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William Kristol and local elected officials gather to light the candles at the start of the ceremony. Mayor Bill Euille read the official city proclamation declaring the week of Sunday April 19 through Sunday April 26 as the Days of Remembrance.

Days of Remembrance

The 22nd annual commemoration for the victims of the Holocaust attracted hundreds of people to Market Square on Tuesday, April 21. The 2009 planning committee included Allan Labowitz, David Sitrin, Paul Frommer, Jack Berson, Joyce Gordon, Charlene Schiff, Max Abraham, Janet Barnett and Leslie Clark.



William Kristol, the editor of "The Weekly Standard" was the special guest speaker. Kristol spoke of preserving the history so that people would not forget and repeat.



Jennifer Jackson plays the "Menuet" from "Le Tombeau de Couperin" by Maurice Ravel.

City Employee Accused of Embezzlement

Parking meter repairman charged with stealing \$170,000 and change.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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William Fell

suspicious with last year's tally, they began a surveillance operation on a parking meter repairman named William Fell, a 61-year-old Stafford man. An employee in the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services approached the Office of Management and Budget, who alerted the Alexandria Police Department and ultimately city prosecutors. Fell is on unpaid administrative lead and is currently being held without bond at the city jail.

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City budget officials have reams of notebooks detailing economic forecasts for everything from weather-related emergencies to applications for special-use permits. So when the green eyeshades at City Hall spotted something

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Vote Hungry

Two Republicans, two independents challenge Democratic reign.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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When voters head into the voting booth next month, they will be faced with a question of leadership. Do they like the direction the city has been headed in recent years?

If the answer to that question is yes, five incumbents and a former mayor are on the Democratic ticket ready to defend their actions. If the answer is no, two Republicans and two independents stand poised to challenge business as usual at City Hall.

The six candidates with the most votes will win the election and be installed as the next City Council. Traditionally, the candidate with the most number of votes will become the vice mayor. Bill Euille, who has been mayor since 2003, is unopposed.

ELECTION FOR CITY COUNCIL

♦ **Phil Cefaratti, Republican:** A native of the District of Columbia, Cefaratti has lived in Alexandria since 2005. His home precinct is Temple Beth El Synagogue.

Cefaratti graduated from Saint Anselm's Abbey School in 1982 before studying English at Catholic University. After graduating from college, Cefaratti joined the Navy and became a lieutenant commander. He left the Navy in 1994 and held several jobs in the corporate world before moving to Alexandria in 2005. In 2007, he became a real-estate agent with Weichert. On the campaign trail, Cefaratti has been



critical of a zoning determination on the West End, where many residents are unhappy about a number of recent zoning decisions.

"I would have supported restricting the operation at Virginia Paving to sun-light hours," said Cefaratti shortly after launching his campaign. "The people at Cameron Station and Summer's Grove should not have to put up with an intensification of industrial use in their neighborhood."

From January through March of this year, Cefaratti raised \$5,000. Top donors included \$1,000 from the Commonwealth Republican Women's Club, \$500 from retired Alexandria resident James Greenquist and \$250 from the political action committee of Joe Murray, who ran against Del. Charniele Herring (D-46) during a special election in January. After spending \$3,000, Cefaratti heads into Election Day with \$2,000.

♦ **Kerry Donley, Democrat:** A

native of Elk Point, S.D., Donley moved to Alexandria in 1962 and graduated from Bishop Ireton High School in 1974. He was first elected to the City Council in 1988 and was mayor from 1996 to 2003. His home precinct is Polk School.



Donley received a bachelor's degree in political science Marquette University in Wisconsin, later returning to Alexandria and becoming active in the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association and the Community Services Board. He became mayor during a special election in 1996 prompted by the election of former Mayor Patsy Ticer to the Virginia state Senate. He did not run for re-election as mayor in 2003, becoming the chairman of the Virginia Democratic Party and ultimately athletic director for the city school system. He is currently a senior vice president for community banking at Virginia Commerce Bank. On the campaign trail, Donley has defended his support for the Potomac Yard development 10 years

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ago.

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

From January through March of this year, Donley raised \$25,000. Top donors included \$1,000 from the Potomac Management Group, \$1,000 from the Potomac Riverboat Company and \$500 from developer Giuseppe Cecchi. After spending \$18,000 this election cycle, Donley heads to Election Day with \$7,000.

