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**Saluting George** On the first volley of fire from the artillery of the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line, Carl Gnam breaks into a smile. Residents lined the streets for the annual George Washington Birthday parade on Monday. MORE PHOTOS ON PAGE 12

## Shoplifting Crimes Spike as Economy Slumps

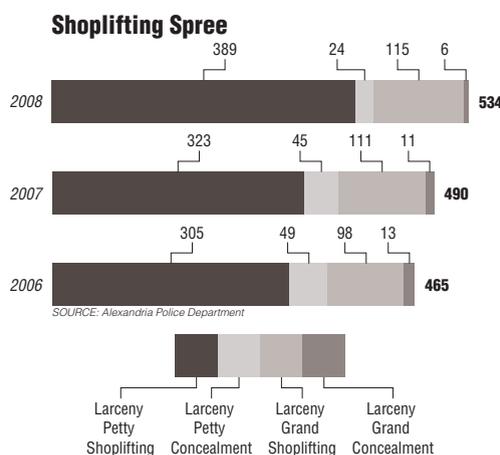
Police find criminals increasingly seeking the five-finger discount.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Incidents of shoplifting have spiked in recent months, and the Alexandria Police Department is concerned that the slumping economy could be contributing to a shoplifting crime spree in the city. In the first half of February alone, the police have logged 22 separate incidents

of shoplifting. Public-safety officials have apprehended suspects in about half of those cases, yet Police Chief David Baker said he is concerned that shoplifting incidents could continue to increase as the economy continues to decline in the coming months.

“Although I would prefer to see the number of shop-



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lifting incidents go down, I would not be surprised to see shoplifting continue to go up,” said Baker. “This economy has the capacity to present a number of strategic challenges, and shoplifting is certainly something we’re focused on right now.”

Although Baker said that categories such as murder, robbery, burglary and aggregated assault are down, larceny has spiked in recent months. Incidents of shoplifting have increased 15 percent over the last three

years, with Landmark Mall and Potomac Yard hardest hit by the trend. Incidents of “concealment,” in which the shoplifter is detained before they leave the store, have gone down over the last three years. Yet overall incidents of shoplifting have gone up 25 percent in that same period. That includes “petty” crimes in which items valued at under \$200 as well as “grand” shoplifting crimes in which items valued at more than \$200 were stolen.

“Part of this is human nature —

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## Start Looking, \$250,000 May Be Hidden in a Pocket

Someone bought a ticket for the Aug. 26, 2008, Mega Millions drawing at the 7-Eleven at 6120 Lincolnia Road in Alexandria. That ticket turned out to be a \$250,000 winner. No one has come forward to claim the prize.



According to Virginia Lottery rules, the ticket expires after 180 days, which will occur at 5

p.m. on Monday, Feb. 23. The winning numbers for that drawing were 6-16-24-34-36 and the Mega Ball number was 30. The ticket matched the first five numbers and only missed the Mega Ball number. The owner of that ticket needs to contact the Virginia Lottery before the deadline.

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## State of the City

Killing two proverbial birds with one public-relations stone, Mayor **Bill Euille** will present his annual State of the City address as part of the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the \$15 million new Charles Houston Recreation Center. The event will begin with the mayor's speech at 8:30 a.m. on Feb. 21, followed by a dedication ceremony, an open house and tours of the new 35,000-square-foot facility. The new building replaces the now-demolished 30-year-old facility that had long outlived its usefulness.

"The State of the City address, coupled with the dedication of this fantastic new facility, give us the opportunity to all come together to celebrate this new community resource and to discuss and contemplate the opportunities and challenges ahead," said Euille in a written statement announcing the event.

The new facility features a host of athletic amenities, including a gymnasium, dance studio, fitness room, outdoor swimming pool and even a boxing ring. So it's the perfect place for the mayor to launch a new fitness initiative, which he plans to announce Saturday during the speech. In a preview of the speech, Euille said he plans to announce the city's participation in television personality **Ian Smith's** "Fifty Million Pound Challenge."

"My philosophy is to lead by example," said the fitness-conscious mayor who lost 55 pounds three years ago and has maintained his new weight. "It also ties into the economic situation because having a city full of sick people is a drain on resources."

## Exile of the Smokers

A generation ago, smokers had no restrictions on where they could light up. Public buildings, stores and restaurants were full of indiscriminate cigarette smoke. Yet by the mid-1980s anti-smoking advocates were making the first attempts at restricting when and where people could smoke. In Alexandria the movement was led by former City Councilman **Mel Bergheim**, who headed a committee that recommended an ordinance forcing restaurants to set aside a non-smoking section. Bergheim said restaurants opposed the ordinance, although it received bipartisan support on City Council.

"The unique part of our recommendation was to completely ban smoking in all smaller restaurants, which was defined as any restaurant with fewer than 40 seats," said Bergheim, a former smoker. "Since that time, of course, scientific evidence about the dangers of secondhand smoke has created this movement to ban smoking in all restaurants."

Flash forward to 2009, with the General Assembly engaged in a fierce debate about eliminating smoking in all Virginia restaurants. This week, the House of Delegates rejected the Virginia Senate's efforts to restore terms of an agreement struck earlier this month between Democratic Gov. **Tim Kaine** and Republican Speaker **Bill Howell**. So the effort will now head to a conference committee between selected House and Senate members to work out a deal.

"I'm confident that what we end up with will look a lot like the agreement between the governor and the speaker of the House," said Del. **David Englin** (D-45), who introduced the original version of the governor's anti-smoking proposal. "It may even be stronger than the original version."

## Budget Parlor Game

There's little reason to celebrate this year's budget. Yet the commencement of the annual budget season has also prompted a lighter moment of fun at City Hall — the annual parlor game among budget-watchers. The goal is to predict the number of budget memos that will be written in response to questions from City Council members. Recent years have seen wild swings in the number of budget memos issued by city staff: 118 in 2004, 122 in 2005, 86 in 2007 and 132 in 2008.

The yearly betting game is waged by members of the city's Budget and Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee, with the winner being the closest guess without going over. According to committee chairman **Tracy Rickett**, this year's winner will receive a beer purchased by committee member **Matt Tallmer**. So far the lowball bet is 127 and the highest guess is 159.

"My guess is 151," said Rickett. "The conventional wisdom this year is the City Council members will have a lot of questions."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS "I stand here today happy to be an Alexandrian."  
— Ferdinand Day, 2009 Ben Lynt Award recipient

# Honoring Ferdinand Day

## Distinguished Service Award presented at Friendship Fire Breakfast.

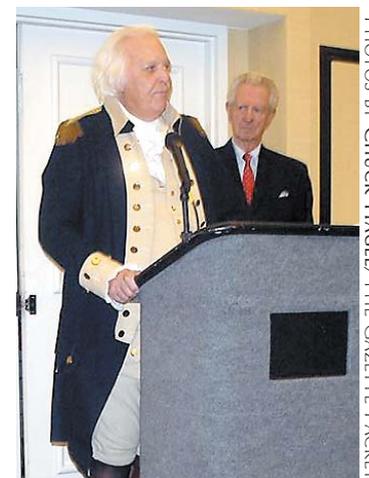
BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**O**ne of Alexandria's most enduring and outstanding citizens was named the 2009 recipient of the Rev. Ben Lynt Distinguished Service Award this past Monday morning during the Annual Meeting of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association. As the presenter said, "It was a recognition long over due."

Ferdinand Day, an Alexandria Living Legend, "has always been a man who when he saw an injustice he'd fight to correct it. From his segregated past to today's racial equality, Ferdinand Day has prevailed," said presenter Mike Conner, chair of this year's award committee to recognize an indi-



**Ferdinand Day, the 2009 recipient of the Rev. Ben Lynt Distinguished Service Award, thanks the members of the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association for the honor.**



**Gen. George Washington, aka Don DeHaven, welcomes the crowd to the annual Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association breakfast held in honor of his birthday.**

PHOTOS BY CHUCK HAGEE/THE GAZETTE PACKET

vidual who personifies "service to city and country."

A life-long Alexandria resident, Day will celebrate his 91st birthday on Aug. 7, 2009. "This is truly a surprise. I stand here today happy to be an Alexandrian," Day said in accepting the award named for the late pastor of Second Pres-

byterian Church that stood at the intersection of Janneys and Quaker lanes.

"There is no place like this dream city on the Potomac. And, we will survive this economic crisis because our people are our

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# Before Parade, Some Solemnity

## Revolutionary War Unknown Soldier honored.

BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**O**n Monday, the day Alexandria and the nation celebrated the 277th birthday of Gen. George Washington, commander in chief of the Continental Armies, there was a solemn wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the American Revolutionary War prior to the gala parade that filled the streets of Old Town Alexandria.

The First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line, one of 15 Revolutionary War regiments, presided over this ceremony which featured an address by a modern day warrior and member of Alexandria's American Legion Post 24, U.S. Army TC Todd T. Goehler.

As noted in his introduction of Goehler, W.S. Aramony, commander, First Virginia Regiment reenactors, "Col. Goehler is a soldier's soldier. He goes to the sound of the gun."

Goehler has served in both Afghanistan and Iraq. He participated in both Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. On Feb. 20, he commences his third deployment to Iraq.

Addressing the small crowd gathered in the church's cemetery, Goehler noted the sacrifices made by Americans in wars stretching from the Revolutionary War to present day. The tomb contains the remains of a soldier that were unearthed and reburied at the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in 1826.

"The tomb honors the many patriots who died helping secure independence for the United States and



**Members of the First Virginia Regiment of the Continental Line stand in formation during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier of the Revolutionary War in the cemetery of the Old Presbyterian Meeting House on South Fairfax Street.**

PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE

especially those who now rest in unmarked graves. The ceremony with this current soldier reminds us of the gratitude we owe all those who have served and are now serving," Aramony said.

The original First Virginia Regiment was authorized by the Virginia Convention on July 17, 1775, as a provincial defense unit composed of six musket and two rifle companies under the command of Patrick Henry. Each company consisted of 68 enlisted men and three officers.

Prior to Goehler placing a wreath in front of the tomb, members of the Regiment's honor guard raised a 13-star flag on the pole at the foot of the flag draped tomb. Following the ceremony, First Virginia Regiment marched in the George Washington Birthday parade.

## State Honors Health Director

Lisa G. Kaplowitz, M.D., who became Alexandria Health District director last July, has been recognized by the General Assembly in a joint resolution adopted Jan. 29 for “outstanding service as the deputy commissioner for Emergency Preparedness and Response and her valuable contributions to the field of HIV/AIDS.”

The resolution noted that “through Dr. Kaplowitz’s exceptional leadership, Virginia has been recognized as one of the leading states for preparedness, having achieved the highest rating possible from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.”

While serving as the first director of the HIV/AIDS Center at Virginia Commonwealth University, Kaplowitz was “in the forefront of the development and growth of HIV clinical and training programs in the Richmond area and was responsible for establishing patient/caretaker protocols for AIDS patients,” the resolution stated. Kaplowitz was inducted into the Virginia Women’s Hall of Fame in 1992, was named Woman of the Year at VCU that same year, and was honored by the Richmond Chapter of Hadassah as its Woman of Distinction in 2006. “Dr. Kaplowitz has dedicated her life’s work to improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Commonwealth,” the resolution noted.

## Society Seeks 2009 Nominations

Alexandria Historical Society is calling for nominations for the 2009 Alexandria History Award. It will be presented to a person or persons who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural, and artistic heritage of Alexandria. Honorees will be presented with a certificate and gift at the special awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 22, at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Four outstanding history students from each of Alexandria’s high schools will also be honored at that time.

