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An Icy Expense?

Renovation of Gadsby's Tavern ice well would cost \$400,000.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The intersection of Cameron and Royal streets is one of the most significant spots in Old Town Alexandria, a space where George Washington once dined and James Madison celebrated his election to the presidency. There at the southwest corner of the intersection, an ice well beckons from below the sidewalk — a submerged bit of history that helps tell the story of how Gadsby's Tavern used

“We wanted to find a way to draw people's attention to the ice well.”

— Lance Mallamo, director, Office of Historic Alexandria

frozen chunks of the Potomac River. But city officials are concerned that the ice well is hidden from view, with passersby barely noticing it as they walk along the sidewalk.

“I've seen people walk by

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Have an Opinion?

Gadsby's Tavern Museum is seeking input from the public on a proposed design to renovate the ice well at the southwest intersection of Cameron and Royal streets. The Office of Historic Alexandria has scheduled a meeting at Gadsby's Tavern on March 12 at 7 p.m. The current design can be viewed online by visiting historicalalexandria.org.

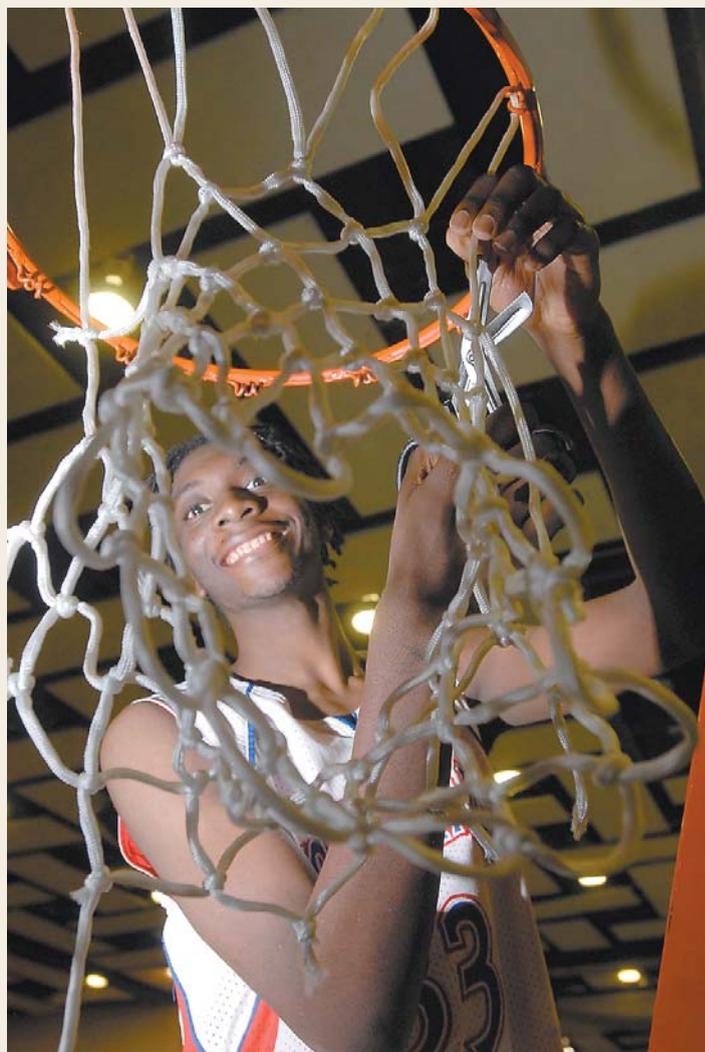


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T.C. Williams junior Billy Rowland, a transfer from Bishop Ireton this season, smiles as he cuts down the nets at Robinson High School after the Titan boy's team took home its third-consecutive Northern Region Championship with a 59-52 win over Hayfield.

‘Titan Swagger’ Nets Third-Straight Title

T.C. Williams boy's win Northern Region and advance to defend state championship.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

It wasn't as if T.C. Williams junior Billy Rowland didn't believe his new coach and teammates when they told him he was joining a dynasty, he just didn't have any hardware of his own to back up the claim.

While his teammates had the

confidence of last year's state title to back up their claims, Rowland, a transfer from nearby Bishop Ireton, “didn't have that Titan swagger yet,” according to fellow junior Ryan Yates.

Judging from the grin on his face after the T.C. Williams

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Inspectors Evaluate City Restaurants

Searching Alexandria kitchens to guard against food-borne illness.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

It was shortly after 11 a.m. one June morning last year when a health-code inspector showed up at Café Monti and began rooting around the Duke Street restaurant.

The unannounced inspection uncovered a number of problems, including spices stored on a tray with dead cockroaches, bread stored under lotions and rotting pieces of food on window shelves. In the basement of the Italian-Austrian restaurant, the inspector found tens of thousands of small dead insects — all over the floor, on storage boxes and behind the cooler unit.

“We had some really bad viola-

tions,” admitted Asif Hakim, manager of Café Monti. “But this is an old building, and the owner does not want to make changes. For us to really keep it clean, we would need to do a lot of renovation.”

The June 4 visit led to a follow-up inspection later that month, fil-

Going Out To Eat?

Health-code inspections for every restaurant in Alexandria are public documents, readily available online. To view reports from any restaurant, visit vdh.state.va.us.

ing a report noting that sliced tomatoes and cheese was not being stored at the proper temperature. The inspector also noted that the permit holder had failed to properly train the restaurant's employees on monitoring food temperatures, setting up a temperature log and designating a specific sink large enough to submerge large utensils for sanitation. On June 24, the inspector and an environmental-health su-

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Two More Candidates

Independents join City Council race against Republicans, Democrats.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

As if West End politics weren't already at the center of this year's campaign for City Council, two independent candidates entered the race this week challenging the incumbent members on their han-

dling of an asphalt plant and an ethanol loading station. Independent candidates Rich Williamson and Alicia Hughes filed paperwork with the city registrar's office this week declaring their candidacy as independent candidates for the May 5 election for City Council,

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Nine to Seven

How many public-housing commissioners does it take to screw in a light bulb? Seven? Nine? City Council members want residents' opinions, and they have scheduled a March 14 public hearing to get input. But the conversation may drag on much longer than that.

After abstaining from voting on a reappointment **Melvin Miller** in January, council members eventually relented and reappointed him while also opening the door to "reconstituting" the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority board of commissioners. Although several scenarios emerged for how that could be accomplished, the one that has been docketed for March 14 would reduce the number of current members from nine to seven. "I see no reason to move from nine to seven," said Miller. "I've been on a five-member board, a seven-member board and a nine-member board. There's nothing magical about the number; it's who is appointed to the positions that make a difference."

During several public discussions about their desire to reform the commission, council members have expressed concern that a lack of communication exists between commissioners and council members. So a number of reform measures were floated, although the only one that actually ended up on the docket was a proposal to reduce the membership. But even that doesn't seem to have much support beyond launching a discussion.

"I would argue that the seven-to-nine thing is a tactical element of the larger conversation rather than the leading issue," said Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. "My expectation is that on Tuesday at the City Council meeting, we will reframe the public hearing and probably set it for a different date."

Targeting the Distributors

Since 2004, members of the City Council have been receiving complaints about unwanted newspaper deliveries from the Washington Examiner. The papers stack up on lawns and in driveways, even when people call the newspaper's headquarters to complain. Determined to do something about the situation, Councilman **Justin Wilson** has been leading the effort to create a way for the city to take action.

After meeting with industry representatives and delaying action on several occasions, Wilson said the city government is finally ready to take action. The new plan will not involve a "do not deliver list" for newspapers, a tactic that could potentially expose the city to an expensive First Amendment lawsuit. Instead Wilson said city officials are crafting an ordinance that will target those who deliver the unwanted newspapers.

"The Examiner's big beef with the original proposal was that we couldn't punish the newspaper for something the distributor was doing wrong, which by the way I think is complete BS," said Wilson. "But the new version of the ordinance will very carefully tailoring our enforcement actions to the actual behavior instead of a more broad sweep." Wilson said he hopes the new ordinance could be adopted as early as March 14.

Too Much Discussion

The "Alexandria Way," a phrase that's often employed at City Hall, is typically understood in terms of quantity of discussion. Action is usually not taken until everyone has had a say — a process that can sometimes be mind-numbingly laborious. But that's democracy, at least that's how it works in Alexandria.

Yet not everybody is happy with the amount of talk that goes on in the city. Last weekend, City Council members heard from one city resident who would like to see a different model.

"I understand the strategy is to wear the citizens down," said **Annabelle Fisher**, a frequent critic of City Council.

Fisher said she would like to see the city get rid of most task forces, advisory groups and implementation committees, which she said make citizen input too cumbersome by discouraging widespread participation. Instead, she suggested, one or two community meetings could address neighborhood-planning goals. Meanwhile, Fisher suggested, the city could save money by hiring fewer consultants. "You've got to stop acting like NATO — no action talk only," said Fisher. "Make this an effort that works and not one that pits neighborhood against neighborhood."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

Salvation Army Gives Thanks

Record amount raised to bring food and gifts to the needy.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Before there was a social services arm of government, there was the Salvation Army. Today, it responds to ever-growing needs through the generosity of everyday citizens.

Saying thank you was what last Friday's luncheon at the headquarters of the Alexandria Citadel, Salvation Army, was all about. Standing before the group in a Bell Ringer Apron, Captain Ken Argot, head of the Alexandria Citadel, told his volunteers, "This apron is a symbol of service. And, we thank you for your service."

The luncheon at the Army's Mount Vernon Avenue headquarters was to recognize organizations and individuals who had served as "Bell Ringers" during the 2008 holiday season to raise money for the myriad Salvation Army social services. "2010 will mark the 125th anniversary of the Salvation Army's service in Alexandria," Argot told those attending the luncheon.

"I was new to this area before this holiday season and I misread the statistics. I thought that the largest amount raised by the bell ringers had been \$145,000 so I announced we'll raise \$150,000 this year [2008]," he said.

Argot discovered that his calculations had not considered several factors which lowered the actual previous Kettle Take considerably. But, he was stuck with the \$150,000 goal.

As it turned out, the Salvation Army Bell Ringers raised an unprecedented \$197,000 this past holiday season. "When people needed it most, the community gave," he said.

At the top of that donation effort was the Alexandria Rotary Club which collected \$15,400. As a result, Tom Roberts, Alexandria Rotary International, received the Iron Kettle Award from Argot.

"We asked each member to participate on a given Saturday. If they could not participate we asked them



PHOTO BY CHUCK HAGEE/THE GAZETTE

Captain Ken Argot (left), Salvation Army, Alexandria Citadel, presents the 2008 Iron Kettle Award to Tom Roberts, representing the Alexandria Rotary Club, for that organization's efforts in raising the most money during the Christmas Bell Ringing donation drive.

"When people needed it most, the community gave."

— **Capt. Kenneth R. Argot, Salvation Army, Alexandria Citadel**

to write a check for their normal working hourly rate. That is how we were able to raise so much," Roberts said in accepting the award.

John Grace accept the second place award for the Old Dominion Boat Club which raised \$2,360. Third place honors was accepted by Thomas DeMik for the Alexandria Kiwanis Club's efforts in collecting \$1,372.

But, the Army's holiday season efforts are not limited to Kettle donations. There is the Angel Tree Program, encouraging people to "adopt" a child and family for Christmas gifts; the Christmas Toy Shop, collecting tangible gifts for families; the Holiday Food Drive; and Christmas Assistance Applications.

Others recognized during the annual "thank you" luncheon were the Women's Auxiliary and the students of Tucker Elementary School. The latter collected more than 1,000 cans of various foods for the needy. More than 3,000 people received assistance this past Christmas season through toy and food distributions, according to Argot.

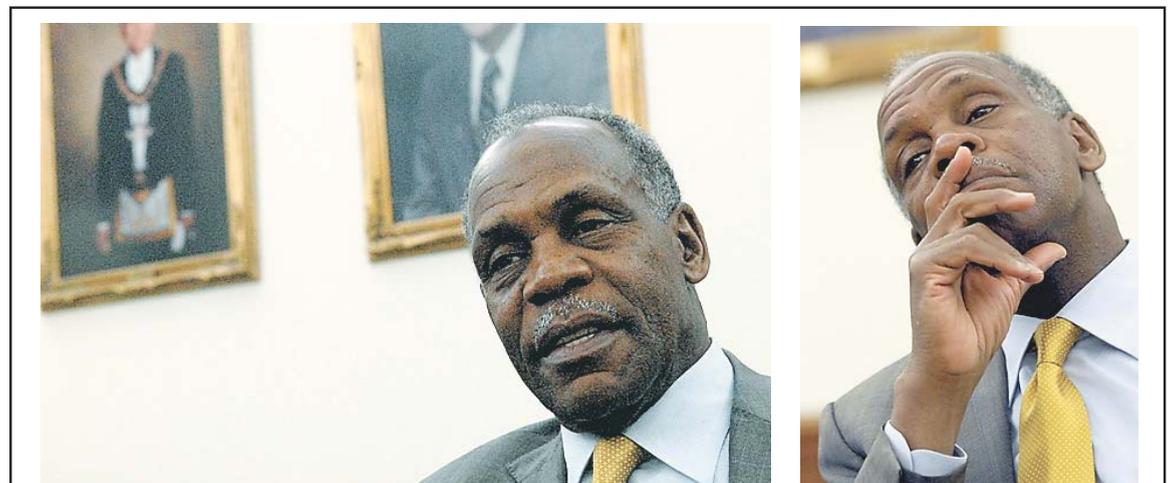


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Speaking on Race and Religion On Saturday afternoon, president of The Ancestral Healing Institute and editor-in-chief of AH! Cultural Recovery Magazine **Orisade Awodola** welcomed **Danny Glover** to Alexandria. Awodola organized the inaugural Cultural Recovery Forum on Race and Religion at the George Washington Masonic Temple. Glover, a writer, producer, director, actor, humanitarian and activist appeared as a special guest and speaker at the forum. For more information on the program and the institute visit www.ancestralhealing.net.

Local Bahá'í's Seek Spotlight on Iran

Freedom for religious leaders cuts across faith lines.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE

Sitting in his living room on Arlington Drive in the Alexandria part of Fairfax County, Parham Azadi was a long way from where he spent the first years of his life — in an Iranian prison. Although only a few months old in 1983, he had been imprisoned along with his parents and siblings by the Iranian government. He did not know freedom again until he was five.

His offense? He says the Iranian Revolutionary Government prosecuted and persecuted his family because they followed the Bahá'í religion.

Now the Bahá'í community of the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area, which totals approximately 3,000, of which an estimated 100 live in the Mount Vernon/Alexandria area, is desperately trying to raise local awareness of an impending trial in Iran of seven of its leaders. The outcome of that trial could result in their execution, according to William Collins, public information spokesperson for the Bahá'í of Mount Vernon District.