♦ **Frank Fannon, Republican:** A native of

Alexandria, Fannon graduated from West Potomac High School in 1987. His home precinct is Lee Center.

Fannon received a bachelor's degree in corporate communications from Elon College in North Carolina, later returning to Alexandria and becoming a mortgage banker with SunTrust. Since 2004, he has managed the branch at the corner of Duke and Henry streets. On the campaign trail, Fannon has 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.

"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 over-staffed."

From January through March, Fannon raised \$38,000 — the most money raised by any candidate this election cycle. Top donors include Arlington Realtor Win Sheridan, \$1,000 from Fannon himself and \$500 from Jack Taylor Toyota. After spending \$33,000, Fannon heads into Election Day with \$5,000.

♦ **Alicia Hughes, Independent:** A native of

Memphis, Tenn., Hughes has lived in Alexandria since 2007. Her home precinct is Tucker School.

Hughes received a bachelor of science degree in biology from Texas Southern University before receiving a juris doctorate from the University of Miami at Coral Gables. After spending a few years as a land-use attorney in Florida, she became a clerk for a federal judge in Alabama. She moved to Alexandria in 2007, and she is currently a member of the Early Childhood Commission and an employee of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. On the campaign trail, Hughes has been critical of the haul-route permit city officials issued to Norfolk Southern Railroad that was recently stuck down in federal court.

"All that money in legal fees and outside counsel was spent to make City Council members look good in front of citizens," said Hughes shortly after launching her campaign. "We could have saved all that money and maybe saved a few jobs."

From January through March of this year, Hughes raised \$12,000. Top donors included \$2,350 from the candidate herself, \$400 from Republican consultant Paul Wilson and \$100 from former School Board member Gwen Lewis. After spending \$4,000, Hughes heads into Election Day with \$8,000.

♦ **Rob Krupicka, Democrat:** A native of Se-

attle, Krupicka has lived in Alexandria since 1993. He was elected to the City Council in 2003 with 9,925 votes and was re-elected in 2006 with 9,102 votes. His home precinct is George Washington Middle School.

Krupicka received a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of Virginia, and has been president of the

Del Ray Citizens Association and vice chairman of

City Council Fundraising Totals

Frank Fannon	\$37,744
Del Pepper	\$28,879
Kerry Donley	\$25,298
Tim Lovain	\$24,500
Justin Wilson	\$21,737
Paul Smedberg	\$18,987
Rob Krupicka	\$18,060
Alicia Hughes	\$10,654
Phil Cefaratti	\$8,509
Rich Williamson	\$2,500

SOURCE: Virginia Public Access Project

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the Community Services Board. A former AOL executive, Krupicka is currently an independent technology consultant. On the campaign trail, Krupicka has supported a plan that would end May elections in favor of moving them to November.

"I wouldn't support presidential or congressional overlap as those races would overwhelm local issues," said Krupicka in an interview about his election-reform initiative. "But the argument that fall voters are somehow different doesn't square with the facts."

From January through March of this year, Krupicka raised \$9,000. Top contributors included \$500 from Alexandria-based Y12 Investments, \$250 from Euille and Associates and \$200 from the Service Employees International Union. With \$4,000 leftover from his previous campaign and after spending \$8,000 this cycle, Krupicka has \$5,000 heading into Election Day.

♦ **Tim Lovain, Democrat:** A native of

Bradford, Pa., Lovain has lived in Alexandria since 1983. He was first elected to the City Council in 2006 with 8,629 votes. His home precinct is Blessed Sacrament Church.

Lovain received a bachelor's political science from the University of Chicago, a master's degree from Princeton University and a juris doctorate from the University of Washington. He has been a Coast Guard officer, a congressional staffer and served as campaign manager for the mayor's 2003 campaign. Lovain is currently a lobbyist for Denny Miller Associates. On the campaign trail, he has had to defend his support for a proposal that extended the hours of an asphalt plant on the West End.

"I stand by that vote," said Lovain before a campaign event last weekend. "I know it will cost me some votes but it was the right thing to do."

From January through March of this year, Lovain raised \$25,000. Top contributors included \$5,000 from Denny Miller and Associates, \$2,500 from Washington state resident Dan Green and \$500 from Jack Taylor Toyota. With \$1,000 left over from his previous campaign and after spending \$300 this election cycle, Lovain heads into Election Day with \$5,000.

