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Play Ball! Alexandria Little League, here at Opening Day on Simpson Field, has 28 teams this season with approximately 360 players from age 8 – 15 years old. The players will be participating in four Little League divisions: AA, AAA, Majors and Juniors. See page 30.

Tracking Dropouts

One out of four Hispanic students in Alexandria are dropping out of school.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When a group of students at T.C. Williams High School began skipping classes on Friday afternoons, school officials began trying to figure out what the problem was. In the words of Margie Walsh, who is executive director of secondary programs for the city's school division, the students "had engaged in behavior they should not have."

"If we keep on doing what we're doing now, we're going to keep on having the same problems."

— School Board member Eileen Cassidy Rivera

Walsh relayed the anecdote during a recent City Council meeting to demonstrate the variety of ways that youths can become disengaged as they make their way through high school. "A good percentage of them are not citizens," Walsh explained to council members. "While we build up a lot of confidence in Kindergarten through ninth grade, reality does strike for some of our



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Budget cuts threaten services offered by a family resource center at by Brent Place Apartments even though a recent report on preventing dropouts suggests this program should be expanded.

folks who are not legal citizens."

Whatever their reason, more students drop out of Alexandria schools than any other jurisdiction in Northern Virginia. According to a study released last month by the Virginia Department of Educa

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See How They Run

Candidates who are not part of the Democratic Party are running against record of incumbents.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Planning for the future is one of the most important jobs for members of the Alexandria City Council, yet four challenging candidates have made zoning disputes into political wedge issues. From the decision to double the hours of a West End asphalt plant to the size and scope of the city's Department of Planning and Zoning, four of the candidates have placed planning issues at the center of their campaign against the five Democratic incumbents and former Mayor Kerry Donley.

Waging their campaigns as outsiders are Republicans Frank Fannon and Phil Cefaratti as well as independent candidates Alicia

Hughes and Rich Williamson. Some of their arguments about zoning issues show a concern about the strain that rapidly increasing density is taking on the city's infrastructure. Others take on the department directly. Frank Fannon, for example, has a personal connection to the campaign platform because his family's oil business on Duke Street recently petitioned the Board of Zoning Appeals to overturn a Planning Department determination.

"I think there's a lot of needless regulation in this city," Fannon told Republicans during a recent party meeting. "And the city government is overstaffed."

Although Fannon said his work at SunTrust has no direct relation

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Deadlines Loom

Friday is the deadline for Republican opponents to challenge the incumbent Democratic offices on the ballot in November, including Sheriff **Dana Lawhonre**, Commonwealth's Attorney **Randy Sengel** and Del. **David Englin** (D-45). So far the Alexandria City Republican Party has yet to find candidates to challenge sheriff or chief prosecutor. But the two-term delegate may have a Republican opponent before the week is through.

Basil Mossaidis, who is the executive director of Washington-based American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, said this week that he intends to file the necessary paperwork to challenge Englin as a Republican. A native of Philadelphia, Mossaidis has lived in Alexandria since 1996. He said that he would have voted against the smoking ban that cleared the General Assembly earlier this week, a bill that Democratic Gov. Tim Kaine asked Englin to carry an early version of in the House of Delegates.

"I have great respect for David Englin, and I know that he served his country in the Air Force," said Mossaidis, who owns a Duke Street Philadelphia Cheesesteak Factory with his brother. "But I've have different views on taxation and transportation."

Residency Loophole

Perhaps there's some truth to the old adage that politics makes strange bedfellows. During a candidate's forum last week, Republican candidate **Frank Fannon** expressed support for a proposal central to the campaign of School Board District A candidate **Mimi Carter**. Yet although Fannon and Carter agree on a specific reform, they come at the issue from drastically different perspectives.

"Alexandria can't even pay for the students we currently have, much less students who don't even live in Alexandria," said Carter, who said she's heard from a handful of parents and administration officials that this is a pervasive problem in the school district. "We need to make sure the city's resources are directed to people who actually live in the city."

On the campaign trail, Carter has supported a proposal requiring each student to prove residency each year rather than a one-time registration during enrolls. That way, Carter said, the school system could relieve the burden created by parents who live in other jurisdictions but surreptitiously drive their children across the city line every day to attend school in Alexandria. Yet when asked a question about illegal immigration, Fannon responded by supporting Carter's proposal as a way to combat the perception Alexandria is a "sanctuary city." After the forum, Carter wanted to emphasize that although the two candidates may agree with the policy reform, they have divergent views on immigration. "I would disagree with the notion that Alexandria is a sanctuary city," said Carter. "My proposal was intended to check residency status, not immigration status."

Potomac Yard Legacy

When asked about his legacy as a former mayor, **Kerry Donley** usually mentions Potomac Yard as an example of his leadership style. Yet several of the opposition candidates have challenged that interpretation, criticizing the development as being too reliant on residential development and lacking Metro station. When asked about their charges, Donley countered that the plan left the door open for a subsequent density swap that eventually created a commercial space large enough to attract a new Metro station. As far as the reliance on residential development, Donley explained, the market dynamics are now very different than they were a decade ago when the original plan was adopted.

"At that time, residential was perceived as a more viable alternative given market demands," said Donley. "Now those market demands have shifted."

Correction

In an article headlined "Facing Down Frustrated Parents" last week, School Board candidate **Scott Newsham** was incorrectly identified as a candidate in District B. He should have been listed as a candidate for District A, which he has represented for the last three years on the Alexandria School Board.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Alicia Hughes



Rich Williamson



Phil Cefaratti



Frank Fannon

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ship to the family's oil business, his campaign for the Alexandria City Council has been very critical of the department and its staffing levels. When asked how he would cut the cost of city government to create lower tax bills, Fannon said he would like to see a reduction in the number of employees at the Code Enforcement Bureau, the Department of Planning and Zoning and the Department of Parks and Recreation. The argument is designed to resonate with voters who are concerned with the amount of bureaucracy and red tape associated with seeking approval for architectural drawings or obtaining sign permits.

"There's just a lot of frustration with City Hall," said Fannon between campaign events this week. "Once the economy turns around and the city government start hiring people again, I think we should require at four years of experience in the private sector."

DURING A RECENT candidate's forum, Republican candidate Phil Cefaratti said he couldn't understand why the Department of Planning and Zoning has grown 42 percent since 2005. But Planning Director Farroll Hammer disputed that assertion, indicating the real amount of growth was closer to 33 percent. Yet Cefaratti remained critical of the department while knocking on doors in the Yates Garden neighborhood Tuesday afternoon — cited a recent planning session held with the Rosemont Civic Association as an example of time on the clock that might not have been well spent. Although the department is considering swapping development rights to Braddock Field for a plot of land in Potomac Yard known as "Landbay L," Cefaratti said he didn't think the presentation conducted by planning staffers to the civic association members was a justifiable expense.

"An incumbent said to me after the debate, 'You know that's never going to happen, don't you?'" Cefaratti explained on a Royal Street sidewalk, declining to identify the incumbent by name. "Why are we spending money to hold meetings about things we know are never going to happen?"

On the campaign trail, Cefaratti has also been critical of a zoning determination on the West End, where many residents are unhappy about a number of recent zoning decisions. Several residents at Cameron Station have been very vocal about their objections to several recent City Council actions, including a 2005 special-use permit that doubled the hours of operation for the Virginia Paving Asphalt plant. If he had been on the council at the time, Cefaratti said, he would have voted against the new special-use permit.

"I would have supported restricting the operation to sunlight hours," said Cefaratti. "The people at Cameron Station and Summer's Grove should not have to put up with an intensification of industrial use in their neighborhood."

The scope of the city's actions has been a frequent source of disagreement among the outsiders. Over coffee one recent morning, independent candidate

Alicia Hughes she said she has questions about the \$1 million annual cost for the King Street Trolley that now transports passengers from the Metro to the Potomac River. She said that she's heard from several restaurateurs that their customers are being whisked away and that the previous Dash About service should not have been abandoned.

"If it wasn't broken, why fix it?" asked Hughes, a federal employee at the United States Patent and Trademark Office. "Do all of these programs use tax dollars as efficiently as they can?"

Hughes was also critical of the way the city issued a haul-route permit to Norfolk Southern Railroad even though the company had not requested one. She said that her experience as a clerk for a federal judge in Alabama would have given her a background to launch an opposition to the unilaterally issued permit. When asked about the federal case now pending, Hughes criticized the city's action as irresponsible and described the lawsuit as an expensive public-relations ploy.

"All that money in legal fees and outside counsel was spent to make City Council members look good in front of citizens," said Hughes, expressing confidence Norfolk Southern would be triumphant in the courtroom of Judge James Cacheris. "We could have saved all that money and maybe saved a few jobs."

PERHAPS THE MOST forceful argument against the Democratic incumbents has come from independent candidate Rich Williamson. At public events and in one-on-one meetings, Williamson has accused the Democratic Party of running a political machine that steamrolls any opposition. He described several recent planning decisions as irresponsible, saying that the Potomac Yard plan should have included more commercial zoning and that Duke Street residential construction had gone too far for the current infrastructure to handle.

"The city believes it needs to develop itself out of its financial problems," said Williamson, a federal employee who is barred from partisan politics by the Hatch Act. "What they don't realize is that more people are going to require more services."

One issue that Williamson has repeatedly invoked is the \$81.1 million cost of a proposed new police

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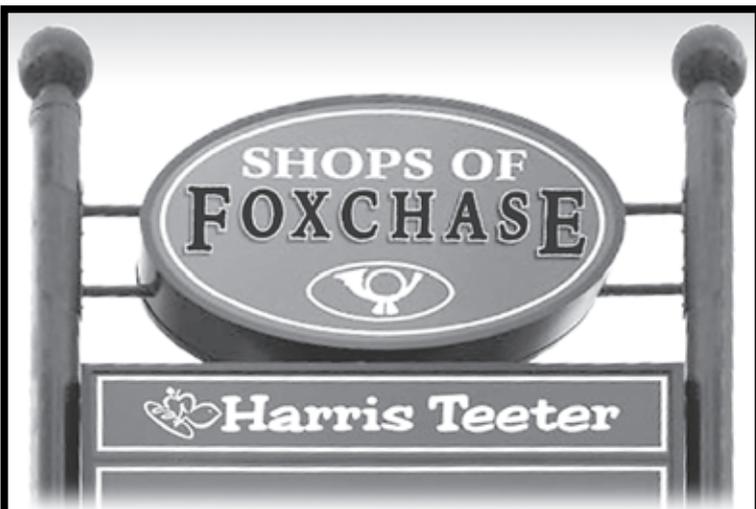
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NEWS

25% of Hispanic Students Drop Out

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tion, Alexandria has a dropout rate of 11.1 percent. That's the highest dropout rate of any jurisdiction in Northern Virginia and significantly higher than the state average of 8.7 percent. The trend is particularly alarming among the city's Hispanic students, who have a dropout rate of 24.8 percent.