Dr. Ben Vinson III, who received a 1988 Alexandria High School History Award, will be the guest speaker at this event. His award inspired him to pursue an undergraduate study of history and eventually his doctorate in history from Columbia University. Today, Dr. Vinson serves as professor of Latin American History at Johns Hopkins University and Director of the Center of African Studies. Nomination should be mailed by March 9 to the Office of Historic Alexandria, 220 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314. For more information contact Douglas Thurman at the Alexandria Historical Society, 703-548-7052.

## C.O.R.E. Needs Volunteers

Computer C.O.R.E. at 3846 King Street is seeking two success strategies assistants to work with a team of volunteers and a group of about 12 students to coach them on goal-setting, resume writing, and interview techniques. There is also a focus on English grammar throughout the semester. Time requirements include two hours each week for a 20-week training session, two hours of classroom time each week and up to an additional hour per week for prep and to contribute feedback. To respond to these volunteer openings, see <http://www.volunteermatch.org> or email [lashonda\\_easton@yahoo.com](mailto:lashonda_easton@yahoo.com).

## Water Break Yields Advisory

At approximately 6 a.m. Feb. 15, a water main break occurred on Dearing Street near the Bradlee Shopping Center, leaving more than 300 residents without water. Residents affected by the water main break are advised that Virginia American Water has issued a boil water advisory for the area. For more information, call Virginia American Water at 703-549-0909 or visit <http://www.amwater.com/alerts/alert10726.html>

## SARA Seeks Listeners

The Alexandria Sexual Assault Response and Awareness (SARA) Program is looking for compassionate listeners, both English speaking and bilingual, who would be comfortable working with sexual assault survivors and their families on their 24-hour crisis hotline. Volunteers receive extensive training and support. For more information or to register, contact Stacey McCullough at 703-746-5030 or visit [www.alexwomen.com](http://www.alexwomen.com).

## NEWS

# City Historian To Step Down

**Michael Miller set to retire this spring as City Council considers eliminating his position.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**I**n many ways, the position of city historian was created for the singular talents of Michael Miller. He’s the first person to ever hold that title — a position that was created for him by the Office of Historic Alexandria in the mid-1990s. And he may be the last. According to City Manager Jim Hartmann’s proposed operating budget for next year, the position of city historian has been eliminated to save about \$89,000. Last week, Miller submitted his resignation, which will become effective at the end of May when he’ll retire after 32 years of service to the city.

“Certainly, there’s nobody who knows more about the history of Alexandria than Michael Miller,” said Lance Mallamo, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. “He’s got the best institutional memory in the city.”

Since taking his first position with the city government in 1977, Miller has documented every facet of life in Alexandria — from the cargo of merchant ships in the 1750s to the evolution of the city-manager system of government in the 20th century. Sometimes his job was difficult, like the time he had to tell a man researching his genealogy that his great-grandmother ran a whorehouse. Other times, his work took on a life of its own, like the time he was looking through old newspaper clippings and happened upon an item that eventually led to the creation of Freedman’s Cemetery Park.

“Michael is one of those people who can spend hours at a time in front of microfilm or digging through old account books to find nuggets of information,” said George Combs, branch manager for the city’s local history special collections at the Barret Branch Library. “It’s an often thankless and eye-straining task, but he was a pioneer.”

**A NATIVE** of southern Maryland, Miller grew up on a farm near White’s Ferry. After graduating from Olney High School in 1967, Miller received a bachelor of arts in history from Alderson Broaddus College in West Virginia before moving to Washington, D.C. and studying international relations at George Washington University. He then took a number of positions at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, on the staff of U.S. Rep. Gilbert Guse (R-Md), in the Library of Congress, at the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare and in the World Bank before arriving in Alexandria in the late 1970s. He landed his first job for the city government as a research assistant for City Archaeologist Pam Cressey during the excavation of the site where the city courthouse now stands.

“It was clear at the outset what a great mind he has and how much passion he has, but I had to keep

telling him to slow down,” said Cressey. “I remember telling him that he should work with historic documents because he didn’t have the patience for archeology.”

Soon afterward, Miller became curator of the Lee-Fendall House on Oronoco Street. In 1980, he moved across the street to the library, where he would spend the next three decades drafting countless articles, studies and reports about the history of Alexandria. Some of the research was broadly constructed, such as the history of artisans and merchants in the city. Others were narrowly focused, such as the background of the Confederate statue at the corner of Prince and South Washington streets. Many of the bits and pieces were collected in a quarterly publication called the “Fireside Sentinel,” which was published from 1978 to 1995.

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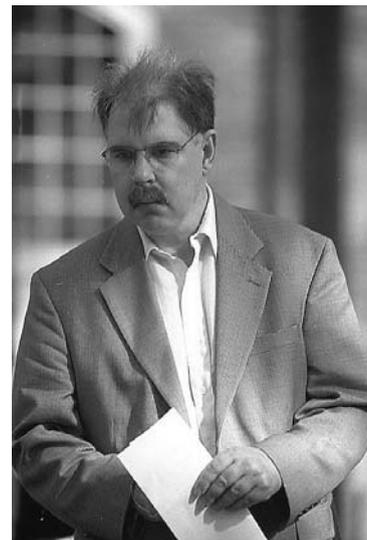


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**City Historian  
Michael Miller**

“Over time it became clear that there was a desperate need for good and accurate histories of the city,” said Miller. “People were hungry for information about every

facet of Alexandria’s history.”

**IN 1995, MILLER** joined the staff at the Office of Historic Alexandria and assumed the title of city historian. When City Council was considering the fate of Windmill Hill, members relied on Miller’s research of the area’s past. When names are proposed for streets or alleys, the city government depends on Miller to hunt down any previous names to prevent a sense of historical displacement. Miller has documented Confederate sympathies, Christmas traditions, voting trends, ghost stories, violent crime, curious tombstones and runaway horses.

“When you grow up in the South, there’s an attachment to heritage,” said Miller. “You can see it around you, and you can smell it in the air.”

In his final few months as city historian, Miller has been recording oral histories about ferries at the foot of Oronoco Street and other assorted bits and pieces of the city’s past. Mallamo said the Office of Historic Alexandria is planning an event to honor Miller, although the details have yet to be hammered out. Miller said he plans to spend some time playing Mozart and Beethoven on the piano, although he does not intend to stay away from the library for long.

“I guess I’ll probably wake up the day after my retirement and write another history,” he said.

NEWS

# Going Red

After a family health scare, Alexandria retailer decides to spread the word about women's heart disease.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET



Cindy McCartney, owner of Diva Boutique on S. Pitt Street.

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GAZETTE PACKET

One day about a year ago, Cindy McCartney's mother was suddenly struck by a feeling of extreme indigestion. Knowing that the situation was severe, she went to the hospital and learned that she had a blockage in her right coronary artery. Doctors at the hospital performed surgery and installed a stint, then called McCartney to let her know what had happened and that everything was all right.

"We were all pretty shocked," said McCartney, owner of Diva Boutique on South Pitt Street. "It wasn't until this situation with my mother that I realized how prevalent heart disease with women."

The statistics shocked McCartney — although one in 30 women die from breast cancer, one in four women die from heart disease. Although she had always associated heart disease with men, her mother's health crisis prompted McCartney to do more than simply learn about the condition and test herself. She wanted to let other women know that they are at risk, and she wanted to use her business to spread the word. That's how Alexandria went red last weekend.

"My clients are women," she said. "So I thought about ways to spread the word,"

McCartney teamed up with several local retailers, who agreed to be part of the Alexandria Goes Red campaign. The business leaders began brainstorming in December about how to use Valentine's Day as a launching pad for the information campaign, then approached the City Council about participating in the outreach. Last week, Mayor Bill Euille appeared at the boutique to formally kick off the campaign.

"Women love to shop, so this was a great way to reach the target audience," said Alicia McCaslin, manager of Hysteria Boutique on South Fairfax

Street. "Women tend to take their health for granted until there's a problem with your mother or your best friend or even yourself."

ACCORDING TO the National Institutes for Health, heart disease kills more women than all types of cancer combined. Overall, more women die of heart disease than men. And African-American women under the age of 60 are four times more likely to die of heart disease than white women.

"Unfortunately, many women still do not take heart disease seriously and personally," said Dr. Elizabeth Nabel, director of National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute in a written statement last year. "Millions of women still have one or more risk factors for heart disease, dramatically increasing their risk of developing heart disease. In fact, having just one risk factor increases a woman's chance of developing heart disease twofold."

The "Alexandria Goes Red" campaign was a way to spread the word about the ubiquity of heart disease in women while creating relationships among city retailers. Many of the participating retailers gave a 10 percent discount for customers wearing red, and all of those participating made information available from the American Heart Association about heart-disease prevention.

McCartney declared the two-day campaign a success and said she's already planning to expand the program next year.

"I'm very conscious of how businesses can give back to the community," said McCartney, adding that Diva Boutique has also participated in a local campaign to prevent violence against women. "A large amount of women who came into the store last weekend had no idea how prevalent this was, so I would say this was very successful."

**"Unfortunately, many women still do not take heart disease seriously and personally."**

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Participate in the **ALIVE! Online Auction from Feb. 22 through March 8**. The ALIVE! Online Auction will be part of a series of events marking ALIVE!'s 40 year history. The ALIVE! Auction site will be open and accessible from the menu at <http://ALIVE!-inc.org/>.

### SATURDAY/FEB. 21

**Open House.** 9- 11 a.m. at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 1000 St. Stephen's Road. Learn about working at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School and teaching in private schools. The program will include a panel discussion and tour. Visit [www.sssas.org/about/employment](http://www.sssas.org/about/employment) or 703-212-2736.

**State of the City Address.** 8:30 a.m. at Charles Houston Rec Center, 901 Wythe St. Free. Meet instructors, tour

the center and more.

### MONDAY/FEB. 23

**Meeting.** "Open Your Eyes to the Wonders of the West End" Agenda: Alexandria explores the past, present and future of the West End. Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue. Reception at 6:30 p.m., Dinner (\$22 members with reservations/\$27 non-members) at 6:45 p.m. Program only (free to members/\$5 non-members) 7:15 p.m. Dinner reservations required. For information or reservations, contact Sherry Brown, 703-549-4696 or [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com).

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**Celebrating 100 Years** Marion Fugitt Rice celebrated her 100th birthday on Saturday, Feb. 7 at the Hermitage. Her actual birthday was Feb. 5. Her extended family and friends enjoyed a party and lunch in the penthouse in the Hermitage on Fairbanks Avenue in Alexandria.



**Jim Simpson and his sister Lona Talley.**



**A great grand niece Anne Briscoe greets her great grand aunt Marion Rice.**

# Local Author Spells Out Fire Protection

**From classroom to street, Jones' book is a firefighter must.**

BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**F**irefighting is as much about preventing fires as it is about dealing with them when they happen. How to accomplish the former is the primary focus of A. Maurice Jones, Jr., supervisory fire prevention engineer, Code Enforcement Bureau, Alexandria Fire Department.

His new book, "Fire Prevention Systems," is a leading text for what firefighters, building engineers, and the firefighting profession at large "need to know and do both prior to and during a fire." It is a comprehensive compilation of systems, designed to "detect, alert, control, and suppress" fires in an array of structures and scenarios.

"In 2000 I was approached by a publisher to write a book about fire protection. But, that publisher wanted the book directed at firefighters only," Jones said.

"When I tried to explain that in order to do a comprehensive book on fire protection and prevention I needed to reach out to a series of groups such as engineers, architects, and others, they weren't interested in doing that," he said.