♦ **Del Pepper, Democrat:** A native of

Omaha, Neb., Pepper has lived in Alexandria since 1968. She was first elected to City Council in 1985, and she was reelected in 2006 with 9,183 votes. Her home precinct is the St. Martin Center.

Pepper received a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Grinnell College in Iowa before moving to Alexandria and becoming active in local politics. From 1979 to 1984, she was the administrative aide to former mayor Charles Beatley. On the campaign trail, she has opposed efforts to move the city elections from May to November.

"Usually, there are a number of council candidates and School Board candidates running, and it's difficult as it is for voters to get to know each of them," said Pepper in an interview about the proposal. "May elections allow the focus to be entirely on local issues."

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PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

Brian Moran thanks the elected officials in Alexandria and Arlington for their endorsements.

Anti-Hollywood Campaign

Alexandria has been home to a number of candidates seeking top spots on the ballot. After a career in the House of Delegates and the Virginia State Senate, Alexandria native **Armistead Boothe** made an unsuccessful bid for lieutenant governor after opposing the infamous Byrd machine on civil rights in 1961. He lost. But Alexandria resident **Mark Warner** won his campaign for governor in 2001. Others, like City Councilman **Rob Krupicka** consider running for lieutenant governor last year and then decided against it.

Last week, Alexandria added another to the roster of hometown candidates — former Del. **Brian Moran** (D-46). At a hometown campaign kickoff last weekend at the Charles Houston Center, Democratic officials from Alexandria and Arlington endorsed their favorite son. Moran is in the final stages of a primary against former Democratic National Committee Chairman **Terry McAuliffe** and state Sen. **Creigh Deeds** (D-25) of Bath County. During a campaign video unveiled at the kickoff, Moran's team took a shot at their chief rival's big-spending image with a new tag line: "No Hollywood glitz, just hard work."

"A slick television ad never protected a job," Moran told cheering supporters. "In these trying times, we need less rhetoric and more record."

Dogging the Candidate's Daughter

As the springtime political campaign cycle enters its final days before the May 5 election, City Council candidates are spending a lot of time knocking on doors. With detailed lists of voters and their addresses, incumbents and newcomers have been spending time waiting on doorsteps battling pets.

Take Councilman **Tim Lovain**, who

was knocking on doors last weekend with his 7-year-old daughter **Ava**. After coming to the Prince Street home of **Mark Feldheim**, the family's 6-year-old border collie **Max** jumped on the girl and knocked out a front tooth that's been loose since Thanksgiving.

"They are herding dogs, so any time they see kids they want to run with them," said Feldheim, adding that his wife made a campaign contribution to the **Tooth Fairy**. "We were mortified."

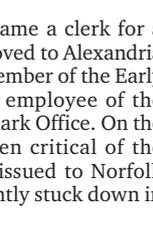
Deep Rooted Candidate

Republican City Council candidate **Frank Fannon** has put together a base of support that is wider and deeper than other recent G.O.P. standard-bearers. During a forum at the Departmental Progressive Club this week, former School Board Chairman **Ferdinand Day** said he was torn about whether or not he should vote for Fannon next month. Day was the first African-American to lead the School Board and a Living Legend.

"I have pledged my support to the Democratic Party," said Day, referencing a loyalty oath administered by the Alexandria Democratic Committee. "But I remember a time when people needed fuel, and the Fannon family gave fuel to people if they could afford it or not."

The Fannon name is well known in Alexandria, where five generations of the family have done business. As the candidate works his way through crowds, his deep knowledge of the city creates a feeling that every event is a reunion. Although his family is best known for the Duke Street oil business, the candidate has been the branch manager of the Duke Street SunTrust since 2004 — a building that's been in the family for many years.

"My granddad would give people coal when they didn't have the money," Fannon told the audience at the Departmental Progressive Club. "When they had money, they would pay it back."