"One of the major challenges I've had over the last three years is getting the School Board to focus on issues like the increasing dropout rate, especially among Hispanic students," said School Board Eileen Cassidy Rivera, who is not running for reelection this year. "If we keep on doing what we're doing now, we're going to keep on having the same problems."

YET FOR MANY years, the city's dropout rate has been obscured by statistics that hide the problem. Last year, for example, the city reported a 3.2 percent dropout rate even though the system only had a 64 percent rate. Alexandria officials warned that calculating an accurate dropout rate was complicated by the city's relatively high rate of mobility. But a tracking system created under former Democratic Gov. Mark Warner has now created a way to calculate cohort graduation under a database known as the Educational Information Management System. The new data revealed major problems with the previous reports.

"While the school system posted a three percent dropout rate, nobody believed it — including the school system," said James Copple, member of a city task force that was directed to look at the city's dropout rate last year. "I have been mystified by the fact that we can't get to this data point."

The mystification ended last month, when the Virginia Department of Education released cohort reports for the first group of students to be tracked over time. Data in the reports tracked performance of students who entered the ninth grade for the first time in 2004 and were scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2008. Using this information to crunch the city's dropout rate illustrated a phenomenon that was masked by the official 3.2 percent dropout rate posted by Alexandria City Public Schools. Instead, it turns out the rate is more than twice that amount — and well above the state average of 8.7 percent.

"We are leaving some kids behind," said Copple during a presentation to City Council members last month. "These are people who will be predators in our community and end up in our prisons."

STARTING IN January 2008, Copple led a subcommittee of the Gang Prevention Task Force to find out why Alexandria students drop out and what city officials can do about it. Prompted in part by a Gates Foundation study titled "The Silent Epidemic," the report he presented to the City Council last month details a number of recommendations to enhance family literacy and create a better way for students to re-enter school life after becoming involved with the criminal justice system.

"The defendants we typically see at the courthouse

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headquarters. When asked what price he thinks would be adequate, the independent candidate responded that he would consider a range between \$40 million to \$50 million would be sufficient. When asked about the incumbents' response that the new station is needed because the force is scrambling for interrogation rooms and moving detainees through the lobby of rented spaces shared by pub-

Regional Dropout Rates

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| ❖ Alexandria | 11.1 percent |
| ❖ Arlington | 9.0 percent |
| ❖ Fairfax | 5.5 percent |
| ❖ Loudoun | 3.3 percent |
| ❖ Falls Church | 0 percent |

SOURCE: Virginia Department of Education

who have committed really serious crimes have either stopped going to school altogether or rarely show up," said Commonwealth's Attorney S. Randolph Sengel. "We've had kids who say they're going to school but it turns out they haven't shown up for 50 days or so."

The recommendations outlined in the report range from assigning mentors for students who have been in trouble with the law to expanding family resource centers. One of the problems mentioned in the report is the culture of "silos" in which service providers were not aware of programs or initiatives outside their area. In an effort to increase communication of up-to-date information sharing, Court Services Director Lillian Brooks led a series of five-minute "speed training" session last August to 150 city and school program leaders. "It's sort of like speed dating," said Brooks. "We found it was a great way of updating huge groups of people very quickly."

MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS listed in the report may have a difficult time finding a source of funding as the city cuts back on services and lays off employees. For example, one of the employees City Manager Jim Hartmann recommended laying off in February was Amalia Quinones, a substance abuse prevention therapist at Tucker Elementary School and Brent Place Apartments. Yet the kind of services Quinones now offers at the Brent Place Apartments are precisely the kind of programs the report recommends the city expand.

"I feel very unhappy about this situation because I would like to continue working with this community, the children and the parents," said Quinones in an interview last month. "I am very concerned about the future of these students and this community where I am working because I think they are learning a lot about prevention."

On a visit to the Brent Place Apartments last week, Mayor William Euille visited the facility to see its family learning center and community services in action. Now that City Council members have expressed a willingness to raise the tax rate, the city manager identified the substance-abuse therapist as one position he would recommend be restored as a result of the new revenue. Euille said his visit changed his opinion on the importance of the role after-school programs have on the city's dropout rate. The City Council is set to finalize the budget on April 27.

"The people that come to us and make recommendations don't care how we get the funding, they just want the services," said the mayor. "Our job is to pay the bills, so we have to look at the bigger picture and figure out where we are going to get the money to pay for restoring safety net programs."

lic business, Williamson countered he rejected that argument as bullying.

"They are trying to guilt us into this," said Williamson, who has refused to participate in endorsement interviews because he said he doesn't want to be beholden to any special interest. "To me, the answer is that we pay the police officers more instead of build an expensive new headquarters for them."

PEOPLE

SCAN Honors Robertson

Arlene "Vicky" Robertson of Alexandria was one of five Northern Virginians honored last week for efforts to protect children and support families. The event was SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia's official kick-off for April as National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

Robertson has been a prevention advocate in the City of Alexandria for 28 years. Today, she is a school social worker with the STEP (Secondary Training and Education Program) Center/Academy 1 at T.C. Williams High School, but her knowledge of — and commitment to — prevention began when she was a Child Protective Services social worker for Alexandria Department of Human Services, investigating complaints, providing intensive family therapy services and working with high-risk families on a daily basis.

Robertson's work has also focused on teen parents, providing educational group sessions for young mothers that focus on healthy parenting, stress management and general care of mother and baby. In addition, she educates these mothers on protecting their own children from abuse and neglect.



Arlene "Vicky" Robertson of Alexandria with NBC4's Julie Carey and SCAN Executive Director Diane Charles.

NVCC President Dr. Robert Templin was the event's keynote speaker, and NBC4's Julie Carey presented the awards. Verizon was the lead sponsor of the event.

More information on SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) of Northern Virginia can be found at www.scanva.org

PEOPLE NOTES

Timothy Hamer will be the principal of Bishop Ireton High School. Hamer has served as an interim principal since last year when Father Matthew Hillyard, O.S.F.S. was reassigned as the Rector of the Cathedral Parish in Camden, N.J. This follows a nationwide search to fill the position.

Lafayette Frederick (52) of Alexandria, received the Washington State University Alumni Association (WSUAA) Alumni Achievement Award. The award is the highest honor bestowed by the WSUAA and recognizes Frederick for his outstanding teaching, research, mentoring and contributions

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PEOPLE



Vola Lawson and Peter Lawson



T.J. Fannon and Thomas Fannon

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Generation to Generation Gala

The Senior Services of Alexandria honored parents and children at its Generation to Generation Gala on March 28.

The honorees included T. J. Fannon and his son Thomas Fannon, Bud Hart and his daughter Mary Catherine Gibbs, Vola Lawson and her son Peter Lawson, John McEnearney and his daughter Maureen Dunn, Melvin Miller and his daughter Ericka Miller.

A number of Alexandria Living Legends were there, three former mayors — state Sen. Patsy Ticer, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran and Kerry Donley — and current Mayor Bill Euille. A number of city council members, past and present, Alexandria Police Chief David Baker, Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, and City Manager Mark Jinks also attended.

Lionel Hope, former Alexandria City Council member, traveled from North Carolina, and Ferdinand Day, the first African American member of the Alexandria School Board, both attended to honor their friend Melvin Miller. All three men worked with



John McEnearney and Maureen Dunn

former city manager Vola Lawson to integrate the Alexandria school system.

Executive Director Janet Barnett said, "Senior Services of Alexandria has provided vital programs and services for seniors for over 40 years, and will use the proceeds from the event to continue to provide meals, transportation, and in-home assistance."



Ericka Miller and Melvin Miller



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OPINION

Celebrating Poetry

Gazette will print poetry submitted by readers.

April is National Poetry Month according to the Academy of American Poets, and here at the Gazette, we invite poets to send submissions for us to print.

On April 10, 2007, the Alexandria City Council named Mary McElveen as the city's poet laureate for a three-year term.

This is one service local government could expand in these economic times; Fairfax, Arlington and Loudoun counties, the City of Fairfax, the towns of Herndon and Vienna could consider appointing their own poets laureate.

The National Poet Laureate serves as consultant to the Library of Congress and "seeks to raise the national consciousness to a greater appreciation of the reading and writing of poetry."

Virginia also has a poet laureate, a position established by the General Assembly and appointed by the governor from nominees submitted by the Poetry Society of Virginia. The current poet laureate of Virginia is Claudia Emerson, claudiaemerson.org.

The Alexandria Poet Laureate will promote an appreciation of poetry as an art form, encourage creative writing and reading of all forms of literature, and promote literacy through poetry.

Are you a poet? The Gazette will print poetry submitted by readers this spring and occasionally throughout the year.

Moving Words Poetry Reading

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Release of 'Poetic Voices Without Borders, 2'

Thursday, April 23, 7 - 9 p.m.

The Arlington Arts Center, 3550 Wilson Blvd. (across from the Virginia Square Metro, Arlington)

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Poem a Day

Go to www.poets.org to sign up to receive a poem emailed daily.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

City's Help Sought

To The Editor:

The residents of our community seem to have been caught up between a do and don't situation causing confusing and hostility among residents and visitors. And management seems in some sense unaware of the problems facing many residents who live within the mid-rise building of Olde Towne West.

The intercom system for visitors to enter the building has been out of order for sometime now. Under the circumstances I can understand why residents — elderly and

seniors as well as the disabled — may have taken a chance in letting his or her visitor use the access key to enter the building [despite the rules]. While residents and non-residents have had a hard time getting in, management only ignored the issues that needed to be fixed. Complaints toward security could have been avoided to say the least.

I believe we all deserve an apology from management for the inconvenience we all have had to deal with — just think about what we all had to deal with for the holidays of 2008 and having to stand in the lobby and hall with no heat and visitors expecting someone to open the door.

Through all of this, there were words exchanged at times between residents and non-residents. With some people who could not speak English, trying to explain why one could not open the door wasn't easy.

Our building is supposed to be a secure building, but many residents felt pressure to open the door while some just walked away. Either way we the residents should not be put in an intimidating situation because management contributed to this problem by not having the intercom system fixed — especially around the holidays.

For over 20 years the mid-rise has always been a secure building and management should respect

our need for a safe environment as well as a healthy atmosphere throughout our community.

Package and medicine delivery is a problem for senior citizens who are not able to buzz them in. Some residents have to come down and wait, hoping their package arrives in a certain time frame, and this is sad.

Why are repairs only done after the City of Alexandria Code Enforcement/fire inspector has been called?

I and many other residents would very much like to see an Overseer Committee established for our community so that the City of Alexandria would be more involved.

Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

What GOP Opposition?

To the Editor:

As predictable as April showers leading to May flowers, so true is it that with the pending City Council election the Republican candidates once again avoid being directly associated with their party.

