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The Alexandria Police Motor Squad waits on upper King Street for the signal to start up their engines and lead the parade on Saturday.

28th Annual St. Patrick's Parade



The Irish Dancing School students. See more parade photos on page 30.



Kate Konzelman and her friends muffle the sound of the bagpipers as the pass by.



The Old Guard performs.

Building Case For Murder

Text message between suspects indicates possible role of drugs.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A series of cell phone calls and text messages are at the center of a case prosecutors will present to an Alexandria grand jury on April 13, accusing three suspects for a January murder of an Alexandria Yellow Cab driver. According to legal documents and court testimony in the case, 16-year-old Alexandria resident Akeem Chappell sent a text message to 20-year-old Alexandria resident Jamal Berry shortly before the murder in which the teenager tells Berry that he has some "snow." According to an affidavit filed in a February search warrant, Berry responded by telling Chappell that his brother can "cook on Friday."

Jamal Berry said that Akeem Chappell had in fact obtained some cocaine and that he had told him that he had a 'brother or cousin' in Maryland who could 'cook' the cocaine into 'crack cocaine,'" wrote Alexandria Detective Thomas Durkin in

"I saw a body slumped over in the taxicab."

— Sgt. Daniel Briel

the affidavit.

By late January, police officials were ready to move in on three suspects in the case — Berry, Chappell and an 18-year-old Maryland man named Joshua Moore.

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Fund Prevention Or Prosecution?

Rising cost of war on drugs edges out prevention efforts in Alexandria.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Criminals are not the only people searching for prostitutes on the Internet or trying to buy crack cocaine on the street corner. Court records show that Alexandria police detectives assigned to the vice

narcotics section regularly troll Craigslist in search of those offering sex for money. And a team of police detectives spend their days trying to track down crack houses and drug dealers. Although City Manager Jim Hartmann's proposed budget suggests increasing expenditures for combating vice

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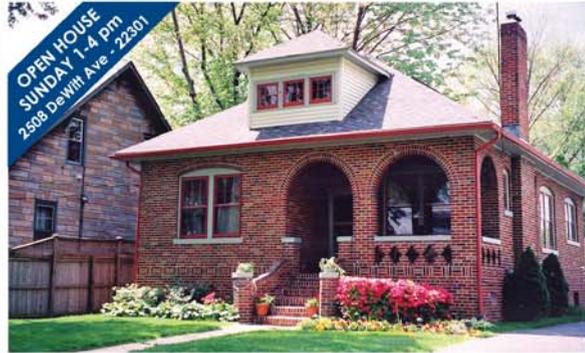




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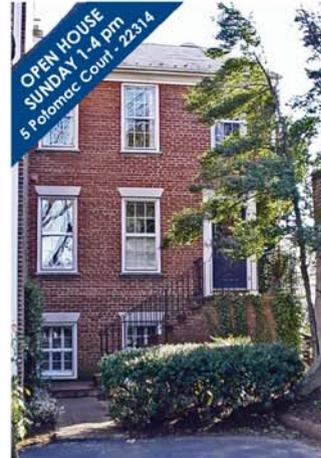
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Waiting for a Stimulus

With the global economic crisis tightening its grip every day, city officials are eagerly awaiting word on how the federal stimulus dollars will be doled out in Washington. So far, the only stimulus money that's been approved for Alexandria is a \$324,000 from the Department of Justice's **Edward Byrne** Justice Assistance Grant Program, which will be used by law-enforcement officials for crime-fighting measures. The rest of the city's list of \$600 million shovel-ready projects are still up in the air.

"I think a lot of the money will come out in the next couple of weeks," said city lobbyist **Bernie Caton**.

Some of the money has already made its way to City Hall indirectly from Richmond, where members of the General Assembly were able to bake in stimulus funds into the biennial budget that passed at the end of the session. Although members had been poised to cut money from the budget of the Alexandria Sanitation Authority before the new federal spending was authorized, the final version restored that funding and added an additional \$1.5 million for the school system and an extra \$800,000 for the city government. "I'd like to take credit for the Virginia General Assembly passing a balanced and constitutional budget that protects core services, but really the General Assembly deserves very little credit," said Del. **David Englin** (D-45), who appeared before the council Tuesday night. "It's thanks to President **Barack Obama**, the U.S. Congress for passing the stimulus."

Guaranteed Maximum Price

How much will the new police headquarters cost? Current projections for the new 124,000-square-foot facility estimate a \$81.1-million price tag. But City Council members are considering a contract negotiation that will award a \$55.5 million construction contract that is \$2.9 million lower than the money set aside in the city's capital improvement program. The "guaranteed maximum price" negotiation would set aside the \$2.9 million in savings into a "contingent account" for unexpected expenses.

COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

"Every time you get into something of this nature, you don't know everything," said **Ed Mandley**, director of General Services. "If we've learned anything over time, it's that you don't know everything."

The cost of construction at T.C. Williams High School unexpectedly went up after asbestos was found in the old building. And the price of the Charles Houston Recreation Center had to be adjusted when parts of an old foundation were discovered in the soil. Yet the predictable ongoing cost of renting is another factor council members are considering. According to a recent analysis conducted by the city's real-estate consultants, the city would save \$146 million over a 40-year period by owning its own police headquarters rather than maintaining the current leasing situation.

"By prioritizing this project, and moving this project forward we are saving the taxpayers in excess of \$100 million," said Councilman **Justin Wilson**. "And I think that's exactly the reason we prioritized this project."

Overturing the Staff

Zoning disputes can get personal, with technical considerations clashing with business concerns and bruised egos. Take, for example, the recent dispute between businessman **T.J. Fannon** and Planning Director **Faroll Hamer**. Although former Planning Director **Eileen Fogarty** had approved a transfer of Fannon's businesses operation along Duke Street, Hamer revoked that transfer of use in part because of the company's failure to submit landscaping designs. Fortunately for Fannon and other disgruntled applicants, the city's planning staff does not have the final say. In many cases, zoning determinations are overturned by the Board of Zoning Appeals. According to the board's annual report, which was issued to the City Council this week, 100 percent of the variance requests were approved by the board in 2008. In 80 percent of those cases, the board overturned the recommendations of the city's planning staff. When asked about these statistics Tuesday night, Hamer explained how planning officials take a different perspective from board members. "The staff is looking at a very technical and limited wording in the zoning ordinance," said Hamer. "But the board takes a more global point of view. They want to know if the neighbors are offended, if it's really a problem — does it improve the appearance, does it make sense? They take a more holistic approach."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

'Read Across Ramsay'

Friday morning, students at William Ramsay Elementary School celebrated the creator of "The Cat in the Hat," Dr. Seuss, on his 105th birthday. All of the students participated in a "Read Across Ramsay Day." Each class selected a book, story or poem to read. The classes were then paired with another class at a different grade level. The students broke into buddy groups with second graders reading to third graders, kindergartners with fourth grader. The children took turns reading to each other. The activities continued into the evening with a Family Reading Night. Stories were read and listened to, a special Bingo game called Reado was



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE

Kathy Taylor, principal at William Ramsay Elementary School, looks up from reading with the students in surprise as a special visitor, "The Cat in the Hat" joins the class.

set up for all to play and art supplies were available for students to make posters illustrating their favorite books.

Prevention or Prosecution?

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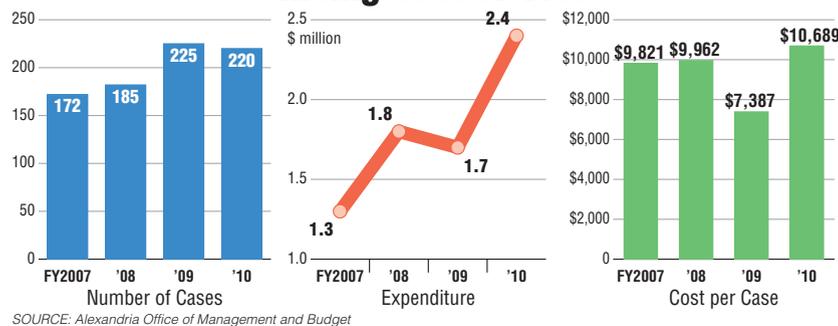
and narcotics by almost \$700,000 this year, a police spokesman said there's little the department can share about how the money will be used.

"This is an undercover unit," said Jody Donaldson, a spokesman for the Alexandria Police Department. "Once you start putting information out there, it's going to jeopardize what they do."

Although other city officials are facing declining revenues and reduced service levels, the police unit combating vice crimes and narcotics offenses could receive an additional \$689,466 this year — a 39-percent increase. The rise in funding levels for going after prostitutes and drug dealers comes at a time when substance-abuse therapist positions are being scaled back or eliminated. One proposal being considered by City Council cuts \$187,000 from the budget by eliminating substance-abuse therapists at Patrick Henry Elementary School, Tucker Elementary School and George Washington Middle School.

"This is taking a step back when we need to take a step forward," said Allen Lomax, chairman of the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. "Cutting these three substance-abuse therapist positions could put us back from where we are today when we need to in-

Rising Cost of Vice



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crease our capability."

POLICE OFFICIALS declined to release specific information about how the extra money would be used, but Police Chief David Baker explained that part of the money would be used for increased leasing costs of a secret facility rented by the undercover agents. Most of

say that this was not an increase in staffing or funding, merely an efficient reallocation of existing resources within the department to increase the department's ability to respond proactively to short and long term drug and vice interdiction enforcement," said Baker in an e-mailed response to questions.

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— **Allen Lomax, chairman, Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition**

the money, he said, will pay for salaries of detectives returning to the Alexandria Police Department after serving on a federal task force investigating national and regional drug and money laundering operation. Over the last year, Baker pointed out, funding for police task forces has been reduced by \$436,000.

"While I cannot comment on the impact of the reduction in the substance abuse prevention part, I can

Court records show that the nature of vice crimes in Alexandria can range from organized crime to marijuana possession. About a decade ago, police officials uncovered

a sports gambling operation that operated out of a West End business. And police detectives will occasionally file affidavits for search warrants after turning up sex-for-money offers on the Internet. But Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel said the vast majority of the vice cases that his office prosecutes are drug-related. Of all the felony indictments

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Kim Farina has been named Weichert's 2008 Manager of the Year for the region including Virginia and Washington, D.C. The Old Town Office was also awarded eight other top awards for the region. Adding their congratulations are, from left, Paul Christman, senior vice president; award-winner Kim Farina; Bruce Green, regional vice president, and Jacelyn Botti, senior vice president.