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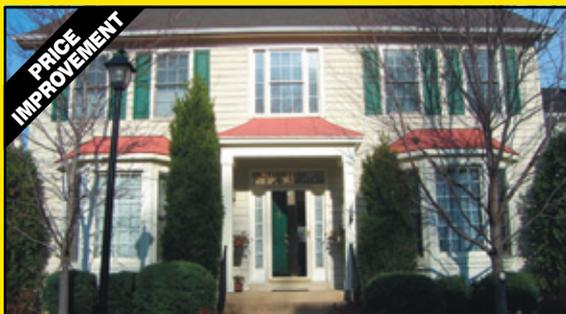
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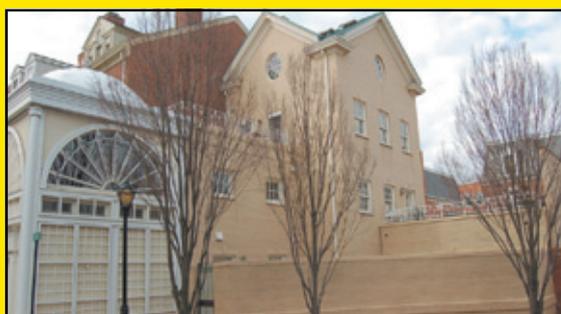
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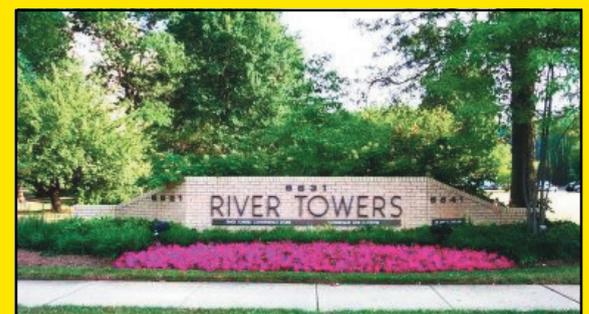
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Repairman Charged with Stealing

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“We handled this as a white-collar crime,” said Jody Donaldson, a spokesman for the Police Department. “We have detectives who have been trained in white-collar crime although we don’t have a separate division for that like Fairfax County.”

City records show that Fell began working for the Department of General Services in 1992. In June of 2008 he moved to the Transportation Management Program to take a job as a parking-meter repairman. Although Fell’s duties did not include collecting revenue from the meters, prosecutors have charged him with two counts of embezzlement. Each of the counts represents a different six-month period, indicating that the case against Fell will date back to last summer when he moved to the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services.

“We are looking at seizing assets owned by the defendant,” said Commonwealth’s Attorney S. Randolph Sengel, adding that Fell owns an all-terrain vehicle in addition to a pickup truck and a couple of cars.

THE INVESTIGATION began last year in the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services, where suspicions were first aroused. After launching a surveillance operation on their own employee, department officials approached the Office of Management and Budget to look at the num-

Parking Meters

The city’s parking meters are administered under the Transportation Management Program of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. Activities include installing, maintaining and collecting revenue from 1,500 meters in the city.

Fiscal Year	2008	2009	2010
Expenditures	\$402,624	\$755,379	\$633,886
FTEs	5.9	6.9	4.9
Number of meters maintained	1,040	1,040	1,040
Cost per meter collected from and maintained	\$387	\$726	\$610

SOURCE: City of Alexandria Office of Management and Budget

bers. City officials say the numbers weren’t adding up, and the Police Department was contacted in November.

“Parking meter revenue can be difficult to monitor,” said city spokesman Tony Castrilli. “Bad weather and all kinds of other things can throw off the numbers.”

Embezzlement is a class-four felony, with each charge carrying a two-to-10-year sentence and a fine of up to \$100,000. Fell is scheduled for a brief court appearance later this week to set a court date.

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Candidates Vie for Votes

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From January through March of this year, Pepper raised \$38,000. Most of that money came from Pepper herself, who took out a \$5,000 loan in January and then a \$10,000 loan in March. Other top contributors included \$2,000 from Michael Wonk, whom Pepper appointed to a budget-advisory committee in 2007, and \$1,000 from land-use attorney Bernard Fagelson. After spending \$31,000 so far this cycle, Pepper heads into Election Day with \$7,000.

♦ **Paul Smedberg, Democrat:** A native of Hartford, Conn., Smedberg has lived in Alexandria since 1988. He was first elected to the City Council in 2003 with 9,563 votes and re-elected in 2006 with 8,695 votes. His home precinct is Lyles Crouch School.

Smedberg received a bachelor of science degree in economics and a bachelor of arts in history from Allegheny College in Pennsylvania. From 1997 to 1999, he was the chairman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. He is currently a lobbyist for the American Society of Nephrology. On the campaign trail, Smedberg has pointed out his record of questioning the height of outdoor furniture, the source of funding for environmental initiatives and the rea-



soning behind forcing business owners to contribute money towards trash cans.

"I will work to define and redefine government," said Smedberg. "Whether it be trees or trash cans."