Like past candidates, this year neither Phil Cefaratti nor Frank Fannon identify themselves as Republicans on any of their yard signs. What makes this particularly ironic is that on Mr. Cefaratti's Web site he states that he is running in part because "for the past six years Alexandria city council has not had a voice that provides a fundamentally opposing view."

If either of the two Republican

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Palm Sunday at Market Square

Mayor Bill Euille (third from left) stands with the Rev. Collins E. Asonye of Meade Memorial, the Rev. Oran E. Warder of St. Paul's, and the Rev. Pierce W. Klemmt of Christ Church at Market Square on Sunday as the assembled group waved palms for Palm Sunday. After a blessing of the palms, the congregations of the churches walked to their own church for services. Visit the Web sites of each of these churches for their Easter service schedules: www.MeadeMemorial.org, www.st.paulsepis.com, and www.historicchristchurch.org.

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candidates really wanted to portray themselves as opposition candidates, certainly, at the very least, they would want the citizens of our fair city to openly know that they are Republicans and not Democrats.

Matt Harris
Alexandria

Extensive Experience

To the Editor:

We are writing to express our strong support for Mimi Carter, a Del Ray resident and candidate for the Alexandria School Board. Mimi has extensive experience in early childhood education, is extremely active in Alexandria's civic affairs and has an innovative "Triple A" plan to improve our city schools. As parents of Alexandria school students, we know that Mimi will ably represent the interests of District A voters on the School Board. We strongly encourage all District A residents to vote for her on May 5.

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"Moms for Mimi"

Informed Decision-Maker

To the Editor:

During this time of spring, many of us would likely be unaware or not paying attention to the elections that will be held on May 5 for City Council and School Board.

In most years and in typical circumstances, only about one-fifth of us will go to the polls. The caucuses were weeks ago and our thoughts have been elsewhere. But now our attention span should turn to this important determination of what Alexandria's government and direction will be for the next coming years. There are issues of budget, of development, of governance and delivery of services, quality of community life, and many more. If nothing else, the current and daily concern about our economic health and the delayed attention to reform make us all concerned citizens. So the first message is that it is time to focus and critical to vote in the coming municipal elections.

But the second message is this. We need fair, balanced, and informed leadership.

That is why I am endorsing Tim Lovain's re-election to City Council. During his term, he made certain commitments: to seek not only a reasoned budget, but informed decision-making; to find ways to improve our environment and transportation; to make progress toward the goal of excellence in the public schools; to forge creative alliances with the non-profits organizations that

serve those among us that need assistance; and others. In my estimation, he has worked diligently to keep those commitments. He brings analysis, fact-based decision-making, the ability to reach out to those that have honest differences and finding ways to find solutions. We need that kind of leadership. So vote on May 5, and be certain to vote for Tim Lovain.

James S. Roberts
Alexandria

Reality Check?

To the Editor:

In response to Cindy Smith Page's letter "Committed to Fairness" letter in the April 2, Gazette, I would say that if the City of Alexandria's Department of Real Estate Assessment is committed to fairness it is unclear why, when it was discovered last year that the appraiser had made a mathematical error last year with my appraisal, they did not voluntarily adjust those assessments for others affected by the same mistake to the true value rather than allowing a large number of people to pay more than they were re

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quired to pay. If the office works for the taxpayer they should have, of their own accord, corrected their records without requiring that others go through the formal process of appealing their assessment.

Trust is an earned privilege, and if we cannot trust the Assessors office to provide objective, accurate data then there is something wrong. And if this were a customer-oriented organization, the inputs from these customers would be taken into account and reviewed for possible opportunities for improvement rather than being dismissed. Instead we get the response that everyone and everything is just fine and the customer is wrong. I would suggest that Ms. Smith-Page take a long and hard look at the operations in her department and start listening to the people who have tried to work with that office. I think she would be surprised what people really think about that operation.

Micheline Eyraud

Focusing on Special Needs

To the Editor:

I would disagree that Mimi Carter offered platitudes regarding special education reform in Alexandria Schools. The points definitely resonate with me, a mother of two children within the special education system of Alexandria Public Schools:

* We do need to figure out how to incorporate special needs students in the general student population. Schools are microcosms of life and as such children should not be segregated into little pods of like folks. We should work on creating the most effective learning environments for all and not only for those that are tracked to succeed academically. On back to school night this past September, I cringed upon hearing a parent ask why the special needs children were in the classroom with their child, they felt them too disruptive. Were they talking about my beautiful, intelligent, and reading impaired daughter? I have no idea, but I know that my daughter is forever defending her academic "place" in school. Maybe she is only defending it me so that she can be reassured of her worth — but I believe that much time needs to be spent to figure out how to incorporate special needs students in the general student population.

* We do need to train our principals, teachers and paraprofessionals in special educational practices. As well intentioned as most

of our Alexandria education professionals are, my children need to work with teachers, administrators, and so many others that understand that a reading disability does not necessarily translate into "this kid is not trying." There are not enough trained special education teachers and professionals to go around. We have been incredibly lucky to have worked with wonderful teams of special education professionals both at Mount Vernon and G.W. Middle school. Without them my children would not be where they are academically, however I do spend hours educating my children's teachers around my children's weaknesses and strengths and I have to advocate for their right to an education using their accommodations often. I am lucky enough to work where I have a flexible schedule, my pay is not cut if I come to school in the middle of the day or if I go to a parent/teacher conference. I understand the purpose of the IEP, and I speak English and am able to get my points and ideas across. What about all the children that don't have the advantages of "parental advocates?" Are they just to be lost in the system? If my son is given a test and it is not read to him (one of his IEP stated accommodations) it is very likely that he will not be able to read the 7th grade questions that are on the test. This does not mean that he does not know the answer; it means that he did not understand the question. It is in a language that he does not understand. Would you assume that a French speaker does not know the answer to the questions posed in English, or would you determine that they did not understand English? My son has had wonderful and dedicated teachers at GW Middle School, yet what I have just stated has happened to him more than once. There are available solutions, but time and money needs to be allocated to train our principals, teachers and paraprofessionals in special educational practices.

* Yes, you must evaluate our special needs programs to make sure they are working. Periodic evaluation is the key to any successful program. How can you possibly determine what is working and not without conducting an independent and comprehensive evaluation? If there is a fear of evaluation, it is because there is already a sense of what will be found. I would hazard that any evaluation will find that the programs are too general to work effectively with so many specific issues that our children with special needs have. The education system in general wants positive indi-



Mayor William D. Euille joins the children at the Community Service Board's Brent Place Tutoring and Mentoring Program.

Hope Is in Bloom at Brent Place

BY JENNIFER COHEN-CORDERO
ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD

The Alexandria Community Service Board's Brent Place Tutoring and Mentoring Program has teen and adult mentors who provide twice-weekly tutoring and mentoring to the high-risk population of children living at Brent Place Apartments. The prevention program is one of several led by Amalia Quiñones at Brent Place Apartments and at Samuel Tucker Elementary School. The program, along with Quiñones' position, is facing elimination in the City's fiscal year 2010 budget.

In March, the children, their mentors and parents spoke at the City Council Public Hearing. Following their appearance, Mayor William D. Euille was inspired to visit the Brent Place Program. He told those gathered, "I was very impressed with your presentations at the public hearing. It is always important to stand up for what you believe in." Speaking to the children, the Mayor said, "This is a wonderful program that helps you focus on your education." In addition to the importance of education, the Mayor spoke about diversity, character, helping others and hope. The Mayor entertained questions from the children and invited them to visit City Hall. In gratitude for his visit, program participants gave the Mayor a booklet of photos, drawings and messages rep-

resenting their twelve countries of origin.

Tricia Bassing, LCSW, CPP-ATOD, the CSB's Prevention Team Leader said, "As a result of this program, the children have another caring adult in their lives, are more connected to school, have learned how to say no to alcohol and drugs, have improved their grades and attendance and have parents who are more involved in their education."

Brent Place Apartments donates space and utilities for the program. The volunteers donate their time. The nonprofit group Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center has donated money for snacks and other small tokens. However, without the single paid CSB position, the program will be discontinued in July.

Brent Place Property Manager Sue Ludwic explained, "This program provides educational and recreational opportunities to keep low income families' kids from being exposed to criminal activity since they really can not afford to send their kids to private functions. We have 200 children at Brent Place. These children are our future. We need more quality programs like this, not fewer."

At the request of the then City Manager Phil Sunderland, the CSB began providing services to the Brent Place community in 2001. Now, forced to make excruciatingly difficult budget decisions, Council may have to discontinue the Brent Place Program. However, the children, volunteers and staff remain hopeful that this program will be saved.

vidual results without providing truly individualized education programs for each child which includes the needed expertise for academic success. That would be far too expensive for any school to undertake — or do we just have to figure out how to make it affordable by thinking outside of the box? This question begins to be answered by determining the strengths and weakness of the programs. You must evaluate our special needs programs to make sure

they are working — then you can figure out the solutions.

While other candidates may have spoke in generalities, Mimi was clearly not among them. Because of her commitment to special needs students, and because of her leadership on so many other issues, I am voting for Mimi Carter on May 5 and encourage all District A residents to do likewise.

Donna Muñoz

Proud mother of two in the

special education system of Alexandria

Needed More Than Ever

To the Editor:

We support Vice Mayor Del Pepper in her bid for re-election to city council. We believe you should, too. Alexandrians can be proud of

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all of our city council members, but Del has qualities that set her apart. She has tremendous experience, astute judgment, and boundless energy. Our community is facing many significant challenges today, and we need Del now more than ever.

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

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

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

**Dorothea Peters
Scott Barstow**

Experience Matters

To the Editor:

In the coming months and the coming City Council term, a lot will be happening affecting the Landmark area. Critical choices will need to be made regarding implementation of the Landmark/Van Dorn redevelopment plan. We will need to formulate proactive plans to address the increased need for schools and green space that will come with additional housing; review transit needs; and effectively support business development. We need Del Pepper on City Council to continue exercising her experience, expertise, and leadership in these important decisions for Alexandria.

Del was there for the community when it was

learned that ethanol was being transloaded within 100 yards of an elementary school. She co-chairs the Norfolk Southern Ethanol Transloading Monitoring Group, which provides ongoing oversight. In her role as co-chair, she represented the City before the Federal Surface Transportation Board. She also worked with the community to develop improvements in Virginia Paving's operations.^o

Del Pepper has proven over the years that she really wants to hear from her constituents. She listens with a heart for Alexandrians' concerns and takes action on City Council.

Del is there for all of Alexandria, and we urge you to vote for Del Pepper on May 5. Her experience, hard work, leadership, and know-how are valuable assets we can't afford to lose.

**Libby Cooperman, Mike Curry,
Bob Eiffert, Dick Hobson,
Doug and Wendy John, Gwen Lewis, Lucelle
O'Flaherty, Doratheia Peters, Jack Sullivan,
and Anne and Sam Ulm**

Man of Reason

To the Editor:

As you drive down Davis Avenue, the street Councilmember Tim Lovain lives on, you will see "Tim Lovain for Council" signs on the lawns of his neighbors. That's because Tim has lived on our street for 12 years, and we know what a decent man he is.