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL

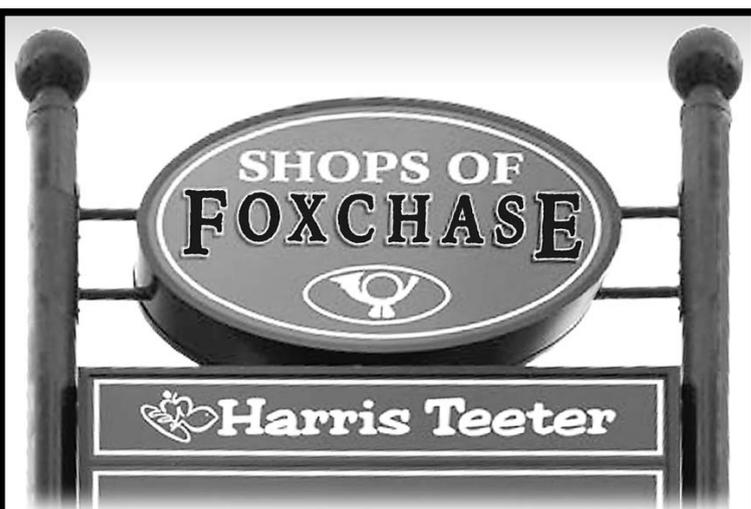
Democratic Caucus

Although Republicans were able to field two candidates in the City Council election, the G.O.P. wasn't able to find any candidates to challenge Mayor **Bill Euille**. And time is running out for the Republicans to find candidates to challenge Sheriff **Dana Lawhorne** and Commonwealth's Attorney **Randy Sengel**. Potential Republican challengers for sheriff of commonwealth's attorney have until late April to throw their hats into the ring.

"I always plan on fielding candidates in every election but sometimes it doesn't happen," said **Chris Marston**, chairman of the Alexandria City Republican Committee. "I'm looking for folks, that might be good candidates, but I don't have anybody lined up yet."

Meanwhile the Democrats have scheduled a May 9 caucus to nominate their candidates for sheriff and commonwealth's attorney. But party officials say they'll only actually conduct a caucus if no other Democratic candidates emerge to challenge Lawhorne and Sengel. Individuals who wish to be the Democratic candidate in either race must file a declaration form and a filing fee with the chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee by 5 p.m. on March 20 at the party office on North Fairfax Street.

"So far, we have heard no indications of any opposition to either the sheriff or the commonwealth's attorney," said **Susan Kellom**, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "They are both so well respected, and the quality of their service is well known by the citizens of Alexandria."



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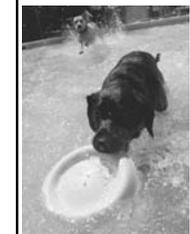
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Vision Thing

Earth Day chairman wants residents' opinions about environmental action plan.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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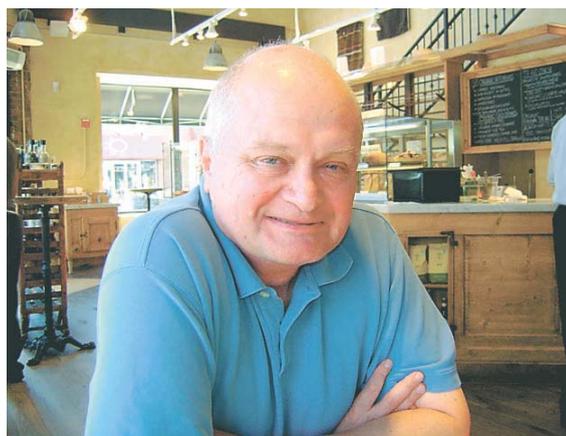
A native of London, Peter Pennington studied navigation and hydrographic survey in the Royal Navy, leaving the service as a lieutenant. He moved to Alexandria in 2003 and became a member of the Environmental Policy Commission in 2007. He is also chairman of the Alexandria Earth Day Committee.

The city recently passed an EcoCity charter and is now in the process of putting together an implementation plan. Why is this important?

The charter was adopted way back in June, and the first set of detailed steps that will take the city up to 2011 was adopted in January. The environmental action plan, even more than the charter, gives guidance and leadership to all departments of the city to go that way. The city offices are concerned about keeping the city sustainable and reducing the carbon footprint.

What kinds of things are involved in phase one of the action plan?

This is the part of the plan that goes up to 2011,



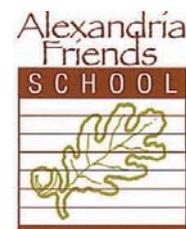
Peter Pennington

and it covers 10 major topics. These are the general environmental topics one would expect such as water, air, transportation, buildings, land use, climate-change implementation and so on. Naturally within that are specific actions such as the city carrying out audits of its own buildings to improve their energy consumption. All new city buildings will be constructed to a standard of LEED silver. The city will also implement a green purchasing policy to reduce the travel distance on items and doing away with unnecessary items such as plastic water bottles.

One of the buildings that the city plans to audit in the upcoming year is the city courthouse. What kinds of things will you be looking for in that audit?

This is an internal look at the energy consumption of city-owned buildings. When the auditors go into a building, they look at very simple things. Do the

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How Robbery Turns Lethal

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On the evening of Jan. 31, Alexandria officials stopped Berry and Chappell on Janey's Lane and arrested the two for robbery and murder. When Berry's white 2001 Buick was searched, officers found a Glock 0.45-caliber semiautomatic handgun. Three days later, Moore was arrested and charged with robbery and murder in the case. In court last week, prosecutors began sketching out the outlines of their theory of how the three individuals worked together that cold January night to steal \$60 from Khalil Siddiqi in a botched robbery that left the 50-year-old cab driver dead.

"He wasn't about to give up any money," Durkin explained in court, characterizing Berry's interview with the homicide detective.

THE STORY PROSECUTORS plan to present against the three men in Circuit Court will be based on interviews with the three suspects, ballistic evidence from the crime scene and records of cell-phone calls and text messages that place the three men near the scene of the crime on Jan. 18.

During a preliminary hearing last week, prosecutors called four witnesses to the stand to present the broad outlines of their case, calling the general manager of the taxicab company, a police sergeant who found the victim, a crime-scene investigator who worked the site and a homicide detective investigating the case.

The narrative begins at 5:45 p.m. the afternoon before the murder, when Siddiqi clocked in to work driving Cab 82. Yellow Cab records indicate Siddiqi picked up two dispatched fares and three side-of-the-road pickups that evening, culminating in a dispatch call for 300 block of Buchanan Street behind Jefferson Village at 11:37 p.m. Electronic records show Siddiqi turned on his fare meter at 11:45 p.m. and never turned it off. He was murdered less than a minute later.

"The person [who made the dispatch call] provided the name of White," said Kyle Summers, general manager of Yellow Cab.

About a half-hour later, Alexandria Sgt. Daniel Briel was patrolling the area as the result of a recent rash



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

The 300 block of Buchanan Street, shown here, was the scene of a January murder of a taxi driver.

of robberies. About 20 minutes after midnight, he came across Cab 82, with its headlights on, parked in a suspicious manner. As Briel approached the vehicle, he testified in court last week, the vehicle seen unoccupied. But when he pulled up next to the car he could see what had happened.

"I saw a body slumped over in the taxicab," the sergeant testified.

BALLISTICS EVIDENCE collected at the crime scene showed the entrance wound on the right side of Siddiqi's head between his right eye and right ear. A 0.45-caliber cartridge casing was found on the floorboard of the taxicab. Crime-scene investigators conducted hair-and-fiber lift from the vehicle and identified eight distinct fingerprints on the car.

Detectives tracked down the phone number that had placed the dispatch call that evening, eventually identifying a cell phone as listed to the ownership of Joshua Moore. Telephone records show that Moore's phone had been in contact that evening with another cell phone listed to the ownership of Jamal Berry. Detective Durkin also testified that text messages between Berry and Chappell showed them to have access to a 0.45-caliber handgun. Police investigators eventually concluded that the three worked together the night of the murder to steal \$60 and a cell phone from Siddiqi.

"They met up at Braddock Metro and split the money," Durkin testified in court last week, describing his interviews with the three suspects.

City Funding Depends on Its Goals

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recorded in 2008, 25 were for possession of cocaine and 22 were for possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

"Years ago, we used to have a problem with people betting on the outcome of horse races," said Sengel. "But with the advent of the lottery in Virginia, we don't see too much of that anymore."

A SURVEY OF Alexandria students conducted last year by the Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition showed use of alcohol,

marijuana and tobacco use by some groups of middle and elementary school students exceeded the national average. The report, conducted by two George Mason University professors, concluded that 41 percent of Alexandria youth have the skills to resist negative drug-related peer pressure.

"These skills are necessary to avoid impulsive and risky behavior, such as substance abuse," wrote Jerome Short and Christianne Espito-Smythers in the October report.

One of the report's recommen-

dations was that the City of Alexandria increase the number of substance-abuse prevention practices. Yet the city manager's proposed budget released last month decreased funding for substance-abuse prevention while increasing funding for the Police Department's Vice/Narcotics section.

"It seems penny-wise and pound-foolish to me," said Sean McEneaney, a member of the School Board's budget advisory committee. "I would argue that prevention would be a better use of resources than prosecution."

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One advantage of celebrating Saint Patrick's Day in a pedestrian and transit friendly place like Alexandria is the opportunity to get home after the party without getting behind the wheel.

Now that advantage is available for the rest of Northern Virginia as well. The nonprofit Washington Regional Alcohol Program will operate the St. Patty's Day SoberRide program, beginning at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 17, and



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Snapshot Blooming in Alexandria, March 9 at 5:45 p.m.

continue until 4 a.m. the following day.

This will help keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

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SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a free cab ride home, up to a \$ 50 fare.

Last St. Patrick's Day (2008), 218 people used WRAP's SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired.

Need To Work Together on City Budget

BY JUSTIN M. WILSON
CITY COUNCILMAN

COMMENTARY

Discussions about our economy and public sector budgets have appeared to be a rhetorical race to the bottom. "The worst ever." "The worst in generations."