The seven leaders, five men and two women, were arrested and imprisoned in May 2008. They have been charged with "espionage for Israel, insulting religious sanctities, and propaganda against the Islamic Republic," according to Collins.

"But the real charge is that they are Bahá'í. The charges would be dropped if they renounced their faith and adopted the Muslim faith. That they will not do," he said. "If something goes wrong in Iran, no matter what — blame it on the Bahá'í."



Seated left to right are William Collins, Ala Motlagh, Shahram Samimi, Monika Ahmadpour, and Parham Azadi, members of the Baha'i community, who are attempting to raise awareness of circumstances surrounding the arrest and possible trial of seven of their leaders in Iran.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25, about 40 followers of the Bahá'í faith gathered at the Bahá'í Center on Eisenhower Avenue in Alexandria to conduct an hour-long prayer service for the imprisoned religious leaders. U.S. Representatives James P. Moran (D-8) and Frank R. Wolf (R-10) have co-sponsored legislation calling for Congress to express its disagreement with the treatment of Iranian Bahá'í's. The U.S. State Department has issued a formal rebuke.

Azadi, Shahram Samimi and his wife, Monika Ahmadpour, gathered at his apartment to tell their stories of persecution while living in Iran in an effort to raise support and awareness for their seven imprisoned leaders. In each case their only crime was their faith.

Now 27 and married, Azadi is a professional photographer and filmmaker. He had produced several ecology/nature documentaries and three short films before the Iranian government closed him down.

"I arrived at my studio early one morning and found the police there. They took everything, closed my office and said that I

could not do this anymore," he said.

"That's when my wife and I decided to leave. We crossed over into Turkey where we stayed for about a year. Then we were able to come to the United States," he said. They have been here about a year and a half.

They haven't had any problems since living here except maintaining employment. Azadi is enrolled in ESL classes at Northern Virginia Community College. He has not practiced his photography profession since he arrived.

"I love photography and I want to get back to it. I first got interested in it as a boy at 14 when it was a hobby," he said.

Samimi is presently employed as a warehouse worker in the District of Columbia. His wife, Monika, is a crafter who works from their home in the same apartment complex on Arlington Drive. They have four children — two small girls age four and six and two teenagers, a daughter 17 and son 16. "They are typical American teenagers," Monika said.

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Extortion, Guns, Fraud

BY KEN MOORE
THE GAZETTE PACKET

A three-year FBI investigation into extortion, gun distribution and visa and marriage fraud concluded with the sentencing of a seventh and final defendant in U.S. District Court in Alexandria Friday, Feb. 27.

The FBI investigation began in 2005 when Springfield resident, Amjad Mustafa Hamed, 32, attempted to purchase six U.S. visas from an FBI source to put on six Palestinian Authority passports smuggled into the United States, according to Joseph Persichini Jr., assistant director in charge of the FBI Washington Field Office.

Hamed, a lawful permanent resident, told the FBI source that he had six associates who wished to emigrate, and that was "only the beginning." If the source were successful, Hamed promised his connections would make the source a millionaire, according to Persichini.

Amjad Mustafa Hamed was sentenced to 18 months in prison for conspiracy to transport an illegal firearm and conspiracy to commit visa fraud.

During the sale of a sniper rifle to the FBI source, Amjad Hamed bragged how he could transport weapons to the middle of Lebanon and had access to at least 10 M-16 fully automatic rifles.

Ibrahim Fadel Hamed, 28 of Alexandria, told the source that he was the one who obtained the weapons and promised that he could "get more and better guns," according to Persichini. Ibrahim Hamed was sentenced to 10 months in prison after pleading guilty to conspiracy to transport an illegal firearm.

Several defendants approached the source to commit a variety of crimes for a fee, according to Persichini, including using force to collect an outstanding debt of \$38,000 from a man in Chicago. Akram Salih, 34 of Alexandria, accepted a \$10,000 payment after he believed the act had occurred. Salih was sentenced Friday to 12 months and one day in federal prison.

Sameh Ibrahim, 51 of Alexandria, was sentenced to 10 months in prison for conspiracy to bribe a customs agent and immigration fraud for involvement in a fraudulent marriage.

Sameh Ibrahim is a citizen of Egypt illegally in the United States, according to Persichini, as well as his son, Ayman Ibrahim, 22 of Alexandria, who was sentenced to four months in prison for helping his father's marriage fraud. Basem Ibrahim, 20, was sentenced to five months for assisting his father.

Mohammed Jameel Abdelazez, 46 of Alexandria, a lawful permanent resident, was sentenced to three years probation for conspiracy to bribe a federal agent, after attempting to arrange for a source to bribe a customs official.

All seven defendants were arrested Sept. 29, 2008.

BZA Backs Fannon on Site Dispute

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's Board of Zoning Appeal recently ruled 6-1 in favor of Thomas J. Fannon & Sons, Inc., in its dispute with the Alexandria Department of Planning & Zoning and its Director Faroll Hamer. The BZA decision upholds a decision by the City's former Planning Director Eileen Fogarty issued in 2003.

The dispute centered around the revocation by Hamer of a decision by Fogarty allowing certain business activities of Fannon Oil, formerly conducted at 1300 Duke St., to be transferred to 1200 Duke St. The 1200 Duke St. site is occupied by Thomas J. Fannon & Sons, Inc., a retail fuel oil dealer and provider of HVAC equipment sales and services. The 1300 Duke St. site was occupied by Fannon Petroleum Services, Inc., a wholesale petroleum products distributor.

In a Nov. 3, 2003 letter to Attorney

Duncan Blair, representing the Fannon enterprises at that time, Fogarty found the request to move certain reduced operations to 1200 Duke St. "do not change or intensify the grandfathered use, but are aspects of the same business that has operated on the site for over 50 years." Her approval also called for landscaping along Duke Street "in order to screen parking and activities that are proposed to occur there."

The property had been rezoned from industrial to commercial which triggered the controversy in the first place. And, the question arose as to whether or not a 1981 grandfathering ordinance addressing land uses in light of such rezoning changes was applicable to this site. In Fogarty's analysis it was.

In August 2008 Hamer revoked that analysis despite a warning by the City Attorney's office that such a revocation was contrary to Virginia law and most likely would be overturned. Fannon appealed the

revocation to the BZA.

In her letter of Aug. 8, 2008, Hamer based her decision to revoke the Fannon transfer of use, among other elements, on the company's failure to submit landscaping designs for 1200 Duke St. as requested in Fogarty's 2003 letter, even though Fogarty's letter gave no time frame for submitting the design. As a result of that non-compliance, in Hamer's analysis, she issued the revocation.

Hamer also stated in that letter, "All use of the 1200 Duke St. site authorized by the determination letter [Fogarty's approval] must cease immediately, and I so order. In particular, any and all fuel storage and/or delivery to the site are prohibited ... More generally, any changes to the business to permit Thomas J. Fannon and Sons, Inc., to operate independently of the 1300 Duke St. property are prohibited."

Fannon appealed that revocation to the

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DASH Hits 25th

DASH plans to celebrate its 25th Anniversary beginning Monday, March 9, by offering special promotions throughout 2009. A thank you to its loyal customers over the past quarter century, it is also designed to attract new riders.

The schedule of events marking this 25th Anniversary are as follows:

❖ **March 9 - DASH Appreciation Day:** Display of Alexandria Public School's Fourth Graders art work addressing the theme "DASH Around Alexandria."

❖ **March 10 - Alexandria Council Recognition of DASH:** Anniversary reception at 5:30 p.m. Vola Lawson lobby at City Hall. Recognition of winning fourth grader art work. Speakers include: Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille; ATC Chairman Paul Abramson; City Manager James Hartmann; VDRPT Acting Director Charles Badger; Former City Manager Vola Lawson; State Senator Patricia "Patsy" Ticer; and U.S. Rep. James P Moran (D-8).

❖ **March 11 - DASH Anniversary Day:** Tokens of appreciation given top customers; free "Mocha Shots" at King Street Metro Station 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wear your "I Love DASH" button and ride free all day.

❖ **March 12 - DASH employee appreciation day.**

❖ **March 13 - Drawing for free prizes:** Free DASH passes and other goodies. To participate in this event visit www.dashbus.com.

Throughout 2009 DASH will offer special promotions and gifts on a monthly basis according to that month's theme.

From Seventh Avenue to Lee Street

Kathlin Argiro returns to Alexandria with a trunk sale at Hannelore's.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A native of Alexandria, Kathlin Argiro launched her own New York fashion business in 1997. She will return to Alexandria this weekend for a trunk show at Hannelore's, which will take place on March 7 and 8.

How did you get into this line of work?

I actually got into it when I was 14. I couldn't find a dress to my first high-school dance. But I knew what I wanted, and I've always been artistic. So I sketched it, and just kept sketching until I kind of caught the fashion bug. I wanted to learn how to make the dresses, so my mom got me sewing lessons with a local bridal designer in Alexandria. Her name was Anna Lee, and she was located on Royal Street. So she taught me how to sew, and I kind of became her apprentice. And then I started making my first little sarong skirts, which I started to sell to my friends at school. They were a best seller, and I made out about 50 in three days. In the summers I would set up a stand at the Farmer's Market in Old Town and sell my wares there. When I was 16 I ended up doing an internship Aniko Gaal, who is

kind of a fixture in the social scene in D.C. and Alexandria. I ended up going to Parsons School of Design, where I graduated with one of the top honors, which is a gold thimble for eveningwear.

What do you like about this line of work?

I just have a God-given talent to design clothes, and I love fabrics. And I love pretty dresses. I love to make women look beautiful and feel good about themselves. It's very gratifying to be able to design something and turn your vision into a reality and then see gratified customers who love my clothes.

Although your fashion business started out as designing eveningwear, you eventually developed a special focus on graduation dresses and bridesmaids' dresses. How did you come to have this kind of focus?

Many private schools require their graduating seniors or eighth graders to get a very specific kind of white graduation dress. And there are all kinds of requirements for a certain strap width and a certain length. They are very hard to find, and since I graduated from a private Catholic school I have an unusual take on knowing those requirement and filling that void. It's great to have something in this economy that people have to purchase and cannot find. I honestly do not know of any other designer who specifically has a collection dedicated to white graduation dresses.

Why do you think that is?

I think that's the case because there are not many designers with my background having grown up going to private Catholic school and having to wear white gradua-



Kathlin Argiro



Some example's of Argiro designs of white graduation dresses.

tion dresses. I would even venture to say that I could be the only one on Seventh Avenue. Most people don't even know that this niche exists, and they're just not aware of the void. Also to get a designer who really knows how to design dresses that fulfill all these requirements but are still pretty, chic and feminine is not the easiest thing in the world.

What's involved with putting together a bridesmaid dress?

I have a unique niche in that my customers can create a semi-custom dress at basically the same price point as my competitors. They can pick one of the 25 silhouettes, one of the 15 different types of fabrics and numerous colors. And then they can also pick the trim, flower, belt and sash. The price range at retail is \$220 to \$320 on average. My signature is that they are all designed as regular ready-to-wear cocktail dresses.

What's involved with the trunk show this weekend?

There are not that many graduation-dress trunk shows, and

Hannelore's is such a great venue. And they are very good at doing these kinds of custom order dresses — obviously for bridesmaids and bridal gowns. So this is kind of a departure for them. The show will be pretty straightforward. I'll be bringing down lots of samples of my white dresses that represent all the different silhouettes, fabrics and treatments. I'm going to be there with my sales assistants, and we're going to be there all day, both Saturday and Sunday. And I'm excited to work with the customers one on one. We want to serve as many girls as possible, because it's getting down to the wire now with most graduations happening at the beginning of June. I would say about 50 percent of girls have already gotten their dresses, but the other 50 percent are sort of verging on panic mode. So we're trying to save them their panic. It's not something you just buy off the rack. It's a semi-custom dress, so it has to be ordered when I'm there this weekend so they can get delivery by the end of April.



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Taking On Iran

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“One of the Bahá’i teachings is that wherever Bahá’is reside they are bound to adhere to the laws and government rules of that country, except for denying their religious beliefs,” said Ala Motlagh, who has lived in the United States for 40 years and served as an interpreter during the interview.

Most Bahá’is residing in Northern Virginia are Americans by birth such as Collins, a native of upstate New York, who now resides in the Stonybrooke area of Lee District. He adopted the Bahá’i faith while a student at Middlebury College in Vermont.

Of the 100 Bahá’i in the Mount Vernon community, about 30 came from Iran, according to Collins. “The rest are Americans, Europeans, Central Americans, and others from throughout the world. Our biggest task here is to help the Iranian Bahá’is and reach out to the non-Bahá’i community to help us in this effort to have these people released from prison,” he said.

“We believe that one of the big issues, in addition to trying to make them recant their faith, is that the Bahá’i International Center is located in Haifa, Israel,” Collins said.

Site Dispute

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BZA which ruled in their favor. “I believe the BZA reached the correct decision in sustaining Mr. Fannon’s appeal and I also believe, that the evidence showed that the Planning Director acted illegally in revoking the zoning determination of 2003,” said Attorney Gifford R. Hampshire, representing Thomas J. Fannon & Sons, Inc., before the BZA.

The City now has 30 days from the Feb. 12-13, 2009 BZA ruling, to make a decision whether or not to appeal the BZA decision to the Circuit Court. However, the BZA will vote on findings of fact and conclusions submitted by Fannon and the City at a presently scheduled Friday, March 12 hearing.

The City is expected to argue that Fannon can not move ahead until they have submitted the landscaping plan. If they lose that argument, and the original BZA decision stands, it means they only have until Monday, March 16 to file an appeal with the Circuit Court.

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Independents Enter City Council Race

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each explaining they would have voted against doubling the hours of operation at Virginia Paving.

"I'm concerned that the City Council is not standing up for people who live in the West End," said Williamson, who lives in the Colonial Heights neighborhood. "Many of the people who bought houses in Cameron Station had no idea the asphalt plant would be operating 24 hours a day."

"This issue is of grave concern to people who live on the West End," said Hughes, who lives in the Landmark neighborhood. "I would have voted against extending the hours for Virginia Paving."

Williamson and Hughes were also critical of how the city government handled a West End ethanol loading station owned by Norfolk Southern last year, which was fully operational for seven weeks before the Alexandria Fire Department had the proper equipment to handle an emergency at the site. The two independent candidates join six Democrats and two Republicans who are vying for six available seats on the City Council. No candidates met the Tuesday deadline for challenging incumbent Democratic Mayor Bill Euille.

"Technically speaking, it would be possible for a write-in candidate to win in the mayoral election," said Registrar Tom Parks. "That would be highly unusual, historically speaking, but it would be possible."