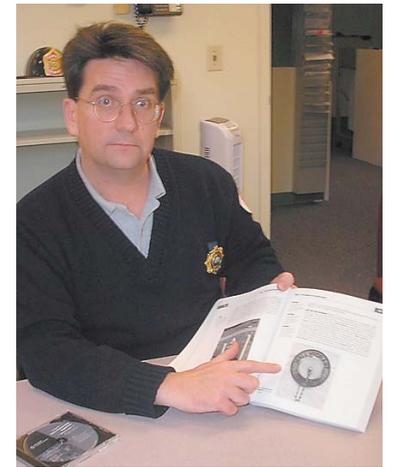
**A COUPLE OF YEARS** later, Jones was contacted by Delmar Cengage Learning. "They understood my approach to write a reader-friendly text that would take people through the entire process. It took three and a half years to put this book together," Jones said.

The 507-page volume was published in August 2008. It has become a mainstay in fire protection systems both in the classroom and in the field. Eight hundred copies have been sold and four community colleges have adopted the book as a primary text in the fire prevention courses.

Jones started teaching a course using his book as the basic text at the Annandale campus of Northern Virginia Community College on Feb. 11. The students in that

## To Order

The book, "Fire Prevention Systems" by A. Maurice Jones, Jr., can be purchased at any major book store such as Borders, from any on-line book seller such as Amazon, or by visiting [delmarfire.cengage.com](http://delmarfire.cengage.com), according to Jones. The retail price is approximately \$45.



**Maurice Jones, Jr., supervisory fire protection engineer, Alexandria Fire Department, displays the book he authored detailing various fire protection systems**

class are either professional or volunteer firefighters from departments throughout Northern Virginia.

He has also developed a CD to accompany the book. It contains lesson plans, a series of photographs, charts and stories to aid other instructors throughout the nation.

"This book is good for a wide range of firefighters. It's a very well rounded book and I have learned a lot from it. It's a great resource. I keep a copy at work and refer to it regularly," said Captain Scott Quintana, Alexandria Fire Department.

**JONES GREW UP** on Quander Road in southeastern Fairfax County and graduated from Groveton High School in 1976. He then started on what he describes as his "20-year college journey." Today he holds a bachelor's degree in fire science from the University of Maryland and four associate degrees from NVCC.

As the supervisory fire protection engineer, Jones is responsible for all fire protection system related matters in Alexandria. He oversees all fire protection system plan review, installation, and inspection and testing of new and existing fire protection systems. He is also a long-time member of the Fire Science Curriculum Advisory Committee at NVCC where he serves as an instructor.

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## 'Heart of Del Ray'

**A Show of Hands** owners Pat Miller (left seated) Maria Wasowski (middle) and employee Mary Karstens (right) stand next to their award announcing them the winner of the Del Ray Business Association "Heart of Del Ray" award as selected by votes from the community. The award is annually presented by the Del Ray Business Association on Valentine's Day to the business that serves as the heart and soul of Del Ray. A Show of Hands is located at 2204 Mt. Vernon Avenue.



# Association Honors Day

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greatest asset," Day said.  
 "In my youth I often walked around this city and wondered why Alexandria could not be what it ought to be. It has become that city I dreamed of," he said.

Opening the annual business meeting of the association was a welcome by Gen. George Washington, aka Don DeHaven. "You always have had the institutions to aid you in difficult times," he told the crowd filling the ballroom of the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites on First Street to honor his 277th birthday.

"Washington gave over 45 years of his life to public service. Take renewed strength and courage from those that have been there before you," he said.

Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille tested that resolve by presenting the dire fiscal prospects of the city. "Things haven't been good for us this year. We have a \$10 to \$11 million shortfall in the present budget. And, next year that could rise to \$45 to \$50 million," he said.

"But, from such challenges rise opportunities and I urge all of you to participate in this process. Next Saturday I will deliver my State of the City address as part of the dedication ceremony of the new Charles Houston Recreation Center," he said. "Come and be part of that event."

Alexandria Fire Chief Adam Thiel de-

scribed the present economic crisis as the best and worst of times. "This is not the first time Americans have had the opportunity to pull together. We have many opportunities ahead of us," he said.

This meeting also marked a milestone change in the association's leadership with the passing of the president's gavel from long-standing President Ed Snyder to Joseph S. Shumard. "We are going to encourage corporate participation in the association," he said in recognizing various tables sponsored by local businesses.

In his first act as president, Shumard presented the Chairman's Award to Virginia Paving Corporation for their support in sponsoring and participation in the annual 10K race.

For the second year, those named as Alexandria "Living Legends" received special recognition. They were Engin Artemel, Donna and Mel Bergheim, Bernard M. Fagelson, Thomas "TJ" Fannon, Lillie Finklea, Louise Massoud, Carlton Funn, Arlene Hewitt, Eula and Melvin Miller, George Pera, Elbert Ransom, Jr., Jane Ring, and Charlene Schiff. This year's inductee to the association was Ed Blunt. Also participating in the two-hour event was the Alexandria Fire Department Honor Guard and Fire Marshal William Coates, chaplain, AFD. Once again, radio personality William Mayhugh served as Master of Ceremonies.

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### Do Solemnly Swear

The students at Grace Episcopal School watched the presidential inauguration while also holding a mock swearing-in ceremony. Pictured from left: Mika Tums (Chief Justice), Elise McDonald (First Lady), Tad Wolcott (President).

### A Day of Service

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes students enjoy their front row seats for remarks from Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes-Norton, one of the co-sponsors of the Renewing Anacostia Together event. Nearly 30 SSSAS Middle School students participated in this environmental education program and tree planting event in Anacostia Park on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Left to right facing the camera are Drew Nirenberg, Betty Metheny (Middle School Director), Ellie Wainstein, Julia DeVico, Zac Phan, Blake Pohanka, and Andrea Barnes (front). Will Siegmund (back to camera) is also pictured. Students come from Alexandria and Prince George's County.



## Author Writes Text on Fire Prevention

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Originally, a broadcast engineer for the Mutual Broadcasting System, Jones covered President Ronald Reagan's second inaugural. From there he went into home construction for five years, serving as a project manager for custom home construction projects.

He caught the fire protection/prevention bug working for Life Saving Systems and teaching seminars. Following one of those seminars he was approached by one of his students, then director of the Alexandria Code Enforcement Bureau, Art Dahlberg.

"He came up to me after class and said, 'I have a position that's been open for quite a while. I think you'd be a perfect for it,'" Jones said.

"I was a little leery of getting into government but

I decided to give it a chance. That was in May 1999 and I've never been happier than during this time with the Alexandria Fire Department," he said.

"In the Code Enforcement Bureau we focus on fire prevention and fire protection systems. We are not here just to enforce code requirements, but to educate people on how to maintain safe fire protection systems," Jones said.

"Writing this book is one of the toughest thing I've ever done in my life. If it wasn't for my wife Trish I don't think I'd have ever completed it," he said.

The book takes the reader through every aspect of fire protection systems from the "Basics of Fire Behavior" to "Fire Protection Systems and the Model Code Process" to an array of existing system and concluding with "Emerging Technologies."

member. Register at [www.the.womenscenter.org](http://www.the.womenscenter.org) or 703-281-2657.

#### SATURDAY/FEB. 28

**Campaign Kickoff.** The Dana Lawhorne for Sheriff Re-Election kickoff event will take place 2 - 4 p.m. at Atlantis Pizza, located at 3648 King St. in Bradlee Shopping Center.

**Workshop.** 10 a.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 2501 Beacon Hill Road. William Kovatch, Jr. presents "When Elderly Parents Move In." Free. 703-765-8255.

Hamilton will discuss "Advancements in Spine Surgery" at Inova Alexandria Hospital, 7 p.m., 4320 Seminary Road. Call Inova HealthSource, 703-750-8800, to attend this free lecture.

**Holistic Moms Network.** 7:15 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Learn about "Building Strong Immunity in cold and Flu Season" by Dr. Christopher Johnson, MD. Free. Visit <http://arlaexva.holisticmoms.org> or 703-824-6167.

**Bankruptcy Basics.** 7-9 p.m. at the Campagna Center, 418 S. Washington St. Learn about rights and dealing with creditors. \$45/nonmember; \$35/

## A Marathon Campaign

### Gary Carr talks about his years of crusading for an improved track at Hammond Middle School.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET



Gary Carr

A native of Cincinnati, Ohio, Gary Carr has lived in Alex since 1986. He's an electroneuro diagnostic technologist at the Alexandria Professional Building, where his ninth-floor office looks down at Hammond Middle School. Since 2002, Carr has advocated for improving the track facilities at meetings of the City Council, School Board, Planning Commission and Park and Recreation Commission.

#### What happened to the track at Hammond when the school system renovated the building in '02?

The original track at Hammond was from when the school had been a high school, so it had a six-lane 400 meter track. Of course, it had eroded over time, but it was still a good facility. But when the renovation happened, the track was used as a staging area. To my bewilderment, when the renovation was finished they put an elementary school playground there. Essentially the track was replaced by a meandering path. And what I've been able to observe from my vantage point at the Alexandria Professional Building is that the entire field floods every time it rains. The field turns into a muddy mess. So I started to speak out about it, and I thought it was going to be kind of an easy thing — that I would talk about it a few times and they would fix it and that would be that.

#### What happened?

Since I've been speaking out about this issue, the city has fixed the field at Fort Ward and they've fixed the field at Minnie Howard — all to the neglect of the field at Hammond. That's when I came to the realization that nobody was really speaking out about this issue, and I felt this was a really important issue from the children's standpoint. Because I work in the medical field, my argument became interwoven with the childhood obesity epidemic. There's no doubt about the need for this track at Hammond. So my crusade became restoring the track at Hammond in an effort to battle childhood obesity and the sedentary lifestyle.

#### Why is this needed?

There's an immediate need at Hammond because of the condition of the field. Every time it rains, the field floods and it's unusable to a thousand kids. The need at Hammond is really significant, and I don't understand why nobody seems to care about it. So that's what really got me riled up because I've seen other projects advance but nobody is really advocating for the kids at Hammond.

#### You've been speaking out about this for years and yet nothing has happened. Why do you think that's the case?

I really don't know to be honest, but I find it curious that nothing has happened because this affects so many children. But the PTA Council is not talking about it. I honestly don't get it why nobody seems to care about this because the need is so apparent. It's one of those things that's invisible in plain sight. I've tried every argument I can think of.

#### When do you think this will be resolved?

Based on the current economic conditions, I'm not optimistic to tell you the truth. I think this issue is moving forward, but it's not moving very fast. It's possible this will get fixed when the economy gets better. But when will that be?

#### Are you going to keep speaking out about this?

I've decided to stop on four different occasions, and I even publicly announced that I was going to stop speaking about this. But I've become committed to seeing this through. I have made this my public service. I believe this is something I can make a strong case for, and it's something that will have a very positive effect. The discipline that's required to run is exactly what kids need today.

### BULLETIN BOARD

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**Ash Wednesday Service.** 7:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian, 2701 Cameron Mills Road. Visit [www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org) or 703-549-4766.

**Foreclosure Prevention Clinic.** 6 p.m. at Nannie J. Lee Rec Center, 1108 Jefferson St. Free. Presented by the City of Alexandria Office of Housing and Housing Counseling Services. Register at 202-667-7006.

#### THURSDAY/FEB. 26

**Spine Surgery Discussion.** Dr. John

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## Del Ray

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Change is happening all around us. In fact, there are many changes occurring along the Avenue and throughout Del Ray. Many of them represent new opportunities and the continuous enhancement of our wonderful community. The Del Ray Business Association is offering a great new service to let everyone know about the steals, deals and special events going on with their member businesses. They are sending out a weekly email announcing all the information in one place. The distribution currently goes out to the Del Ray, Beverly Hills and Rosemont list serves.