When Tim decided to run for City Council three years ago, we supported him because we knew that, as a family man, he would look out for the best interests of children and families in the community. We also knew that, as a homeowner, he understood the need to keep taxes at a reasonable level.

As a Councilmember, Tim has done all that and more. As the only North Ridge resident serving on City Council, he is familiar with local issues and has helped to solve numerous problems. Also, he's used his transportation expertise to help address our community's transportation problems. And he has worked to provide more playing fields for children in Alexandria.

We are pleased that Tim has decided to run for reelection, and we are proud to support him with yard signs and at the polls on May 5.

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In Bloom

Alexandria to help launch Historic Garden Week on April 18.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

One of the most infamous ghosts in Old Town Alexandria supposedly lives at 210 Prince Street, a house that will be featured in this weekend's garden tour. The Barrett Branch Library's Alexandria history collection is full of old news clippings about a ghost that supposedly haunts the house, one that has a Revolutionary War era hatred of anything English. Legend has it that the ghost has been seen walking down a stairwell in the house in an American uniform. One famous 1930s-era account has the ghost preventing a British woman from walking upstairs when the house was for sale.

"I don't normally believe in ghosts," said Virginia Rocen, who purchased the house with her husband, Donald Rochen, in 2006. "But I could change my mind if I heard something. Couldn't we all?"

Guests at this year's Alexandria stops on the Historic Garden Week's 76th annual season will see knockout gardens and all manner of architectural ghosts. Sites include cobblestones harvested from Fairfax Street, windowsills believed to be from one of George Washington's quarries and the parsonage of the Free Methodist Church. Catered lunches will be available at the Athenaeum, ranging from \$11 to \$17. Light refreshments will be available at St. Paul's Episcopal Church during tour hours.

"I think this year's tour has some nice variety of structures," said Michaela Robinson, a member of the Garden Club of Alexandria who is acting as co-chairwoman of the event. "So often a tour like this focus on grand homes, and of course we have grand homes. But this year's tour has a nice balance between large homes and small homes."

OUTDOORS



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Looking from the garden back into Swope House on Prince Street.

Houses on the Tour

♦ **207 North Fairfax Street:** Built in 1749 by John Dalton on the first lot auctioned in Alexandria, this house was situated on the river's original bank along what is now Lee Street. Dalton acted as agent for the Mount Vernon produce and was a partner in the firm of Carlyle & Dalton, a mercantile and shipping business in Alexandria. The house was purchased by the present owners in 1980, when it was an unoccupied crumbling shell surrounding six very small apartments.

owners: Mr. and Mrs. Temple C. Moore Jr.

♦ **210 Prince Street:** Revolutionary War hero Michael Swope completed construction on the Georgian brick townhouse in 1786. The lot at 210 Prince Street, originally purchased by George Washington's half-brother Augustine Washington in 1749, was bought by William Ramsey in 1751. In the next three years, the house more than doubled in value, leaving many to speculate that a brick "flounder" was built on it in 1754. The present owners have added a small powder room off the dining room and have restored the dining room fireplace to its original arched brick design.

owners: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Rocen

♦ **426 South Lee Street:** This frame house was constructed prior to 1879, when owner George Peverill built the Free Methodist Church at 424 South Lee Street. For many years, this house was the parsonage for the church. One noteworthy furnishing is an American chest of drawers probably built in Baltimore made of "plum pudding" mahogany that has been in the owner's family since the early 1800s.

owners: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vance Hall

♦ **510 South Fairfax Street:** Built in 1804, this federal townhouse has been the home of the current owners for more than 25 years. The hall and library are the original house, which was built when Thomas Jefferson was president. The exit leads to

the front patio and parking area paved with cobblestones harvested from Fairfax Street when it was repaved.

owners: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bentley Adams

♦ **513 South Fairfax Street:** This early 19th-century brick federal residence has a mix of historicism at the original body of the structure and a wide-open modern family living space. Matching chandeliers are Czechoslovakian and mimic colonial lights but with a nod to the contemporary, made of crystal instead of the typical brass. The rear garden is designed with serpentine planters fitted around the preserved trees that were carefully protected during construction.

owners: Kevin Schulman and Michelle Hicks

♦ **307 South St. Asaph Street:** The two houses at 307 and 305 South St. Asaph Street were probably constructed by 1790



The front patio at the Adams' home was paved with cobblestones harvested from Fairfax Street.

"I think this year's tour has some nice variety of structures."

— Michaela Robinson, co-chairwoman of the Alexandria Historic Garden Tour

because their lots were purchased around 1785. Benjamin Shreve built 307, which was purchased in 1854 by Richard Huck. Federal military authorities seized the building in 1862 to house federal soldiers and escaped slaves. The original exterior windowsills were uncovered and are believed to be from one of George Washington's quarries.

♦ **201 Prince Street:** The Athenaeum is a textbook example of Greek Revival architecture, with its Neo-Classical portico featuring Doric columns and towering windows that flood the building with natural light. The structure was built in 1852 to be the Bank of the Old Dominion. Today the Athenaeum is home to the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association and is used for arts exhibits, performances, lectures and special event rentals.

♦ **228 South Pitt Street:** Although 2009 represents the 200th anniversary of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, this Gothic-style façade was not completed until a few years after a splinter group left Christ Church in 1809. The original version of the design was created by famed architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe, architect of the Capitol. In 1906 the east wall was partially removed to allow for the addition of a new recessed chancel.

Tickets

For \$40, tour guests will be ushered into six private houses and gardens. Light refreshments will also be available at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which is celebrating its 200th anniversary as part of the tour. Group tours for 10 people or more can be purchased in advance for \$35 each. Single-house ticket with garden admission are \$10. Full tickets for children under 12 are \$20, single-house or garden admission \$5. Tickets may be purchased on tour day at any of the houses and at the Alexandria Visitor's Center. 703-838-4200.

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ONGOING

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

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

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.

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 **11 and 11:30 a.m.** Beginning **April 11**, storytelling sessions will move from the Hands-On History Room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center to the George Washington: Pioneer Farmer site. The storytelling program is recommended for children ages three to eight. Parental supervision is required. "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.

Spectacular gardens are in bloom as Mount Vernon hosts its annual **outdoor garden and gift sale beginning April 11 through May 10** from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This annual sale includes ornamentals, perennials and annuals, garden items, books, and heirloom plants propagated from historic cuttings. No admission is required to shop in the Gardening Days tent (located in front of the Mount Vernon Inn Complex). Visit MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

FRIDAY/APRIL 10

Sing Along with Mr. Skip. 12:30 p.m. at Spill the Beans Coffee House, 1900 Elkin St., Suite 4. Enjoy singing and dancing with Mr. Skip. \$5 per child. No pre-registration required. More info at spillthebeansva.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.

SATURDAY/APRIL 11

Flower Power Workshop. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. Catherine Hillis will show how to paint vibrant flowers in watercolors. To register, 703-584-2900.

Yuri's Night. 8 p.m. at The Warehouse Arts Complex, 1021 7th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Enjoy music, dancing and more by local bands. \$20/advance; \$25/door. Visit www.outofthisworldparty.com for more.

Book Sale. 10 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. All ages can find books. Free. 703-339-4610.

All Alexandria Reads. 11 a.m. at Beatley library, 5005 Duke St. Children ages 6-11 can enjoy nutrition fun. Free. Visit www.alexandria.lib.va.us for more.

Family Garden. 2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Take the garden home. \$15 includes all supplies. For reservation, 703-642-5173.

SUNDAY/APRIL 12

Flower Power Workshop. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton. Catherine Hillis will show how to paint vibrant flowers in watercolors. To register, 703-584-2900.

Easter Egg Hunt. 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. at Lee-Fendall House, 614 Oronoco St. \$5/child. See the Easter bunny as well. 703-548-1789 for reservations.

Easter Egg Hunt for History. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. Take a tour and find the Tavernkeeper's eggs while learning about the museum.

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MONDAY/APRIL 13

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.

Giggles and Wiggles. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 24-35 can enjoy stories. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Book Discussion. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call for title. Free. 703-768-6700.

Early Reader Discussion. 3:30 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 6-8 can enjoy activities. Call for title. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Books & Ideas. 7:30 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discuss "The Story of Edgar Sawtelle" by David Wroblewski. Free. Registration required, 703-768-6700.

TUESDAY/APRIL 14

Read-Along. 10:30 a.m. at Spill the Beans Coffee House, 1900 Elkin St., Suite 4. Bring the children to Spill the Beans for some read along fun with StagePlay's own Heather Sanderson. Free. Visit spillthebeansva.com or 703-780-3561.

April Showers. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children 2-3 years enjoy stories and activities. Free.

Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Evening Book Discussion. 7 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Call for title. Free. 703-768-6700.

Coffee and Connections. 9:30 a.m. at Busboys and Poets in Shirlington. \$20/day of. Offered by Alexandria-based Enterprising Moms. Visit events.theenterprisingmoms.com for more.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15

StoryTime with Colleen! 10:30 a.m. at Spill the Beans Coffee House, 1900 Elkin St., Suite 4. Free. Visit spillthebeansva.com or 703-780-3561.

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

THURSDAY/APRIL 16

Poetry Discussion. 7 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Free. 703-768-6700.

Butterfly Gardening. Learn how to maintain a productive garden at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Free. Call for time, 703-642-5173.

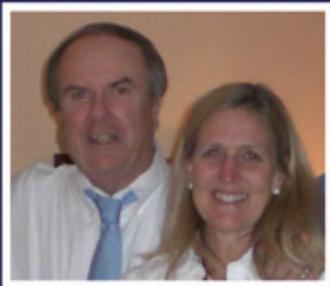
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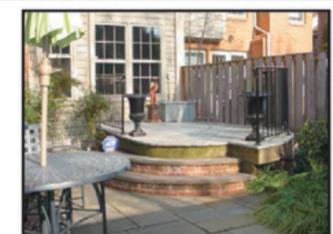
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Brian Hong 703.929.5764
- 815 Devon Place** \$1,950
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Norma Stratton 703.966.0756
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Susan Haughton 703.470.4545
- 400 Madison St #1201** \$2,350
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Ann Kavaljian 703.549.4980
- 1800 Wilson Blvd #245** \$2,350
Wilson Blvd Garden 1Br/1Ba 1Parking
Norma Gants 703.548.2313
- 1250 South Washington St #324** \$2,950
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Patricia Tierney 703.850.5630
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Alexandria - \$180,000

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NEW LISTING

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Jane Cole | 703.518.6187



JUST LISTED

8403 Crossley Place
\$599,000 | Alexandria South / Wayneswood
You must see this handsome colonial home with an inviting foyer entry, designer colors and wonderful flow. Three bedrooms on the main floor, including a master suite with plantation shutters and totally renovated master bath. Spacious family room on the lower level, and two more bedrooms and a third full bath.