Rich Williamson

WILLIAMSON, 37, is a native of Houston who spent part of his childhood at Marina Towers. After receiving a bachelor of arts degree in foreign service from Baylor University, he received a master of business administration degree from the University of Mississippi. He moved to Alexandria in 2000 and is currently a deputy domain manager for the Department of Defense. He served two years as president of the Colonial Heights Homeowners Association and one year as a member of the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission.

"I don't think we should be raising taxes during a recession," said Williamson, who said he would support freezing residential tax bills at 2008 levels. "And I doubt a city like Alexandria needs an \$80 million police station."

Williamson said he would also oppose new spending on infrastructure projects such as the new police headquarters until cuts to schools and services can be avoided. He also said his campaign would tap into anger over rush over traffic by advocating a synchronization of traffic lights on Duke Street. He said Duke street traffic lights should have the same kind of synchronization that commuters on Route One

benefit from.

"We need to take back our roads," he said.

HUGHES, 34, is a native of Memphis, Tenn., who received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Texas Southern University before receiving a juris doctorate from the University of Miami at Coral Gables. After spending a few years as a land-use attorney in Florida, she became a clerk for a federal judge in Alabama. She moved to Alexandria in 2007, and she is currently a member of the Early Childhood Commission.



Alicia Hughes

"The issues we are facing are not Democratic issues or Republican issues," said Hughes. "They are people issues and Alexandria issues."

Hughes said she disagrees with how the City Council handled the reappointment of Melvin Miller in January, with five of the six members abstaining from taking a vote rather than casting a ballot. The council eventually relented and renewed Miller's appointment, but also initiated a process to "reconstitute" the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority. Hughes said she felt the incumbent members who abstained from voting were not being transparent about their intentions.

"Whatever their concerns were, they should have been made on the record," she said.

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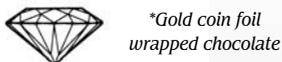
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Health-Code Inspections Evaluate Restaurants

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pervisor conducted an administrative conference with the restaurant's management, with health-code officials stressing the importance of training the restaurant's staff on the proper way to handle food and maintain safety.

"The restaurant has been kept clean since we had the conference with the Health Department," said Hakim, whose mother has owned the restaurant since 1999. "They have showed up a couple of times since then, and they've been very happy with the changes we've made."

SINCE 1948, RESTAURANTS across Virginia have been subjected to health-code inspections. According to the Virginia Department of Health, the most common violation is the improper handling of potentially hazardous foods, which must be kept in holding at specific temperatures. Between January and October of 2007, for example, the Health Department issued 9,700 critical violations for not keeping foods at the proper tempera-

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— **Kenny Mitchell,**
general manager, **Murphy's Irish Pub.**

ture to prevent the growth of harmful bacteria. State officials say this is one of the most important aspects to the work of restaurant inspections.

"One of the most significant issues in restaurant inspections from a public health view is temperature control, including improper temperature of stored, potentially hazardous foods, such as meats, dairy products and eggs," said department spokeswoman A.J. Hostetler in a written response to questions.

As with many states, Virginia evalu-



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Health-code inspectors found thousands of dead insects in the basement of Café Monti last summer, but after an administrative conference with the Alexandria Health Department, the problems have been resolved.

ates restaurants on critical violations and non-critical violations, with the more serious designation reserved for those that pose a direct or immediate threat to the safety of the food being served. Non-critical violations represent a failure of cleaning or maintenance. Reports from all inspections are available on the Health Department's Web site, but officials warn that the violations noted in the reports might not be as bad as they seem.

"Some of the things might seem awful to us, but in the world of food inspection it's nothing," said Maribeth Brewster, a Northern Virginia regional public-information officer for the Health Department.

"Of course there are some people who think that any violation of the food supply would be critical."

FOR RESTAURANT OWNERS, the idea of a health-code inspector showing up unannounced is a lingering anxiety. Each Virginia restaurant generally receives one to four inspections per year, depending on the complexity of the menu, how much food is made from raw products and how much is made in advance rather than cooked-to-order. Some restaurant managers say interpreting the health-code guidelines can be a

subjective, changing with the whims of individual inspectors on a given day.

"Sometimes it seems like if they are in a bad mood, they'll come in and get you for nothing," said Fawad Abbasi, manager of the Afghan Restaurant. "We had the back door open once because we were waiting for a delivery, but when the inspector showed up with no warning that became a violation."

Health officials warn the inspection reports are merely a snapshot of the day and time of the inspection. On any given day, they say, a restaurant could have fewer or more violations than noted in the report. Other times, violations that are noted on the report are corrected during the inspection. In many cases, restaurants can acquire a large amount of violations when follow-up inspections are conducted after routine inspections, sometimes occurring after a day or two.

"As much as we don't like to see them come in, it's an important part of the process of running a business," said Kenny Mitchell, general manager of Murphy's Irish Pub. "The large majority of them are minor citations, and not things you're going to get closed down for."

A REVIEW OF ALL inspections that took place in 2008 showed a wide disparity in

Top Ten Restaurant Code Violators in 2008

Café Monti	24	57
Afghan Restaurant	17	55
Gadsby's Tavern	19	53
SouthSide 815	22	47
Majestic Café	19	47
Fireflies	19	38
Hoffman Eatery	18	38
Murphy's Irish Pub	18	36
Carlyle Club	17	34
Plaza Gourmet	18	32
violations	critical	overall

SOURCE: Virginia Department of Health

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the kind of violations that were issued by health-code inspectors. Some institutional food operations such as Alexandria County Day School and Alexandria City Public Schools had the fewest number of infractions. For restaurants, the violations ranged from employees wearing jewelry while preparing food, which was observed at Gadsby's Tavern, to raw meats being stored in such a manner that may cause cross contamination, which was cited at Majestic Café.

"The most important violations are the things that are most likely to contribute to food-borne illness," said Bob Custard, an environmental health manager for the Alexandria Health Department. "There's a fair amount of employee turnover in many restaurants, and it's a constant strain to be training new employees on food handling practices that prevent food-borne illnesses."

Since the 1930s, restaurants in the city of Alexandria have operated under a food ordinance that adopts standards created by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Although officials say restaurants in Alexandria rarely have their permits revoked, the city will often temporarily suspend a permit if inspectors find a mass infestation of rodents or a refrigerator that is not working. Sometimes a violation that might seem to be very serious to the untrained eye — such as the tens of thousands of dead insects on the basement floor at Café Monti — are not listed as critical.

"When you see dead insects, that usually means the restaurant is taking steps to the control the problem because they are dead," said Custard. "I would be a lot more concerned about live insects, especially if they were getting into food products."

City Selects EDAW as Waterfront Planning Consultants

Alexandria-based EDAW has been selected as the planning consultants to lead the long-awaited Waterfront Plan development. The international planning firm, with offices on Prince Street, has wide-ranging experience in waterfront planning having worked on a variety of projects nationally and throughout the world.

Locally, EDAW prepared the 1983 Waterfront Design Guidelines and worked on the Jones Point Park Plan to name two of its City projects. The EDAW team will ad-

vised on land use planning, land use economics, transportation and parking, urban design, environmental planning, marine engineering, historic and cultural resources, and facilitate citizen involvement meetings.

EDAW Principal Alan Harwood, an Alexandria resident, will serve as project director and Andrea Sweigart, senior associate, EDAW, will be project manager. The first phase of the process will focus on conditions analysis, according to Sweigart.

The City is considering using a new process for the project that will highlight diverse community involvement and interactive design workshops combined with EDAW's professional expertise. The plan will cover the area from Jones Point Park on the south to Daingerfield Island on the north; from Union Street, south of Queen Street, and Fairfax Street, north of Queen Street, and Bashford Lane to the George Washington Memorial Parkway.

To maximize participation from city residents, a series of public meetings are being

considered in lieu of appointing a limited advisory group, according to the Department of Planning and Zoning. The Planning Commission will play an active role in guiding the overall process. The public portion of that process is anticipated to take approximately 18 months.

"We are fortunate to get an internationally recognized land use planning firm with extensive waterfront planning experience to assist the City with this important planning process," said Faroll Hamer, director, Planning and Zoning Department.

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OTHER ITEMS

The City of Alexandria is offering **free tax preparation** assistance to qualified residents during the 2009 tax season. Tax preparation sessions are scheduled from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturdays, beginning Feb. 7, and from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Wednesdays, **through April 15**. The sessions will be held in the lobby of the Alexandria Department of Human Services, 2525 Mount Vernon Ave. Contact Suzanne Kratzok, coordinator of community resources, at 703-838-0762 (703-836-1493 TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the session residents wish to attend.

The **Alexandria Community Services Board (CSB) has vacancies**. The CSB has the responsibility for policy and budget direction, project development, and program oversight for mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services in the City of Alexandria. Meetings are held once a month on the second Thursday of the month. To apply, visit <http://alexandriava.gov/boards/default.aspx>.

The Alexandria Historical Society is calling for nominations for the **2009 Alexandria History Award**, to be presented to a person or persons who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural, and artistic heritage of Alexandria. Nominations should be mailed by **March 9** to the Office of Historic Alexandria, 220 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. For more information about the 2009 History Award, contact Douglas Thurman of Alexandria Historical Society at 703-548-7052.

Applications are now being accepted for the **Alexandria Marketing Fund**, a program administered by the Alexandria Marketing Committee. For more information or to apply, visit alexandriava.gov/marketingfund. The deadline for applications is Monday, **March 16**.

The City of Alexandria has begun mailing applications for the **City's Tax Relief Programs** for the Elderly or Totally and Permanently Disabled. All previous participants and those who have requested applications will be receiving the materials. If at least 65 years of age as of Nov. 15, 2009, or are

permanently and totally disabled, a resident may qualify. For more information or to obtain an application, visit www.alexandriava.gov/taxrelief or contact Taxpayer Services at taxrelief@alexandriava.gov or 703-838-4572.

Participate in the **ALIVE! Online Auction 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/>.

Yoga in Daily Life, 2401 Mount Vernon Ave., is holding a five-day program including talks, discussions and programs **from March 13-17**. Visit www.yogaindailylifeus.org or 703-299-8946 for the schedule and reservations.

The **Alexandria Aces Collegiate Summer Baseball Club**, the eighth and newest franchise of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Collegiate Baseball League, is looking for host families for the upcoming 2009 season. To volunteer as a host family, contact Aces general manager, Brian Midkiff, at 703-232-8869, or e-mail Brian at brian@alexandriaaces.org.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

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THURSDAY/MARCH 12

Meeting, 7:45 p.m. at Paul Spring Retirement Community, 7116 Fort Hunt Road. "The World's Diminishing Oil." Free. Visit lwv-fairfax.org or 703-658-9150.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Last Day for Harvest for the Hungry, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Coldwell Banker, 310 King St. Donate food to help the Capital Area Food Bank. Drop off canned foods, including fish, chicken, fruit, vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, hygiene products and more. Visit www.cbmove.com/harvest or 703-518-8300.

MONDAY/MARCH 16

Adoption Preparation Class, 6-8 p.m. at ACW, 100 Daingerfield Road. Learn about effects of orphanage life on a child and more. \$125/person. RSVP by calling 703-549-7774.



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Making the Most of a Snow Day

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Reconsider Library Cuts

To the Editor:

An open letter to the Mayor and City Council:

As a resident of Old Town, I am extremely disappointed in the city's move to slash both hours and staff for its Queen Street library's local history and special collections and to freeze the collection's acquisitions.

Alexandria owns a precious asset in its primary sources of early American history and in the many valuable studies that historians have developed from these. Few other U.S. communities can claim such treasures.

The department is a magnet for scholars from around the world and its staff members are extraordinary in their helpfulness and their passion for research.

I hope that you and the library's board will reconsider these decisions. Surely, there are other areas where fiscal pruning would do less damage to the city's soul.

Diane Riker
Alexandria

Helping City Budget

To the Editor:

Florence Foelak's letter advising that the city eliminate the George Washington, St. Patrick's Day and Scottish Walk parades as cost-saving measures was very timely.

Unlike the George Washington parade, which is organized and funded by the city, the St. Patrick's Day parade is organized and primarily funded by the Ballyshanners. The Ballyshanners (Gaelic for "Old Towners") is a non-profit group of volunteers. Through events such as the Irish Festival held each summer, ad sales through the parade's program, and our annual parade fund-raiser auction, we provide private support to bring thousands of attendees and parade participants into our city.

In addition to a small stipend, the city of Alexandria provides a subsidy for the parade and in-kind contributions attributable to time spent by Alexandria Police and the city's Parks and Recreation staff. All of those subsidies cover approximately 10 percent of the parade's operating budget. Our fund-raising activities account for the remaining 90 percent.

Numerous businesses in Old Town have reported that St. Patrick's Day parade day is their largest business day of the year. The lines into coffee shops are out

the doors. Restaurants and pubs are packed with visitors before and after the parade. Parking garages are full. After the parade, attendees stay and shop. All of these sales add tax dollars to the city's coffers.

The Ballyshanners have been proud to work with Alexandria leaders, staff and the police department to provide an event that showcases our city to visitors who come here specifically to see the parade. We have been pleased to donate the time, energy and funding that it takes to make parade day a major (if not the largest) single-day contributor to Alexandria's tax revenues.

We welcome Ms. Foelak, all Alexandrians, their friends and visitors to join us on Saturday, March 7, at 12:30 p.m. for the 28th Annual Alexandria St. Patrick's Day parade.

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City's Failing Its Residents

To the Editor:

Last week, I received a threatening letter from the city's Department of Finance/Revenue Division/Tax Services and Enforcement Branch, under Supervisor Isiah Speller's signature, with a headline in large bold font, "Notice of Intent to Issue Warrant." Other threats in the letter included, "Demand For Payment In Full" within seven days (what if I had been on vacation, in the hospital or traveling for work?) and stated that failure to comply might result in "Sale of Your Property by the Sheriff at Public Auction," "The Placement of a Lien Upon Your Wages and/or Bank Accounts" or "Publication of Your Name" in a local paper and/or the City's internet Web site. Additionally, I was threatened in this missive with unspecified administrative fees, court costs and additional interest. After these ominous warnings, a last sentence read, "If our records are incorrect or if you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact this office immediately"

I called promptly and lodged a protest with the tone of the letter, especially since this is the second time I received such a nasty-gram

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Torpedo Factory artists Alison Sigethy and Lisa Schumaier pose with the completed sculptures.

Fluffy Snow Sculptures

With the first real snowfall of the season, Torpedo Factory artist Alison Sigethy enlisted a few friends and set out to make a few snow sculptures on the City Dock.

The snow was so powdery that it was difficult to pack. The first sculpture of the Torpedo Factory Man was scaled back. Later factory artist Lisa Schumaier arrived and set to work on making a Snow Dog for the Factory Man.