In Alexandria, there is no question we are facing tough times. While we are better off than most of our neighboring jurisdictions, we cannot gloss over the fact that we are facing the most difficult set of financial conditions. This environment will require us as to restructure, reassess, curtail, and defer many of the services that our residents require and have come to expect. As a community we will get through

this challenge, but to do that, we must all know what lies ahead.

We adopted our FY 2009 (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009) Budget in May 2008. At that time, we knew what was on the horizon and prepared accordingly and added very little to the operating budget. For the first time in 10 years, we didn't provide our employees with a Market Rate Adjustment — holding back to protect jobs. We chose not to adopt a new commercial real estate tax option — giving small businesses their best chance to weather the storm and set nearly the lowest real estate tax

in the region — helping our taxpayers prepare.

Shortly into the fiscal year, our City Manager imposed a hiring freeze and proactively cut \$10.5 million out of the approved budget.

In preparing the FY 2010 budget, we gave the City Manager the following guidance:

- ❖ Keep the average real estate tax bill from increasing into 2009;
- ❖ Institute a soft freeze on capital spending;
- ❖ Identify an additional \$2 million of cuts to the FY 2009 (current) budget; and,
- ❖ Avoid using "rainy day" funds to balance the budget.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Police Deserve Support

To the Editor:

I write with good news about a city agency, which you may find refreshing. In 2008, thanks to Dottie Stepp, the coordinator, I was a volunteer Spanish-language interpreter with the Alexandria Police Department. It was a wonderful experience meeting these dedicated public servants. Every officer I met was a professional in every way, particularly in difficult circumstances. I got to know these officers well, I think, and I was impressed with the varied life experiences that they brought to their jobs. What united them, however, was a desire to perform their duties to the best of their abilities.

Like most residents, my prior contact with the Alexandria police

was limited to seeing their patrol cars on the streets. I would wonder what their day-to-day work consisted of, and that, in part, motivated me to volunteer. I don't presume to know what the life of a police officer is, but I have a better idea now.

I am a property owner and taxpayer in Alexandria, but I say, give Alexandria police officers a healthy raise in pay, they deserve it!

Alberto Manuel Benitez
Alexandria

Need City Historian

To the Editor:

We cannot let the city historian position expire with Michael Miller's retirement. We just need to re-imagine how we temporarily

fill it. If we cannot afford a full-time, permanent city historian position for now, we can appoint one or more honorary city historians who do not need a city salary and benefits but would love to have a place to work and access to sites and records. They can be qualified people such as retirees with pensions who can contribute their time, talents and appreciation for our past.

No one under these circumstances can replace Michael Miller — in fact, even if his position could continue as it is, a successor would be hard pressed to fill his shoes. The depths of his knowledge and the quality of his scholarship have set high marks for anyone following him. But we can continue a scaled-down exploration of our past and inform our present by using resources that already exist in the community in new ways.

Historians interested in the access provided by such a position can work with the Office of Historic Alexandria to be credentialed to work on certain identified subjects or in geographic areas to continue our research and discovery during these straightened times. These are people who would do the research and documentation out of their love for Alexandria's history and their satisfaction in preserving and sharing knowledge of our heritage for those who come after us.

This is not a perfect solution but it could keep the function alive until the economy recovers and we can afford a full-time position again.

Sherry Wilson Brown
Alexandria

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LETTERS

Don't Become Less Green

To the Editor:

In this trying economic time, the Alexandria City Council is being forced to make many budget cuts, even in some vital areas. Yet it is critical that those cuts be made in ways that limit any damage, so that we don't end up paying much more in the future to fix it.

In that context, the proposed cuts to the tree budget appear to be shortsighted. The

proposed fiscal year 2010 budget could effectively eliminate tree pruning by contractors — the people who perform most of the tree care on city streets and in parks and other public areas.

Proper care is critical to the health of an urban forest. Lack of care undermines the investment made in planting trees in the first place.

The city's draft Urban Forestry Master Plan makes clear that the city has been significantly underinvesting in tree care for a long time, and that this is contributing to the declining health of the city's urban for-

est as a whole.

The plan also makes clear that while the city has been busy designing an Eco-City Charter and an Environment Action Plan and winning awards for its "green" initiatives, Alexandria has actually become less green — literally.

In just this decade, the overall tree canopy has declined from 34 percent to 30 percent, and will probably decline even further without significant new spending that is called for in the plan. According to the draft plan, "Failure to make this investment could have serious long-term consequences for the

city's environmental quality of life."

The loss of tree cover has already had serious environmental effects, including more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, more air and water pollution, and hotter summers.

I understand that the city is financially unable to make a major new investment right now. But we at least need to stop the bleeding. As the plan states, the city's urban forest is in "fragile" state with "declining" health. We are at a "critical juncture."

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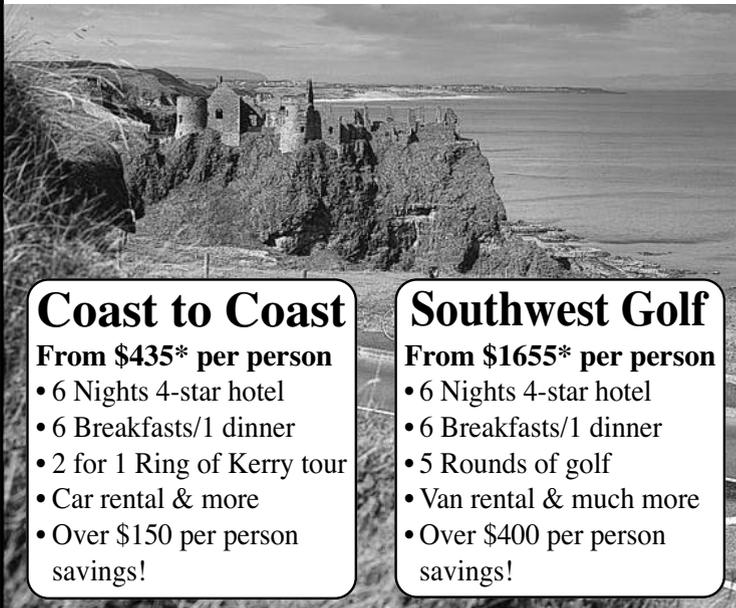
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Working with Debbie Allen — at the Kennedy Center

BY TORI CULLO

Every dancer dreams of working with a big-time choreographer and performing in an original production. Last November was when it all started and the auditions were held at The Kennedy Center for “Oman! O Man!,” an original musical by Debbie Allen. I was lucky because I was cast in her show “Alex in Wonderland” two years ago. All the jitters of meeting her were replaced with the worry of not being remembered. I certainly didn’t want to be a “has been” at 13.

The show is the story of two boys who meet — one from the United States and one from Oman — and compare the differences in their cultures. By the time Ms. Allen came to Washington for this audition, the casts from Los Angeles and Oman were already set. She only had about 10 slots left. Try going into an audition with a ton of people knowing only 10 were going to make it. Then add to that that I was one of the youngest. I was especially nervous. Some of my friends and I made the callbacks after making it all the way through day one. On day two, it was what they call a rolling elimination. After about six hours and making it to the last cut, I made it! Celebration time!

I did have to wait until February to start rehearsals because Ms. Allen took the Los Angeles cast and one boy from Washington to Oman for a month! Wow! What an opportunity! There they scripted and choreographed some of the show, but a lot of the time was spent introducing the cast to each other and learning about the simi-



Tori Cullo

On Stage

“Oman! O Man!” is a world premiere Kennedy Center Commission, produced by the Debbie Allen Dance Academy and presented in association with Sultan Qazooos Cultural Center of Oman. Performances are at The Kennedy Center Eisenhower Theater, March 12 - 15. Information and tickets: <http://www.kennedy-center.org/calendar/index.cfm?fuseaction=showEvent&event=XJABG>

larities and differences between the countries of Oman and the United States of America.

When Ms. Allen arrived with everyone on Feb. 19 to The Kennedy Center, the Washington, D.C. cast already began our costume fittings. The next day we all got together for the first time. It was amazing! We saw miracles done before our eyes as Ms. Allen put it all together to make a full, complete and beautiful story. And at the same time, it was odd. These boys from Oman were pretty shocked when they saw girls from



The cast of “Oman! O Man!” at the Kennedy Center. Tori Cullo stands in front of Debbie Allen (in white hat).

the United States dressed not in very modest dresses and scarves with our faces veiled, but in dance clothes. It was funny!

But it has also been serious business. Mostly because we’re kind of living the story that Ms. Allen is putting together. Every day we learn something new about these boys from the Middle East. They’re all pretty much in their 20s and sure, they’re different from us, but as I’ve gotten to know them, they’re just like us. For example, they like Guitar Hero as much as we do, and they’re actually better at it. They love music, love to

dance, joke around and have fun! And yes, they go to school and learn just like us. Their lives aren’t about what we see on TV and all about war and hating. Oman is a beautiful country from what they’ve told me and the pictures I’ve been shown. One day I might like to visit there.

BUT FOR RIGHT NOW, I must focus. I’m missing a lot of school this week because of technical rehearsals that run all day long. We’re in overdrive mode leading up to opening night on Thursday. I’m so excited and I’m ready! I

appreciate this opportunity for a ton of reasons that include being able to work with Ms. Debbie Allen; meeting people and making new friends from Los Angeles and Oman; and having the support of my family, friends, and St. Mary’s School. So many people I know — including my teachers — are coming just to see me in this show. I will do my best and hope to make them all proud of me.

Tori Cullo is a seventh grader at St. Mary’s Catholic School. This is her third show at The Kennedy Center — her second under Allen’s direction.

In Budget Discussions, How To Protect Core Services?

FROM PAGE 8

Our goal then and now was to place the City’s finances on the surest footing heading into a sustained downturn. In February, the City Manager responded to our guidance and cut City spending by 3.85 percent from last year — 7.7 percent lower than the cost of maintaining our previous level of services. It also eliminated 4 percent of our City workforce. In a year where our student enrollment is increasing at rates higher than anywhere else in the Commonwealth, the proposal cuts funding to the Alexandria City Public Schools by 2 percent.

Yet, it appears that FY 2010 might be easy compared to the challenge in FY 2011.

Due to continued tumult in the commercial finance sector our projections we now predict a 10 percent reduction in our com-

mercial property assessments next year — in a year with virtually no new development activity occurring. That will represent nearly a 2.5 percent reduction in our General Fund revenues. Combined with other projected drops in tax revenue, it could be catastrophic.