A warm welcome to Blueberries art gallery, which had its grand opening over the weekend. Check them out right around the corner from St. Elmo's. The volunteer Bureau has moved to Old Town. We are sad to see them go, but look forward to continuing to support them and the members of the community who benefit from their many services. The Go Green Cleaners will soon be taking over that location. They will do organic dry cleaning, and will offer pick up and delivery service. Convenience and fuel savings at their best! Eight Hands Round is closing so that Cindy can start her retirement — a change that she welcomes, but the rest of us will miss the wonderful unique gifts that she sells. Stop by to give her a big send-off and take advantage of her huge sale — help her clear the shelves so that she can smoothly transition into her next phase with full pockets and less "stuff." Thanks Cindy for all that you've done over the years to make Del Ray such a close-knit, welcoming community. A Show of Hands will be moving into that spot on the Avenue — a bigger and better location for them. And, A Neighborhood Pharmacy will soon be opening in their former space. They will make formularies from scratch, provide a delivery service and will even fill prescriptions for our beloved four-legged neighborhood residents. What a unique service, for our unique neighborhood!

And congratulations to A Show of Hands and Pat and Maria for being awarded "The Heart Del Ray" for 2009. Thank you for all you do to make this the best place to live.

Other changes are happening as well. Our beloved director at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center, Sheila Whiting, is moving over to the new Jefferson Houston Recreation Center. They will benefit from her years of experience and commitment. She will be missed but thankfully, Miss Elise will be coming back to help us.

As you can see from the by-line, we've had some changes here, too. Suzanne Couming Caldwell is now joining as a co-contributor to the Del Ray column. Suzanne brings experience as a small business owner, consultant, and, of course, a neighborhood resident.

If you've got something to share, or would like to be a guest columnist, please contact us at [Suzanne@vitalcoachingandconsulting.com](mailto:Suzanne@vitalcoachingandconsulting.com) or [jen@jenwalker.com](mailto:jen@jenwalker.com)

— JEN WALKER

## Taylor Run

All lovers of Fort Ward should make an effort to attend a community meeting about its future.

March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Lee Center exhibit hall is one meeting; March 18 at T.C. Williams H.S., 7 p.m., is the other.

### CHANGES COMING

Wm. Schreiner, president of the Friends of Fort Ward, has listed seven issues which cry out for attention. Citizens' input is desperately needed to safeguard our beloved but overused park.

### WRITTEN SUGGESTIONS

If you cannot attend a meeting in person, write to: Paul Lombardi, 1108 Jefferson St., Alexandria, VA 22314, or email [paulombardi@alexandria.va.gov](mailto:paulombardi@alexandria.va.gov).

### PATSY TRIES AGAIN

The rest of the state surely owes thanks to Alexandria for sending Patsy Ticer to the Senate, where she battles for the good of Virginia's health. This year she has reintroduced two bills that will make possible more parkland for all. The state park system says that we in Planning District 8 will have a 19,420-acre deficit in parkland by 2010.

### 8TH DISTRICT LEFT OUT

Since its creation, the Virginia Land Conservation Fund has awarded \$26 million to projects in Virginia. The 8th district (us) has received 0. To be sure, land here costs more. Also, our need is greater, as we are heavily populated. Patsy's bills - SB838 and SB1115 - would increase tax credits for donations of land for parkland and would make more money from LCEF available.

### TREE REMOVAL

That sadly denuded area off Beauregard, about which so many people have commented, is the result of the Army's decision to take some of Alexandria.

Vice-mayor Pepper told me that Alexandria's Council was offered no choice; when the US Army wants land, it just takes it.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

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## Exercising For Health

**S**amuel Tucker Elementary School in Cameron Station was alive with activity on Saturday, Feb. 7. There was tumbling in the kindergarten pod, an obstacle course in the gym, and the cafeteria hosted trampolines and interactive games. Outside, members of the Police Department conducted a bike safety program and the Alexandria Fire Department brought over a truck from Station 8. The Alexandria YMCA on Monroe Avenue brought in training equipment and staff to work with the stu-



**Alexandria firefighter William Dunleavy answers questions posed by the students.**

dents in different activities throughout the afternoon. The program was made possible through a grant that the school

received from a proposal submitted jointly by the Tucker PTA and school PE instructor Martha Grutza.

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**Kindergarten teacher Jennifer Willment joins Natnaeo, Mohammed and Veranyuli in the "big foot" stretch on the obstacle course.**



**Jasmine Williams instructs a child on how to tumble on the mats set up in the pod.**

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Flawed Process

To The Editor:

At the last City Council meeting, against the recommendation of city staff, the City Council voted to give money to the Boys & Girls Club outside of any competitive grant process or established budget process. To do this, the City Council used money from economic development reserves that had been set aside to help our struggling business community. We voted against it, not because the Boys and Girls club isn't a great organization, but rather because the government shouldn't play favorites with any organization or give away money without a clear policy justification.

In this case, we think the process was flawed. We strongly support Alexandria's non-profit community. Both of us have served on numerous non-profit boards and worked within government to improve the City's efforts to work cooperatively with our non-profit community to provide critical services. But we cannot support the City giving

money to any organization outside of a well-defined and transparent grant or budget process.

We just started the most difficult budget process in decades with job cuts and severe program cuts, including cuts to many Alexandria non-profits. We don't think the City should be allocating funds to any organization absent a thoughtful review of the proposed budget. It isn't fair to the other non-profits that are being asked to cut back and must apply for the City's competitive grant programs to give money to another non-profit without any competitive process.

If the City wants to create a program to give money to help non-profits expand their facilities, then that program should be developed as part of the budget and open to every non-profit in the city with clear guidelines and a formally approved budget.

With our economic challenges, we cannot say "Yes" to every request.

We have to be willing to make hard choices, which at times

means saying "No" to our friends. And more importantly, when we do say "Yes" it should be at the culmination of a transparent and understandable process. Our responsibility to the taxpayers demands nothing less.

The government isn't the solution to the financial challenges of the non-profit community. Everyone has a role to play to help Alexandria's non-profit community, which does a fantastic job of looking out for our community and ensuring we have solid preventative programs and safety net programs in place. We encourage everyone in the city to find ways to help our community's non-profits, including the Boys and Girls Club. We know that they need that help more than ever.

**Councilman Rob Krupicka  
Councilman Justin Wilson**

### Unexplained 'No Show'

To the Editor:

My husband and I have attended

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## COMMENTARY

## Saving Lives

By **CHRISTINE CANDIO**  
INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL  
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**Christine Candio**

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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association's annual breakfast and program meeting for a number of years. The breakfast and meetings are held on President's Day each year at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites in Alexandria. My husband is on the Board of Trustees and is a retired Alexandria fireman.

The Association maintains and oversees the care of Friendship Fire House with a lot of volunteers and support from the Fire Department, Police Department, concern citizens and groups in and around Alexandria.

This year the Colors were presented by the Alexandria Fire Department Honor Guard. General George Washington with Martha at his side welcomed everyone to the breakfast and annual program meeting. Alexandria Fire Chief Thiel greeted the attendees and gave an overview of the Alexandria Fire Department. Alexandria's Mayor Euille greeted everyone and introduced all of the distinguished guests at the breakfast and as usual Bill Mayhugh did a great job as the Special Master of Ceremonies.

The keynote presentation was to

be given by Brian Moran, former Delegate, 46th District, Virginia General Assembly and now running for the Governor of the Great State of Virginia. However, Brian Moran was a "no show." The breakfast started at 9 a.m. and adjourned at approximately 11 a.m. without any keynote presentation. In the past years the keynote presentations have been given by such outstanding individuals as the commander of the U.S.S. Alexandria (SSN 757) submarine and other outstanding notables. What was so important on this great day in the City of Alexandria for Brian Moran not to show or not to have a backup available to stand in for him or to at least tell the attendees why he was a "no show?"

I know that Brian Moran has lost at least one vote for Governor of the Great State of Virginia.

**Joan Edwards**  
Colonial Beach, Va.

## Helping City Budget

To the Editor:

I would like to suggest to the City Manager Jim Hartmann that

he add to his list of services to be reduced in Alexandria, the three yearly St. Patrick's Day, Scottish, and George Washington parades in Old Town and adding a 25 cent fee for each passenger on the Old Town Trolley.

**Florence Foelak**  
Alexandria

## Cutting Services

To the Editor:

In regard to "Nonprofit Creativity" in the Alexandria Gazette Packet of Feb 12, 2009: While I know that Councilman Rob Krupicka did not mean it this way, the city was not just "giving money to a nonprofit" by not collecting fees. They were giving money to help children of Alexandria have a safe and healthy environment. I am not personally familiar with the Boys and Girls club, but I am familiar with most of the charitable nonprofits that serve Alexandria and the surrounding jurisdictions. They do not take donations simply in order to save money — they take donations and struggle with greatly limited funds to ensure continued support and protection of those who need it

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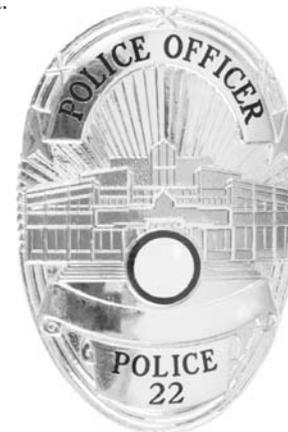
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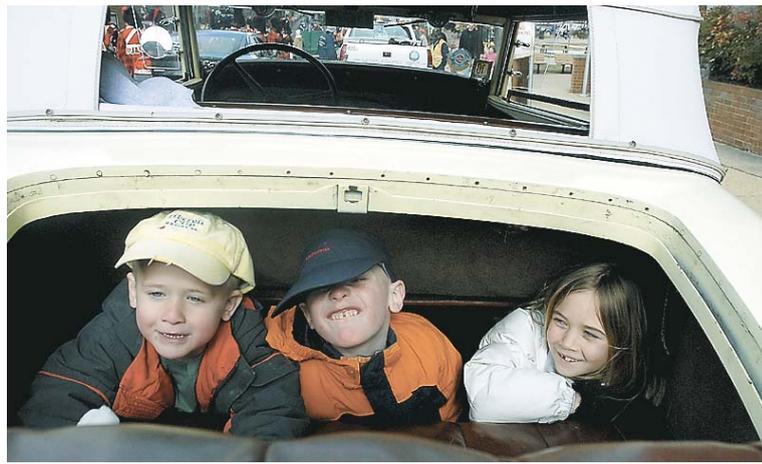


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Kena brothers, J Bird Smolins and Daffy Doc Mitchell, warm up for their ride through town.



Mount Vernon resident and owner of the Old Colony Shop, Gary Eyler, enjoys the annual parade with his youngest daughter Lisa on South St. Asaph Street.

# Happy Birthday, George

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Hard Times Café co-owner Fred Parker and his former bartender of seven years, now a commercial plane pilot, Mark Boudreau wait for the calling of divisions at the staging grounds. Boudreau saw snow in the air as he flew into Washington on a morning flight to make this year's parade.



Fairfax County School Board Chairman Dan Storck was invited by Mayor Bill Euille this year to join the gathering of dignitaries and elected officials. Storck has marched as Abraham Lincoln in the parade for the past 14 years.



Brownies for St. Stephen's St. Agnes School prepare to march.



The American Legion division.