THE TORPEDO FACTORY PHOTO

Diya Hajara, Claire Mouldoux and Alison Sigethy work on building the Torpedo Factory Man in the freshly fallen snow.

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OPINION

Stimulus Money Helps State

BY PATSY TICER
STATE SENATE (D-30)

The Senate adjourned sine die Saturday night at 9:30. It had been a mystery the day before and even during the day Saturday to see if we could possibly get through all the conference committee reports, the budget and waiting for agreement on the appointment of judges throughout the state. It was amazing to me that the House approved the budget conference report even before the Senate did this year. We think it may be because this is an election year for

the House members and they wanted to get home to begin campaigning. Actually, the conference committee members finished negotiations at midnight Friday and had an agreement. It wasn't easy, but all 12 conference committee members worked extremely hard and resolved a lot of differences in a relatively short time. Many cuts that had been made in the budget because of the \$3.7 billion shortfall were partially restored by the stimulus money which in most cases will be gone by 2011, many lay-offs have been forestalled by restoring K-12 funding, college money, Medicaid money and mental health waiver money. Without the stimulus money which has focused on core values during this economic crisis as has the state, we could not have continued to expedite job creating construction projects, acted to bring new business into Virginia and protected public safety by partially restoring cuts previously made to sheriffs and constitutional officers. The funding for colleges will probably keep tuition from increasing more than 5 percent at most.

There have been bills to encourage better energy efficiency, to raise Virginia's renewable portfolio standard and refine our bio-fuels program to give greater incentives to bio-fuels that don't compete with food supplies. We have finally passed a bill to protect Virginians from second-hand smoke by prohibiting smoking in most restaurants and bars and we have promoted smarter land use and transporta-

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OBITUARIES

Thomas Joshua Cooper

Thomas Joshua Cooper, 65, of Alexandria, a captain in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and an import/export lawyer with Venable LLP, died Feb. 27, 2009 of cancer at Montgomery Hospice Casey House in Rockville.

Mr. Cooper was the son of the late Rear Admiral Joshua W. and Rena McIntosh Cooper of Alexandria, and was educated in numerous places in the United States and Europe, graduating from the Dreux American High School in France. He returned to the Washington area in 1962 to attend The George Washington University, receiving his A.B. in International Affairs in 1966.

In 1967, Mr. Cooper was commissioned in the Air Force and served at Myrtle Beach Air Force Base, S.C., as the Logistics Plans Officer for the 354th Tactical Fighter Wing. He was promoted to Captain in 1970 and completed four years of active service in 1971.

He returned to The George Washington University and earned his A.M. in International Affairs that year, followed by Tulane Law School, from which he received a J.D. in 1974.

Mr. Cooper returned to Washington and joined the staff of Congressman Louis C. Wyman (R-New Hampshire) as Legislative Assistant. In 1975 he became the Minority Counsel to the Committee on House Admin-

istration where he assisted in the preparation of a major amendment to the Federal Election Campaign Act, worked on the resolution of contested elections by the House and participated in deliberations involving the scandal of Congressman Wayne Hays. From 1977 to 1979 he was the Executive Assistant to a member of the Federal Election Commission where he participated in all aspects of implementing the Federal Election Campaign Act. In 1979 he was selected by Congressman Matthew J. Rinaldo (R-New Jersey) to be his Administrative Assistant.

In 1982 Mr. Cooper moved to the Department of Commerce where he served for four years, first as Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Enforcement and then as Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

Upon leaving government service in 1986, Mr. Cooper joined Weadon, Dibble and Rehm, a small law firm dealing in trade restrictions. That firm was absorbed by the firm now known as Venable LLP. Mr. Cooper earned promotion to partner and continued to expand his client base with principal focus on import/export issues until shortly before his death.

Mr. Cooper will be buried with full military honors with his parents at the U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery in Annapolis.

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Irish To March on King Street

Classic Car Show and Fun Dog Show to precede parade on March 7.

BY CHUCK HAGEE
GAZETTE PACKET

Beginning this weekend Irish flags will again decorate the light standards on King Street from the river to the Metro station. It is the annual announcement of the approaching St. Patrick's Day Parade always held the first Saturday in March.

"This parade draws the biggest crowds into Old Town of any event all year."

— Pat Troy, chair, Ballyshaners

Marking its 28th anniversary, this year's parade with step off from King and West streets at 12:30 p.m. on March 7 led by the Military Honor Guard from the Military District of Washington. It will proceed down King Street to the reviewing stand at King and Royal streets.

James V. Kimsey, founding CEO of America Online and founder of the Kimsey Foundation, established in 1996 to provide grants to the arts and education in the Washington area, has been named the 2009 Grand Marshal.

A native Washingtonian, Kimsey attended the United States Military Academy at West Point and served three combat tours as an airborne ranger, two in Vietnam. In 2005 he

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HISTORY

Preparing for Inauguration

Old Town readies itself for a banquet honoring election of James Madison.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Thought inaugural fever had passed? Think again. Old Town Alexandria is readying itself for yet another inauguration. No, it's not for Brian Moran's gubernatorial inauguration or even for a seemingly distant 2013 festivities. It's for a re-enactment of the 1809 inaugural banquet of James Madison. The event will feature speeches from former President Thomas Jefferson, President James Madison, Vice President George Clinton, Speaker of the House Joseph Varnum, Secretary of State Robert Smith and Alexandria Mayor William Herbert. The menu will be based on a newspaper advertisement found in the pages of the Alexandria Gazette.

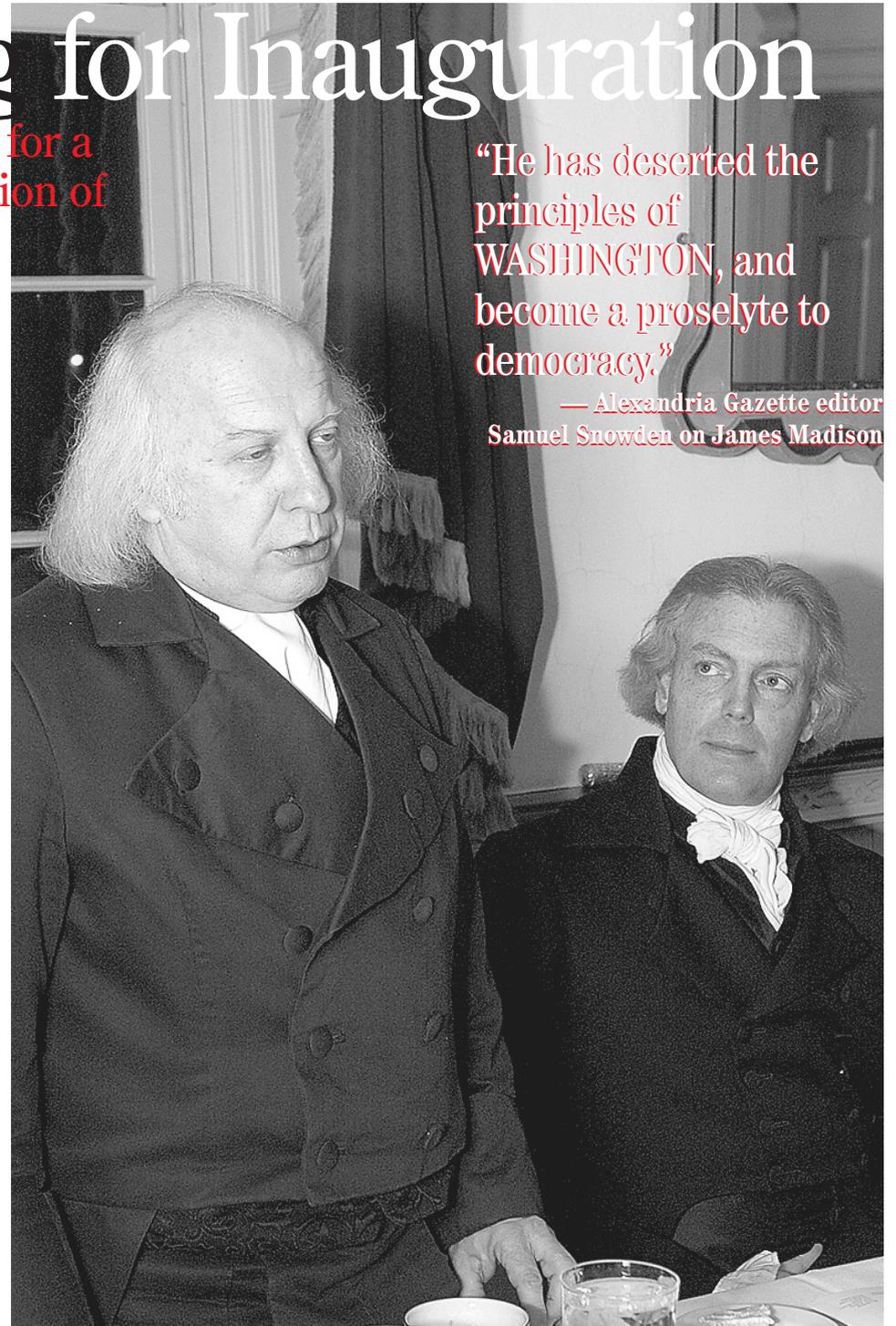
"I wish to purchase eight dozen young Chickens, four roasting Pigs, and 12 young Turkey-hens, of the best quality, for which I will give an extra price if delivered by Monday evening," wrote tavern manager William Caton in a 1809 Gazette advertisement. "I will likewise give EIGHT DOLLARS per bushel for *Green Peas*, delivered as above."

In addition to the foods Caton specifically requested in the advertisement, the event will also feature a host of seasonal vegetables that would have been available in Marcy 1809—lettuce, parsley, spinach, radishes, asparagus, broccoli, cucumbers, cabbage and turnips. The banquet will open with a soup and salad, followed by boeuf à la mode and galantine of chicken then vanilla-bean ice cream — although planners said they considered oyster ice cream, which was apparently popular at the time. The meal will conclude with a fruit-and-nut course, which was traditional feature of fine dining of the era.

"The menu isn't all that different than what people might eat today, but it's a much more formal service — and they drank so much more than we do," said Ric Marino, co-owner of Well Done Catering. "Our staff will be in period dress and we'll change the tablecloth between the each course."

THE RECENTLY CONCLUDED election of 1808 will undoubtedly be a hot topic of the day, with Madison and Clinton edging out Federalist candidates Charles Pickney and Rufus King. Although Pickney and the Federalists won most of the New England votes as the Federalists gained seats on the Congress, the Jeffersonian "Democratic Republicans" won twice as many votes in the Electoral College. But Madison was not all that popular in Alexandria.

"He has deserted the principles of WASHINGTON, and become a proselyte to democracy," wrote Alexandria Gazette editor Samuel Snowden in October 1808. "We consider him as having submitted, without



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— Alexandria Gazette editor Samuel Snowden on James Madison

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

Former President Thomas Jefferson (right) will be at the Inaugural banquet of President James Madison (left).

Madison's Inauguration

Historic Gadsby's Tavern will be hosting a re-enactment of James Madison's 1809 inaugural banquet on March 14. The banquet will begin at 8 p.m. and will include period music and a full four-course dinner with wines paired to complement early 19th-century food. Tickets for dinner are \$100 per person, and additional sponsorship levels include a special VIP cocktail reception with Presidents Madison and Jefferson at 7 p.m. Formal attire or 1809 period dress is encouraged, and proceeds from the event benefit the Museum's educational and preservation programs. For more information or to make reservations, call 703-838-4242.

a struggle, to the tyrant of the world!! 'FRANCE WANTS MONEY, and we must give it' — for such a man we ought not to vote."

But Alexandria citizens, being residents of the District of Columbia, had no voice in the presidential election. If they had, it's possible that many city voters would have been disturbed by the fallout of Jefferson's embargo. The measure was so unpopular that the outgoing president repealed it three days before leaving office — perhaps the

reason the Gazette noted that Jefferson was not toasted at the event. Yet even if he was not popular in Alexandria, Madison would have had little choice for an inaugural banquet that had any measure of civility.

"This hotel was one of the finest establishments in the area, and dignitaries would frequently come here for large functions because we had the space," said Gretchen Bulova, director of Gadsby's Tavern Museum. "Washington was a swamp, and there wasn't much there at this time."

CALENDAR

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

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

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

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, may be completed online at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/tcw/planetarium/> or by calling the planetarium at 703-824-6805, extension 6300.

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

www.woodlawn1805.org or 703-780-4000 for more.

Children enter a world of fantasy and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during Mount Vernon's storytelling session, **"Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon,"** held **every Saturday and Sunday** at 2 p.m. in **March** at the Hands-On History room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center. "Working Together" is the theme for March's storytelling sessions. "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; youth ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free. Visit MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Performance. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Zemfira Stage presents "Oleanna." \$15/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Visit www.zemfirastage.org or 703-318-0619.

FRIDAY/MARCH 6

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Hear music for the clarinet and saxophone. Free. Visit www.usafband.af.mil or 202-767-5658.

Basic Gardening Series. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to create a backyard wildlife habitat. \$12/person. To register, 703-642-5173.

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

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presents "Oleanna." \$15/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Visit www.zemfirastage.org or 703-318-0619.

SATURDAY/MARCH 7

Concert. 7 p.m. at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane. Empowered Women International presents 7Sopranos. \$12/person, reception follows. Visit www.7Sopranos.com for more.

Miss Alexandria Pageant. Ages 17-24 are eligible to compete. Visit www.missalexandria.com or e-mail missalexandria09@yahoo.com. The winner goes on to compete in the Miss Virginia pageant.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Hear music by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, Heritage Signature Chorale and more. Tickets range between \$20-\$80. Visit www.alexsym.org or 703-548-0885.

Multiplying Plants. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Take starter plants home. \$22/person. To register, 703-642-5173.

Fund-raiser. Ten Thousand Villages, 915 King St., will donate 10 percent of the sales to the Alexandria Office on Women's Domestic Violence Program. Visit www.tenthousandvillages.com for more.

Performance. 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Zemfira Stage presents "Oleanna." \$15/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Visit www.zemfirastage.org or 703-318-0619.

St. Patrick's Day Parade. 12:30 p.m. on King St. See the Classic Car Show competition at 10 a.m., dog show at 10:30 a.m. and more. Free. Visit

Gunston Hall Lecture Series

Beginning Sunday, March 1, Gunston Hall Plantation presents its 2009 Liberty Lecture Series. This year's featured topic is "The Battle Over the U.S. Constitution: Reading the 18th Century Constitution in the 21st Century."