From January through March of this year, Smedberg raised \$19,000. Top contributors included \$1,809 from Alexandria-based IT firm New Target, \$1,200 from the campaign committee of Senate Majority Leader Dick Saslaw (D-36) and retired Alexandria resident George Berger. With \$15,000 left over from his previous campaign and after spending \$14,000 this election cycle, Smedberg heads into Election Day with \$23,000.

♦ **Rich Williamson, Independent:** A native of Houston, Williamson has lived in Alexandria since 2000. His home precinct is Temple Beth El Synagogue.

Williamson received a bachelor of arts degree in foreign service from Baylor University in Texas and a master of business administration from the University of Mississippi. He served two years as president of the Colonial Heights Homeowners Association and one year as a member of the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission. He is currently a deputy domain manager for the



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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Three More Years

It's been more than six years since the previous City Council took part in a ceremonial destruction of an old brick building at the corner of Mount Vernon Avenue and Braddock Road. But it could be at least three more years until anything changes there. The ritualistic demolition was supposed to usher in a new era at the intersection, which is in the shadow of the Braddock Road Metro Station and George Washington Middle School.

"Boy that was fun," recalled Vice Mayor **Del Pepper**, who apparently enjoyed the ceremony.

Flash forward several years, and the corner remains very similar. The 7-Eleven near the intersection is a particular concern for many in Del Ray who would prefer to see a different land use there. The lingering presence of the convenience store has been an issue of concern for many years, although City Council members have been unable to do anything about it.

"This has been an issue since I was first elected six years ago," said Councilman **Rob Krupicka**. "I know the neighborhood would like to see some small retail there or maybe a coffee shop."

Although several City Council members expressed reluctance, the 7-Eleven's special-use permit was extended for three more years on Saturday. Approval was granted despite concerns expressed by police officials that crime at the location was a problem. During one recent 16-month period, according to a crime analysis, the store experienced 22 reported incidents of shoplifting.

"When the kids get out of G.W., they all want to bombard the 7-Eleven," said Capt. **Scott Ogden**. "It's an easy way to commit a shoplifting crime if you have 30 kids inside the 7-Eleven all at once it's pretty easy to get away with a crime."

The Politics of Green

In a campaign season, every action of the City Council becomes political. Take, for example, the City Council's new "green buildings policy," which council members unanimously approved last weekend. The policy recommends that all new construction meet the "silver" standard issued by rating system known as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design or LEED.

The Democratic incumbents who adopted the policy last weekend are certain to mention the new policy on the campaign trail as part of their commitment to making the city government more environmentally conscious. Yet Republican candidate **Frank Fannon** said shortly after the public hearing that he would have voted against the measure. Although he emphasized he wasn't against promoting environmental measures, Fannon said he agreed with developers who expressed to city officials that they are concerned the new requirements may cause Alexandria to lose new construction to neighboring jurisdictions where development is easier. By driving out developers, Fannon warned, the city would continue to depend on residential property taxpayers as a cash cow rather than expanding the commercial property tax base.

"This city already has a bad reputation as a place where it's difficult to get through all the red tape and bureaucracy," said Fannon, adding that he wasn't opposed to developers voluntarily following LEED standards. "Technology should lead the government, but government should not lead technology."

Governing by Consent

City Council members have a penchant for agreement. The vast majority of docket items are agreed to unanimously. Many items merely get a unanimous vote without any discussion on the consent calendar. In other cases, Democratic council members will express reservations but then vote with the majority anyway. Other times, unanimity is the agreement that dare not speak its name.

During a discussion of a process for the City Council to approve grant applications related to the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, council members had several pointed questions about how the process would work. According to a memorandum from City Manager **Jim Hartmann** outlining applications for the stimulus money, City Council approval for grants would not be needed in lieu of recommendations from a special committee consisting of Councilman **Tim Lovain** and Mayor **Bill Euille**. The measure was approved, although several of the council members remained silent during the vote.

"I'm assuming that's a unanimous vote," explained Euille.

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No Challenger for Mayor Euille

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Department of Defense. On the campaign trail, 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 in an interview about his candidacy. "What they don't realize is that more people are going to require more services."

From January through March of this year, Williamson raised \$2,500 — the least amount of money for any candidate in this race. All of the money reported in his campaign finance report was contributed by the candidate himself, who has declined to take money from anyone else during this election cycle.