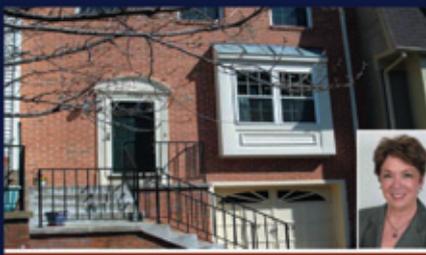
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OPEN SATURDAY 1-4

1122 Wayneswood Boulevard
\$599,000 | Alexandria South / Wayneswood
4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, stone patio and fenced yard. Bright family room with vaulted ceiling, skylights, music room, updated eat-in kitchen, living room with fireplace. Walk to school, pool and GW Parkway. From Old Town: S on GW Parkway, R Wayneswood Blvd to 1122. www.phyllispatterson.com.

Phyllis Patterson | 703.518.6158



NEW LISTING

7722 Asterella Court
\$397,500 | Springfield
Three bedroom, one car garage townhome with many updates including kitchen, windows, vent-free fireplace, hardwoods, etc. Near major highways, Metro, and commuter slug line. Backs to wooded area with county trail runs. For more information contact Carol Hooks at: carol@carolhooks.com.

Carol Hooks | 703.509.4199



JUST LISTED

5901 Bush Hill Drive
\$529,900 | Bucknell Manor
Charming Cape Cod with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths, 2 levels, hardwood floors, replacement windows throughout, remodeled kitchen and bath. The brick surround fireplace and detached garage are rare finds in this neighborhood. Dir: S on GW Parkway, R Belle View, L Fort Hunt Rd, R Rollins Dr, R Colgate Dr.

Liz Bucuvalas | 703.518.6163



NEW LISTING

6031 Woodmont
\$675,000 | Belle Haven
Unique and charming house with warm hardwoods, fine details. Elegant living room with a fireplace, gracious separate dining room, spacious kitchen, bright sunroom, and beautifully landscaped outdoor space with covered patio and flagstone terrace. A fantastic buy in desirable Belle Haven.

Jeanne Warner | 703.980.9106



JUST LISTED

5685 Tower Hill Circle
\$710,000 | Kingstowne
Gorgeous 5,000 square foot professionally decorated detached home. 5 bedrooms, office, 4.5 baths, 2 car garage, chefs kitchen with granite, island, breakfast room, family room, recreation room, hardwood floors, fireplace, deck. More photos at www.phyllispatterson.com.

Phyllis Patterson | 703.518.6158



UNDER CONTRACT!

1703 Maple Hill Place
\$899,900 | Alexandria
Just completed total renovation with chef's kitchen, travertine floors, master retreat on main level, open soaring ceilings, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, private deck & patio Dir: King St Metro, west on King, L Janneys, R Francis Hammond to Maple Hill. More photos at www.phyllispatterson.com.

Phyllis Patterson | 703.518.6158



NEW LISTING

7008 Colgate Drive
\$360,000 | Bucknell Manor
Charming Cape Cod with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths, 2 levels, hardwood floors, replacement windows throughout, remodeled kitchen and bath. The brick surround fireplace and detached garage are rare finds in this neighborhood.

Cindie Fish | 703.201.4451



JUST LISTED

1636 Abingdon Drive
\$282,000 | Alexandria
Just listed, a two bedroom, one and a half bath condo in Potowmack Crossing. Gleaming hardwood floors, freshly painted, overlooking the tennis court in sunny corner location. Community pool walk to bike path and shopping.

Rita McCauley Redmond | 703.447.9114



NEW LISTING

1400 22nd Street South
\$795,000 | Arlington
Classic brick center hall colonial nicely updated in Aurora Hills. Three bedrooms, three and a half baths, three levels, two-car tandem garage, sunroom addition, replacement windows, fenced backyard nicely landscaped, great commuting location.

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908 Clifton Drive
\$1,050,000 | Alexandria South
 Spacious rambler on 3/4 acre just steps to the river on large level lot with beautiful old trees and mature plantings. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 2 car garage, front porch, brick patio, hardwood floors, room for expansion or new construction. Quiet, park like setting just 10 minutes to National Airport and 20 minutes to DC.

Phyllis Patterson | 703.518.6158



JUST LISTED

1126 Arcturus Lane
\$785,000 | Alexandria South
 This wonderfully delightful 3 bedroom plus 2.5 bath home could easily be featured in Architectural Digest! You must see it to believe it! Impeccably maintained, professionally decorated and landscaped. Many special features including hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, totally renovated kitchen plus two tiered deck.

Donnan C. Wintermute | 703.518.6156



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Sue Dickerson | 703.299.5614



NEW LISTING

2219 Lakeshire Drive
\$974,000 | South Alexandria
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Bonnie Rivkin | 703.598.7788



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610 S Washington Street
\$1,899,000 | Old Town
 Everything on your wish list! Brick end unit townhouse, two years old. Amazing attention to detail, four finished levels, reclaimed pine wood floors, two car garage, gourmet kitchen, four gas fireplaces, 3 bedrooms, 4.5 baths 3,400+ square feet.

Bonnie Rivkin | 703.598.7788



OLD TOWN LIVING

1737 Potomac Greens
\$998,000 | Old Town
 One of Potomac Greens' largest models shows "just like new." This lovely 4 level town home offers gorgeous hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen with center island, granite, stainless steel appliances 2 sided fireplace, 4th level loft and roof top deck. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths and 2 half baths, 2 car garage. This home is also offered for rent at \$4,000 per month.

Karen Leonard | 703.328.7041



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 An amazing value for this stunning 5 bedroom, 4.5 bath custom built colonial with granite counters, hardwood floors, 42" cherry kitchen cabinets, gracious master bedroom suite and beautiful architectural details throughout. Fully finished basement and beautiful half acre lot. Water access, too! Make this your next home. See more at www.5009MIVernon.com.

Rachel Carter | 703.851.4207



MUST SEE INSIDE!

502 Upland Place
\$1,195,000 | Alexandria City, GW Park
 Wonderful home just blocks from the metro. 5 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, kitchen and breakfast room, living room, dining room, family room, gorgeous master suite, 4 fireplaces and full basement! Great, close in location in MacArthur Elementary School district. First floor bedroom and bath. Totally renovated/updated.

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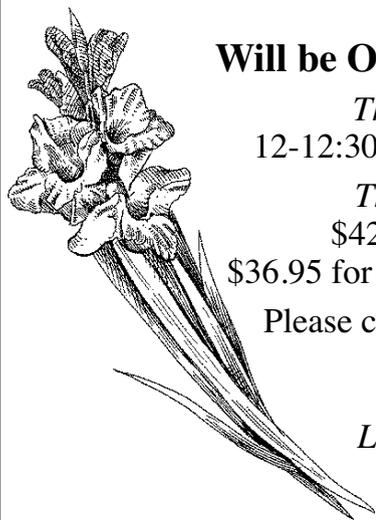
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CALENDAR

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Visit www.ahs.org/river_farm or 703-768-5700 ext. 114.

Sing Along with Mr. Skip. 12:30 p.m. at Spill the Beans Coffee House, 1900 Elkin St., Suite 4. Enjoy singing and dancing with Mr. Skip. \$5 per child. No pre-registration required. More info at spillthebeansva.com.

U is for Umbrella. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Hall Lane, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children 4-5. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

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.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Hear the American Boychoir. Free. Visit www.aldersgate.net or 703-765-6555.

Hike. 7:30 p.m. at Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Teens can take a night hike and search for bats, beavers and more. Bring a flashlight. \$4/person. Reservations required, 703-768-2525.

SATURDAY/APRIL 18

Art Exhibit. Noon-5 p.m. The Kingstowne Area Artists Association, and other area artists who wish to exhibit, will have a show and sale of their work at the Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. Free. Visit www.kingstowne.org for more.

Old Town Alexandria Homes Tour. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. around Old Town. Browse flower arrangements and more. \$35/advance; \$40/day of event. Visit www.VAGardentweek.org or 703-838-5005.

Spring Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at

River Farm. Browse plants, herbs, vegetables, supplies and more. \$3/nonmember to park. Free admission. Visit www.ahs.org/river_farm or 703-768-5700 ext. 114.

Yard Sale. 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St. Browse jewelry, pottery, cds, electronics and more. Free. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org.

Fill the Fords with Food. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Bushido Studios, corner of Hayfield Road and Telegraph Road. Proceeds benefit Our Daily Bread. Visit www.our-daily-bread.org or 703-273-8829.

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Hear the Ars Choralis. Reception follows. Fundraiser. 202-267-7772.

Art Show. Noon-5 p.m. at Snyder Center, 6450 S. Van Dorn St. Browse works by Kingstowne Area Artists Association. Free. Visit www.kingstowne.org for more.

Magic Show. 6:30 p.m. at Bishop Ireton High School. Enjoy strolling magic until the show starts at 7:30 p.m. \$15/person. 703-698-6952.

Harambee Readers. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Discuss "Life on the Color Line" by Gregory Howard Williams. Free. 703-765-3645.

Gardening With Children. 2 p.m. at Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. Children 6-11 can learn how to garden. Register at 703-228-6414.

Growing Wildflowers. 10 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how to grow spring wildflowers like bluebells and trout lilies. \$12/person. Register, 703-642-5173.

Garden Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Browse local vendors and browse plants, herbs and more.

Free. 703-642-5173.

Healthy Kids Day. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at YMCA Alexandria, 420 E. Monroe Ave. Enjoy browsing the interactive video gym, family swim, healthy food and more. Free.

Pancake Breakfast. Enjoy all you can eat from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at Lincolnia United Methodist Church, 6535 Little River Turnpike. \$5/adult; child free. 703-333-6005.

SUNDAY/APRIL 19

Music Performance. 7 p.m. at Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beaugard St. Hear Buskin & Batteau with Dulcie Taylor. \$15/adult; \$12/member or advance. Visit www.focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

Music Performance. 2 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beaugard St. Hear the Marine Chamber Orchestra. Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com for more.

Card Collage. Noon-4 p.m. at Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave. Bring snacks, beverages and supplies to share. Free, but first come, first serve. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org or 703-283-0399.

Music Performance. 4 p.m. at Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear Doug Bowles, Cindy Hutchins and Alex Hassan perform. Free, donations accepted. 703-549-1421.

Opening Reception. 2-5 p.m., see a photography exhibit by Grace Taylor and Clifford Wheeler from April 7 through May 31 at Multiple Exposures Gallery in the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Visit

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Easter Sunday
Royal Restaurant

Sunday Breakfast Buffet/Brunch: 7a.m.- 11am. \$11.25
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CALENDAR

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www.torpedofactory.org or 703-683-2205.

Bridge Club. 4 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Adults and teens can learn how to play. Free. 703-765-3645.