Presented the first Sundays in March, lectures begins at 3 p.m. on March 8 and 15. The cost for attending is adults, \$9; seniors, \$8; youth 6 to 18, \$5. Light refreshments are served from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and a guided tour of the plantation is included in the admission fee. Registration is encouraged by calling 703-550-9220.

Subjects to be covered are:

March 8: "James Madison's Republic: From Original Intentions to 21st Century Expectations" by David Marion, Hampden-Sydney College. Remarks by George Mason, portrayed by Don McAndrews, Gunston Hall.

March 15: "The Constitution Goes to College: How Constitutional Ideas Have Influenced the Identity of American Universities" by Rodney A. Smolla, dean, Washington & Lee School of Law.

www.ballyshanners.org for more.

Fun Dog Show. 10:30 a.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Proceeds benefit Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. All dogs eligible.

Beauregard St. Hear music by Holly Near with Emma's Revolution, a benefit concert for RPJ Housing. \$25/person; \$20/member or advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

Music Benefit. Holly Near will perform a benefit concert for RPJ Housing Corp., at 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection. \$25/person; \$20/advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org for more.

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear pianist Jim Allison perform. Free. 703-505-0700.

A Taste of Britain. 1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring

SUNDAY/MARCH 8

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. The Metropolitan Chorus, Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and Heritage Signature Chorale will perform. Tickets \$30-\$45/adult; \$25-\$40/senior; \$5/youth. Visit www.metchorus.org or 703-933-2500.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at the Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N.

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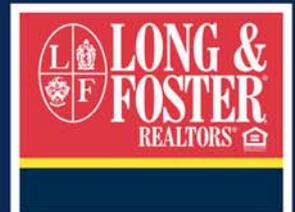
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Rose Mary Cousins 703.627.0404



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Louise Devers 703.795.9944



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Martha Deal 703.622.6797



OPEN SUN. 1-4

247 TENNESSEE AVENUE
Alexandria - \$407,500

AWESOME VIEWS! Sited on elevated, landscaped lot, this TH lives like a SFH. Newer windows, skylights, Kit w/SS, tile flrs & garden-style window. Full fin bsmt w/BA, laundry/wkrm, bar. Close -in location, near parks, schools, Del Ray shops & restaurants. Incredible value!

Jim Crowe 703.856.8244



318 PRINCE STREET #7
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Suzanne Backus 703.338.3594



RENTALS

- 2 Auburn Court #2D \$975
Auburn Village
Garden style Condo—1Br/1Ba
- 7530A Coxton Court #109 \$1,275
South Meadows
Garden style Condo - 2Br/2Ba, FP, 1 pkg
- 502 Bashford Lane #3223 \$1,400
Riverton
Garden style Condo - 1Br/1Ba, 1 pkg
- 5903 Mount Eagle Drive #812 \$1,450
Montebello
Hi-rise Condo - 1Br/1Ba
- 5938 Cove Landing Road #102A \$1,500
Cove Landing
Garden style Condo - 1Br/1Ba, 1 pkg

RENTALS

- 420.5 North Saint Asaph Street \$1,600
Lee Mews
Townhouse - 1Br/1Ba, FP, 1 pkg
- 505 East Braddock Road #105 \$1,695
Colecroft
Mid-rise Condo - Contemporary 2Br/2Ba
- 1250 South Washington St #507 \$2,000
Porto Vecchio
Mid-rise Condo - 1Br/1.5Ba, 1 pkg
- 5500 Holmes Run Parkway #311 \$2,195
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Hi-rise - Contemporary 2Br/2.5Ba, 1 pkg
- 6219 Tally Ho Lane \$2,350
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Linda Trinkle Wolf | 703 518-6165 Arlington

New Listing



4610 30th Road S #1894 | \$418,000

Fabulous 2 bedroom / 2 bath home that shows like a model. New kitchen with granite counters, ceramic tile floor, recessed lighting and stainless steel look out over gleaming hardwoods in the LR and DR. Two spacious BD's, pull down attic stairs with built in storage and a renovated bathroom complete the 2nd level. Updated full bath, step down den with high ceilings and large rec room are on the lower level. A beautiful brick and flagstone patio off of the kitchen are perfect for entertaining.

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New Price—Open Sunday 1-4



4 West Rosemont Avenue | \$849,000

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

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New Listing



6206 Sandlin Court | \$389,000

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5116 Kenwood Drive | \$1,399,000

Nantucket Estate with wrap porches and cupolas on nearly 1 acre only minutes to Fairfax Hospital and Tysons Corner. Natural distressed hardwood floors, heated stone floors, see thru fireplace, custom roll out windows, copper roof and custom wainscoting/crown, 10 foot ceilings, handcrafted archways, Wolf range, Subzero refrigerator, 3 kitchen sinks, exercise/media rooms, private patios, decks and sitting areas. Stone walkways with mature landscaping.

Phyllis Patterson | 703 518-6158 Annandale

New Listing



9216 Presidential Drive | \$569,000

Welcome home to this charming 5 bedroom/ 3 bath rambler on half-plus acre near historic Mount Vernon. Main level features eat-in kitchen, living room/ dining room with fireplace, a main level master bedroom with bath, and two additional bedrooms with bath. Lower level features family room with fireplace and French doors leading to patio. Two more bedrooms with bath perfect for au pair, guest or teenagers. Located just off GW Parkway, near Potomac River, Old Town and Fort Belvoir.

Cindie Fish | 703 201-4451 Mount Vernon

New Listing—Open Sunday 1-4



6237 Gentle Lane | \$649,000

Wonderful three level colonial near Metro, Old Town and the Beltway. Four bedrooms, two and a half baths with a two car garage. This is the largest model in this sought-after neighborhood of Huntington Forest. Updates include windows, vinyl exterior trim, hardwood floors, paint. Kitchen opens to family room with fireplace. Fenced rear yard overlooks private treed area.

Rita McCauley-Redmond | 703 447-9114 Alexandria S

New Price



1203 Essex Manor Place | \$1,399,900

Remarkable 5 bedrooms, four full and one half bath home on a large private lot with custom wood deck and mature trees. Grand foyer, formal living room and dining room, two story family room that opens to chef's kitchen with breakfast room and sunroom with vaulted ceilings and floor to ceiling windows. Designer colors, hardwood flooring / plush carpets. On a cul de sac in a small enclave of homes, just off the George Washington Parkway.

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Stunning bright and spacious 3 bedroom home with enhanced moldings, soaring ceilings and Palladian windows with sweeping views of the Potomac River. Decadent master suite with spa-like bathroom and sep. sitting area on entire 2nd level. The entry level LR and DR are an open floor plan with gleaming hardwoods passing into a gourmet kitchen with granite counters, breakfast bar and sitting area. Lovely LL family room with fireplace and two car garage. 2 BR and a den/loft make up the top floor.

Cathy D'Antuono | 703 819-3077 Old Town

Circa 1862

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227 South Fairfax Street
\$1,750,000



Sunlight pours into this free standing historic home imposingly sited on the corner of Duke and South Fairfax Streets. This plaqued five bedroom plus three and a half bath Federal Townhome requires restoration, but offers fabulous potential! Many special features including a grand entrance hall with beautiful keystone arch, original pine floors, detailed moldings, high ceilings, large windows, seven fireplaces, front and rear staircases and a lovely brick walled garden. Easy parking with two off street parking places. Reasonably priced at \$1,750,000.

Donnan C Wintermute | 703 518-6156 Old Town

New Listing—Open Saturday 1-4

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810 Rivergate Place
\$1,149,000



Desired "Carlyle" model in exclusive Rivergate. Very well appointed. This home features a large master bedroom with cathedral ceiling and sitting area and two additional bedrooms each with private bath, all white upgraded kitchen, cozy family room with wood burning fireplace. The lower level recreation room with full bath adjoins large, two car garage. Lovely private patio with koi pond. Excellent location in historic Old Town steps from Potomac River & minutes to National Airport and DC.

Hugo Romero | 703 582-6727 Old Town

New Listing—Open Sunday 1-4

PREVIEWS INTERNATIONAL



500 South Fairfax Street
\$1,199,000



Fabulous brick end townhome filled with light and space and a practical floor plan for everyday living. Four bona fide bedrooms and 3.5 baths, two master bedrooms, newly redone kitchen with stainless appliances and granite counters. Private patio with off-street parking— The list goes on. The attic has the capacity to be expanded into living space - the choice is yours. To see more photos, go to www.VirginiaRealEstate4u.com or call 703.598.7788 for more information or a private showing.

Bonnie Rivkin | 703 598-7788 Old Town, SE

New Listing

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600 Upland Place
\$1,549,000

Gorgeous home completely renovated and expanded on a double corner level lot in one of the finest neighborhoods in Alexandria. 5 BR/4BA; gourmet kitchen with Wolf double oven, Sub-Zero refrigerator, granite countertops, and island; two fireplaces; hardwoods and plantation shutters throughout; master suite with balcony; two car garage; and huge backyard with charming playhouse and slate patio. Only blocks to King Street Metro, Starbucks, restaurants, and shops.

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OUTDOORS

Parade in Old Town

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was inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame and in 2008 was awarded the Distinguished Graduate Award for Outstanding Service to the Nation from the Academy at West Point. He is a resident of McLean.

UNDER THE DIRECTION of the Ballyshaners organization, the parade features an array of pipe and high school bands plus Irish organizations, veterans organizations, military units, Knights of Columbus, Civil War re-enactors, various floats, dancing groups, animal units and many others participants. Each year the parade initiates Irish Heritage Month.

Founded in 1980 by a small group of volunteers for the explicit purpose of organizing a St. Patrick's Day parade in Old Town Alexandria, the Ballyshaners have expanded their mission to serve charitable and educational purpose. Their name means "Old Town" in Gaelic, the Irish language.

"This parade draws the biggest crowds into Old Town of any event all year. And, it's the biggest income day for restaurants along King Street. But, support from them continues to go down except for our long-standing supporters who are mainly local restaurant owners," said Pat Troy, chair, Ballyshaners.

AS USUAL the parade will be preceded by the Classic Car Show with registration at 8:30 a.m. and judging at 10 a.m., in the 100 block of North Pitt Street and the Fun Dog Show at Market Square commencing

at 10:30 a.m. More than 40 cars have pre-registered for this year's show. They include a 1931 Model A Ford, 1931 Fire Chief's pick up truck, 1947 Nash, and several MG's including a classic 1952 MGB. Vern Parker of The Washington Times will again serve as the show's judge.

Daniel O'Flaherty will again serve as the Fun Dog Show judge, joining John Harter as master of ceremonies. This event is again co-sponsored by Barkley Square Gourmet Dog Bakery and Karing by Kristina. They are joined by NOVA Dog Magazine, Dogtopia of Alexandria, Nature's Select, Paws and Claws Photography, Usborne Books and More, The Halstead and The Alexander, and Paws Purrs and Exotic Animal Hospital as sponsors.

The show features competition in such categories as dog with the best tail wag, biggest feet, best Irish costume, and the most resemblance between owner and dog. "It serves as a great fund-raiser for the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria and entrants are invited to march in the parade with their dogs," said Ballyshaner member J.J. Kelly.

The weekend kicks off with the Grand Marshal Dinner at the Holiday Inn & Suites, 625 First St., on Friday evening, March 6, at which Kimsey will be officially installed as grand marshal. For more information, visit www.Ballyshaner.org.

Use of public transportation is highly recommended to attend the parade. For those driving, street parking will be limited and parking meters will be in effect. However, there are a variety of garages and lots within Old Town.

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CALENDAR



Carrie Newcomer will be performing on Saturday, March 7 at the Birchmere. To read a question-and-answer with Newcomer, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

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Road. Discover British cooking and sample foods. \$25/person. 703-941-7987 to register.

Glorious Ornamental Vines. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about a variety of vines for all conditions. \$10/person. To register, 703-642-5173.

Bach Vespers. 6 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Alexandria. Features music of Bach, hymns and more. Visit www.wpc-alex.org for more. Free.

Purim Carnival. 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive. Enjoy games, prizes and food. Free. 703-998-6460.

MONDAY/MARCH 9

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 or 703-838-4242.

Yoga for Gardeners. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Features the Vinyasa method. \$66/six-class session. To register, 703-642-5173.

Rainbow Readers. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 2-3 years can enjoy colorful stories. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Books & Ideas. 7:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults discuss "The Vanish Act of Esme Lennox." Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Book Discussion. 6:30 p.m. at Grape + Bean, 118 S. Royal St. David Martin will discuss his book "Losing Everything." Free. RSVP to 703-739-7778.

TUESDAY/MARCH 10

Think Green. 10:15 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 2-3 can celebrate St. Patrick's Day with stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

K is for Kite. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 2-5 can enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 11

Meeting. 7:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Discuss global warming and climate change with Dr. Chris Pyke. Free. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks or 703-768-2525.

Rising Words, Rising Images. 11 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 9-12 can discuss "One More Valley, One More Hill" by Linda Lowery. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Older Adults Book Group. 2 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Discuss "Presidential Courage: Brave Leaders and How They Changed America 1789-1989" by Michael Beschloss. Free. 703-339-4610.

Lullaby Stories. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children 1-5 can enjoy stories and activities in pajamas with favorite stuffed animal. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

THURSDAY/MARCH 12

The Tree's Defense Process. 7:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about tree biology from arborist Richard Murray. Free. Visit www.vnps.org or 703-642-5173.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. Hear NovaZanz perform. \$10/person. Visit www.nvfaa.org for tickets.

Performance. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Zemfira Stage presents "Oleanna." \$15/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Visit www.zemfirastage.org or 703-318-0619.

Lecture. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Learn about the emerald ash borer. Free. 703-324-5304.

Baseball Musical. 7 p.m. at Jefferson Houston School. \$1/person. Watch "The Inside Pitch." 703-706-4400 for limited tickets.

FRIDAY/MARCH 13

Ballroom Dancing. 8:30-11:30 p.m. at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Dance the waltz, rumba, swing and more to live music. \$15/person. Reservations required, www.fridaynightersdancingclub.com.

Lunch Bunch. Noon at John Marshall

Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children up to age 5 can bring lunch and enjoy stories. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Performance. 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Zemfira Stage presents "Oleanna." \$15/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Visit www.zemfirastage.org or 703-318-0619.

SATURDAY/MARCH 14

Talk. 11 a.m. at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Patricia Knock and Nikki Henderson will lead a talk. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

Workshop. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to prune shrubs and small trees and try it hands-on. \$30/person. To register 703-642-5173.

Family Fun. 2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Children ages 6 and up can learn about wild animals and where to find them in the backyard. \$15/project includes materials. To register, 703-642-5173.

Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Find books for all readers. Free. 703-339-4610.

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Schlesinger Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Hear the Virginia Grand Military Band. \$20/person; \$10/child. Visit www.vgmb.com or 703-281-3331.