♦ **Justin Wilson, Democrat:** A native of Cheverly, Md., Wilson has lived in Alexandria since 2001. He was elected to the City Council during a special election in July 2007 with 4,737 votes. His home precinct is Mount Vernon Center.



Wilson received a bachelor's degree in business information systems from Virginia Commonwealth University. He was twice elected president of the Del Ray Citizens Association, and Democratic Gov. Mark Warner appointed Wilson to an advisory committee on juvenile justice. Wilson is currently a principal system engineer for Amtrak. On the campaign trail, Wilson has supported the proposal to move May elections to November.

"The folks who turn out in May are primarily from the East End, primarily homeowners and are not representative of the diversity of the city," said Wilson in an e-mail about his posi-

tion on the issue. "May elections are an anachronism, and it's long since time we relegate them to history."

From January through March of this year, Wilson raised \$20,000. Top donors included \$500 from Alexandria Toyota, \$500 from the Southern States Police Benevolent Association and \$250 from Rob Kaufman, a business owner currently in a dispute with the city government over paint that was applied to a historic brick building on Prince Street. With \$900 left over from his previous campaign and after spending \$12,000 this election cycle, Wilson heads to Election Day with \$900.

ELECTION FOR MAYOR

♦ **Bill Euille, Democrat:** A native of Alexandria, Euille is a 1968 graduate of T.C. Williams High School. He was first elected to the City Council in 1994 and first elected mayor in 2003 against Republican candidate Bill Cleveland and independent candidate Townsend Van Fleet. He was reelected without opposition in 2006 with 12,134 votes. His home precinct is George Washington Middle School.

Euille received a bachelor's of science in accounting and business administration from Quinnipiac College in Hamden, Conn., in 1972. From 1974 to 1984, he was an appointed member of the Alexandria School Board. He founded the construction firm Euille and Associates in 1987, and he remains president and treasurer of the Colvin Street business today. On the campaign trail, Euille has largely reprised the "One Alexandria" campaign theme he has used for the last two election cycles.

"I hope I have not disappointed you," Euille said during an early candidates' forum. "I've tried to increase the city's competitiveness and sustainability."

From January through March of this year, Euille raised \$44,000 from developers, land-use attorneys and business owners throughout the city. His top three contributors were \$2,500 from Erkiletian Construction, \$1,750 from marketing consultant Demaine Windsor and \$1,000 from real-estate investor Cronin Edmund. With a \$39,000 war chest left over from his previous unopposed campaign and after spending \$12,000 so far this cycle, Euille heads into Election Day with \$71,000.

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With dozens of local events this week marking Earth Day, it's a good time to think about taking steps small and large to improve the environment and increase your family's connection to the natural world.

EDITORIAL One of the easiest ways to help air quality and traffic this spring and summer involves more telecommuting. Press your employer to allow you and other employees to work from home at least one day a week.

One of the best ways to benefit the environment for the indefinite future is by in-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Options for Del Ray

To the Editor:

If you could build a city from scratch, what would you do? Where would you put housing — steps from the Metro station, or 3/4 mile away? Where would you put a ballfield — by the school, or too far for gym class? Would you trade eight acres of parkland to build new townhouses?

These questions are not just an idle game. They are facing our city today. When the city budget is in a crunch and even the schools must spend less in the face of increasing enrollment, we have the opportunity to expand our tax base without raising taxes or compromising our community's values. When all of our open space seems to be disappearing, we have the potential to gain the equivalent of eight football fields, without having to buy it from anyone. When traffic is approaching gridlock already, we have the chance to reduce our carbon footprint and prevent as many as 350 cars from joining the daily grind.

The idea is to consider what to do with the large piece of Del Ray property — behind the Golden Crust bakery, Commonwealth Academy, and the fields by GW Middle School — in a comprehensive manner, instead of mindlessly

building more sprawling townhouses just out of the Metro-accessible range. This idea came from the community and not any developer.

There are so many options. By locating already-approved development near the Metro where it is most valuable, we could use thoughtful design to surround GW with fields rather than a concrete jungle of parking, and re-orient it away from the station. We could use our extra space to build a community center for environmental education. We could create a community garden. We could provide more space available for recreational sports. Rather than take away resources from the near-by Middle School, these creative uses of space could provide valuable opportunities for the school to link lessons from the classroom to the natural world, as has already occurred at T.C. Williams High School and Mount Vernon Community School.