Lecture. 3:30 p.m. at Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Learn about the early days of the plantation. \$9/adult; \$8/senior; \$5/child. Visit www.gunstonhall.org for more.

Volunteer Open House. 1-5 p.m. at Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. Learn about how to become a volunteer. Free. Visit www.apothecarymuseum.org or 703-838-3852.

Doug Bowles Plays Cabaret. 4 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Free, donations accepted.

MONDAY/APRIL 20

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.

Stretch Your Mind. 2 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 6-12 can enjoy brain teasers, puzzles and more. Free. 703-339-4610.

Compost Critters. 3:30 p.m. at Duncan Branch, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Children in

grades 2-5 can join Miss Peggy in learning how bugs aid in composting. Free. Register at 703-838-4566 ext. 11.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at the Birchmere. Hear Halau Ho'omau I ka Wai Ola O Hawai'i perform with Kola & Moana Beamer and Raiatea Helm. Visit www.birchmere.com for more information.

TUESDAY/APRIL 21

Read-Along. 10:30 a.m. at Spill the Beans Coffee House, 1900 Elkin St., Suite 4. Bring the children to Spill the Beans for some read along fun with StagePlay's own Heather Sanderson. Free. Visit spillthebeansva.com or 703-780-3561.

Down Came the Rain. 10:30 a.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Children ages 13-23 months enjoy raindrop stories and more. Free. Registration required, 703-339-4610.

Mother-Daughter book Group. 7 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 9-11. Call for title. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Evening Book Discussion. 7:30 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Discuss "Dreams from my Father" by Barack Obama. Free. 703-339-4610.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 22

Alexandria History Awards. 7:30 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 South Washington St. Also, the 2009 Alexandria High School History Awards will be presented by state Sen. Patsy Ticer to an outstanding student from each of Alexandria's four high schools. A reception will

follow. Free. Visit www.alexandriahistorical.org or 703-683-2636.

StoryTime with Colleen! 10:30 a.m. at Spill the Beans Coffee House, 1900 Elkin St., Suite 4. Free. Visit spillthebeansva.com or 703-780-3561.

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

Earth Day Birthday. 10:30 a.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Children ages 2-5 enjoy stories and activities. Free. Registration required, 703-765-3645.

Meet the Author. 2 p.m. at Sherwood Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane. Ruth Baja Williams discusses her memoir "Detour Berlin." Free. 703-765-3645.

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

Writer's Review. 7 p.m. at Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre. Free. Bring works to get feedback. 703-339-4610.

Dance Invasion. 7 p.m. at the Torpedo Factory, 105 N. Union St. Jane Franklin Dance performs. Free. Visit www.torpedofactory.org for information.

THURSDAY/APRIL 23

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



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First-Grader Chosen for Obama Book

An Alexandria first-grader will appear in an upcoming book from Random House, "Kids' Letters to President Obama." Now 7 years old, Jon Morgan Petrini submitted a letter to the competition late last year. In it, he expressed support for the President and offered to teach him how to bowl.

"Kids' Letters to President Obama" is edited by Bill Adler and Bill Adler Jr. of Adler & Robin Books Inc., of Washington, D.C. Jon's letter was one of those chosen by the Adlers from more than 2,000 letters submitted from children ages 5 to 15 from around the country.

Jon is a first-grader at Mount Vernon Community School in Del Ray. In addition to bowling, he loves math, science, and word games, and he recently won first place in the K-2 division of a chess tournament at MVCS that in-



Jon Morgan Petrini

cluded students from three elementary schools.

He became an ardent supporter of now-President Obama last year when his mother, Catherine Petrini, volunteered with the campaign.

Jon is not the first in his family to be published. His mother is an

author of books for children and teenagers. His father, Robert Morgan, also works with books, as a team leader and librarian at the Library of Congress. The Petrini/Morgan family lives in Del Ray.

"Kids' Letters to President Obama" has a release date of April 14.

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To have a notice listed, e-mail gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Call Rebecca Halik at 703-917-6407 with questions.

OTHER ITEMS

Bethany House of Northern Virginia, Inc., www.bhmv.org, is requesting donations for small gift bags as part of their Women's Day Event on April 30. Bethany House would like to provide these gifts for the women victims of domestic abuse to brighten their day. Donations can be dropped off at the administrative office of Bethany House at 6121 Lincoln Road, Suite 303. To make a financial contribution, visit www.bhmv.org.

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

The City of Alexandria has begun mailing applications for the **City's Tax Relief Programs** for the Elderly or Totally and

Permanently Disabled. All previous participants and those who have requested applications will be receiving the materials. If at least 65 years of age as of Nov. 15, 2009, or are permanently and totally disabled, a resident may qualify. For more information or to obtain an application, visit www.alexandriava.gov/taxrelief or contact Taxpayer Services at taxrelief@alexandriava.gov or 703-838-4572.

The Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities is seeking **nominations for awards** that honor local residents and organizations. Nominations must be submitted by April 30. To find the nomination form, visit alexandriava.gov/uploadedFiles/humanrights/awardsNotification.pdf.

The City of Alexandria has mailed 2009 **Business Personal Property Tax** returns to all businesses that were operating in the City as of Jan. 1, 2009. If a business does not receive a business personal property tax return by April 15, download a form at www.alexandriava.gov/businesstax or call 703-838-4570.

SUNDAY/APRIL 12

Easter Sunrise Service. 7:30 a.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Enjoy a continental breakfast

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Seminary Valley

You can always tell that spring has sprung when you see the hardy people working in the community garden just across Holmes Run. Word is that those plots are gone, folks, but you still have time to carve out a little corner of your yard. At the Jones ranch, we have the lettuce, carrots and radishes in ... now for a little rain!

Things are hopping at Polk Elementary School. PTA President Elizabeth Atkinson reports that parents and kids spent a recent Saturday cleaning out the school courtyard and getting it ready for the spring season. The fish are becoming more active and everyone's eyes are open for the frogs. (Take a gander on Election Day, it's something to see!)

If you see children leaving the school later than usual, remember that over 60 Polk students are sparking up their science knowledge in After School Science classes run by Mad Science. It's slime time for these kids who get to enjoy a gooey hour of sliming around and many other cool science projects! Elizabeth also reminds us that Polk students' shoes are laced up and ready for walking to school for a healthy start.

Fitness Fridays are the rage but every day is a great day to walk to school.

For the younger set, a new group has blossomed. The Moms Club of Alexandria-West is the Virginia branch of the International Moms Offering Moms Support. The club, centered at nearby Landmark Mall, offers monthly meetings (kids included) with speakers, discussions and activities, playgroups for infants to pre-school age, a monthly mom's night out activity, a book club and babysitting co-op, fun and educational outings for members to parks, bookstores and members' homes, and community service projects. Interested? Send an email to alexvamoms@yahoo.com. The group serves zip codes 22304, 22311, 22312 and 22313.

West End issues will be featured at the April 16 Candidates Forum, held at Hammond Middle School, 4949 Seminary Road at 7 p.m. The event is sponsored by the West End Business Association. Other WEBA programs include an Earth Day Eve program on preparing your business for the realities of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Global Warming, and

a networking coffee will be held from 8 to 9:30 a.m. at the Alexandria School Board Conference Room on Tuesday, April 21, at 2000 Beauregard St. On May 18, Michael Kacmar, head of corporate development and training for Clyde's Restaurant Group will speak at an 11:30 a.m. networking meeting at Mango Mike's on Duke Street.

If you are planning to travel this year, I can heartily recommend Sydney, Australia. Pat and I just got back and boy, it was just wonderful.

The weather, of course, was perfect, clear and in the 70's. We made some side trips to the suburbs on the wonderful ferries (wish they had those here) and I can personally attest that jogging up the Opera House steps makes you feel like Rocky. Also, my jogging encounter last year with a camel has now been superseded by one with a kangaroo. Mr. Kangaroo was spotted the last few days of the trip, in a little beach town called Huskisson. The white sands and clear water will sustain us through the chilly spring.

— MIA JONES

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World Wide Web of Recruiting?

High school athletes, college coaches take recruiting to the Internet.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
GAZETTE

Even before they became two of the top runners in the Mount Vernon High School track and field program, seniors Shaquille Thomas and Johnathon McMillon did everything together.

Friends since early childhood, the pair was nearly inseparable according to Thomas's mother, Susan Crawford.

Thomas, who lived on Fort Belvoir military base between 1999 and 2005 began running in 2000 in a program on base that his mother helped coach. He convinced McMillon to join him two years ago.

So now as they chase dreams of running track in college, the pair has decided to go through the recruitment process together.

The two don't look to be the prototypical recruits who make a college coach salivate. Neither has finished better than third at the Northern Region championships during the outdoor or indoor track seasons and both have thus far qualified for the state championships just once.

"I didn't really start track seriously until last year, so I didn't really have any expectations about recruiting," McMillon said.

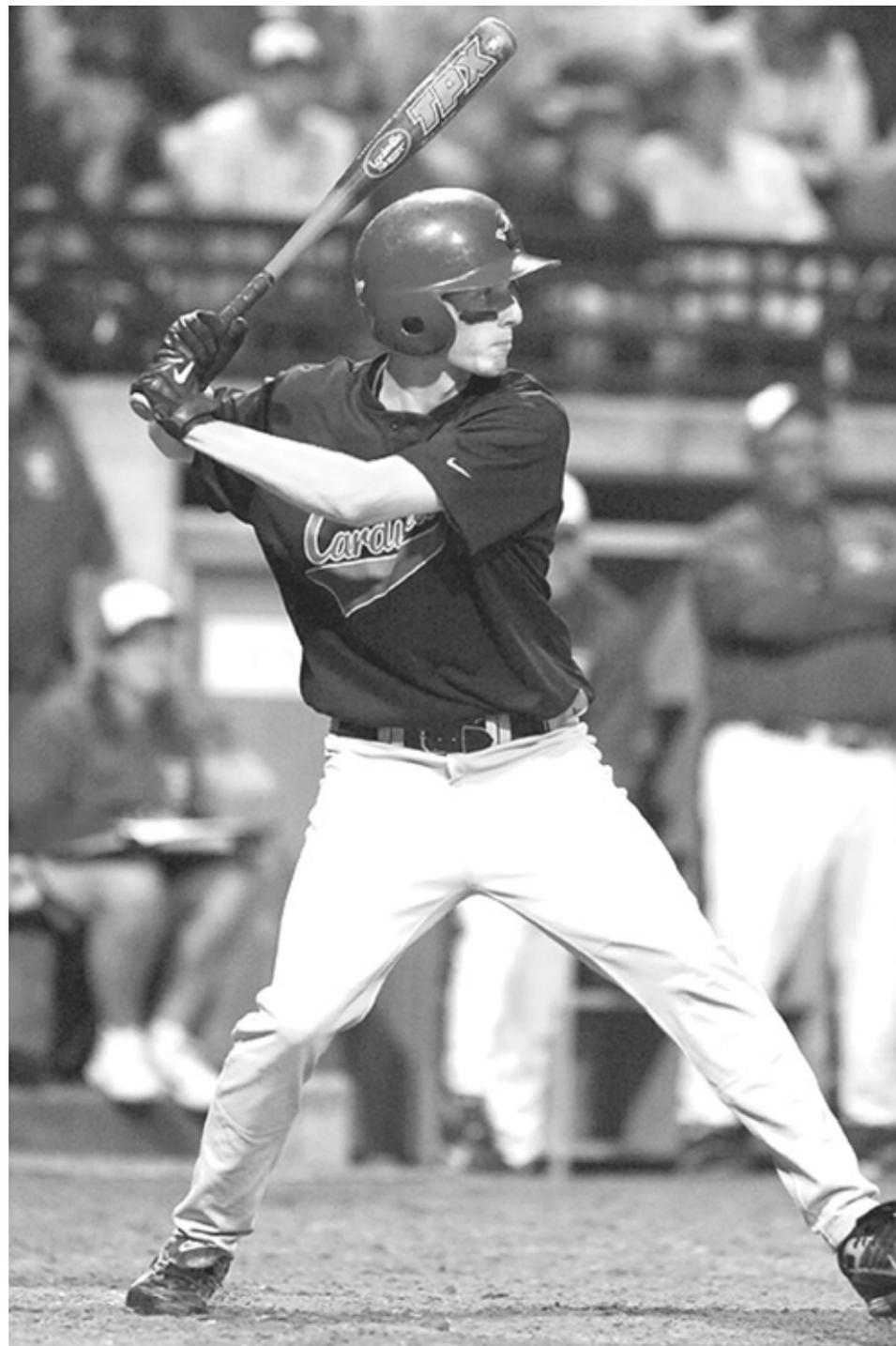
That's why last year towards the end of indoor track season, McMillon's father, Ron, took his son's recruitment in a direction many in this area and around the country have — to the Internet.