Performance. 3 p.m. or 8 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Zemfira Stage presents "Oleanna." \$15/adult; \$10/student, senior, military. Visit www.zemfirastage.org or 703-318-0619.

An Evening with the Chefs. The Alexandria Olympic Boys & Girls Club will host local chefs at Belle Haven Country Club. Enjoy a multi-course meal. To reserve seats or a table or for sponsorship information, contact Dave Woodbury at 703-867-5570 or e-mail chefsddinner@cox.net.

James Madison Inaugural Banquet. 8 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Enjoy a four-course meal, dancing and more. \$100/person. Reservations required, www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242.

Musical Extravaganza. 5 p.m. at Alfred Street Baptist Church, 301 S. Alfred St. Free will offering will benefit Bennett College.

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KEEPING SHOP

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PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

Kristina Robertson says "The first week of my married life this opportunity presented itself to me on my doorstep. It made perfect sense to marry pet sitting to a doggie bakery."

Pet Sitter Adds Dog Bakery

Kristina Robertson is an entrepreneur who has dedicated her professional life to protecting and pampering dogs since being rescued by her own pets.

Robertson founded her first business, Karing By Kristina ("KBK"), in 1991. As an early member of the National Association of Professional Pet Sitters (NAPPS), Karing By Kristina was one of the first pet sitting businesses in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area. Robertson served on the Board of Directors for eight years. Robertson is certified by NAPPS as a Level 2 Professional Pet sitter. She is now on the member benefits committee to help other professional pet sitters build their companies.

Robertson and KBK are also affiliated with Pet Sitters International (PSI). KBK now has over 3,000 clients.

During the early 1990s, Robertson also served on the Prince Georges County, Md., Animal Commission, as a pet advocate, and provided services to the Prince Georges County Animal Shelter, All breed Pet Rescue and placed numerous animals that were abandoned through her pet sitting service.

Since moving to Alexandria and taking on Barkley Square Bakery, Robertson has become an active member of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, Alexandria City Visitors Association, and is a board member of the Del Ray Business Association where she is on the membership committee.

Why did you choose this particular business?

That is what happened to me: I had been an owner of a professional pet sitting company for 12 years. The business was great and growing leaps and bounds. I married and moved from Maryland to Virginia. The first week of my married life this opportunity presented itself to me on my doorstep. It made perfect sense to marry pet sitting to a doggie bakery.

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

I am an independent thinker and I like to fly. I have always dreamed big and have believed that if you don't "do I," someone else will. Punching a clock isn't for me. I have to have something new and exciting daily, owning a business is that and more. I love to be the one that has helped change people's lives and give them the freedom to be away from their pet's stress free knowing that they are being so loved and cared for by my staff and myself.

What have you learned from being in

business?

It is a privilege. Owning your own business opens and closes many doors. I have learned that if you are not balanced your world will fall in on you . and the dog.

Share an anecdote of a challenging or humorous experience or biggest surprise learned from working your business.

I believe that being selected to be a portrait for the Live Passionately Virginia Tourism Group has to be my biggest experience. I was just doing my job and loving what I did when all of a sudden this happened ... wow

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

The advantage is being in Alexandria, walking the streets, seeing your customers and feeling like you have family. The disadvantages may be that our folks don't spend enough their money locally. We have to support the small businesses. That is what Alexandria is all about.

Key staff:

Michelle D'Ettorre, vice president of marketing; Grayson Robertson, chief of finances, and Karen Wilder, accountant extraordinaire.

Description of services and/or products:

Barkley Square Gourmet Dog Bakery & Boutique is a pet boutique specializing in delicious treats, gifts and furnishings for dogs (and cats) with a taste for quality. Founded in 2003, the Del Ray business was purchased by Kristina Robertson in 2004, with a mission to provide unique and high quality dog treats and pet accessories, along with reliable and friendly pet sitting services to the discriminating dog owner.

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ALEXANDRIAN OFFICER

A Reuters picture of an American officer talking to an Arab in Afghanistan has been reproduced worldwide in publications ranging from the Economist to the Arab times to Australian papers; it is now being shown around Alexandria by our neighbor Mary LaMors because the officer happens to be her grandson, 1st Lt. Gabriel LaMors of the 32nd Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain.

The picture was taken by photographer Oleg Popov at a village named Tutnaw near the Pakistan border. Gabriel's father tells me he reports they are working hard to establish good relations.

All the soldiers are seeking donations of school supplies for the schools they are building for both boys and girls. Donations from Alexandria would be most welcome.

PANCAKE TUESDAY

All over the world people seem to herald the approach of Lent by wild revelry and consumption of alcohol, but the Anglican church sits down to eat pancakes.

Emmanuel Episcopal's Young People's group has faithfully carried on the tradition for many years. (I imagine only a few of us recall the year when some ill-advised Young People put chocolate chips in the batter.)

Among those consuming pancakes were rector Dan Eckman, assistant rector Amanda Eiman, and Seminarian Matthew Hanisian with wife Holly and son Eli.

Merdith and Douglas Wade, Gimy and Jim

Bradley, Barbara Harslem and George Tuttle, Nancy and Darry Dupree, Vonda and Greg Delawie, Linda and Kirk Gibson, and Peggy Conner also came, as did Lucy and Dakota Kelso Hunt.

Freddy Delawie, age 10, sat down at the piano and played folk songs very nicely. Freddy's mother says he has taken lessons for five years from Jan Gannon, an excellent teacher.

Working away in the kitchen were Jodi Burnett, Thomas and Perry Conner, Churchill, Daniel and Marie Gibson, and more Young People whose names I did not get.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

Seminary Valley

March is here ... and yet we are still heading up to Polk to go sledding as soon as it stops snowing. The Polk hill has many happy memories for our family (it was voted one of the best sledding slopes around a few years ago). We were initiated into it by our friends, the Coxes of Latham Street, who moved into Seminary Valley a few years before we did. We first met Missi and Barry in Fairlington; they lived just down the street from our house on South Stafford Street. After they moved to Seminary Valley, we continued as playgroup and preschool friends. When we moved here, Missi introduced me to some good friends she had made through the (now-defunct) babysitting co-op. Those friends multiplied each winter as we trudged up Pegram Street

to sled, not the least of which were the Browns of Peele Place. Now the Coxes, Browns and Joneses are scanning their mailboxes for college acceptance letters. And the hill still beckons!

JANE FRANKLIN (another former co-op parent who is fielding those college acceptance letters for daughter Hannah) has a busy spring season ahead for her eponymous dance company. On March 21, at Old Town's Athenaeum, Jane Franklin Dance will feature "It's In The Air," a concert featuring the Washington Saxophone Quartet. Also performing will be the Young Dancers Project (ages 7 - 11), with Pistolera, a N.Y.C.-based band that defines the Latin-Alternative Folkloric genre, drawing from traditional styles of Mexican music and fusing it with pop-rock. "Incidence" is performed with a life size kinetic sculpture. For tickets and information about performances and dance classes, call 703-933-1111.

HAMMOND MIDDLE School said goodbye to Principal Randy Mitchell last Friday. Dr. Mitchell, who is leaving for health reasons, spoke movingly about his connections with Hammond's students and staff and his 26 years with Alexandria City Public Schools at a farewell gathering. Sara Schafer, formerly Hammond's assistant principal, will ably fill Dr. Mitchell's position through the end of the school year. You can meet Ms. Schafer at Hammond's orientation night, slated for March 10 at 7 p.m.

Polk Elementary School also has a new administrator. Carla Carter was named the new assistant principal for James K. Polk Elementary School effective Feb. 23. Although Mrs. Carter will have a new title, she is not new to Polk, having served as Polk's Performance Evaluation Program (PEP) Specialist for two years. "Mrs. Carter's extensive instructional knowledge has guided us toward teaching excellence. As an assistant principal, she will continue to share her expertise and genuine love of teaching and learning with our students and staff," said Principal Michael Brown.

I have sold my first 10 tickets for the Prius ... but I'll have 10 more to sell soon. Give me a call (703-823-5261) if you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket to benefit the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

— MIA JONES

ALIVE Marks 40 Years

ALIVE, Alexandria's ecumenical, non-profit organization that serves as a safety net for the City's poor and needy is celebrating its 40th anniversary throughout 2009. This Sunday, March 8, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. there will be a 40th Birthday Party at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, to celebrate the occasion.

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Session Balances State Budget

BY DAVID ENGLIN
DELEGATE (D-45)

Thanks to President Obama and Democrats in U.S. Congress, the General Assembly was able to adjourn on schedule Feb. 28 having passed a balanced, constitutional budget that will fund core services and protect quality of life for Virginia families. Going into this year's legislative session, we faced a \$3-billion revenue shortfall and the prospect of having to cut about \$400 million each from public education and health care. That would have meant fewer teachers and larger class sizes, the loss of thousands of health care and nursing home jobs around the state, and fewer health care services for the uninsured at a time when rising unemployment means more families are losing their health insurance. To make matters, House Republicans passed an initial version of the budget — over my dissenting vote and strong objection — that robbed \$149 million from the state's Water Quality Improvement Fund to plug the additional Medicaid hole left by their rejection of Governor Kaine's proposed 30-cents per pack cigarette tax increase. This would have caused a \$133 million budget deficit and it would have threatened drinking water safety for my constituents by risking the Alexandria Sanitation Authority's wastewater plant upgrades.

Fortunately, U.S. Congress passed and President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in time for us to incorporate the \$4.8 billion in aid Virginia will receive into the final version of the budget, which I was proud to support. Thanks to these funds, while there still will be some challenging cuts, we were able to largely protect public education, health care, and public safety — including our area's drinking water. While a serious long-term solution to Virginia's continuing transportation funding crisis remains elusive — and I believe ultimately will be decided at the polls this November — Virginia will receive about \$80 million in transportation funding from the Federal stimulus package, including money for public transit infrastructure, and we have a long list of "shovel-ready" projects that we expect to move forward.

In addition to delivering a responsible budget under incredibly difficult circumstances, there are other reasons to consider this year's General Assembly session a success.

WHEN I FILED the statewide smoke-free restaurants bill on Jan. 5 and Governor Kaine announced it a priority at Arlington's Liberty Tavern the following day, I was hopeful that a unique confluence of factors — from a new committee chairman, to the

impending elections, to increased grassroots pressure — would make 2009 the year Virginia would overcome our 400 years of tobacco history and take a major step forward for public health. However, part of me expected this to be another quixotic effort where progressive Democrats from Northern Virginia fight the good fight but are stymied by Richmond politics. Therefore, I took great satisfaction watching years of persistent hard work from grassroots activists, public health advocates, legislators, and Governor Kaine result in the General Assembly giving final approval to a statewide ban on smoking in restaurants and bars.

Virginia's new smoke-free restaurants law will go into effect Dec. 1 and protect both restaurant workers and patrons from the harmful effects of second-hand smoke. It allows for only two narrow exceptions — private clubs and facilities with an independently-ventilated, physically-separated room. Although a number of states with smoking bans exempt bars, Virginia's smoking ban will be one of the strongest in the region — and the strongest among the top tobacco-producing states — because Virginia does not differentiate between bars and restaurants. Knowing that workers in restaurants that allow smoking are twice as likely to develop lung cancer, this new law is a real victory for public health.

SEVERAL OF MY OTHER bills passed with strong bipartisan support, delivering progress in a variety of areas: House Bill 2378 closed a corporate tax loophole that will save Virginia taxpayers \$30 million this year and up to \$7 million per year moving forward.

House Bill 1624 will help schools and teachers address the growing problem of cyberbullying so we can make sure all of our children enjoy the safe and productive school environment they need to be able to learn and to grow.

House Bill 2589 will free local school divisions from an expensive unfunded mandate by creating a one-year moratorium on a particular test some education experts consider to be ineffective and potentially redundant. This will help school districts improve service to students for whom English is a second language, ultimately helping them learn English better and faster and making sure we are spending our education dollars more efficiently.

House Bill 1643 will give local registrars and election boards more flexibility over when they may administer required oaths to election workers, allowing them to better arrange shifts to staff polls. The bill also includes a provision requested by the City of Alexandria to allow more poll watchers inside larger polling places. This will make it easier for election officials to staff the polls so that Election Day may go more smoothly, especially in larger precincts and during high-turnout elections.

Ticer Reports from Richmond

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tion planning, even if the resources for transportation have not been there. The President's program with tax cuts for struggling families and new investments to spur construction and create jobs, helps us in the short term effort to balance this budget without even more draconian cuts and in the long-term goal of getting our economy moving again.

In an effort to deal with chronic truancy and keep young people in school, a bill passed to allow a judge to take away a student's driver's license. It would be suspended for any length of time the judge determines is appropriate if the student misses 10 straight

days of school. The governor will decide whether to sign or veto the law.

A bill to require localities to sell the guns they collect in buyback programs to licensed dealers passed the General Assembly and then was reconsidered and weakened. The bill was amended to allow the guns be disposed of "in any other appropriate manner," certainly a step in the right direction for local governments. Opponents (and I was one of them) said the bill defies the point of the buyback program, which is to get guns off the street by giving gun-owners an opportunity to turn over their unwanted weapons.

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from the City. The City was in error previously, and my mortgage company assures me that, once again, payment was made and the mistake is attributable to the City. I also requested that future correspondence be amended using my legal, marital name, since I was married in Alexandria in 1992. I was told that was "my problem" that I needed to work out through the DMV. When it comes to collecting revenue for the city, such as parking tickets, cities and states work out agreements so that revenues can be collected and facilitate inter-communication and tracking, but when it comes to simple communication among governmental entities that does not involve revenue enhancement, more taxes or fees for the city, it's the taxpayer's problem to remedy.

My husband recently was ticketed for missing a license plate, which a thief tried to steal. The bolts were missing, so my husband put the tag in the front dash where it was easily visible. I made the trek to City Hall at his behest to protest the ticket, waiting in line patiently for an adjudicator. Ahead of me was a woman who was ticketed for parking at a non-functioning meter; she had "evidence" of the blinking meter from a picture taken from her cell phone. The adjudicator dismissed both tickets, but the City can count on working people being too busy to hassle with time off to challenge a \$40 citation. Moreover, if the adjudicator does not side with the complainant, the complainant is fined. My time lost from work (consider the cost to the self-employed), plus my parking fees, whether at a meter or lot, are unavoidable prices to pay to contest a ticket. The City should not be raising money from those who question the legitimacy of any particular citation — this is clearly meant to suppress a citizen's right to petition the government for redress as part of our Constitutional rights. Ticketing people with license plates in their window (which the police refuse to investigate because they claim they don't have the time while the city profits off the crime!) or writing up a citation for a broken meter is simple harassment. Perhaps the City should reimburse us for time wasted in contesting illegitimate citations.