By choosing our development path thoughtfully, and as a community, we can further the values shared by Alexandria residents — more open space, smart growth, environmental sustainability, and a reduced tax burden.

But first, we have to give ourselves the opportunity. On May 12, the Council will decide whether or not the City should study this area and engage the community in a

participatory planning exercise, to see what our options are. This is an essential step that should not be nixed for fear of change.

As a community, we should agree on a set of principles to make sure no one is left worse off, and collaborate with city planners on the possible uses of our land. What would you do with the equivalent of eight football fields and extra tax revenue? Tell the Council not to miss out on this opportunity, and allow the Planning Department to present us with our options.

Brett Libresco

Del Ray

Schools Need Parents

To the Editor:

After reading Michael Lee Pope's article entitled "Facing Down Frustrated Parents," I could not help but think to myself what an interesting choice for a title.

"It often feels like that," is how one parent who I shared the article with described it after reading it and it is a regular complaint I hear over and over from parents about those down at Beauregard Street.

Many parents tell me how they are surprised that despite its small size, ACPS operates like huge bu-

Virginia Invasive Plant Removal Day, Saturday, May 2. Join in this state-wide invasive plant removal day, find local projects in Alexandria and more at <http://www.virginiamasternaturalist.org/invasives/index.html>

Bike to Work Day, Friday, May 15. Join thousands of area commuters for a celebration of bicycling way to get to work. Meet at one of 27 pit stops with gathering places in Alexandria and throughout the region. See <http://www.waba.org/events/btwd/pitstops.php>.

Earth Day and Environmental Events

Alexandria Earth Day 2009, April 25 at Ben Brenman Park 10 a.m.-2 p.m. including music, Blue Sky Puppets, presentation of awards, introduction of draft environmental action plan, planting of the Arbor Day Tree. This year's theme will be about alternative transport. Throughout the festival there will be stands and displays and the Environmental Nature Walk along the stream for both (relaxation and education. Remember - the theme is "Alternative Transport; Come by DASH; take the AT-8 on Duke Street. See www.alexearthday.org.

The Washington, D.C. chapter of the Sierra Club offers simple tips for things you can do to help the environment at <http://dc.sierraclub.org/volunteer/lifestyle.asp>. Suggestions range from reducing the amount of junk mail you receive, using cloth bags at the grocery store and cloth napkins at the dinner table, conserving water, buying local food, not buying bottled water, leaving the car parked at least one day a week, and sharing your values with your children and neighbors.

—MARY KIMM,

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LETTERS

A Gain in Open Space?

To the Editor:

On July 27, 1954, an article on the front page of the Gazette Packet reported that the City of Alexandria was "woefully lacking in both indoor and outdoor recreation areas." Fifty-five years later, the City is still 30 acres shy of the goals stated in the Open Space Master Plan. Now, in 2009, one problem is that there are fewer options for acquiring significant amounts of open space.

Potomac Yard is one of the few regions of the City with a large acreage of undeveloped land. In particular, Land Bay L, the area south of Monroe Bridge that extends down almost to the Braddock Metro, comprises (after subtracting 5 acres for roads) approximately 12 acres. It could potentially be developed with as many as 358 townhouses.

At the Potomac Yard community workshop held at George Washington Middle School at the end of January 2009, 7 of 9 tables (about 60 participants) expressed the opinion that serious consideration should be given to swapping Land Bay L (the area south of Monroe Bridge that extends down almost to the Braddock Metro) for the Braddock Fields which are adjacent to George Washington Middle School and the Braddock Metro.

The motivation was that if Land Bay L could be swapped for the approximately 3.5 acres of the Braddock Fields, the city would realize a significant net gain of over 8 acres of open space. The total space would be about 12 acres which, when combined with those at the expanded Simpson Park, around the bridge, and the Potomac Yard Linear Park, would make for an impressive major park system. It would also place density next to the Metro. No further analysis of the cost or benefits was done at the workshop.

Because of the opinion from the workshop, Eric Wagner, chair of the Planning Commission and the Potomac Yard Planning Advisory Group (PYPAG), and Faroll Hamer, director of Planning and Zoning, asked the full PYPAG workgroup to consider the concept. PYPAG decided not to evaluate the concept in detail as part of their work plan. Instead, they would review a basic feasibility or threshold study to be performed by city staff.