# How To Address \$3 Billion Shortfall?

BY DAVID ENGLIN  
DELEGATE (D-45)

Now that we are beyond the halfway point of this year's legislative session, our focus has shifted much more intensely to adjusting the state's \$77-billion biennial budget to address our \$3-billion or more revenue shortfall. With massive proposed cuts to education and health care and still no serious solution to transportation funding, we have understood for weeks that the details of the state budget will depend heavily upon how much funding of various types Virginia receives as part of the Federal stimulus package. The Virginia Senate very wisely chose to push off finalizing its version of the budget for a few days so it could account for the Federal stimulus. Unfortunately, the Republican majority in the House chose to push forward the House version of the budget before the Federal stimulus details were complete, which means the entire process was rendered moot once the stimulus package passed.

## RICHMOND REPORT

\$16 million left in the Water Quality Improvement Fund. Taking \$149 million out of a \$16 million account means House Republicans passed a budget last week to create a \$133 million deficit, which violates the Virginia Constitution's balanced budget requirement. With the Federal stimulus package now in place and the most up-to-date revenue data and economic forecasts just released, both the House and the Senate are again working feverishly to complete what I hope will be a balanced budget on time for our scheduled adjournment.

BEFORE LAST WEEK'S budget activity, we wrapped up work on hundreds of bills prior to the Feb. 10 "crossover" date, which is when a bill must pass its chamber of origin or be left for dead. During a marathon 10-hour floor session the day before crossover, we worked through and debated a rapid succession of bills on everything from relatively uncontroversial technical issues to hot-button issues like the death penalty, reproductive rights, voting rights, and so on, which kept things interesting.

SETTING THAT SMALL, good-government point aside, the House passed its version of the budget Feb. 12. I voted against it for several reasons. House Republicans tacked on objectionable amendments to enact laws that they have not been able to get through the regular legislative process. For example, they inserted onerous new regulations intended to target and close down abortion clinics, and they cut funding for a variety of reproductive health care services for poor women and men.

Worst of all, they transferred \$149 million from the state's Water Quality Improvement Fund to plug the Medicaid hole left by their rejection of Governor Kaine's proposed 30-cents per pack cigarette tax increase. That money has already been obligated to ongoing projects, such as the Alexandria Sanitation Authority's wastewater plant upgrades, which are critical to Virginia's Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts. Because of those existing obligations, by the time the budget goes into effect July 1, there will be only

For example, I was proud to be among just 32 delegates who voted in favor of a rare and extraordinary "discharge motion" attempting to bring before the full House for proper consideration House Bill 1588, which would require health insurance companies to cover autism therapies. This much-needed bill "failed for lack of a motion" in a House subcommittee, so it never received an up or down vote. While the discharge motion failed, it was an important opportunity to highlight the plight of families going bankrupt paying for treatment for autistic children, and it demonstrated to these families that at least some of us refuse to give them the same silent treatment as the subcommittee.

Unfortunately, even though the economy is the most pressing issue facing our Commonwealth and our country, a number of very serious economic stimulus measures did not make it past crossover because they never received a hearing, essentially being "pocket vetoed" by the Republican majority.



ARTS ♦ ENTERTAINMENT ♦ LEISURE

## MetroStage Draws Six Nominations

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**etroStage, Alexandria's professional theater on North Royal Street, continued its trend of ever more recognition in this year's nominations for the Helen Hayes Awards which recognize outstanding work in the professional theaters of the greater Washington area.

Work at the theater drew a total of six nominations, doubling last year's total of three. The company drew three nominations in a year twice before that but never more than three.

Five of the nominations were for work on the rousing production of the two-character rock musical set in Scotland, "Rooms – A Rock Romance." Another nomination was for work in the bio-musical about blues singer Alberta Hunter, "Cookin' at the Cookery."

The five nominations for "Rooms" exceeds the three that the tuneful comedy "The Musical of Musicals (The Musical)" received last year, so the company's record is definitely on an upward trend.

The categories of the nominations for "Rooms" are notable. With just a cast of two, it earned nominations for both Outstanding Lead Actress and Lead Actor in a Musical, Natascia Diaz and Doug Kreeger.

"Rooms" director, Scott Schwartz, was nominated for the Outstanding Director of a Musical award and the musical itself was nominated for the Charles MacArthur Award for Outstanding New Play or Musical.

The entire production was honored with a nomination as the Outstanding Musical of the Year.

**IN ADDITION**, Janice Lorraine was nominated for her role in "Cookin' at the Cookery." She played songstress Alberta Hunter

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Soldiers take aim at a re-enacting event.

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## Joining the Cause **Infantry unit seeks recruits to 1860s military life.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**U**nCLE Sam wants you to fight against the Confederate States of America, and he'll be recruiting new soldiers at Fort Ward Saturday, Feb. 28. No, the South has not risen again. The Third Infantry is a unit of Union Army re-enactors who interpret 1860s' military life. And the unit's leaders are always looking for new blood.

"Getting in the hobby can be somewhat intimidating," said First Sergeant Paul Stier, a Maryland native who joined the unit in 1985. "So we have this venue where the public can find out what it takes to do this hobby on a semi regular basis."

Unlike soldiers who actually fought the Civil War, the government will not be issuing gear. So each individual is responsible for outfitting about \$1,500 worth of equipment — uniform, rifle, shoes, utility belt, kerchief box, bayonet, scabbard, cartridge box sling, haversack and canteen just for starters. But new recruits don't need to buy everything at once. They can dip into the unit's lending closet for the first two years — a sort of boot camp period to see if 1860s' military life suits them. And because the Third Infantry Division is a registered non-profit organization, all items are tax deductible.

"As a general rule, people who get into this sort of thing have a strong interest in the Civil War beyond reading books about it," said private Jim Tate, who joined the infantry in 1999. "They want to understand what was going on in the mind of soldiers and what it was like to be in camp."

The group was formed in the late 1990s,



Children are shown the supplies that re-enactors would use during re-enactments.

and meets about once a month. Aside from actually fighting in 10 to 12 Civil War battles each year, members of the unit also participate in several living history events at places such as Fort C.F. Smith or Harper's Ferry. One site where the group frequently appears is Fort Ward, the Union fortification that defended the Leesburg and Alexandria turnpike — known today as Route 7.

"Sometimes people are standoffish about approaching the reenactors in a living history situation, but this is an event where they will set aside time to will explain the uniforms and talk about how people get into this hobby," said Wally Owen, curator at Fort Ward Museum in Alexandria. "It's a great event for someone who is generally inter-

ested in doing this kind of thing but might not know that much about it."

### Recruiting Day

Ever thought about donning a wool uniform or putting on a hoop skirt? Interested in portraying the lives of persons who experienced the Civil War? Find out about this hobby on "Recruiting Day" at Fort Ward Park on Feb. 28 from 1 to 4 p.m. Soldiers and civilians of the Third U.S. Regular Infantry will be on hand to talk about a soldier's uniform and equipment, demonstrate drills and explain the roles of military and civilian re-enactors. Visitors can also inquire about how to join local re-enactment units and learn what kind of clothing and equipment a novice re-enactor requires. For more information, call 703-838-4848.

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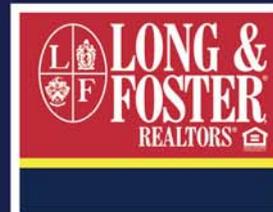
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**191 SOMERVELLE STREET #104**  
Alex / Cameron Station - \$399,000  
2Br, 2Ba condo boasts high ceilings, oversized windows, substantial mouldings and designer touches. It has a gas FP for fall/winter & small "bistro" patio for spring/summer. Off street pkg for 2 cars, bright southeast exposure & a view of the park. The charm, convenience & amenities of Cameron Station, complete the package.



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**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**642 SOUTH COLUMBUS STREET**  
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**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**2828 BRYAN STREET**  
Alexandria City - \$510,000  
FANTASTIC HOME FOR THE PRICE! All brick rambler w/3Br/2FBa, hardwood floors on main level, romantic LR FP & large LL family room! PLUS 1-car attached Garage! Nice slate patio off kit. Close-in location - Just over 1 mi to King St METRO. Dir: from King Street METRO: N King, L Janneys, R Taylor Run Pkwy, L Bryan



**Pat Wilson** 703.589.7279



**6044 REDWOOD LANE**  
Alexandria - \$525,000  
BEAUTIFUL HOME IN WILTON WOODS. This home offers so much that is new at a great price in a great neighborhood! Granite counters & SS appliances update the kitchen. New windows allow light & energy savings. Hwd flrs, great baths, & new carpet provide the finishing touches to this 5Br/3Ba home w/large family room & FP.



**Catherine Foltz** 703.626.6914



**6317 FORT HUNT ROAD**  
Alexandria - \$649,000  
JUST OFF THE PARKWAY, minutes from OT, DC and Reagan Airport, this excellent brick end TH features 4Br/3.5Ba & has been completely updated w/new kit, refinished hwd flrs, repainted, 2 FP, wet bar, rec room & bonus room opening to large enclosed garden. Large open rooms & plenty of parking. [bettyquirk.com](http://bettyquirk.com) or [liveinbellehaven.com](http://liveinbellehaven.com)



**Betty Quirk** 703.851.3447



**7119 COVENTRY ROAD**  
Alexandria - \$729,000  
STUNNING AND SPACIOUS. This 5Br/3.5Ba Colonial blends elegance & comfort. Highlights on the main level include a 2 story foyer, formal LR/DR, Family room, & gourmet kit w/SS appliances. There also is a w-out unfinished base, & a 2 car side load gar.



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**OPEN SUN. 1-4**  
**1820 T STREET, NW #6**  
WDC, Dupont - \$759,900  
Stunning tree top views from this loft style 2-lvl condo. Hwd floors, 2Br, 2 renovated Ba, Gourmet Kit w/BB, wood burning FP & wood stove in loft Br. Perfect for entertaining or stargazing from the 200 sq ft penthouse deck. Move in ready. 1 reserved pkg space conveys.



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Vaughn & Diane Paddock | 703 628-2828 Cameron Station

**Open Sunday 1-4**



**114 Hume Avenue | \$799,900**

Historic plaques, charming 1925 colonial with front porch that has been thoughtfully expanded with a rear two story addition. Center hall foyer, four fireplaces, four bedrooms, three and a half baths, pine floors and large rooms. Finished lower level with game room & storage. Screened porch with hot tub, deck, fenced yard and garage.

Sherry York | 703 625-3377 Del Ray

**Great Value**



**Prosperity Drive | \$699,000**

Attractive home, private location, set back off of the road. 3,209 sq ft of finished living space, side-load garage, fireplace, deck, two story foyer, family room off the kitchen, sun room and den or library. Master bedroom suite with sitting room and huge his/her bathroom. Other two bedrooms have their own baths. Unfinished basement is walks out level to side yard. Shows well. Bank-owned.

Sherry York | 703 625-3377 Fairfax

**New Listing—Open Sunday 1-4**



**4500 Neptune Drive | \$563,000**

Charming brick home in sought-after Yacht Haven. Four bedroom, 2.5 bath rambler located on one of George Washington's original five farms in Mount Vernon! Hardwood floors, remodeled kitchen & many other upgrades! Newer doors, appliances. Walk-out basement includes recreation room with fireplace and full wet bar and very large storage space. All reasonable offers considered! On the web www.4500NeptuneDr.

Rachel Carter | 703 851-4207 Mount Vernon

**New Listing**



**6300 Stevenson Ave #307 | \$210,000**

Wonderful condominium with granite counters, new kitchen cabinets, parquet flooring, ceramic tile floors in kitchen and bath and great closet space. Bath has new vanity with granite. Condo has balcony overlooking pool & woods plus 1 garage space & 1 surface parking space. Wonderful Sentinel amenities - security, fitness center, pool. Move in condition.

