.

Lewis A. Stearman
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Protect Magnet School from Cuts

To the Editor:

PTA members and parents of a 2nd grade student and two former students at Cora Kelly School for Math, Science & Technology, we are very concerned about ACPS's Superintendent Sherman's proposed budget cuts and hope that the School Board will retain full funding of Cora Kelly's math, science and computer labs that are fundamental to its magnet or focus school curricula.

We understand that recently proposed changes by the superintendent include eliminating 2.0 FTE magnet program para-professionals. We believe the reasoning behind this proposal is faulty because it fails to take into consideration the actual duties

of Cora Kelly's math, science and computer professionals and their relationship to Cora Kelly's magnet school curricula.

Our understanding is that the basic requirement of a magnet program is that it provides a minimum of one hour per week of direct instruction to students in the specialty areas (i.e., math, science and computers). The proposed budget implies that such instruction could still be accomplished with a reduction in staff. This may be true, but we look at this as a bare minimum that a magnet program must offer its students in the ACPS system. However, that minimum requirement has been exceeded at Cora Kelly by its lab staff for many years. What is not immediately obvious is all of the additional activities performed by the Cora Kelly lab staff. In addition to the daily labs, Cora Kelly lab staff spends time with classroom teachers helping them with their lessons, as well as assisting students in their classrooms with enrichment and tutorial activities. The Math Lab teacher devises creative lab programs that include creating math games and experiments. The Primary Science Lab teacher, Anne Richardson, has helped to create and continues to maintain Cora Kelly's Habitat Garden, which has been nationally recognized as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Further, the Intermediate Science Lab teacher, Mark Walker, offers an additional hour of talented and gifted (TAG) science lab each week for all 5th grade students in the math TAG program. The Computer Lab teacher helps to instill computer literacy at an early age and often works with students in the computer lab and in the classroom outside of their normal lab times.

None of these teachers would be able to provide all these additional activities and support without the support of their para-professionals.

As concerned parents, we beseech both the Alexandria School Board and Superintendent Sherman to do away with the proposed cuts and, thus, to reconsider at a higher level what the expectations of a magnet program should be.

Laura McWade Páez
Alan G. Páez

Ticer Reports from Richmond

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of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services to the Department, Board, Inspector General and Commissioner of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services. The bill also makes technical amendments. It is the first step in a long journey to eliminate stigma from the actual name mental retardation. This is the second year that Del. Chuck Caputo and I have carried legislation to address the demeaning nature of the name mentally retarded. Last year we attempted to change it to intellectual disability, but when more research was done over the summer the whole issue became complicated by federal definitions and other issues. Hopefully this will not be our last attempt to solve the problem.

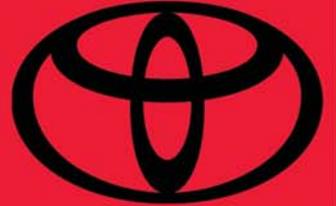
It was wonderful to have the issue of Del.

Charniele Herring's election cleared up last week and to learn that she had been re-certified to take her place in the House of Delegates. After she was officially sworn in, she was seated and began voting on all the matters she should have been voting on for more than a week. She received her committee assignments and as a member of Courts of Justice, her meetings will be long and frequent. She is well qualified to make valuable contributions to that committee and the Militia and Police Committee to which she was also appointed. In the last analysis, she was warmly received by the body.

I will discuss the progress on anti-smoking and cigarette tax increase issues next week. I hope you will contact me if you have input on legislation and by all means come by to see me if you are in Richmond.

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