One day while surfing the web checking out track results, Ron McMillon stumbled upon a service called beRecruited.com, one of several online services that, for a fee, helps connect high school athletes with college coaches.

Almost immediately, Ron McMillon set up accounts for both his son and Thomas, posting video he had taken from meets to the web. A year and a half later, Thomas has received interest from more than 20 colleges, while Johnathan McMillon is slated to attend Virginia State University on a track scholarship next fall.

"Usually, they wouldn't get this kind of attention unless they were some one-of-a-kind talent," said Crawford. "The kids who don't make the newspapers need something like this."

PART OF THE REASON Avi Stopper got out of coaching college soccer at the University of Chicago was the misconception he perceived from recruits and their parents about how to get noticed on the recruiting trail. A co-founder of captainU.com — similar to beRecruited.com — and the author of an e-book on recruiting called "Make the Team," Stopper thinks parents



COURTESY OF BISHOP IRETON

After an impressive showing at a recruiting showcase, Bishop Ireton senior Frankie Zare was able to direct interested college coaches to his beRecruited.com profile to watch more video of him in game action.

and athletes sometimes don't understand how college coaches think.

"A lot of people have the mentality that the way recruiting works is you go to showcase tournaments and then you get recruited, but that's really far from the reality," said Stopper. "There are 1,000 players at any given showcase and 50 college coaches and the odds of a college coach seeing you play randomly when you're doing something great is really slim."

Stopper's website, captainU, is a web-based software that helps student athletes through the recruiting process, helping them devise a step-by-step strategy to pursue athletic opportunities after high school.

Potential recruits can create a profile on

Alternative Views

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— Bill Finney, athletic director, Marymount University, Arlington

the site for free, but for \$39.95 a month, captainU advertises access to 15,000 college coaches, one-on-one counseling and a personal recruiting coach. Stopper said 90 percent of captainU's class of 2009 has signed with a college for next year.

The Web site beRecruited was started back in 2000 now has more than 150,000 athletes nationwide using its service, including 190 from Alexandria, 107 from Fairfax, 53 from Arlington, 31 from Reston, and 27 from McLean.

Jeff Cravens, the president of beRecruited, thinks the best evidence of just how many people need help with recruiting is seen in the site's newest service that allows parents to register to the site. In less than a year, more than 11,000 adults have signed up.

IT HAS BEEN A LONG process for Bishop Ireton shortstop Frankie Zare as he pursues a Division-I baseball scholarship. An all-WCAC second team selection as a junior last

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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE CONNECTION

Mount Vernon seniors Shaquille Thomas (right) and Johnathon McMillon (left) have received lots of attention from college coaches thanks to an internet recruiting service. Here they are pictured handing off the baton during their first place run in the 4x200-meter relay at this year's National District Indoor Track and Field Championships in Arlington.

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Many Kinds of College Recruiting Experience

Local athletes remember the highs and lows of choosing a college.

BY RICH SANDERS
GAZETTE

Here is a look three college athletes from Northern Virginia — AJ Price (South Lakes), Ashley Abed (Oakton) and Jeff Allen (Langley). Each is pleased with where they ended up, but getting there was completely different for each, and anything but simple. For more on Price and Abed, and for Jeff Allen's walk-on story, see www.connectionnewspapers.com.

A.J. PRICE, SOUTH LAKES

A.J. Price, a 6-foot-4 inch football wide receiver at Penn State University, did not emerge into a major recruiting prospect until his senior year in high school at South Lakes.

That fall season, South Lakes coach John Ellenberger emphasized the Seahawks' passing attack, and Price had a breakout season, catching 32 passes for 816 yards and 11 touchdowns. He averaged 25.5 yards per catch and earned Second Team All-State accolades.

Major collegiate football programs, such as Duke, the University of Virginia and Penn State, contacted Ellenberger in order to make their intentions known about recruiting Price.

Each of those programs offered him a football scholarship. "I'm not really one for all

the glamour and all, and I wasn't used to being the person being talked about. I tried to take it in stride," said Price.

Price, who graduated in 2008, will never forget the December day during his senior year that Penn State, under legendary coach Joe Paterno, offered him a scholarship. The moment came during the school day. Ellenberger, teaching an English class, got a call from Penn State and was told by a member of the Nittany Lions' football staff that they would make an offer to Price. The teacher-coach immediately found Price to give him the big news.

"I thought, 'Wow, not too many people experience this.'"

Price committed about a month later during a weekend visit to Penn State with his mother. "I told my mom on my birthday, then I told coach Paterno ... the next day at brunch."

Price said his recruiting experience in dealing with Penn State was outstanding. His contact person through the process was Penn State assistant coach Larry Johnson, a former head coach at T.C. Williams High in Alexandria.

"I love it [at Penn State]," said Price, a history major.

FOR ASHLEY ABED, a 2007 Oakton High graduate, the path to becoming a women's college basketball player at NCAA Div. 2 Anderson University (S.C.) was an eventful journey.

The 5-10 forward said she always desired to play college basketball. During her junior season at Oakton, Abed believed she would fit in nicely with a Div. 2 college program.

Abed had to initiate contact with some of the schools she was interested in. Her high school coach, Fred Priester, made a highlight tape of Abed to give to schools.

She elected to accept an offer to play at Francis Marion University (Florence, S.C.). But during the summer prior to her freshmen year at Marion, Abed learned that a coaching change had occurred.

Abed did, in fact, like the new coach. But as things turned out, she received less playing time than she had hoped. "It was kind of my role to be a verbal player on the bench and to be a practice player," said Abed.

Following the season, she decided she would transfer.

Anderson University women's coach Jeff Dow, upon learning about Abed, was interested in recruiting her. She visited the campus and met the coach.

"I knew he was a coach I wanted to play for," she said.

But again, the school Abed was ready to attend made a coaching change. Dow, Abed learned the summer prior to her sophomore year, was leaving. The new coach would be Jim Brunelli.

Abed, it turned out, had a terrific season. The Anderson team was not expected to do well as a result of the late coaching change, but won the Conference Carolina championship and qualified for the NCAA Div. 2 tournament. Abed, a guard-forward, played 20-plus minutes per game.

"Coach Brunelli taught me a lot about myself," said Abed. "It felt really good to play and help a team win."



FILE PHOTO

A junior on South County's softball team, Stephanie Sbardella and her family have traveled to college camps almost every weekend. Below, the map shows one weekend trip of more than 1,200 miles.

How Far to Go

Thousands of dollars and miles, plus and hundreds of games.

BY JASON MACKAY
GAZETTE

Perhaps the only thing as practiced as Stephanie Sbardella's swing may be her penmanship. After each of the collegiate softball camps that Sbardella, a junior third baseman at South County, attends, she has made it a point to draft her own personal thank-you letter to that school's coach.

In the past two years, Paul Sbardella, Stephanie's father, can count on one hand how many times the family has stayed home for the weekend, instead of electing to attend some sort of camp or clinic, aimed at Stephanie's recruitment as a college athlete.

During one particular weekend this past winter, the Sbardellas left Lorton on a Friday morning and drove to the University of North Carolina at Pembroke — roughly 350 miles away — for a camp. Later that day, they drove 167 miles to Charlestown, S.C. and stayed the night. The next day, Stephanie Sbardella attended Charleston Southern University's camp until 5 p.m. and then hopped back in the car for a 10-hour drive to the University of Delaware, which was Sunday's destination, again for a camp.

"It's something that she's really interested in," Paul Sbardella said. "I'm just there to support her. ... But it is a lot of driving."

Paul Sbardella estimates that he's spent between \$7,000-\$10,000 on travel expenses and fees associated with all of the camps, clinics and competitive tournaments that his daughter attended during the past year.

At camps Stephanie Sbardella frequents, players of all ages, not just college recruits, are welcome. Some feature instruction. Some are composed mostly of games.

BY DIRECTING his own program at the high school level and also serving as an assistant soccer coach at Shenandoah University, Robinson girls' soccer coach Jim Rike has been on both sides of

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Sbardella family roadtrip.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

AJ Price emerged to become one of the metro area's top receivers during his senior season at South Lakes, drawing the attention of several big-time college football programs.

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year, Zare has been actively self-marketing himself since last summer.

He has gone to several showcase camps, has his own beRecruited profile with uploaded videos, and has followed up with more than 100 emails to various college coaches around the country. All of that hard work came to a head last Monday, when members of Temple University's coaching staff came to watch Ireton's 5-4 win over St. John's.

Although, Zare had one of his worst games of the season at the plate, going 0-for-3, it didn't much matter because the Temple coaches had already seen plenty of him in advance.

"I wasn't really nervous because I knew they already knew what I was capable of, so I just played my game," said Zare, who hasn't received an offer yet, but has narrowed his list down to three schools — Temple, Eastern Kentucky, and St. John's. "But I wasn't sure if he was coming or not, so if I had known for sure he was going to be there, I would have been a lot more nervous going in."

Zare first got noticed by the Temple coaching staff at a showcase camp in Woodbridge, Va. He then directed them to his beRecruited profile, so they could check out game footage his father, Victor had posted.