Yvonne Croft | 703 973-1540 Alexandria City

**New Listing**



**6324 Golf Course Square | \$595,000**

This charming 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath brick townhouse is the happy combination of space, location and price that you are looking for! Three finished floors offer lovely living room with crown molding, chair rail and decorative fireplace, separate dining room, table space in kitchen, 2 master bedrooms, one with wood-burning fireplace, & spacious family room w/second wood-burning fireplace that opens to enchanting private patio. Located just across the street from the Belle Haven Country Club, a short walk to the bike trail and the Potomac River and minutes to Old Town, the Beltway and DC.

Jeanne Warner | 703 980-9106 Belle Haven

**Open Sunday 1-4**



**409 North Columbus Street | \$799,000**

Historic Home built in 1890 with 12 foot ceilings, 2 fireplaces, wood floors, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, updated kitchen and fenced-in patio; this brick end townhome had great room sizes and tons of sun! From Washington and King Streets, north on Washington Street, left on Princess Street and right on Columbus Street to 409. Please call Bonnie Rivkin for more information 703.598.7788 www.VirginiaRealEstate4u.com

Bonnie Rivkin | 703 598-7788 Old Town

**Condos of Carlyle Square**



**520 Carlyle Street #233 | \$339,900**

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

Ed Pagett | 703 528-6161 Old Town

**New Listing**



**5509 Eyley Drive | \$595,000**

Beautiful large 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath townhouse facing lush, treed area in Kingstowne. If you are looking for a large dining space, this is it! Hardwood floors on main level, bump-outs on all three levels with sun-filled windows. Laundry on bedroom level, family room off open kitchen, gas fireplace, huge master bedroom suite. You'll love the red dining room!

Rita McCauley-Redmond | 703 447-9114 Kingstowne



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**227 North Lee Street**  
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**2303 Scroggins Road**  
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# ‘Hail to the Chief:’ Tribute

Walking Washington’s town from his youth to his funeral.

BY CHUCK HAGEE  
GAZETTE PACKET

The big parade is history for another year, as are all the events of the four-day week end holiday, now known as President’s Day, honoring the birthdays of our first and 16th presidents. But, a tribute to them and three other commanders-in-chief is alive and well at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., #327.

Entitled “Hail to the Chief,” this mini exhibit in the Alexandria Archaeology Museum on the center’s third floor showcases the presidencies of George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Ulysses Grant and William Henry Harrison through an array of artifacts unearthed in Alexandria. Centerpiece of the show is the 1797 medal commemorating Washington’s decision to step down as commander-in-chief.

“It is composed of items out of our collection from all over Alexandria,” said Alexandria City Archaeologist Pamela Cressey. Each item’s significance and history is described on an accompanying card.

“These artifacts were discovered over a period of time through a series of digs in various areas of the city. The oldest artifact on display is the commemorative medal which was discovered during a dig at Shuter’s Hill,” said Ruth Reeder, museum educator.

“It was actually discovered about 10 years ago but we didn’t realize what we had at that time. I Googled the medal and discovered it was much older than we had thought,” she said.

The medal had been on display at the Masonic Memorial Temple for a number of years on loan from the museum, according to Reeder. The free exhibit will be on display through Tuesday, March 31, during museum hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Visit alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-838-4399.

WITH WASHINGTON’S actual birthday being this Sunday, Feb. 22, those who want to know more about his life and times can take a self-guided walking tour of Alexandria sites associated with the first president. It explores many sites associated with Washington’s long relationship with this seaport city. Included are:

❖ Joseph Ingle Cabinet Shop, 112 S. Royal St., where Washington’s mahogany casket was made for \$99.25.

❖ Gadsby’s Tavern, 134 N. Royal St., a favorite Washington dining spot and watering hole.

❖ Light Horse Harry Lee’s house at 611 Cameron St. Lee wrote the famous words of Washington’s eulogy: “First in war. First in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen.”

❖ DuVall’s Tavern, 305 Cameron St, where Alexandrians had a reception in December 1783 honoring Washington upon his return from the Revolutionary War.

❖ Dr. Elisha Cullen Dick’s home at 209/211 Prince St. He was one of three physicians present at Washington’s death and conducted the full Masonic rites at Washington’s funeral.

All in all there are 21 sites on this tour. “Walking With Washington” brochures, with a map locating the various sites, are available at the museum.



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/GAZETTE

A rare 1797 medal commemorating George Washington’s refusal to accept a third term is part of the exhibit.

E-mail calendar announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, 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.

## ONGOING

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

Beginning Feb. 25, the **T.C. Williams High School Planetarium** will welcome the Alexandria community one night each month during the school year for a free hour-long show. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for “A Night With the Stars,” which will run from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Advance registration, required, www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/planetarium/ or 703-824-6805, ext. 6300.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 20

**Music Performance.** 8 p.m. at Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. The United States Air Force Band Chamber series plays music for the trombone. 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.

**Theater Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Wilburn Auditorium, 7630 Telegraph Road. Hayfield Secondary presents “The Pajama Game.” \$10/person. Visit www.hayfielddrama.com or 703-924-7400.

**Is for February.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 3-5 enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

**Lunch Bunch.** Noon at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Birth to age 5 can bring lunch and enjoy stories. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

**Opera.** 8:30 a.m. at John Adams Elementary School. Watch “Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters.” Free. 703-824-6970.

**WomenHeart.** 5-9 p.m. at Decorium Gift and Home, 116 King St. Learn about the risk factors for women’s heart disease. A portion of the proceeds benefit WomenHeart. Visit www.decoriumhome.com for more information.

## SATURDAY/FEB. 21

**Lecture.** 11 a.m. at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Learn about harvesting, preparation and consumption of foods of enslaved Virginians. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

**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.

**Propagation Series.** 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to make a light stand. \$55/all supplies provided. 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.

**Music Performance.** 8 p.m. at the Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Hear music by the American Balalaika Symphony. Visit www.balalaika.biz for ticket information.

**Dinner.** 5:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 6510 Fort Hunt Road. Enjoy a “50’s Diner.” 703-765-5003.

**Theater Performance.** 7:30 p.m. at Wilburn Auditorium, 7630 Telegraph Road. Hayfield Secondary presents “The Pajama Game.” \$10/person. Visit www.hayfielddrama.com or 703-924-7400.

**Music Performance.** 9 p.m. at O’Shaughnessy’s, 1324 King St. Hear Caustic Casanova perform. Free. Visit www.causticcasanova.com for more.

**Harambee Readers.** 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults discuss “In Search of Satisfaction” by J. California Cooper. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

**Jazz & Tap Dance Festival.** 8 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College – Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Enjoy performances by Synergy Hip Hop Dance Inc of Alexandria. \$20/adult; \$17/student, senior in advance. Visit www.jatdf.org or 703-543-6926.

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Jahi Hearse as Cool Papa in the MetroStage production of “Cool Papa’s Party,” running through March 15. Also Roz White and Gia Mora pictured in the photo. Call 703-548-9044 or visit www.metrostage.org. (photo credit: Colin Hovde)

## MetroStage Nominated

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first as a young girl and later as a grown woman.

Other northern Virginia theaters were conspicuous by their successes in this year’s round of nominations, most notably Arlington’s Signature Theatre which pulled in an astounding 39 nominations spread among work on six different shows. Synetic Theatre, which performs at the Spectrum in Rosslyn, had 10 nominations and Arena Stage drew eight nominations for work at its temporary home in Crystal City where they perform while their multi-theater campus in South-west Washington undergoes

massive construction and renovation.

The entire cast of Keegan Theatre’s production of “Translations” was nominated for the Canadian Embassy Award for Outstanding Ensemble, but that production by the Arlington-based theater company was mounted at the Church Street Playhouse in Washington and not in Arlington.

The winners will be announced at a gala celebration on April 13 at the Warner Theatre in Washington followed by an event at the JW Marriott Hotel, which has been termed “Washington’s biggest cast party.”

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**Art Reception.** 6-10 p.m. at AHM Gallery, 215 S. Union St. See photographs by Robert Cantrell. Free. 571-970-1466.

## SUNDAY/FEB. 22

**Music Performance.** 2 p.m. at Bishop Ireton, 201 Cambridge Road. The Marine Chamber Orchestra performs free. Visit [www.bishopireton.org](http://www.bishopireton.org) or 703-751-7606.

**Magestic Eagles.** 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. at Mason Neck State Park, 7301 High Point Road, Lorton. Observe these birds and learn about their lives. Free. 703-339-2385.

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

**Happy Real Birthday George.** Free admission to Mount Vernon Estate for anyone named George or those that celebrate a birthday that day. Visit <http://Visit.MountVernon.org> or 703-780-2000.

**Celebration of Pie Tea Program.** 1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn the stories behind the pies and sample them. \$25. 703-941-7987 to register.

**Garden Renovation Basics.** 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to renovate your garden. \$10. 703-642-5173.

**Jazz & Tap Dance Festival.** 4 p.m. at Northern Virginia Community College – Annandale Campus, 8333 Little River Turnpike. Enjoy performances by Synergy Hip Hop Dance Inc of Alexandria. \$20/adult; \$17/student, senior in advance. Visit [www.jatdf.org](http://www.jatdf.org) or 703-543-6926.

## MONDAY/FEB. 23

**Tavern Toddlers.** 10:30 a.m.-noon at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. Toddlers up to 36 months can enjoy games and more. \$7/group of three, one adult and 2 children; \$3/ additional person. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org) or 703-838-4242.

**Family Story Time.** 2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. All ages can enjoy an activity. Free. 703-642-5173.

**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.

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

**Writer's Group.** 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. All writers welcome. Free. 703-339-4610.

## TUESDAY/FEB. 24

**Author Talk.** 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams, 3330 King St. Author Daniel H. Pink will discuss "A Whole New Mind." Free. Visit [www.acps.k12.va.us/ptac/read.php](http://www.acps.k12.va.us/ptac/read.php) for more.

**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.

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**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.

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

**Author Speak.** 7:30 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King St. Daniel Pink will discuss "A Whole New Mind: Why Right Brainers Will Rule the Future." Free. 703-549-3865.

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 25

**Author Talk.** 7:30 p.m. at Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Local author Dominic Mumeka discusses "General Patton's Dark Secret." Free. 703-838-4566.

**Pajama Party.** 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children ages 3-6. 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.

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

**Lecture.** 7 p.m. at Virginia Tech

Alexandria Center, 1021 Prince St. James A. LaGro, Jr. presents "Adapting the Built Environment to Climate Change." Free. 703-706-8132.

**Writer's Group.** 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. All writers welcome. Free. 703-339-4610.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 26

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

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

**Short Story Discussion.** 7 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Call 703-519-3498 for stories.

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

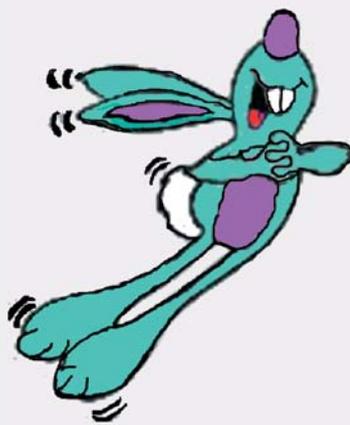
**Preschool Storytime.** 1 p.m. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 3-5 enjoy stories, songs and more. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

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

**Winter Community Party.** 7-9:30 p.m. at Alexandria House Community Room, Madison and Pitt Streets. \$15/single; \$25/couple, nonmembers \$20. Enjoy food and talk. 703-838-7603.