Unfortunately, the revenue picture is only half of the bad news scenario. The Virginia Retirement System, the pension fund for most of our employees, has seen a drop of 24 percent in the value of its investments. Next year, they will come to the City asking us to make them whole.

The City, in compliance with new accounting standards, started setting aside dollars to fund the promises we have already made to provide our employees with retiree health care. Next year, we have to set aside more.

This year, our Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is receiving no funding from our

Operating Budget which means taxpayers are paying nothing towards the capital investments that the City will make. The City is basically taking out the municipal equivalent of an interest-only loan. Generational equity issues aside, as a jurisdiction with an AAA/aaa credit rating (the highest possible), we cannot sustain this practice into the future.

WE ALSO HAVE the brave men and women of our public safety agencies facing an increase in demand for their services. We have a Fire Department in desperate need of investment required to meet our standards of response for fire suppression and emergency medical services. We have a school system struggling with the good “problem” of students flocking back to our public schools.

We have City employees who are doing the jobs of two or three because their co-workers have left or been laid-off, and now face a freeze in their salaries of indeterminate length.

All of this is said not to dishearten you, but to prepare you. This is not a time for easy answers. Just like in Washington, our approach to resolving this problem needs to transcend the traditional zero-sum game of advocacy. We need to invite innovative ideas and honest debate of their merits. Nothing is sacrosanct.

We need your input, to hear your ideas. We have worked to protect core services — education, health and safety. Now, we need to hear your suggestions, and how the community can help. Please e-mail me at justin.wilson@alexandriava.gov. We will get through this — but only together.

LETTERS

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Currently, the tiny arborist staff is struggling to meet even its basic responsibilities. Virtually all of staff time is spent reacting to problems or potential problems. Virtually no time is devoted to proactive activities designed to enhance the urban forest.

I urge the City Council to ask staff for creative ways that would allow us to move forward — planting more trees and caring for more trees — even in a difficult fiscal environment.

Could the day-to-day responsibilities of our three arborists be altered in ways that allow them to focus more on tasks that will enhance our urban forest?

What is the possibility of developing public-private partnerships with civic or business groups to plant more trees and care for more trees?

How can we make more effective the contributions of the budding volunteer group, the Tree Stewards of Arlington and Alexandria?

I commend the City Council for its recent environmental initiatives. But without a serious commitment to implementing them — and yes, a serious amount of new spending — the city is unlikely to make much progress in becoming a greener city.

Bill Hendrickson
Member, Urban Forestry
Steering Committee
Alexandria

Testimonial For Restaurant

To the Editor:

I've never written a testimonial to a restaurant or any other business establishment. Now, however, I want to tell everyone that the Café Monti on Duke Street has been good for my health. Some months ago, following the advice of my doctor, I went on a low fat diet to lose weight. I had eaten at the Café Monti from time to time for years, but over the last few months I've become more of a regular.

The most important element of sticking with a diet long enough to lose weight is to eat foods that you actually like. The long hand written list of specials posted daily at Café Monti always includes some good fish dishes, and the list changes from time to time. For as long as I've been dieting (many months and 34 pounds have gone) I've made a point of eating a Salad Nicosia or some other fish dish,

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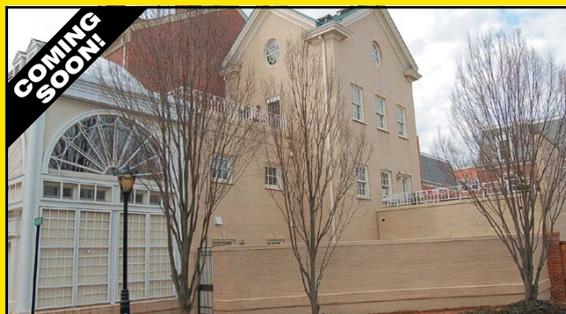
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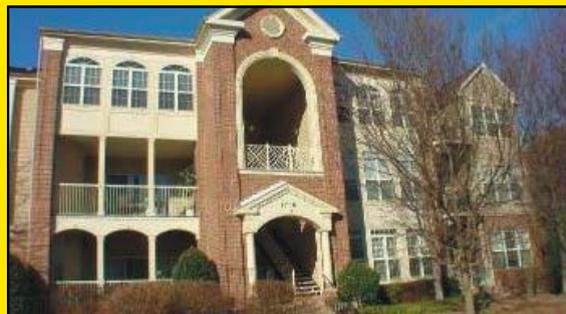
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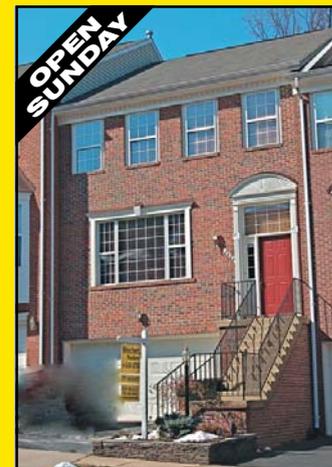
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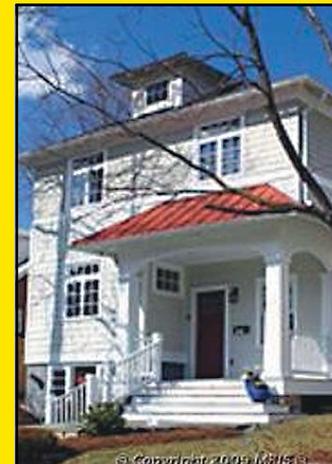
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Hidden History Revealed

Exhibit celebrates Jewish history of Alexandria.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Escaping a vicious Central European crackdown in the mid-19th century, Jews started migrating to the United States in record numbers during the late 1840s. At first, they arrived at major port cities, filling New York and Philadelphia with thriving Jewish communities. But over time they started to seek other opportunities. By the 1850s, many Jews made their way to Washington, D.C. and nearby Alexandria.

New Exhibit

"Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community," will open at the Lyceum on Sunday, March 15. Opening events will include a reception and a one-woman living history performance about immigrant life during the 1930s called "Anna Shulman: Queen of H Street." The performance begins at 2:30 p.m. Free, but reservations are required. 703-838-4994.

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"It's the same thing that still drives people here, the federal government and business opportunities," said Laura Applebaum, executive director

of the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington. "A few decades later there was another wave of Jewish intellectuals that came to work in the New Deal."

Alexandria is known for its colonial history and its ties to George Washington. But the city also has proud history of welcoming religious minorities, first Quakers then

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From left, Mary Blake Suib (Florence), Roxy Mame Hubbard (as herself, the dog) and Rachel Hubbard (Meg).

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Little Theatre's 'Ladies' Delight

Humor, confusion reign in cross dressing farce.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
GAZETTE

The Little Theatre of Alexandria, which has mounted quality productions of the hit plays of local playwright Ken Ludwig over the years, adds to the list with the local community theater debut of his "Leading Ladies," a cross dressing farce that had its world premiere just about ten miles north of here at Ford's Theatre in 2005.

This brings to four the number of the works of this double Tony Award nominee, which have found their way onto this stage. "Lend Me A Tenor," "Moon Over Buffalo" and the musical using the songs of George and Ira Gershwin, "Crazy for You," has now been joined by this fast paced collection of funny situations and even funnier lines in a production directed by C. Evans Kirk.

Ludwig knows just how to structure a farce so that the audience understands the convoluted situation that confounds the characters, and he includes enough genuinely funny bits of dialogue to spruce up any moments that might tend to drag a bit.

This is the story of two down-on-their-luck, second-rate English actors touring Moose lodges in small towns across America. They learn that a wealthy woman

in the next town is on her death-bed and is going to leave her millions to two relatives no one has seen in years. The relatives happen to be English and are thought to be involved in theater. Sounds like a perfect opportunity to become rich by impersonating the relatives.

Their plans are complicated, however, by the discovery that the long missing relatives happen to be women. In order for their plan to work, therefore, they have to don women's clothing and pass in drag. Of course, farce being farce, that means that either they will fall for women in the town or that men will fall for them ... or both.

Kirk has been fortunate in obtaining a cast capable of pulling off the light comedy elements of the piece with a sense of aplomb, especially Charles Boyington and Brandon DeGroat, who are the Brits in drag. They each have a fine comic sense and Boyington disports himself with increasing vigor as the plot gets thicker and thicker.

Three comic actresses are impressive as well, the two who become romantically in-

involved with the imposters, Rachael Hubbard and Kat Sanchez, and Mary Blake Suib as the wealthy woman whose failure to die on cue complicates everyone's life.

The cast has likewise been fortunate in being directed by Kirk. He gets each one to maintain an energy level that sells the performance even when there may be momentary lapses at the juncture of scenes.

In fact, the only member of the cast that isn't at an impressive energy level throughout the entire show is Roxy Mame Hubbard and that is just fine since she's a pooch: a King Charles Cavalier to be precise. She may well be making her stage debut but she's a very busy member of Therapy Dogs International who visits Walter Reed and the Goodwin House. Her part here is no mere "walk on." Its more a "carry on" making her entrance in the arms of Suib and taking up a scene stealing pose on the divan.

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Where and When

"Leading Ladies" plays Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. through March 14 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Tickets are \$15 - \$18. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

CALENDAR

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, 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

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 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 works from around the world. Visit www.woodlawn1805.org or 703-780-4000 for more.

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ART

New Exhibit Opens

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Jews. By 1859, the city had enough Jewish residents to found Beth El Congregation, which will be celebrating its 150th anniversary this year. Three of the four Jewish members in the Virginia General Assembly represent Alexandria, with the fourth representing Arlington.

"As the birthplace of religious freedom, Virginia has a powerful heritage of respecting religious minorities," said Del. David Englin (D-45). "Even Thomas Jefferson questioned the religious establishment of his time by rewriting the Bible."

THE STORY OF Jewish life in the Washington region is at the center of a new exhibit that opens this week at the Lyceum. Originally conceived by the Jewish Historical Society of Greater Washington in 2004 to celebrate the 350th anniversary

of Jewish life in North America, the exhibit originally opened at the National Building Museum before traveling to the White Flint Mall in Maryland and the Russell Senate Office Building in the Dis-



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This photo of the former Temple Beth El site in the 200 block of N. Washington Street was taken in the late 1950s, after the property was sold.

trict. The Alexandria version of the exhibition will feature banners that are specific to Northern Virginia as well as several historic artifacts from Beth El. "This is a different side of the past that don't get a lot of play in local history" said Jim Mackay, director of the Lyceum. "We feel this is a good way to do that."