We need City government to be responsive to those whose taxes underpin its operations. A quick look at our record would show that we have faithfully paid taxes on our home since 1989. Our taxes keep getting raised, but we are subjected to threats, disrespect and harassment. When the City errs, it ought also to apologize.

Certainly, it should cease sending nasty-grams to law-abiding, tax-paying citizens who have no record of noncompliance with city laws. If the City intends to keep hiking my taxes, I expect better service and to be treated with dignity. In the meantime, the City should be denied the property tax it is seeking in the FY10 budget in the midst of economic recession, more evidence that it cannot relate to the plight of its constituents.

**Margaret Calhoun
Hemenway**
Alexandria

State-Approved Killings

To the Editor:

On Thursday, Feb. 19, Virginia killed Edward Nathaniel Bell in our name. He received the death penalty because he was found guilty for the 1999 murder of Officer Ricky Timbrook in Winchester. Officer Timbrook's murder is a heinous crime and his murderer deserves severe punishment. However, killing a person who has killed another person to make the point that killing a person is wrong is absolute nonsense. Our humanity is diminished when the commonwealth kills in our name. Make no mistake: state approved killing is still killing, despite the fact that we name it execution to sweeten it up.

I certainly don't know whether Eddie Bell killed Officer Timbrook. He claims he did not, including his last words as he was forcibly carried to the execution chamber. I do know that Eddie Bell was most likely retarded (the Supreme Court has ruled that mentally retarded people cannot be executed), but was prevented from presenting that evidence at his trial. His legal counsel in the sentencing phase was so poor that the appeal court commented on the absolute failure of counsel to provide any mitigating information. The case against Eddie Bell was completely circumstantial, and the only witness against him has admitted to lying in his testimony. These irregularities make it possible that Virginia has killed an innocent man in my name.

Over 130 death row inmates have been exonerated by the Innocence Project, which has proved that they did not commit the crimes for which they were found guilty. Unless and until we have a fool-proof legal system, incapable of error, I do not want any state-approved killing carried out in my name. How about you? Please let the Governor and your state legislators know how you feel.

DeeDee Tostanoski

OBITUARIES

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Survivors include his uncle Philip C. Cooper, his sister Sara Cooper Masterson of Alexandria, neph-

Dorothy Gavey

Dorothy (Dee) Gavey, long time resident of Old Town Alexandria, died from congestive heart failure at her home on Oct. 13, 2008. She and her late husband, Ret. Col. Thomas Gavey, USAF, purchased the Hunter-Mandeville house at Duke and Fairfax Streets in 1974 and worked its on restoration until Col. Gavey's death in 1987. Their home was featured in several Virginia home and garden tours following the restoration of the first floor.

Mrs. Gavey was a docent at Carlyle House for over 25 years, led tours of old town, and was particularly known for her Ghost Tours of old town. She was born in New York in 1918. She served in the Marines during World War II, working both assembly of gunnery sights and earning her commercial pilot's license, logging 150 hours in ferrying planes during World War II.

Following her discharge from the Marines in 1948,

FAITH NOTES

Purim. Purim parade at noontime at Beth El Hebrew Congregation's Purim's celebration on March 8. There will be food, the Moon Bounce, a variety of games for all ages, and Hamentashen available. Everyone is welcome. Brotherhood's annual Purim Carnival takes place at 3830 Seminary road in Alexandria.

Book Study. Beverley Hills Commu-

nity United Methodist Church, 3512 Old Dominion Blvd., will facilitate a Lenten book study on Wednesday evenings, through April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Free. For more information, contact Pastor Sara Manner at skmanner@comcast.net or visit www.bhcumc.org.

Holy Week services. Palm Sunday at Beverley Hills Community United Methodist Church, 3512 Old Dominion

Blvd., will feature a new cantata entitled "Calvary's Mountain: A Cantata for Passiontide" by John Leavitt, composed in 2008. Worship on April 5 begins at 11 a.m. and all are welcome. Holy Thursday service will begin at 7:30 pm and feature the Lord's supper. Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. will focus on the crucifixion. Visit www.bhcumc.org for more.

ews Dr. Thomas M. Masterson of McLean and John Cooper Masterson of Alexandria, and companion of 15 years, Emily E. Sommers of Washington.

she headed for Hollywood where she was a costume designer and apprentice to Edith Head, an Academy Award winning designer. It was there she met Thomas Gavey, a cinematographer and Air Force pilot. They were married at Fort Belvoir. After he retired from the Air Force, he continued as a motion picture producer and director with the Navy and the Department of Justice.

Following her husband's death, Mrs. Gavey continued to be involved with Carlyle House and the Old Town Visitor Center until her health limited her activities. At her request, no funeral or memorial service was held. She was buried beside her husband, Col. Gavey, in Mountain View Cemetery, Piedmont, Calif. She is survived by a brother, Hy Barenfeld in Florida, and four nieces, Bonnie Napier of California, Julia Bender and Emily Harter both of Oregon, and Sally Rasmussen of Nevada, and a nephew, Paul Gavey of California.

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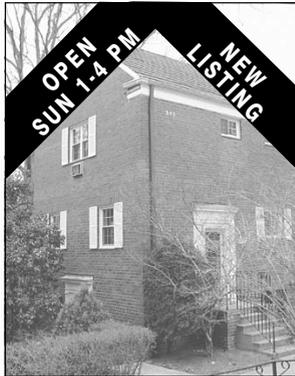
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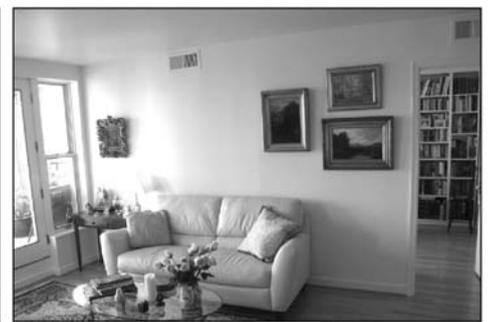
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\$400,000 Renovation Proposed for Ice Well

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and not even notice it's there," said Lance Mallamo, director of the Office of Historic Alexandria. "We wanted to find a way to draw people's attention to the ice well."

According to city records, the Alexandria Common Council

granted tavern owner John Wise permission to build the ice well in 1793. Although the underground structure was obscured for many years, a 1970s-era renovation created a public stairwell below the sidewalk so visitors could view the distinctive artifact of the 18th-century hotel and travel industry. Last

year, the Office of Historic Alexandria received permission from the City Council to seek a grant from the Commonwealth Transportation Board to renovate the ice well in a way that would draw more attention to the underground structure. City officials say the goal of the \$400,000 restoration is to enlarge the lower level observation area by adding a small subsurface amphitheater.

"We want to open up the space so it seems like less of a cage," said Gretchen Bulova, director of Gadsby's Tavern Museum. "The renovated structure will actually have the same footprint as what's there now, so it won't take up any more space than the railing that's there now but it will make the whole thing a lot more accessible and improve the experience."

THE DESIGN for the renovated site will incorporate glass panels that are approximately the same size as the chunks of ice that would have been placed at the intersection before tavern workers lowered them into the underground well. Although no wheelchair access will be included in the amphitheater design, the glass panels will be situated at an obtuse angle so the underground structure can be seen from the sidewalk. Underground amphitheater seating will allow tour groups to pause at the historic structure and learn about the history of the tavern.

"The renovations that were done in the 1970s have deteriorated over time," said Patrice McAuliffe, an urban planner with the city government. "The skylights, brickwork and the lighting need to be addressed."

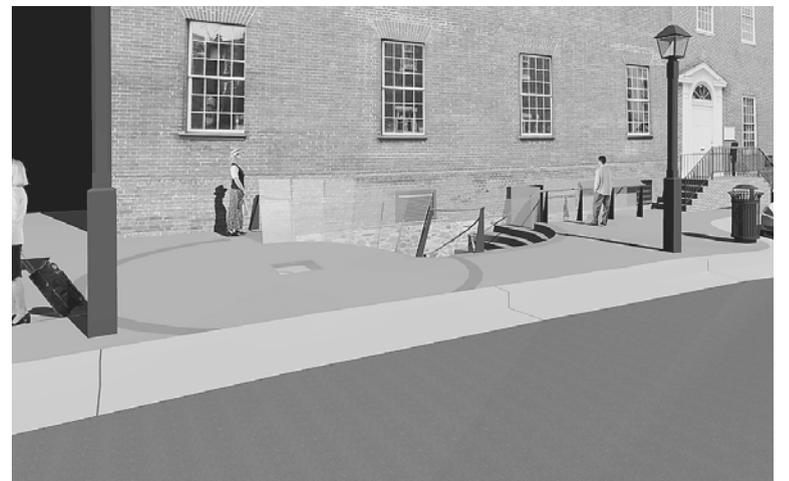
Funding for the project will not be paid from local taxes, according to city documents outlining the renovation. The Office of Historic Alexandria is hoping that the grant from the Commonwealth Transportation Board will fund half of the project. The other half will be paid for with private donations raised by the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society. Even if the grant is denied, Mallamo said, no city money will be used for the proposed renovation. To solicit public input the Office of Historic Alexandria has scheduled a public meeting on March 12.

"We've already raised enough to cover the design phase," said Mallamo. "But we want to hear what residents have to say about the project before we move forward."



An aerial view of what the ice well would look like after a proposed renovation.

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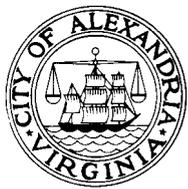


A daytime view of what the ice well would look like after a proposed renovation.



A nighttime view of what the ice well would look like after a proposed renovation.

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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2009** beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2009-0026
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 1110 Prince St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

CASE BAR2009-0027
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 1110 Prince St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

CASE BAR2009-0028
Request for approval of alterations at 100 Prince St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: David & Miriam Olinger

CASE BAR2009-0029
Request for approval of signage at 625 First St, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Carr 625 First Street, LLC.

CASE BAR2009-0030
Request for approval of alterations at 411 King St, zoned KR King Street Retail.
APPLICANT: AGW & Associates, Inc.

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



LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

GENERAL BUDGET (OPERATING BUDGET INCLUDING SCHOOLS)

CAPITAL BUDGET (INCLUDING SCHOOLS)

(CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET FOR 2010-2015)

Take notice that the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, will hold a public hearing in the Council Chambers in City Hall, Alexandria, Virginia, at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, 2009, and at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2009, or at such time and place as said hearing may be adjourned, on the General Operating Budget (including Schools) of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009, and ending June 30, 2010, and on the Capital Budget (Capital Improvement Budget for 2010-2011, and Capital Improvement Pro-

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gram for 2010-2015) (including Schools.) All citizens and interested persons shall be given an opportunity to be heard for or against the estimates in the Budget, or any item thereof. Detailed copies of the Budget proposed by the City Manager may be obtained in the Office of Management and Budget, Room 3630, in City Hall.

Copies of the agenda listing the order in which specific topics will be heard are available in the City Clerk's Office, room 2300, in City Hall.

Persons wishing to speak on the proposed budget may sign up prior to the public hearing meeting by calling the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at 703 838-4550. If there is a specific item pertaining to the Budget that you wish to address, please so indicate when the sign-up information is taken. All Presenters are requested to provide a copy of their text to the City Clerk.

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Docket No. 08D2347DV1

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NORMA ELENA FUENTES, Plaintiff
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LORENZO MESA, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Norma Elena Fuentes, 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 Njeri Gichohi, attorney for plaintiff, whose address is 405 Main Street, Worcester, MA 01608 your answer on or before April 7, 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.

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Injury Derails T.C. Williams' Title Dreams

Titans lose in regional final, but still advance to state tournament this Friday.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Just a few days earlier, T.C. Williams girl's basketball star Tierra Ruffin-Pratt leaned against a wall at Robinson High School, holding a massive piece of cake that seemed too big to consider eating, answering reporters' questions following the Titans' 55-44 victory over Westfield in the Northern Region semifinals.

They asked what it was like to finally have a chance to win a regional title after being the area's best player, an All-American, and then fall just short of team glory the past few seasons.

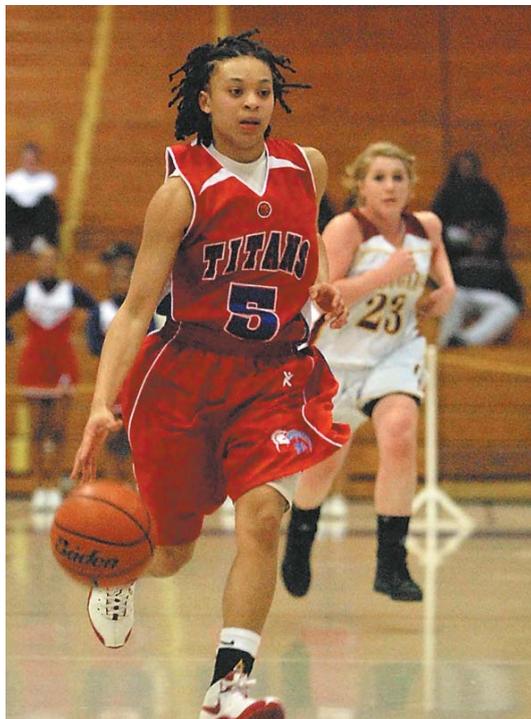
"I haven't won one yet. For four years, we've been working and made it to the championship, made it to the regionals every year, but I haven't won it," said Ruffin-Pratt as she licked some of the frosting off her fingers. "I've been through a lot."

face either Atlee or Cosby Friday night.

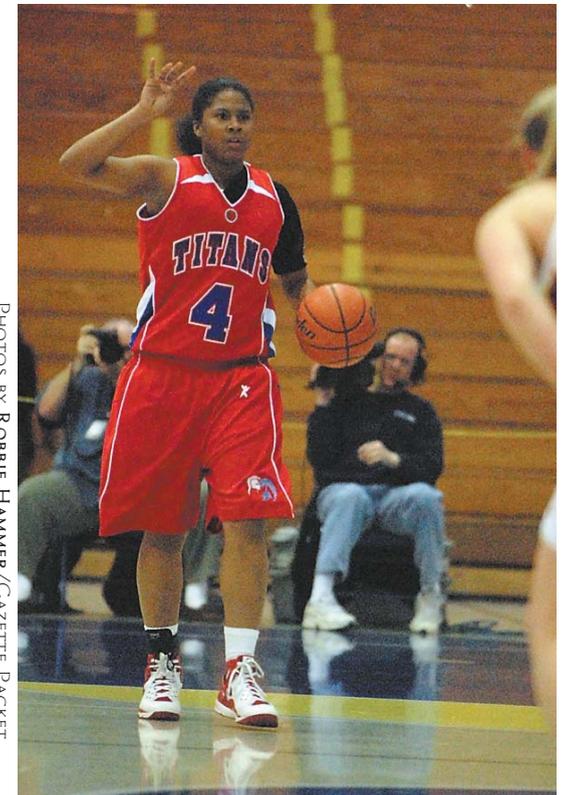
There was "a little shock I'd say at first," said coach Cavanaugh Hagen of her team's reaction to the injury. "She said she's OK but that's how [Tierra] is, she's always OK. You have to rip her off the court to take her out of the game."