## FRIDAY/FEB. 27

**Opening Reception.** 7-9 p.m. The Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., presents "Object D'Art." Visit [www.thedelrayartisans.org](http://www.thedelrayartisans.org) or 703-838-4827.

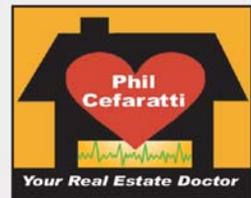


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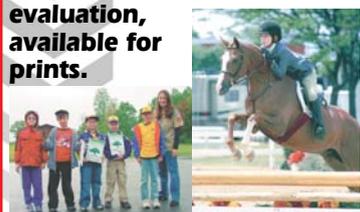
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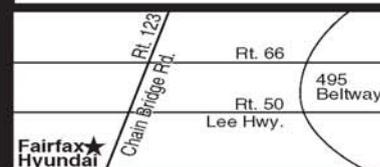
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# OPINION

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# Clinton in Richmond

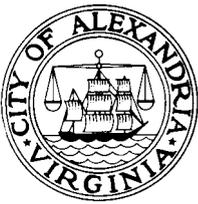
BY PATSY TICER  
STATE SENATE (D-30)

The week started early for Democrats in the legislature. There is an annual Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner which is a large and festive event at the Richmond Convention Center. The keynote speaker this year was Bill Clinton who gave his usual excellent and thoughtful speech. I thought his rhetoric was toned down this year because of the financial crisis we are all facing. It was no less inspiring however. All of the candidates for the Democratic primary for governor

spoke, many of whom had parties after the dinner. Since it was so late by then, I did not join any of them.

I was very proud to have Senator Saslaw's bill to make driving without a seat belt a primary instead of a secondary offense. The penalty is still very small, but the importance of "primary" is that the police and troopers can stop someone for not having a seat belt on. With a secondary offense, the driver must be breaking another law to be stopped. All law enforcement agencies, Triple A and insurance companies view this legislation as top priority for safety.

## Legal Notices



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, February 21, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the 1992 Master Plan (2008 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by city council to such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2008-0007 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2008-0007 to change the land use designation of the property at 520 South Van Dorn Street and 631, 641 South Pickett Street, from General Commercial to Mixed Use, and the proposed zoning designation of said property from I/Industrial and CG/Commercial General to CDD/ Coordinated Development District, and to increase the applicable height limitation from 50 feet to 60 feet.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 67.02 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 520 South Van Dorn Street and 631, 641 South Pickett Street from I/Industrial and CG/Commercial General to CDD/ Coordinated Development District, in accordance with the said zoning map amendment heretofore approved by city council as Rezoning No. 2008-0002.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2008-0002, to rezone the property at 520 South Van Dorn Street and 631, 641 South Pickett Street from I/Industrial and CG/Commercial General to CDD/ Coordinated Development District.

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AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Table I (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS) of Section 5-602(A), under Section 5-600 (CDD/COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS), by adding thereto a new CDD No. 17 (LANDMARK GATEWAY), and to amend and reordain Sheets 067.02-02-05, 067.02-02-06 and 067.02-02-07 of the "Official Zoning Map, Alexandria Virginia," adopted by Section 1-300 (OFFICIAL ZONING MAP AND DISTRICT BOUNDARIES), to designate land zoned CDD No. 17, all of heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2008-0009 and Rezoning No. 2008-0002.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2008-0009 and Rezoning No. 2008-0002, to establish a new CDD No. 17, for approximately 274,945 square feet of land known as 520 South Van

## Legal Notices

Dorn Street, and 631 & 641 South Pickett Street; Zoning and Tax Map Parcel Nos. 067.02-02-05, 067.02-02-06 and 067.02-02-07.

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PUBLIC HEARING on a report on the feasibility of redeveloping the old Safeway site located at the intersection of Mt. Vernon Avenue and West Glebe Road, 221 West Glebe Road.

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



## LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2009 - 7:30 PM  
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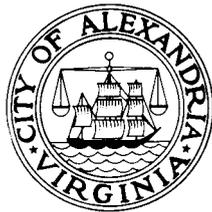
Information about these items may be obtained from the: Department of Planning and Zoning, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 838-4688

BZA CASE #2009-0002  
615 CRESTWOOD DRIVE  
R-8, RESIDENTIAL  
Alexandra Castro, owner: Special exception to construct a second story rear addition over the existing house 8.30 feet from the north side property line. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2009-0003  
1221 PRINCE STREET  
CL, COMMERCIAL  
Matt Newton, owner: Variance to construct a detached garage over an existing driveway and non required open space 3.50 feet from the east side property line, 0.50 feet from the west side property line and 2.03 feet from the north rear property line. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2009-0004  
907 SUMMIT AVENUE  
R-8, RESIDENTIAL  
Julie Wadler, owner, by Howard Maginniss, architect: Special exception to expand an attached garage 25.50 feet from the front property line facing Farm Road. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

## Legal Notices



## ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION

MARCH - 2009

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

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION  
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ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL  
SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2009  
9:30 AM, CITY HALL  
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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

Election of Planning Commission officers for Chairman and Vice Chairman. (Not a public hearing item.)

## TEXT AMENDMENT #2009-0001

### VALIDITY PERIODS FOR SITE PLANS

Consideration of a request for an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to extend the validity period of approved site plans. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning

## SMALL BUSINESS ZONING CHECKLISTS

Consideration of a request to adopt administrative special use permit checklists. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning

## BRADDOCK ROAD METRO IMPLEMENTATION FORMULAS

Consideration of a request to establish the Braddock Open Space and Community Amenities Funds and formulas for developer contributions for the Braddock Metro Neighborhood Plan Implementation Strategy. Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0092

217 KING STREET

Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned KR/King Street Retail.

Applicant: Mohammed Kabir

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0093

820 & 822 NORTH FAIRFAX STREET

Consideration of a request for an amendment to expand an existing restaurant and to allow additional seating and alcohol sales, and a request for a parking reduction; zoned CRMU-X/Commercial Residential Mixed Use (Old Town North).

Applicant: Ms. Perky, LLC by Philip McCombie

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0094

5308 & 5310 EISENHOWER AVENUE

Consideration of a request for an amendment to expand an existing amusement enterprise into a health and fitness club, increase hours of operation and for a parking reduction; zoned OCH/Office Commercial High.

Applicant: SportRock, Inc. Lillian Choa-Quinlan

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0095

411 EAST BRADDOCK ROAD (Parcel Address: 405 E. Braddock Road)

Consideration of a request for the continuance of a convenience store use; zoned CSL/ Commercial Service Low.

Applicant: 7-Eleven, Inc by Michael Vanderpool, Esquire

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2009-0001

## Legal Notices

2018 MT VERNON AVE

Consideration of a request to change the ownership of a restaurant and for a special use permit amendment to allow increased seating, delivery service, alcohol service, and a request for a parking reduction; zoned CL/Commercial Low.

Applicant: Tasneeya Gordon

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2009-0004

4007 MOUNT VERNON AVENUE

Consideration of a special use permit review for a convenience store; zoned NR/Neighborhood Retail. Applicant: UAC Land and Building t/a 24 Express by William Thomas, Jr., agent

## ENCROACHMENT #2008-0007

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0085

315 MADISON STREET (Parcel Address: 806 N. Fairfax St.)

Consideration of a request for an encroachment into the public right-of-way, a request for a special use permit amendment to allow outdoor seating at an existing restaurant, and a request for a parking reduction; zoned CRMU-X/ Commercial

Residential Mixed Use (Old Town North). Applicant: Mehran Nayeri

## SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2008-0084

## ENCROACHMENT #2008-0005

532 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET

## OFFICE BUILDING ADDITION

Consideration of a request for a parking reduction and a request to for an encroachment into the public right of way at an office building; zoned OC/Office Commercial. Applicant: North Parkway, LLC by Duncan Blair, attorney

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE HEARD BY PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY, (AND BY CITY COUNCIL ONLY UPON APPEAL.)

## DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN #2007-0011

532 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET

## OFFICE BUILDING ADDITION

Consideration of a request for a development site plan for an addition to an office building, a parking reduction and a request to for an encroachment into the public right of way; zoned OC/Office Commercial. Applicant: North Parkway, LLC by Duncan Blair, attorney

## DEVELOPMENT SITE PLAN #2009-0002

5200 FILLMORE AVENUE

ALL NATIONS CHURCH OF GOD - EXTENSION

Consideration of a request for an extension of a previously approved development site plan to construct an addition at a church; zoned R-12/Residential.

Applicant: All Nations Church of God

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Probate and Family Court Department

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, 2009. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action.

You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at WORCESTER. Witness, Denise Meagher, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Worcester, this 30th day of January, 2009.

Stephen G. Abraham  
Register of Probate Court

## Legal Notices



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review  
Old & Historic Alexandria District

## LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

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

CASE BAR2008-0158  
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 113 Princess St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Karl & Lydia Svoboda

CASE BAR2008-0159  
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 113 Princess St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Karl & Lydia Svoboda

CASE BAR2008-0251  
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 209 S. Fairfax St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond for Constance M. Locke & David Kiernan

CASE BAR2008-0252  
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 209 S. Fairfax St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond for Constance M. Locke & David Kiernan

CASE BAR2009-0007  
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 208 N. Fairfax St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

CASE BAR2009-0008  
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 208 N. Fairfax St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

CASE BAR2009-0015  
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 117 S. Lee St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Ken & Esther Carpi

CASE BAR2009-0016  
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 117 S. Lee St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Ken & Esther Carpi

CASE BAR2009-0015  
Request for approval of a waiver of HVAC screening requirement at 117 S. Lee St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Ken & Esther Carpi

CASE BAR2009-0019  
Request for approval of alterations at 605 Queen St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Paula & Brian Alprin

CASE BAR2009-0020  
Request for approval of signage & alterations at 320 King St, zoned KR King Street Retail. APPLICANT: Fransmart

CASE BAR2009-0021  
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 731 S. Pitt St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Dunstan Williams

CASE BAR2009-0022  
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 731 S. Pitt St, zoned RM Residential. APPLICANT: Dunstan Williams

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

## ABC License

Progressive Inc. trading as Brickhouse Family Restaurant, 8685 Richmond Highway, Alexandria VA 22309

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for Wine, Beer, and/or Mixed Beverages on premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Maribel Aliaga, owner

## ABC LICENSE

Dahab Beyene trading as Cafe Aurora, Inc, 50 S. Pickett St, unit 24, Alexandria, VA 22304.

The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Beer and Wine on premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Dahab Beyene, owner.

# Titans Turn To Tournament Time

**T.C. Williams boy's and girl's basketball teams are No. 1 seeds in district tournaments.**

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE GAZETTE PACKET

**T**C. Williams girl's basketball coach Cavanaugh Hagen almost cringes when the thought of last year's undefeated team losing in the first round of the Northern Region tournament is brought up. Hagen was an assistant for that squad and remembers how the focus had been so intently on getting to the state championship, it made ending the season earlier than expected that much harder to handle.

Much of the blame for that defeat to Robinson falls on the then-injured shoulder of star Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, who missed the game after dislocating her left shoulder in the Patriot District finals.

Healthy and riding a 15-game winning streak after blowing out West Potomac, 77-13, Tuesday in the first round of this year's Patriot District tournament, Hagen, Ruffin-Pratt, and the Titans have redemption — one game at a time — on their minds.