Mackay said the Beth El items will include a 10-foot-by-17-foot stained glass window, a register of the Hebrew Benevolent Society featuring a decorative shield and a cast metal mezuzah used during the 1959 dedication of Beth El's current facility on Seminary Road. The March 15 opening reception will feature a one-woman living history performance about immigrant life during the 1930s called "Anna Shulman: Queen of H Street."

"It's really a huge bonus for us to be able to offer a performance for the opening celebration," said Amy Bertsch, spokeswoman for the Office of Historic Alexandria. "You don't typically see an interpretation during an opening reception, so we're really excited about this."

FINE ARTS

Other Items

Art at the Center, 25 S. Quaker Lane, Room 16, classes are forming now for adults and children from 18 months and up. For details go to www.artatthecenter.org or call 703-581-5598.

Ongoing Exhibits

"Genus Loci" is at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, **through March 31**. See art by Cecily Corcoran. Free. Visit www.convergenceccf.net or 703-998-6260.

Through April 1 at AHM Gallery, 215 S. Union St., see photographs by **Robert Cantrell**. Free. 571-970-1466.

See **"383: Viewing the Potomac"** at the Art League Gallery, 105 N. Union

St. **through April 6**. Artwork is by pastelist Daniel Wise. Free. Visit www.theartleague.org or 703-683-1780.

The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 N. Beauregard St., will feature **Lynda Smith-Bugge's** "Hope from Form" abstract wood sculptures **through Sunday, March 15**. For more information Fisher Art Gallery exhibit schedule and the Schlesinger Center, visit www.schlesingercenter.com.

See **"Artistic Duo"** **through March 29** at Green Spring Gardens. Features art by Carolyn Grosse Gawarecki and photographs by Stephen Gawarecki. Free. Visit

www.greenspring.org or 703-642-5173.

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

Exhibition: **"A Radiant Spirit: The Journey of Mary Ellen Henderson"** **through March 28** at Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or 703-838-4356.

The Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 N. Union St., identified a small token excavated as a 1797 medal commemorating George Washington. This artifact will be featured in **"Hail to the Chief,"** a new mini-exhibition open **through March 31**. Free. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

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CALENDAR

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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. "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.

Mount Vernon will bring back its popular **National Treasure Tour through Oct. 31.** Included in this approximately hour-long walking tour is the Mansion's basement and cornerstone, the setting for a pivotal scene in the movie. This daily tour is limited to 25 visitors per time slot, takes place at 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m., and costs \$5 per tour in addition to Estate admission: \$15 adults; \$14 seniors; \$7 children (6-11); free for children 5 & under. Advance tickets are available online at MountVernon.org.

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. For information on reserving seats or a table, and for sponsorship information, contact Dave Woodbury at 703-867-5570 or e-mail chefsdinner@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.

Performance. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School. Elementary and middle school students can enjoy Shakespeare related games, tours and more. Students can register at arts.tjhsst.edu/troupe.

Music Performance. 4:30 p.m. at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. George Washington Middle School Symphonic Band is performing at District 10 Band Festival. Free. 703-706-4500.

Women's Day. Enjoy scripture, music and more at 3 p.m. at First A.M.E. Church of Alexandria, 8653 Richmond Highway. Free, donations accepted. Visit www.famealexandria.org or 703-780-0653.

SUNDAY/MARCH 15

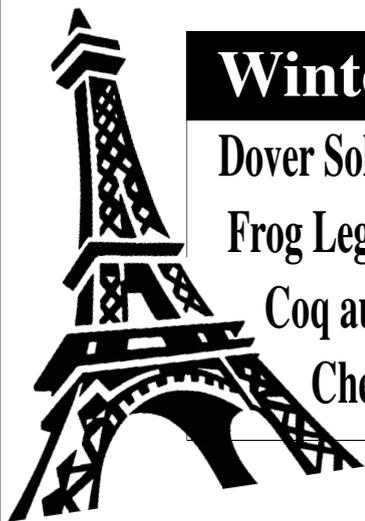
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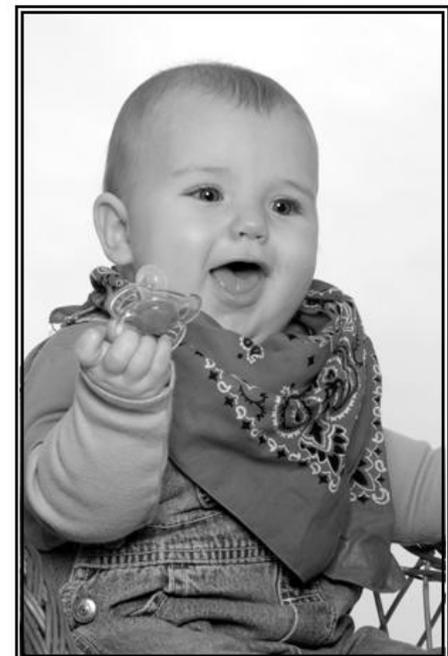
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Hear music by the Vienna Romantics. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com or 703-845-6156.

Opening Reception. 3-5 p.m. "Genus Loci" is at Convergence, 1801 N. Quaker Lane, from March 1 through March 31. See art by Cecily Corcoran. Free. Visit www.convergenceccf.net or 703-998-6260.

Green Roofs. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about green roof gardening from author Ed Snodgrass. \$10/person. To register, 703-642-5173.

Bridge Club. 4 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults and teens of all levels can play. Free. 703-765-3645.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road. Hear The Genevans, a cappella choral music. \$15/adult; \$10/senior, student. 703-765-4342.

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

MONDAY/MARCH 16

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.

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TUESDAY/MARCH 17

Dogs Say Woof. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Center. Children ages 1-2 enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Mother-Daughter Book Club. 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Ages 9-11 with adult. Call for title. Free. To register, 703-971-0010.

Evening Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Discuss "Persuasion" by Jane Austen. Free. 703-339-4610.

Spa Day. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School. Support the cosmetology students and enjoy massages and more. Proceeds benefit the students. 703-824-6884 for appointment.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 18

Small Wonders. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 13-23 months can enjoy stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Book Discussion. 7:15 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Call for title. Free. 703-971-0010.

THURSDAY/MARCH 19

Kites. 4 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 6-12 can make a kite. Registration required, 703-971-0010. Free.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave.



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FRIDAY/MARCH 20

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear Railroad Earth. \$25/person. Visit www.birchmere.com or 703-549-7500.

Starting a Vegetable Garden. 1:30 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn about vegetable gardens. \$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

Dancers rehearse for their upcoming show on March 21 at The Athenaeum. Visit www.janefranklin.com for more on the performance.

required, 703-971-0010.
Music Performance. 8 p.m. at St. Elmos Coffee Pub, 2300 Mount Vernon Ave. Hear Jim and Ashley Cash perform with their band Woven Green. Free. Visit www.stelmoscoffeepub.com or 703-739-9268.

Event. Enjoy scripture, music and more at 7:30 p.m. at First A.M.E. Church of Alexandria, 8653 Richmond Highway. Free, donations accepted. Visit www.famealexandria.org or 703-780-0653.

SATURDAY/MARCH 21

Dance Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. \$14-\$28/person. See performances by Jane Franklin Dance, music by the Washington Saxophone Quartet. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111.

Swordsmen's Rendezvous. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern, 134 N. Royal St. Learn how to wield a sword, tour the museum and more. \$5/person. Reservations required, www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242.

Performance. 7:30 p.m. at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St. See Jane Franklin Dance perform. \$28/adult; \$25/senior, student. Visit www.janefranklin.com or 703-933-1111 for discounted tickets.

Floral Design in French Style. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Laura Dowling will share floral designs from French masters. \$18/person. To register, 703-642-5173.

Harambee Readers. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discuss "A Mercy" by Toni Morrison. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

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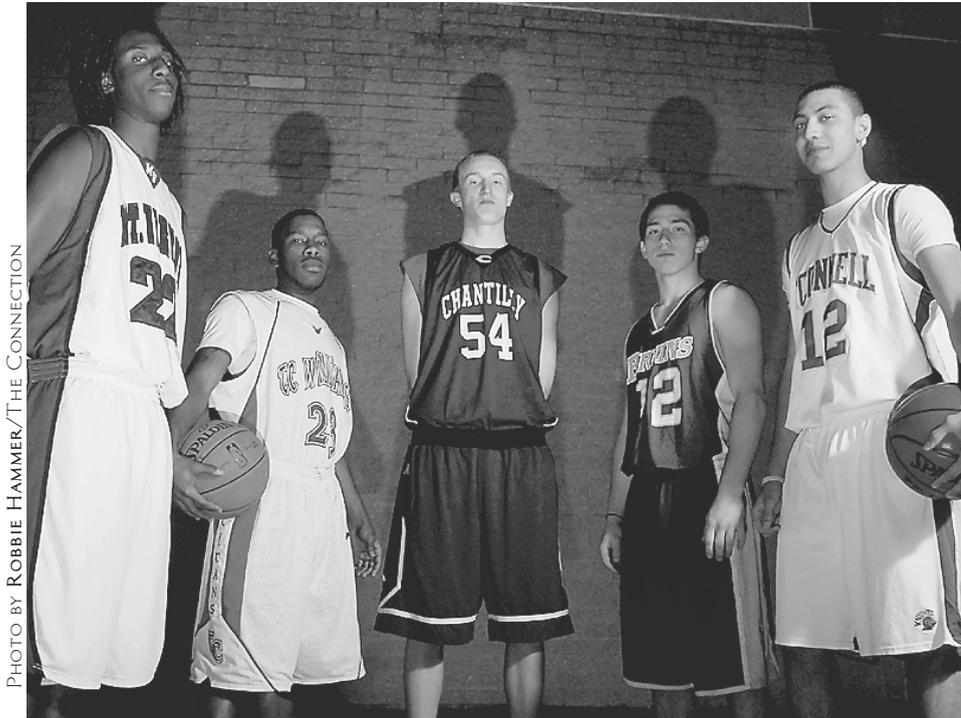


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First-team All-Connection boys' selections include: (from left to right) Skylar Jones (Mount Vernon), Edward Jenkins (T.C. Williams), John Manning (Chantilly), Dominic Morra (Lake Braddock) and Kendall Marshall (O'Connell).