How Ruffin-Pratt injured the shoulder was unclear as she declined to speak with reporters after the finals. Hagen said there was no prognosis on the injury, but that the decision is up to doctors as to whether Ruffin-Pratt can play Friday.

IN RUFFIN-PRATT'S ABSENCE, a group of less-heralded players came to the forefront. Seniors Charnelle Huggins (17 points), Khalia



T.C. Williams senior Khalia Boston had 16 points in the Northern Region finals against Oakton, but it wasn't enough as the Titans fell, 74-66, without star Tierra Ruffin-Pratt for much of the



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Senior Tierra Ruffin-Pratt had 10 points in the first quarter, but was sidelined with a shoulder injury early in the second quarter and did not return. Her status for Friday's state quarterfinals is up in the air.

"If Tierra were our only go-to [player], we would have lost by 40."

— T.C. Williams coach Cavanaugh Hagen

Unfortunately for Ruffin-Pratt, it turns out you really can't have your cake and eat it, too. In a twist of fate, Ruffin-Pratt went down with a shoulder injury early in the second quarter of Tuesday night's Northern Region finals, and without their best player the Titans lost that elusive title to Oakton, 74-66.

A shoulder injury also sidelined the UNC-bound star in last year's district finals and ultimately caused the team's early exit in the first round of the 2008 Northern Region tournament. Thanks to their semifinal win, T.C. Williams (24-5) still moves onto this weekend's state tournament, where they will travel to Richmond to



T.C. Williams sophomore Jasmine Norman had 10 points and eight rebounds against Oakton Tuesday night.

Boston (16 points), and Monica Fikes (12 points) and sophomore Jasmine Norman (10 points, eight rebounds) all performed admirably.

Fikes, Boston, and Huggins even combined for their own personal 10-0 run at the end of the third quarter and beginning of the fourth quarter that gave T.C. Williams a 50-49 lead and visions of a monumental win without its star player.

But the comeback effort proved to be too much for the Titans, who were forced to settle for more outside jump shots than usual against Oakton (28-0) without the penetration and attention-grabbing skills of Ruffin-Pratt.

"If Tierra were our only go-to [player], we would have lost by 40," said Hagen. "It's a big void to fill, but they didn't give up the whole time."

Both Ruffin-Pratt and Boston were named to the all-tournament team for their work, while Ruffin-Pratt also picked up Northern Region MVP honors.

HAGEN HAD to almost physically stop her star player from trying to re-enter Tuesday night's game. Ruffin-Pratt kept trying to test out her injured shoulder by beginning to

remove her warm-ups.

"I know she looked at me like she wanted to go in but ... she couldn't risk that," said Hagen, who had Ruffin-Pratt act as a de facto coach the rest of the way. "I wanted her to stay positive and [coaching] is what she's good at. She sees the floor better than any player I know."

What made matters worse was the way Ruffin-Pratt had started the game. She had 10 points — including two 3-pointers — in the first quarter alone, while playing suffocating defense on Oakton freshman and tournament MVP Caroline Coyer.

"She sees the floor better than any player I know."

— T.C. Williams coach Cavanaugh Hagen on Tierra Ruffin-Pratt

Although she was concerned with Ruffin-Pratt's status, Hagen emphasized there is no time to wallow in what could have been. Her attention had already turned towards the state tournament, which was ultimately the place these Titans wanted to end up.

"We're going to states and that was our goal," said Hagen. "We're gonna put this game behind us ... and try to knock out any team that gets in our way whether they're No. 1 or No. 100."

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5:00 pm (EST) on Monday, April 6, 2009

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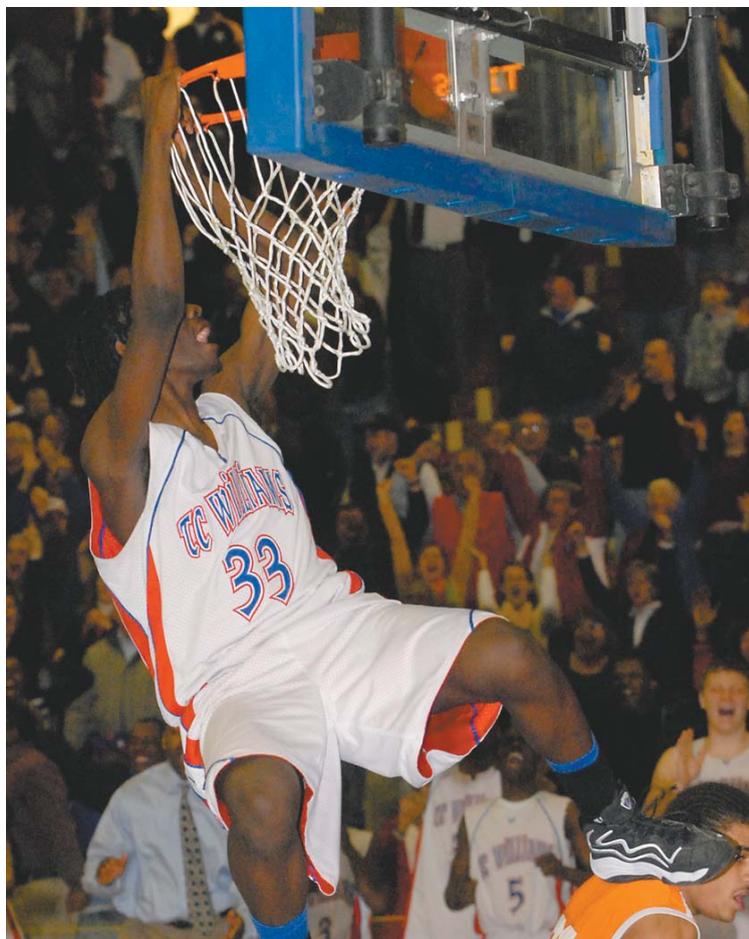
boy's basketball team captured its third-consecutive Northern Region championship with a 59-52 win over Hayfield Tuesday night, Rowland can now boast with the best of them.

"I believe this is the third year in a row we've won the regional tournament, so if it wasn't a dynasty yet, it's gotta be now," said Rowland, who bore the marks of a physical battle with a bloodied lip and jersey. The 6-foot-6 forward scored 17 points, grabbed 10 rebounds, and capped off the victory with a rim-rattling dunk. "They got my blood, but I got the win."

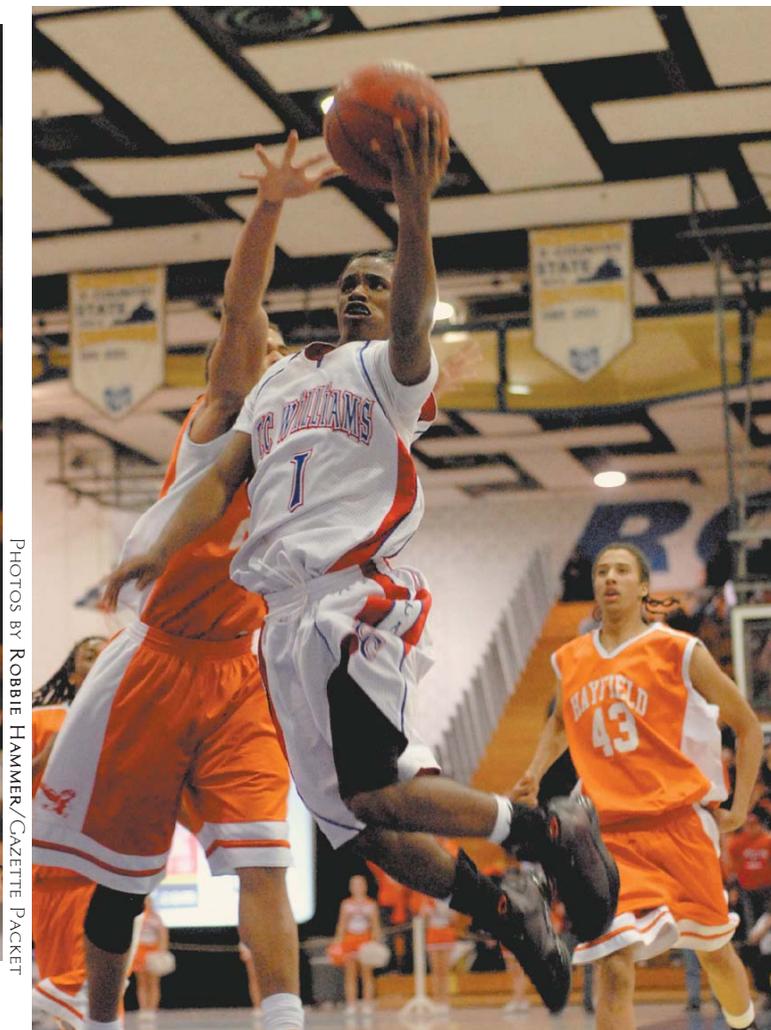
T.C. Williams (27-2) now moves onto the state quarterfinals against either Petersburg or John Marshall at Robinson Saturday night.

IT WASN'T AN EASY road for the Titans, despite cruising past fellow Patriot District foe Lee, 79-61, in the regional semifinals — the fourth time T.C. Williams beat the Lancers this season.

To secure their 71st-straight win over conference opponents against Hayfield Tuesday night,



Junior Billy Rowland slams home T.C. Williams final points of the night Tuesday. The Titans will face either Petersburg or John Marshall on Saturday night in the state quarterfinals.



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Senior Gavin Peterson goes up for two of his 14 points Tuesday night against Hayfield. He was named to the all-tournament team thanks to his work off the bench for T.C. Williams.

"It is beyond my wildest imaginations that we went [undefeated again] against the district."

— T.C. Williams coach Julian King

the Titans would need a comeback.

T.C. Williams came out timid in the first half, giving up careless turnovers, playing poor defense, and in general, not exhibiting the moxie fans have become used to when it comes to these Titans. The team trailed, 26-21, at halftime and coach Julian King let them know about. During a "heated" talk in the locker room, King implored his team "to stop playing scared," according to senior Gavin Peterson, who had 14 points and was named to the all-tournament team.

"We were shaky at the beginning, but we found it in our hearts to play defense, and we ended up getting a lot of points out of our defense," said senior Edward Jenkins, who had a team-high 18 points and was named the Northern Region tournament MVP.

The Titans came out pressing full court, and it was Hayfield that succumbed to sloppy turnovers and bad

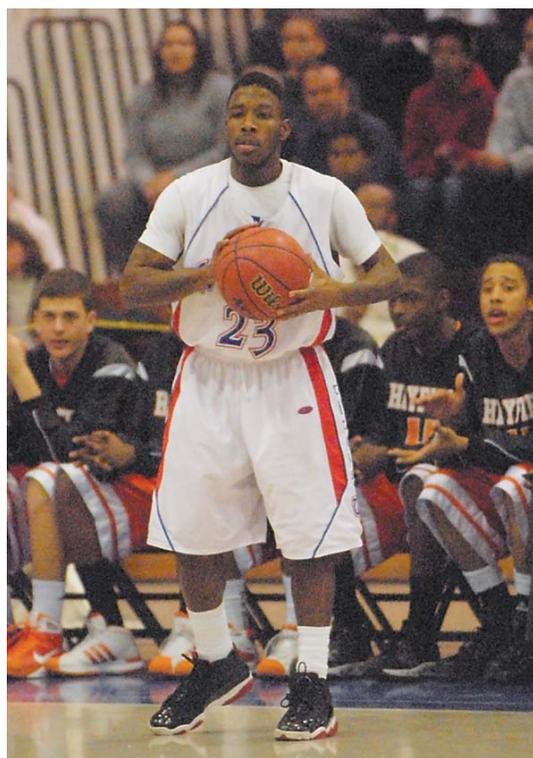
shot selection. Tied at 44 apiece with less than four minutes remaining, T.C. Williams made its final charge, as Rowland and Jenkins combined to score seven consecutive Titan points, punctuated by a Jenkins three-point play.

Some clutch free throws down the stretch, combined with that tenacious, turnover-causing pressure defense left the Titans with the familiar task of cutting down the nets once again.

"I probably shouldn't say," joked King of what he told his team at halftime. T.C. Williams had beaten Hayfield twice during the regular season, a 71-66 overtime win on Jan. 21 and a 61-55 victory on Feb. 13. "But I did enough to light their fire, and a lot of it was just reiterating the fact that we have to be focused and execute and play within our game plan."

WHILE PLAYERS TREATED the regional title as just another example of the dynasty they've created, King reflected back to the beginning of the season, when expectations for this year's team seemed to be through the roof.

While Jenkins and Yates got significant playing time during last season's state title



Senior Edward Jenkins was named MVP of the Northern Region for his work during the regular season and MVP of the Northern Region Tournament for his play in the postseason. He scored 18 points against Hayfield Tuesday.

run, many on this year's squad had limited experience performing under the brightest of lights.

"I knew we could do this, but I didn't

think we could do it in the way we did it," said King. "It is beyond my wildest imaginations that we went [undefeated again] against the district."

"If it wasn't a dynasty yet, it's gotta be now."

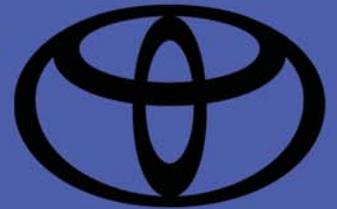
— T.C. Williams junior Billy Rowland

Being the elder statesmen, Jenkins' attention had already turned towards the state tournament as he took pictures with the cut-down net around his neck. A member of the varsity team throughout his high school career, he has plenty of region titles to gloat about later.

"This all just feels like a big win," said Jenkins of his three regional titles. "But we aren't finished yet. I'm gonna tell my guys as soon as we get in the locker room to not get complacent because we got another stage, a big stage, bigger than this. We want to win states again."

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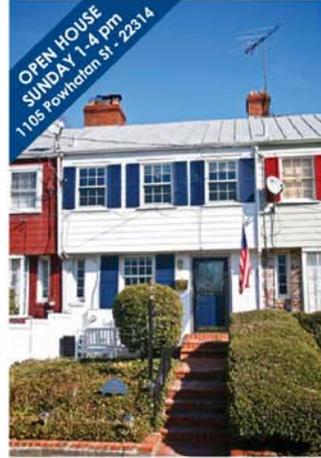
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