"We're excited, we've been waiting for the postseason for awhile," said senior Monica Fikes, who led No. 1 seed T.C. Williams against the eighth-seeded Wolverines with 16 points and nine rebounds. Earlier this week, Fikes was named second-team all-Patriot District. "It's gotta be one game at a time, but we're hoping to get the state title, too. ... I've only been thinking about what I need to differently [this year]."

"I think they know where we stand and where we want to be," said Hagen of her squad's mindset. "As long as we know that, I think we'll be fine."

**THE TITANS** haven't lost since before the New Year and for the second-consecutive



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET

**T.C. Williams sophomore Demi Williams goes up for a shot during Tuesday's first-round Patriot District playoff game against West Potomac. The Titans won, 77-13, moving onto Wednesday's semifinal round.**

**"We're excited, we've been waiting for the postseason for awhile."**

— T.C. Williams senior Monica Fikes

season went undefeated during regular season Patriot District play. The team has now won 39 straight district games.

Hagen said she has only brought the streak up once this season, during a 46-40 win over South County earlier this month when T.C. Williams (19-4 overall, 13-0 Patriot District) looked sluggish during the fourth quarter. She emphasized the high standards that the program has set for itself, but she believes those expectations fuel

this past weekend and all three Alexandria private high schools finished within the top-12 in the team competition.

Leading the way was **Episcopal**, who came in seventh-place overall with a team score of 136. The Maroon had no state champions, but plenty of strong showings, including third-place finishes from Quinn Caslow (112 pounds) and Alex Henry (285 pounds). Edward Pritchard (171 pounds) came in fourth place, while Hill DuBose (189 pounds) and Henry Eschman (215 pounds) came in fifth place in their respective weight classes.

The lone Alexandria state champion came from **St. Stephen's/St. Agnes**. Team captain and senior Everett Epstein won the 215-pound weight class crown. Other strong performances came from Tyler Haley (119 pounds) and Hank Couture (125 pounds), who both came in fifth place.



**T.C. Williams senior Dominique Copeland had five points in the Titans' first-round district playoff win over South County. T.C. Williams has now won 68 straight district games and moves onto the semifinal round Wednesday, after the Gazette Packet's press time.**

them. "We have a record to uphold," she said, "but I don't want them to feel scared of it."

What the rest of the region should be afraid of, though, is the fact that despite losing eight seniors from last season's team, this year's version of T.C. Williams girl's basketball appears to be playing its best with the pressure of the postseason beginning to mount.

The team will face Annandale Wednesday night in the district semifinals, after the Gazette Packet's press time. The winner would move onto the finals, which are scheduled to take place Friday night at Lake Braddock.

The Titans have already qualified for next week's Northern Region Tournament, where

they will return to exorcise some long time demons.

"I think about [last year] all the time," said Ruffin-Pratt, T.C. Williams all-time leading scorer. Last week, she was named the Patriot District Player of the Year and had her No. 4 jersey retired during Friday's regular-season finale against Hayfield, a game in which she scored 40 points. "These games are going to be the last of my high school career ... and I didn't like the feeling of losing."

**THE T.C. WILLIAMS BOY'S** team also entered the Patriot District tournament on a historic streak, having won 67 consecutive games against district foes. The No. 1 seed Titans upped it to 68 straight victories Tuesday, winning their first-round game against No. 8 seed South County, 82-50. Senior Marcus Via had a game-high 18 points, while co-Patriot District Player of the Year Edward Jenkins chipped in with 14 points.

But unlike last year's state-title winning squad that just seemed to dominate foes, these Titans have had to persevere much more during the regular season. T.C. Williams went 5-1 in games decided by five points or less this year, including two nail-biting district wins over No. 2 seed Hayfield and a one-point victory over Annandale.

Although T.C. Williams (21-2, 13-0) appears to just be rolling along once again, coach Julian King said the bevy of close calls has helped his team mature since many of its key players didn't get much playing time during last season's playoff run.

"A lot of these guys, it's their first time with large roles on this stage," said King. "The big thing with them is the experience factor and I think those close games really helped us out in the experience department."

The Titans will take on Lee in the semifinals of the Patriot District tournament Wednesday night, after the Gazette Packet's press time. The tournament finals are scheduled to take place at 9 p.m. at Lake Braddock. The Northern Region boy's tournament begins next week.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### IAC Playoff Basketball

The St. Stephen's/St. Agnes boy's basketball team won its first-round IAC playoff game over Bullis, 47-42, Tuesday night. The Saints now move onto the IAC semifinals Friday night against Landon.

Against Bullis, senior Ian McLeod led SSSAS (9-14) with 10 points, while junior Jack Hamilton and sophomore Dexter Lindsey had nine and eight points, respectively. Eight Saints players scored at least one point.

SSSAS lost both of its regular season contests against Landon.

Episcopal (14-6) defeated St. Alban's, 57-43, in its first-round game and will take on Georgetown Prep Friday night. Senior Yao Sithole led the Maroon with 19 points Tuesday night.

### Area Wrestling Results

The 2009 Virginia Independent School Athletic Association State Wrestling tournament was held



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER

**Freshman Abigail Cox of the T.C. Williams swim and dive team**

**Bishop Ireton** was led by Eliot Mondragon's (103 pounds) fourth-place finish. Mark Rodriguez (171 pounds) garnered fifth-place honors as well.

Meanwhile, **T.C. Williams** competed in the Northern Region Wrestling Championships last weekend. Omar Maknassi (112 pounds) led the Titans' contingent with a fifth-place finish. Brian Edwards (125 pounds), Conor Boyle (135 pounds), Alex Gomez (145 pounds), and Jesus Flores (171 pounds) all finished 1-2 at the tournament.

### Northern Region Swimming

The Northern Region Swim and Dive Championships were held this past weekend and two T.C. Williams swimmers stood out amongst their peers. Senior Larry Dow,

who broke two school records at last week's Patriot District meet, followed up his historic swims with a fourth-place showing in the 100-yard freestyle and ninth-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke. On the girl's side, freshman Abigail Cox came in 11<sup>th</sup> place in both the 500-yard freestyle and the 200-yard individual medley. The state meet takes place this weekend at George Mason University.

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## NEWS

# Shoplifting Crimes Spike

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you're never going to stop people from trying to get something for nothing," said Bob Lorensen, owner of the Virginia Store in Old Town. "But with the economy continuing to go down, I wouldn't be surprised if we continue to see increased shoplifting."

**POLICE OFFICIALS** are engaged in a number of efforts to combat the spike in shoplifting. At Landmark Mall, the Police Department has worked with retailers to increase visibility and "harden targets." When Capt. Hassan Aden noticed a spike in larceny crimes at the mall in late 2007, he moved an officer there full time to work against the shoplifting trend. Police officials worked with the mall management to renovate an unused satellite station and installed a Police Department kiosk where volunteers greet visitors. Officers were stationed at strategic locations to prevent people from driving away with merchandise, and cruisers were positioned to increase visibility.

"The statistics on shoplifting can be misleading because a lot of the crimes are never reported," said Aden. "But new technology in video surveillance has helped some of the bigger retailers fight against shoplifting."

Although stores like Macy's and Sears report a number of shoplifting crimes, Aden warned against assuming that means they are easy targets of shoplifters. Larger retailers typically have full-time staff members who detect shoplifting and report the crimes to police, which are then logged and become part of the record. But many of the smaller stores never realize that items are missing until an inventory is conducted. So the statistics present a paradox: Retailers that show a large number of shoplifting incidents are actively working against crime while stores that rarely report shoplifting crimes could be targeted by organized shoplifting rings.

"We've seen groups of people move up and down the East Coast who steal from Victoria's Secret," said Aden. "If a store puts something of value near the front of the store and nobody is there to greet people, those items will be stolen."

**AT POTOMAC YARD**, police officials are trying to organize a network of collaboration and communication between retailers. Next month, Capt. Eddie Reyes will be hosting a meeting between representatives of various retailers at Potomac Yard to launch the effort, which he hopes to maintain with monthly meetings as well as a secure online portal. Reyes described the strip mall as "one-stop shopping for criminals," with Target, T.J. Max, Sports Authority and Shoppers Food Warehouse reporting the brunt of the shoplifting incidents. Reyes said shoplifters typically try to conceal items like clothes, medicine, food or shoes in the

aisles.

"The shoplifters are seldom alone because they usually work in groups," said Reyes. "They try to use a group tactic to conceal what they are doing from the camera by positioning two or three people to shield against where they think the video camera is looking at them."

Reyes said that after the criminals are arrested, more stolen items are usually found in their vehicle. And the crimes are being reported with increasing frequency. During one recent two-week period, Reyes said, he recorded 20 incidents of larceny in the sector of the city he oversees as captain. When he began looking at the numbers, he realized that half of those cases were shoplifting crimes at Potomac Yard. That's when he said he decided to try to organize the network to keep retailers informed about what's happening at the other stores.

"Obviously the increase in shoplifting is a trend that's driven by the economy," said Reyes. "But another part of this story is the

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— Krista Boucher, deputy commonwealth's attorney

increase in technology that's helping the stores catch shoplifters, which contributes to a higher number of reported crimes."

**THOSE WHO ARE** found guilty of shoplifting at the city courthouse face sentencing that ranges from proba-

tion to 20 years in prison. Many who are found guilty are forced into a "shoplifting program," which attempts to modify behavior by preventing future shoplifting crimes. Prosecutors at the city courthouse say the criminals who perpetrate the crimes range from alcoholics who are looking for money to buy beer and wine to organized rings moving around the region in search of quick cash. As the economy has experienced trouble, they say, the number of cases has gone up.

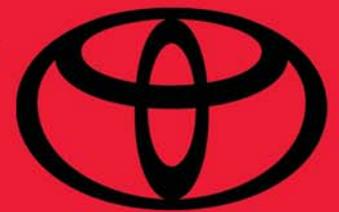
"Sometimes people steal things for their personal use and other times they'll steal a lot of one thing with the intention of reselling it," said Krista Boucher, deputy commonwealth's attorney. "Part of the problem is that there's a very large resale market out there and it's been there for the last five years."

Boucher said she's prosecuted cases in which people have stolen a host of items for resale, including products such as diabetic strips, toothpaste and deodorant. She described many of the repeat offenders who appear at the courthouse as "career thieves" who will walk into a CVS and try to walk out of the store with a large amount of toiletries. Others are more sophisticated criminals who might try to steal an expensive vacuum cleaner to sell on the black market.

"I have definitely seen a rise in the pettier crimes, which is probably a reaction to the economy," said Boucher. "People steal because it's easy, and there are lots of times when we don't catch them."

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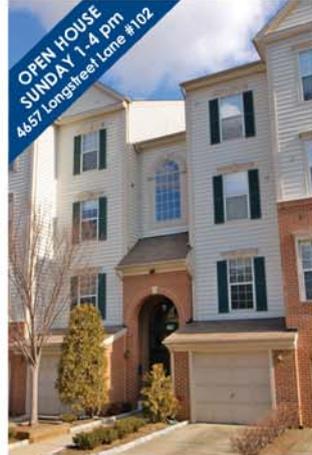


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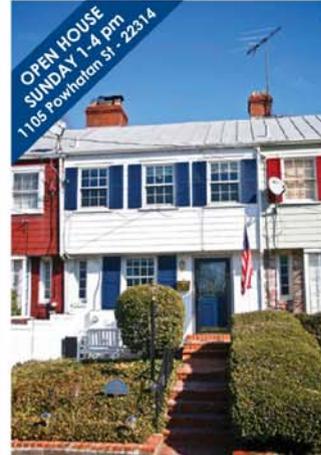
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