First-team All-Connection girls' selections include: (from left to right) Shelby Romine (Westfield), Myisha Goodwin (Edison), Tracy King (Mount Vernon), Tierra Ruffin-Pratt (T.C. Williams) and Erin McGartland (Oakton).

Boys' First Team

SKYLAR JONES — MOUNT VERNON	19 PPG	9 RPG	1 BPG
KENDALL MARSHALL — O'CONNELL	16 PPG	8 APG	7 RPG
DOMINIC MORRA — LAKE BRADDOCK	30 PPG	7 RPG	3 SPG
EDWARD JENKINS — T.C. WILLIAMS	21 PPG	5 APG	3 RPG
JOHN MANNING — CHANTILLY	13 PPG	10 RPG	3.5 BPG

Girls' First Team

TIERRA-RUFFIN PRATT — T.C. WILLIAMS	18.5 PPG	14.5 RPG	4.5 APG
SHELBY ROMINE — WESTFIELD	16.5 PPG	4.5 RPG	4 APG
TRACY KING — MOUNT VERNON	19.1 APG	8.3 RPG	3.4 SPG
MYISHA GOODWIN — EDISON	25 PPG	5 APG	7 SPG
ERIN MCGARTLAND — OAKTON	11.7 PPG	8.2 RPG	2 APG

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Girls' Coach of the Year

FRED PRIESTER
OAKTON

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GIVEN KALIPINDE — EPISCOPAL
FRANK HOLLOWAY JR. — LEE
STEPHEN STEPKA — W.T. WOODSON
CHRIS KEARNEY — WESTFIELD

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Simon Kilday (Yorktown)
Derek Baker (Langley)
Will Clarkson (Madison)
Isaac Johnson (Herndon)
Erick Green (Paul VI)
Justin May (Chantilly)
Travis Williams (South Lakes)

Second Team

SIMONE ANTWI — SOUTH COUNTY
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JALINDA VENABLE — MOUNT VERNON
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LaNia Charity (Yorktown)
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Khalia Boston (T.C. Williams)
Audrey Dotson (Langley)
Sam Partonen (Robinson)
Danielle Landry (Madison)
Kelcyn Manurs (South Lakes)

Welcome to the 2008-09 All-Connection basketball issue. In this special section, the Connection's sports department honors the best and brightest on this year's Northern Virginia hoops scene. For a complete look at this year's basketball landscape, check out www.connectionnewspapers.com. Special thanks to Lawrence Foong, Robbie Hammer, Louise Krafft and Craig Sterbutzel.

Talk Is Cheap for T.C. Stars

Titans' Jenkins and Ruffin-Pratt sweep All-Connection Player of the Year awards.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

There were 40 seconds remaining in the Northern Region finals on Feb. 28 and the T.C. Williams boys' basketball team was up just four points on Patriot District rival Hayfield when star player Edward Jenkins decided to joke around with the media surrounding the court.

He had just dove head first into the collection of scorer's tables that made up press row at Robinson High School trying to save a loose ball. On the previous possession, Jenkins had completed a smooth three-point play to give his team its somewhat comfortable cushion.

And although the save attempt wasn't successful, Jenkins still got his two cents in, as he laughed and made sure everyone — including the computers and sound equipment he had nearly broken were all in reasonable condition. Mind you, the 5-foot-10 guard was in the midst of one of the biggest moments during one of the biggest games of his career.

But that's Edward "E.J." Jenkins — an undersized, yet talented player with an insatiable work ethic who, for better or worse, has never heard of the phrase silence is golden.

"He's a small guy, but I guess he has a lot to say," said T.C. Williams coach Julian King.

This basketball season, Jenkins' actions spoke louder than his constant stream of words and he has been named the 2008-09 All-Connection Boys' Player of the Year as a result. The senior averaged more than 21 points, five rebounds, five assists, and five steals per game while leading the Titans to

an undefeated season within the Patriot District and a return to the state tournament last weekend.

Oftentimes the smallest player on the court, Jenkins can come off as cocky to some with the amount of trash talk he dishes to opponents, but speak with him off the court and it's clear the bravado is more competitiveness than anything.

Even as many predicted the demise of the T.C. Williams basketball dynasty this season, Jenkins made it a point to ingrain in his teammates just how unacceptable losing had become on King Street. A four-year member of the varsity team, Jenkins finishes his career with a bevy of team accolades including 71-consecutive Patriot District wins, four Patriot District titles, three Northern Region titles, and one AAA state title.

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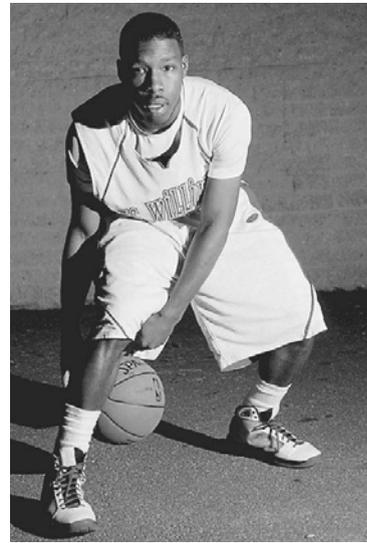
— T.C. Williams coach Julian King on senior Edward Jenkins

"You just gotta be humble and play every game like it's your last," explained Jenkins about how he was able to maintain such high team standards.

He was also a key cog on last year's state championship team, but was expected to carry even more of the load this season with nine seniors from that squad graduated. The fact that T.C. Williams finished with a 27-3 record this year — just two wins off last year's pace — speaks volumes for not only Jenkins the player, but Jenkins the leader.

When asked about replacing his star player, King can only respond, "I don't know what we're gonna do."

SENIOR TIERRA RUFFIN-PRATT doesn't prescribe to the chatterbox theory that has made her male counterpart at T.C. Williams so successful. She's more in tune with former President Teddy Roosevelt. You



T.C. Williams senior Edward Jenkins may be just 5-foot-10, but it didn't stop him from averaging 21 points per game this season.

know, "Speak softly and carry a big stick; it will take you far."

While Jenkins creates the laughter, the soft-spoken Ruffin-Pratt does the laughing. And while she may not have much to say to reporters or opponents, her play on the court this year and throughout her record-setting career did plenty of talking for her. So it should come as no surprise that Ruffin-Pratt has been named the 2008-09 All-Connection Player of the Year.

This season she averaged more than 18 points, 14 rebounds, and a whopping 4.5 blocks per game as she led T.C. Williams to a 24-6 record, the regional finals, and a spot in the AAA state quarterfinals. A shoulder injury in the second quarter of the Northern Region finals (after scoring 10 first-quarter points) is the only thing that stood in her way from becoming a regional champion.

After beginning the season slowly at 4-4, the Titans stormed to 20-consecutive victories before falling to Oakton in the regional



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T.C. Williams boys' basketball coach Julian King (right) and Oakton girls' basketball coach Fred Priester were tabbed as the All-Connection Coaches of the Year after leading their teams to Northern Region Titles this season. In his first season as head coach after taking over for the departed Thomas Ivan, King was able to keep the Titans' Patriot District winning streak alive while maintaining the program's recent dominance over the rest of the region. It's an even more impressive accomplishment when the fact that T.C. Williams lost nine players from last year's state championship team.

finals. Along the way, Ruffin-Pratt scored more than 20 points nine times — including a 40-point outburst against Hayfield on the night her No. 4 jersey was retired. She also leaves the Lady Titans riding their own 40-game Patriot district-winning streak.

With more than 2,400 career points — a school record — Ruffin-Pratt will go down as the best girl's basketball player in T.C. Williams history.

She's now getting ready for her June arrival on the campus of North Carolina, where she has accepted a full scholarship to continue her career.

"It's been a great four years, being able to show my talent with the high school team and show what they can do as well and not just what I can do," said Ruffin-Pratt. "It's what we did as a team that I'll always remember."

Titans Upended in State Quarterfinals

Undermanned girls', undersized boys' end season with loss.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

As the clock wound down in the third quarter of the girl's AAA state quarterfinals Friday night, T.C. Williams senior Khalia Boston pulled up for what appeared to be an easy jumper.

After the ball rattled in and out, Cosby's Becca Wann picked up the rebound, raced down court, and nailed a running 28-foot 3-pointer as the buzzer sounded. It was just another reminder that this would not be the Titans' finest hour, as Cosby jumped all over T.C. Williams from the get go en route to an 86-59 victory.

The Titans were without star player Tierra Ruffin-Pratt, who injured her left shoulder in the second quarter of the Northern Region finals last Tuesday night.

With Ruffin-Pratt on the bench in street clothes, Cosby (28-1), located just outside Richmond, opened up an early 24-10 first-quarter lead and never looked back, shooting a scorching 56.1 percent from the field. The Titans could never cut Cosby's lead below 15 points in the second half. It didn't help that T.C. Williams had 20 turnovers, many of which resulted in fast-break lay-ups for Cosby.

But much of the talk afterwards surrounded the absence of Ruffin-Pratt, the All-

Connection Player of the Year, 2008 Parade All-American, and University of North Carolina commit. While she was averaging more than 18 points per game this season, her presence was missed most on the defensive end, where she is T.C. Williams' most imposing interior player with 4.5 blocks per contest.

Cosby took advantage with countless easy lay-ups thanks to a decided size advantage. Leading the charge for Cosby was a trio of juniors — Jazmin Pitts (19 points, 13 rebounds), Andrea Bertrand (24 points, seven rebounds), and Mann (31 points, 10 rebounds).

Pacing T.C. Williams (24-6) was sopho-

more Jasmine Norman (15 points, 12 rebounds) and senior Charnelle Huggins (11 points).

"It was obviously a big presence that was missing," said T.C. Williams coach Cavanaugh Hagen. "We had a lot more turnovers than we've been prone to have and then our shots just weren't dropping. It was just one of those nights where things just didn't go our way."

THE T.C. WILLIAMS BOYS' also felt the wrath of a Richmond area school in the AAA state quarterfinals the very next day. After a near-flawless first half in which they committed just two turnovers, the Titans came out flat after halftime and fell to John

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Nancy Lynne Farmer-Hoisington

Nancy "Lynne" age 58 died on March 7, 2009 after a year long struggle with cancer. Lynne was born and lived her early adult years in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Since 1990 she has lived in Alexandria at the Episcopal High School. Lynne earned a B.A. from Wellesley College and her Masters from VCU School of Social Work. Lynne was the Director of the Burgundy Farm Summer Day Camp from 1992-1998. She also worked at the Episcopal High School for a number of years. Most recently she was employed by Bell Nurseries of Burtonsville, MD. Lynne is survived by her husband Jeff and children Christy, Tim, and Zack. A service will be held at the Episcopal High School on 3/11/09 at 10:00AM. Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Burgundy Farm Country Day School Alexandria, VA 22303.