Victor Zare said he considered hiring a recruiting agency that would have put together a professional highlight reel for Frankie, but once he heard the price tag of between \$500 and \$2,000, he simply be-

gan filming his son's games with his own video camera and posting them to the web via beRecruited.

After the Temple coaches saw Frankie's video clips, they invited him up to their own camp this past summer. They liked what they saw enough to make the trip down last week.

"After going through this, I think the best way to get recruited is with video," said Victor Zare, who said the Temple coaches would get back to them by mid-April. "You can reach out to so many coaches. At these camps and other things, some just didn't even notice Frankie. They send notices like you're really important but then you show up and there are hundreds of kids."

Sites like beRecruited and captainU are not for the type of athlete that will demand the attention from North Carolina basketball or USC football. As Stopper puts it, "The Dukes of the world have their stuff figured out, they know who they want to go after."

STILL, THERE are detractors. Bill Finney, the athletic director and women's basketball coach at Division III Marymount University in Arlington calls recruiting websites "a waste of money," especially for student-athletes trying to make it to the Division-I level.

He says coaches are more savvy than to believe clips on the web that create the illusion of a basketball player with a 100 percent shooting percentage or a soccer player whose every pass results in a goal. With the chances of a professional sports career after college slim to none, he thinks recruits should be focusing on everything

but athletics when looking for the right college.

"I would rather have my daughter go into the guidance office and say this is what I want to do the rest of my life," said Finney, who had one daughter play basketball at Georgia Tech and another play for him at Marymount.

"Instead of throwing away all this money, put the responsibility on your kids. Families can do all this on their own. All they have to do is research what colleges match both their academic and athletic needs and reach out to them. A lot of people are expecting someone to call them up and say we want you, but that's just not how it works."

WHETHER RECRUITS and their families want to do it themselves or get some outside help, the end result they're seeking is the opportunity to continue athletic careers beyond high school.

The route people take to get there, though, is up for debate. Even beRecruited's Cravens admits his site isn't the end all for college recruiting.

"There's no one way to go about recruiting that works for every coach because coaches are no different than any other people," he said. "They think about things differently. Whether it's emails or phone conversations, they're just looking for information, they're like anyone else. They don't make bad decisions, they just make decisions without information."



COURTESY OF BISHOP IRETON

Bishop Ireton shortstop Frankie Zare was a second team all-WCAC selection last year and is hoping to play Division-I baseball next year. He has his list narrowed down to Temple, Eastern Kentucky, and St. John's. Here is pictured during last year's WCAC championship game against DeMatha.

Now that McMillon and Thomas and their journey from high school athlete to college freshman is near its completion, Ron McMillon has begun encouraging Mount Vernon junior Clive Cameron — a talented track and field athlete that qualified for last year's outdoor AAA state meet in two events — to create his own beRecruited profile.

And although neither Thomas nor McMillon knew much about how the web has changed recruiting before they began their college search, the results speak for themselves.

"It made it easier for me to market myself, and it makes it easier to contact coaches," said Johnathon McMillon. "I was surprised by the different coaches, I was surprised so many were interested in me."

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high-level recruitment.

Rike still attends camps as a Shenandoah representative but also hears about experiences that some of his high school players have had at them as well.

The defending Virginia AAA state champs, Robinson has four girls on its current roster committed to Division-I schools, with possibly two more on the way. To combat their rigorous club schedules, Rike has started to give his players at least one day off during the week, knowing that they had spent almost the entire weekend playing soccer.

"Five of my girls are on one club team,

"You can't overwhelm them and it's got to continue to be fun."

— Dan Anderson, Centreville High parent

and they're approaching almost 150 games in a year of high level, premiere, showcase games because they keep going and going and going," Rike said. "I worry about the effect it's going to have on their bodies 10 years down the road."

"From my standpoint, as a college coach, I only need to see a kid a couple times to see whether he can play for me or not," Rike continued. "I don't see need to see him 40 times. I've told my girls that you can have three or four great games, but all it takes is one really bad game and that gets set in the coach's mind and it evens out."

Dan Anderson, whose son, Holland Anderson, plays linebacker for the Centreville football team, has tried to find a steady mix. The Andersons did fly to San Antonio over New Year's for the U.S. Army National combine, which included 500 of the top juniors from across the country.

But the father still wants the sport to be

"I worry about the effect it's going to have on their bodies 10 years down the road."

— Coach Jim Rike, Robinson Secondary

fun for his son, an approach that has led the Andersons to attend only three high-level combines: the U.S. Army National, the Nike Combine and the Schuman Underclassman Camp. Dan Anderson said that his investment in his son's recruitment has cost more than \$4,000 to date.

"You can't overwhelm them and it's got to continue to be fun," Dan Anderson said.

And just because an athlete stands out at a camp, doesn't mean the college that notices will be a good match.

"What we find is that kids who go to these showcases get wrapped up in the recruiting cycle with schools that aren't good fits for them," said Avi Stopper, who co-founded www.CaptainU.com.

"You get a lot of people who go to showcases and often they do get seen, but it doesn't make sense and suddenly they have mismatched colleges on their list. It's really conspicuous that it's not a good fit."



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LeighAnne Baxter, a senior on Robinson's girls' soccer team, earned a scholarship to Richmond after scoring or assisting on every goal the Rams scored during last year's Virginia AAA state tournament, which her team eventually won, 2-1, over Battlefield.

FAITH

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Westminster Presbyterian Alexandria, 2701 Cameron Mills Road. www.wpc-alex.org, has a variety of events:

Maundy Thursday, April 9, 7:30 p.m. Worship with Communion

Good Friday, April 10, noon – 3 p.m. Chapel open for silent meditation; 7:30 p.m. Worship service

Easter Sunday, April 12, Worship services at 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m., with Commonwealth Brass

Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, has programs scheduled for Holy Week and Easter including 6:30 a.m. liturgy on Good Friday; 6 p.m. children's liturgy at 6 p.m. on Good Friday; 10 p.m. Agape Feast on Holy Saturday; 9 a.m. or 11:15 a.m. Festival Eucharist on Easter and 10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on Easter. Visit www.gracealex.org or 703-549-9180 for a full list.

Easter Egg Hunt at Calvary Presbyterian Church, on Sunday, April 12, will immediately follow the 10 a.m. Easter Service. All preschool and elementary-aged children are invited to participate — and are asked to bring a basket. Maundy Thursday service on April 9 is at 7:30 p.m. Calvary Presbyterian Church is located at 6120 North Kings Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-768-8510.

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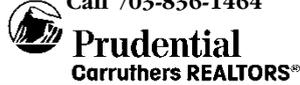
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CASE BAR2009-0057
Request for approval of alterations to previously approved plans at 401 N. Payne St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Stephanie Dimond

CASE BAR2009-0058
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 702 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential
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CASE BAR2009-0059
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 702 N. Patrick St, zoned RB Residential
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A Public Hearing to receive public input on the proposed service reductions and restructuring will be held on **Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 5:30 p.m.**, in the Sister Cities Conference Center, Room 1101, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

The proposed service reductions and restructuring plan include:

- * Elimination of weekday midday, Saturday and Sunday AT2 service on King Street between the King Street Metro Station, Old Town, and the Braddock Road Metro Station.

- * Service between Bashford Lane and the Braddock Road Metro Station will be provided by an alternate route extension during off-peak and weekend periods.

- * Elimination of weekday midday and Saturday service on the AT4 route

- * Service to the Lee Center, South Royal, Gibbon and Franklin Streets, South Payne, Jefferson and South Fayette Streets will be eliminated.

- * Service between Slaters Lane and the Braddock Road Metro Station will be provided by an alternate route extension during off-peak and weekend periods.

- * Elimination of weekday midday, Saturday and Sunday service on the AT3-4 Loop

If approved, the changes become effective July 19, 2009.

Paul R. Abramson, Chairman

Regards,

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Legal Notice

The City of Alexandria has been selected to receive \$30,939.00 in order to aid the City's emergency food and shelter programs. Any public or private voluntary agencies who wish to apply for funds from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program should contact Peter Alambo of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington (200 N. Glebe Road, Suite 506, Arlington by calling 703-841-3830. Interested agencies may also get an application by emailing pafambo@ccda.net. All applications must be received by April 17, 2009.

ABC LICENSE

Leopold Imports, LLC trading as Leopold Imports, LLC, 106 W. Cedar St, Alexandria, VA 22301-2620. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine Importer license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Paul Scolese, Managing member

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 30, 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 # 2009-0017

ADDRESS: 1019 King Street

Request for a Change of Ownership
Applicant: King Thai Kitchen, Inc.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2009-0022

ADDRESS: 3108 B Mount Vernon Ave

Request for a Change of Ownership
Applicant: Nguyen Tuong Thien

OBITUARY

Barbara M. Davis passed away after a long and courageous battle with Breast Cancer on April 6, 2009. Barbara was the beloved wife of Walter C. Davis, Jr.; loving mother of David W. Davis and wife Donna, Donna Plunkett and husband Kevin; proud grandmother of Ryan, Sarah, Patrick, Melissa, Shannon, Daniel, and Michael; sister of Patricia Trader of Alexandria, VA and pre-deceased brother, Roger Mothershead of Leedstown, VA and is survived by a host of friends.

She was born in Leedstown, VA and resided with her loving husband, Walter of 52 years in Alexandria, VA. Barbara was active in the community, member of Jaycee-Wives, past President of Ki-Wives, past member of Alexandria Hospital's Board of Lady Managers, Volunteering for American Cancer Society and Caring Collection, Inc. Visitation will be at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Rd, Alexandria, VA 22302, on Wednesday, April 8th at 2-4 and 6-8pm and the funeral will be at Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Rd, Alexandria, VA 22305 on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 10:00am. Interment will be at Ivy Hill, 2823 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, American Cancer Society Relay for Life, Caring Collection Inc., 1692 N. Harbor Court, Annapolis, MD 21401

OBITUARY

PEGGY J. SHOWALTER on Sunday March 29, 2009 at George Washington University Hospital. Mother of Patricia (Bart) McGovern, Heidi (James) Lutz and Elizabeth Showalter; sister of Patsy Krearner and Nancy Brittle. Also survived by six grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 11am until time of memorial service until 12 noon on Thursday April 9 at MURPHY FUNERAL HOME OF ARLINGTON, 4510 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to ASPCA@aspc.org/donate.

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Opening Day for Little League



Cam Butler of Euille Associates Team caught one of the first pitches. Bryce Simpson (not pictured) of Simpson Development Team caught the others.



Alex Beiro's son Greg throws out one of the first pitches at Simpson Field.



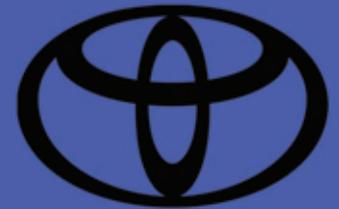
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