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interspersed by an occasional chicken special, at least once a week at Café Monti. When I'm there I see other diners eating all kinds of other good things that I am unfortunately avoiding. I recommend the restaurant to all whether they are like me searching for a good tasting and low fat or just looking for good food at very reasonable prices.

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Persecuted For Faith

To the Editor:

The members of the Baha'i Faith in Alexandria and Mount Vernon are grateful for Chuck Hagee's article relaying concern for the Baha'i leaders imprisoned and awaiting trial on false charges in Iran ("Local Bahá'ís Seek Spotlight on Iran" Alexandria Gazette-Packet, March 5, 2009). It is very important that people become aware of the human rights situation generally in Iran, and the case of the Baha'is in particular, as the Baha'is are the scapegoat of choice in that country. Your work is a significant help.

Since most people know little about the Baha'i Faith, I would like to expand on the article to explain that the Baha'i Faith is an independent world religion widespread around the globe, with five million members (about 100 each in Alexandria and Mount Vernon). The Baha'i Faith began in Iran in 1844. Baha'is are followers of Baha'u'llah ("the Glory of God," 1817-1892), whom Baha'is regard as the most recent in the succession of Manifestations or Messengers of God. Among these Manifestations are Abraham, Moses, Krishna, Buddha, Jesus Christ, Muhammad, and now Baha'u'llah. Baha'is believe that there is only one true God, that all of the world religions are progressively revealed chapters of a single religion, and that all humankind is one people. Persecution against the Baha'i Faith has been a fact of life in the land of its birth since the 1840s. It recurs in more viru-

lent form from time to time and has been particularly systematic during the period of the Islamic Revolution.

The Baha'is publicize this persecution to ensure that Iran recognizes the fundamental human rights of all its citizens, including the Baha'is, and permits the free exercise of religion. The continuity headlines about "Local Activists Take on the Iranian Government" and "Taking on Iran" are inaccurate and may play into the hands of the authorities in Iran who want to portray Baha'is as seditious. The Baha'is of Iran do not seek to undermine the government, but to demonstrate their loyalty to their country and to be permitted to practice their religion freely and without constant pressure to recant or emigrate.

The articles lacked an essential context for the references to the charges brought against the Baha'i leaders in Iran. The fact that the Baha'i World Center is in what is now Israel is at the bottom of the charge of "espionage for Israel." Baha'is do not engage in espionage and are not agents of this or any other government. But because Baha'is in Iran and elsewhere receive communications from the democratically-elected world governing council of the religion, which meets in Haifa; and Baha'is send funds for the upkeep of their holy places in Haifa and Akko, the Iranian government uses the trumped up charge of espionage to target Baha'is. The Baha'i center is in Israel because Iran itself and the Ottoman Empire exiled Baha'u'llah to the prison city of Akko, before there was a state of Israel. The place is sacred to Baha'is, no matter who rules the area. The charge of "insulting religious sanctities" arises from the Baha'i belief that a Messenger of God — Baha'u'llah — has appeared after Muhammad and fulfills the promises of all religions. This is something that Muslim do not believe, so the Iranian authorities, influenced by Shia clerics, anathematize Baha'is as being offensive because of a different belief. This despite the fact that Baha'is honor Islam, Muhammad, and the Qur'an, along with the Bible and Baha'i scriptures. The final charge of "propaganda against the Islamic Republic" arises from the unwillingness of Baha'is to acquiesce in the

persecution and injustice committed against them. Because Baha'is courteously but firmly protest their mistreatment in Iran, the authorities call this anti-government propaganda.

One of the individuals that Chuck Hagee interviewed was Shahram Samimi. He was a rising soccer champion in Iran when he was suddenly pulled from his team in the middle of a game because it had become known that he was a Baha'i. He was offered a spot on the national team, but only if he would recant his faith and become a Muslim. He refused and was banned from playing with any of the official teams. So he founded his own team, composed mostly of Baha'i believers. It won most of its games and, after gaining a trophy, was banned by the authorities from playing in any tournaments. Monika Ahmadpour, his wife, was called up in front of her high school class a number of times, so that the administrators and teachers could berate and revile her for her membership in the Baha'i Faith. She was called "unclean" and the other children were warned about associating with her. This is treatment that has been repeated innumerable times and is happening today with elementary school students. There are almost no Baha'i cemeteries left in Iran because all have been bulldozed, all holy places have been seized, personal businesses and assets taken, and students prevented from obtaining higher education. All of this is solely because of membership in the Baha'i Faith.

Thank you again for bringing home to lo-

cal readers the devastating violations of the human rights of Baha'is and others in Iran. The Baha'is sincerely hope that wisdom will one day prevail among Iran's leadership and that the Islam's injunction "Let there be no compulsion in religion" will become the norm.

William Collins
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Dumping Money Into a Hole

To the Editor:

This is in response to the article in the Alexandria Gazette Packet of March 5, 2009, page 1, "An Icy Expense?"

Without regard to the merit of this expense — at this time or any time — I would like to comment on the statement no local tax money will be involved. Half of the estimated \$400,000 is possibly coming from the Commonwealth Transportation Board.

Unless I am mistaken, the CTB is funded by my tax money. So the City is picking my pocket via the State. At least this time honesty rules — the stated purpose is to throw good money down a hole. But I am curious how fixing an antique well is related to highways and roads and transportation — the stated mission of the CTB.

Joe Schramm
Alexandria

Titans End Season with Loss

FROM PAGE 24

Marshall, 72-61, last Saturday night.

The loss ended the season for T.C. Williams (27-3), just shy of its goal to repeat as AAA state champions. Senior guards Gavin Peterson and Edward Jenkins led the Titans with 16 points apiece. But it was in the paint that the Titans will ultimately blame for their downfall. John Marshall outrebounded T.C. Williams, 40-21, as the Titans inside presence, junior Billy Rowland, sat out much of the second half with foul trouble.

Add in some horrendous transition defense (John Marshall shot better than 60 percent from the field on mostly fast-break dunks and lay-ups), 50 percent shooting from the free throw line, and some careless turnovers down the stretch and you have a

recipe for disaster in the state tournament.

"Nobody was guarding the ball, we just weren't focused on defense," said Peterson. "Our offense was clicking, but our defense wasn't working."

The Justices committed 24 turnovers, more than double the Titans' 11, but it didn't make much difference as they jumped out to a 12-1 run to begin the second half. John Marshall was led on the inside by senior Quantae Cooley (19 points, 14 rebounds) and ACC recruit Travis McKie (17 points, 15 rebounds).

"Just lack of concentration, it has been our problem all year long," said T.C. Williams coach Julian King. "We've just been able to overcome it sometimes and we fell short against a good team. When you play against a superior team and you make mistakes, you can't always rebound from it."



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PEOPLE

Seeking Residents' Environmental Views

FROM PAGE 5

doors need better sealing? How are the windows? Do the light-bulbs consume too much energy? Are the heating and air-conditioning systems efficient? The idea is that without a great deal of expenditure one could save a fair sum of money.

What kinds of things do you envision for phase two of the environmental action plan, which are the long-range goals for the city?

Phase two is still in the information-gathering stage where we are trying to look at what Alexandria might look like in 2020 or 2030. Clearly we can't be too specific about this. But, for example, we know that transportation is going to change, and everybody is talking about doing away with oil. Who knows what's going to replace it? Plug-in electricity? Hydrogen cells? Who knows? But whatever it is, it's going to be important that city has the infrastructure to support these new forms of transportation. So that's the kind of thinking that will be going into the long-term planning.

The city has invited the public to give feedback on March 19 during the Eco-City Action Plan Café. What kind of input are you looking for at this event?

We're going to be asking people how they want to take this on. What sort of society do they want their

children to be growing up in? From this we will put together these ideas to build a plan that fits the moment. Clearly something like this is going to have to be modified over time.

How does the city's environmental initiatives influence the land-use planning process?

The waterfront planning process is going to be predominantly environmental rather than looking at the building side. The river is very much a living thing. People play in it, and some people even fish in it. We discharge our water into it from our sanitation plant, and Mirant takes in its water to cool its plant. We even pump sewage into it. The river can be a friend, and of course in a storm it can also

be a threat. So a lot of the waterfront planning is going to be looking at the river. Looking at the city from the river is going to be a really interesting exercise.

What's going to happen at the March 19 event?

We will have tables set up for specific subjects, and people can opt to go where they wish. There will be people there prompting discussion and recording what people say. We know people will be coming from work on a Thursday afternoon, so if people can't get there right at the beginning they should still try to come and put in their penny's worth.

Taking Action

The City of Alexandria is inviting residents to comment on phase two of the "Eco-City Action Plan," which will guide environmental policy over the next 10 to 20 years. The event, billed as the "Eco-City Action Plan Café," will be March 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Lee Center. For more information, call 703-838-4966.

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St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School's production of "Seussical" includes, front row, from left, The Bird Girls – Alexandra Shaw, Lauren Cassady, Courtney Wilson, and Michelle Whitham, and, back row, Chris Luggiero (Cat in the Hat), Nick Williams (Wickersham), Gabby Lewis (Sour Kangaroo) and Travis Jones (Wickersham).

Taylor Run

A THEATRICAL TRIUMPH

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School's Stage One Players have put on a staggeringly good show in "Seussical."

Sets and lights are professionally effective. A number of excellent voices propel the music, helped by a pit band which director Jim Marvin has cleverly put on stage.

Gabby Lewis contributes a marvelous take on Sour Kangaroo with her huge voice. Will Hawkins, Sophia Gascoyne, Kelly Bragg, and Jackie Duvall sing beautifully and accurately.

Chris Luggiero, as the Cat in the Hat, romps gleefully through the production, improvising as he goes.

Students at the Saints Schools are fortunate in having faculty who pick this kind of material and bring artistic skill to its development. They also seem to have a blissfully good time.

ERIN GO BRAGH

Vice Mayor Del Pepper, running for re-election, threw a wildly successful St. Patrick's Day party at Mango Mike's, with green beer, corned beef and cabbage, and quantities of other foodstuffs.

OBITUARY

Bobbie Haynes

Bobbie Jeverna Tucker Haynes, of Stafford, Va. (formerly of Alexandria), died on Wednesday, March 4, 2009 surrounded by her family. She was born Feb. 14, 1932.

Raised in Jonesborough and Johnson City, Tenn., and in Alexandria, Mrs. Haynes had been a member of the Stafford community for more than 30 years.

A devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother she will be remembered as a lifetime member of the International Order of Job's Daughters, the first Honored Queen and a Guardian of Bethel #22, Groveton, as Past President of the State of Virginia Future Homemakers of America, member of the George Washington High School Golden Friends Lunch Bunch, Mt. Vernon High School cheerleader, member of the Penn Daw Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, charter member of Wesley United Methodist Church, and member of St. Matthias United Methodist Church. She was a retired school bus driver and optical technician.

She is survived by her four loving children: daughters, Lynn Haynes of Stafford and Gwyn George (and husband Mark) of Newark, Texas; two sons, Ernie Haynes (and wife Suzanne) of Spotsylvania and Eddie Haynes (and wife Karin) of King George; 10 grand-



Bobbie Jeverna Haynes

children: Richard Hovey Polly, Michael George, Crystal Hovey Wirman, Kay George Cannon, Mark George, Jr., Amanda Haynes, Erin Haynes, David George, Ethan George, and Ryan Haynes; 10 great-grandchildren: Victoria Crickett Jones, Fischer Tripp Jones, Alley Becker-Cannon, Charles Cannon, Macy Wirman,

Nicholas George, Austin Polly, Connor Polly, Arianna Housey, Alyssah Housey, a host of nieces, nephews and friends, and very special friend and sister-in-law, Patricia Bettis.

Mrs. Haynes is preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Ernest G. (Jukie) Haynes, her mother, Verna Wiseman Judd, and her brother, Wayne Edwin Tucker.

A memorial service was held Saturday, March 7, at St. Matthias United Methodist Church, 426 Deacon Road, Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Haynes was proudly an anatomical donor. It was her wish to use her body for research to help others.

In lieu of flowers, remembrances in the form of donation to any of the following would be appreciated: Alzheimer's Association, American Arthritis Foundation, or American Lung Association.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.caringbridge.org/visit/bobbiejevernahaynes.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

North Ridge

The North Ridge Citizens' Association will be holding its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 17 at 7:30 p.m. at George Mason Elementary School, 2601 Cameron Mills Road. Our guest speaker will be Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. There will also be a "state of the neigh-

borhood" presentation and an election of the 2009 - 2010 NRCA Board. This will be an excellent chance to get informed about what is happening both on the neighborhood and City level. Hope to see you there.

— RUSS BAILEY

Legal Notices



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Parker-Gray District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

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A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

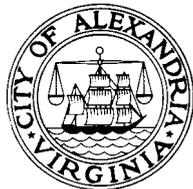
CASE BAR2009-0012
Request for approval of demolition/
encapsulation at 426 N. Alfred St, zoned
RB Residential
APPLICANT: Mo Mouahed

CASE BAR2009-0013
Request for approval of addition/alterations at
426 N. Alfred St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Mo Mouahed

CASE BAR2009-0032
Request for approval of alterations at 403 N.
Fayette St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Brenda & Brian Maday

CASE BAR2009-0033
Request for approval of alterations at 421 N.
Payne St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Michael Berry

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



A Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 24, 2009 at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described ordinance.

AN ORDINANCE of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds in the estimated maximum amount of \$118,300,000.00 and providing for reimbursement to the City of Alexandria from bond proceeds.

The public is advised that amendments or additions may be made to the proposed ordinance without further publication. It is recommended that persons interested in this ordinance obtain a free full-text copy from the City Clerk at City Hall, Room 2300.

Jackie M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020587-06-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
UMAR CONTEH

The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, to terminate the residual parental rights of Ali Conteh, putative father of the male child born to Eku Jah on March 12, 2004, and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption.

It is ORDERED that the defendant Ali Conteh, putative father, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 5/19/2009 at 9:00am

Legal Notices



NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
AND/OR MINOR AMENDMENT

The applicants listed below have requested a special use permit for a change of ownership. The Director of Planning and Zoning may approve the permits unless a request that the application be forwarded to City Council is received by April 2, 2009.

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

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2009-0010
ADDRESS: 3201 Duke Street

Request for a minor amendment

Applicant: Cap City Bread, LLC d/b/a Panera Bread #695

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2009-0012
ADDRESS: 4405 Duke Street

Request for a Change of Ownership
Applicant: Rudolf Moore

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ020587-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
UMAR CONTEH

The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by Alexandria DHS, to terminate the residual parental rights of unknown father, of the male child born to Eku Jah on March 12, 2004, and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption. It is ORDERED that the defendant unknown father, putative father, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 5/19/2009 at 9:00am

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department

WORCESTER, DIVISION
Docket No. 08D2347DV1

Divorce/Separate Support Summons By Publication

NORMA ELENA FUENTES, Plaintiff
v.
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.

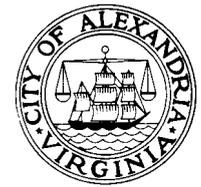
An automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. Please refer to the Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411 for more information.

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.

Witness, Joseph L. Hart, Jr., Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Worcester, this twenty second day of October, 2008.

Stephen G Abraham
Register of Probate Court

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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Table 1 (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS) of Section 5-602(A), under Section 5-600 (CDD/COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS), by amending CDD No. 7 (ROUTE 1 PROPERTIES), all of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text Amendment No. 2008-0006.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2008-0006 to permit automobile sales and surface vehicular parking as an ancillary use for a car dealership within 100 feet of Commonwealth Avenue, with special use permit approval, within CDD No. 7 (Route 1 Properties).

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

The proposed ordinance regulates the delivery of unsolicited publications to addresses within the City of Alexandria by requiring publishers to have processes to notify residents how to request non-delivery and processes for both publishers and distributors on how to track and follow up on such requests, as well as civil penalties for violations.

AN ORDINANCE to extend the pilot program established by City Council by Ordinance No. 4566 to authorize portable signs in the public right-of-way for businesses in the Central Business District, with administrative approval.

The proposed ordinance extends the pilot program established in late 2008 by Ordinance No. 4566 through November 1, 2009, unless superseded by an adopted way-finding program.

AN ORDINANCE to authorize City Council to reduce the size of the Board of Commissioners of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority from 9 to 7 members.

The Alexandria City Charter, at Section 2.04.3, allows the City Council by ordinance to reduce the size of the board of the Alexandria Housing and Redevelopment Authority ("ARHA") from 9 to 7.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of proposed City comments of the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) I-95/395 HOV(High Occupancy Vehicles) /Bus/HOT (High Occupancy Toll) Lanes Project.

PUBLIC HEARING and Consideration of the Report of the Ad Hoc Motorcoach Task Force. (#20,2/24/09)

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

OBITUARY

Nancy Lynne Farmer-Hoisington

Nancy "Lynne" age 58 died on March 7, 2009 after a year long struggle with cancer. Lynne was born and lived her early adult years in New Jersey and Massachusetts. Since 1990 she has lived in Alexandria at the Episcopal High School. Lynne earned a B.A. from Wellesley College and her Masters from VCU School of Social Work. Lynne was the Director of the Burgundy Farm Summer Day Camp from 1992-1998. She also worked at the Episcopal High School for a number of years. Most recently she was employed by Bell Nurseries of Burtonsville, MD. Lynne is survived by her husband Jeff and children Christy, Tim, and Zack. A service will be held at the Episcopal High School on 3/11/09 at 10:00AM. Donations can be made in lieu of flowers to Burgundy Farm Country Day School Alexandria, VA 22303.

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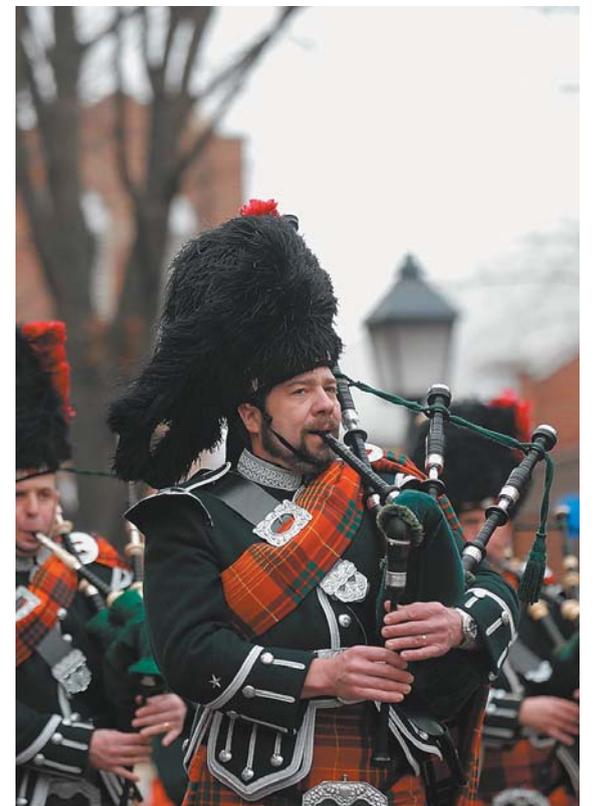
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Walking with the Faugh-A-Ballagh unit, Genevieve Kirk keeps a close hand on two-year-old Katherine.

28th Annual St. Patrick's Parade



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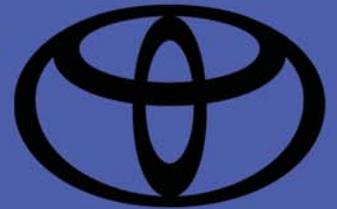
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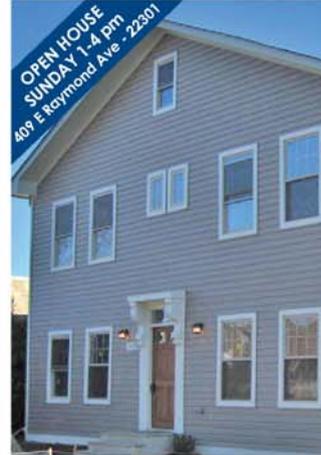
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