There are a lot of questions and challenges to be addressed, including:

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How would you like having a shot at putting George and Ben in their place? Right here in Old Town. We're talking "George," meaning the big GW, the fellow who used to hang around our old streets long into the wee hours, quaffing a port or two in Gadsby's. And we're talking about "Ben" as in Ben Franklin, a fellow who also did some shocking things in his time.

I don't have any idea whether these two American stalwarts were acquainted, or knew each other were icons. But the good folks at Old Town's elegant and glorious Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum at 105-07 S. Fairfax St. seem to feel that George Washington and Benjamin Franklin need to get back together.

This is a long-winded introduction to still another fund-raiser in our old port city. But let's cut to the chase, as Ellen Bancroft used to say (and may still). Seems that busts of Washington and Franklin graced the Apothecary for decades. Who made them and how they got to our friendly neighborhood pharmacy is a story from your friendly Old Town correspondent for another day. Suffice to say that George and Ben need help and so does the Apothecary Museum.

Over the years, the two handsome plaster busts — just like you and me — began showing their age. Botox isn't a solution here. The two busts, so long a focal point of the shop's interior, need to be professionally mounted to "secure them for perpetuity" (not my line).

The good folks at the Apothecary say the project will cost \$3,500. So, again cutting to the chase, Ellen, make your checks payable to Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax st., Alexandria, VA 22314.

I think that wherever they are today, George and Ben will appreciate your help. So will their wives.

MY FAVORITE HOUSE: The irreplaceable Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden, a gem that is one of the anchors at Lee's Corner, Oronoco and N. Washington St., needs your help. My friend, David Heiden, reminds that the museum will partner (hate that term) with the Alexandria Association on Saturday, May 2, for a blockbuster

fund-raising event (proceeds benefit the ongoing restoration and preservation of the Lee Fendall House Museum and Garden).

The event, not open to the public, kicks off with a private cocktail reception at 4:30 p.m. at the house. Several Old Town homes will be open from 5 to 7, to be followed from 7 to 10 p.m. with a reception at the house, black tie preferred (I hate that term).

You can call the Lee-Fendall House or the Alexandria Association for ticket and donor information for this enormously important restoration project.

— BOB FELDKAMP

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A BUBBLY FINALE

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A NEW ROOM

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Everyone was especially pleased to see Ruby Tucker, who had overcome recent ill health to be present.

Marian Van Landingham, Rosa Byrd, Vola Lawson, Judy Lowe, and Delegate and Janet Barnette also enjoyed the company.

Although primarily for women, some men were invited — Dick Hobson, Del. Adam Ebbin, and Dr. F.J. Pepper came to show support for Del.

Jayne Clancy was there, as were Sonya McLaughlin, Moina Ratliff, Kit Leider, and Mary Jo Johnson.

MAYOR SPOKE

Mayor Bill Euille spoke warmly of Del's contributions to the city, saying how often she had aided him as vice-mayor.

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— LOIS KELSO HUNT

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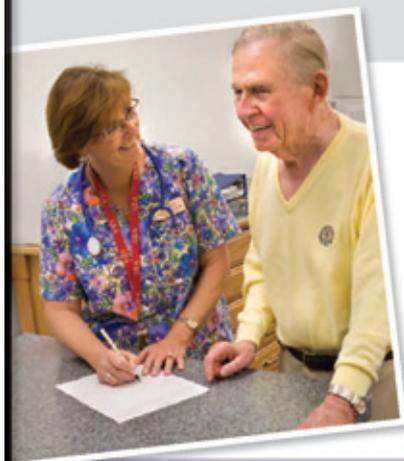
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OPINION

A Strategy for Greatness

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN
ALEXANDRIA SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

It is so powerful for me to imagine the Titans as they will be when we reach and surpass the goals in our new Strategic Plan for Alexandria City Public Schools. Together, we will “set the standard for educational excellence, where all students achieve their potential and actively contribute to our local and global communities.”

COMMENTARY

I also feel a great sense of urgency and a moral imperative to ensure that each and every child succeeds. We have a lot of work to do. It is not OK that 11 percent of our students drop out before graduating and 30 percent of our students do not meet minimal performance standards.

Our teachers are well-intentioned, caring professionals who struggle with how best to deal with the emerging issues facing school divisions such as ours:

- ❖ Increasing levels of poverty and homelessness (we now have 165 homeless students; and we have 56 percent on free/reduced lunch).

- ❖ Disproportional identification of students in need of special education.

- ❖ The challenge of teaching higher thinking skills when we must also focus on stan-

dardized tests.

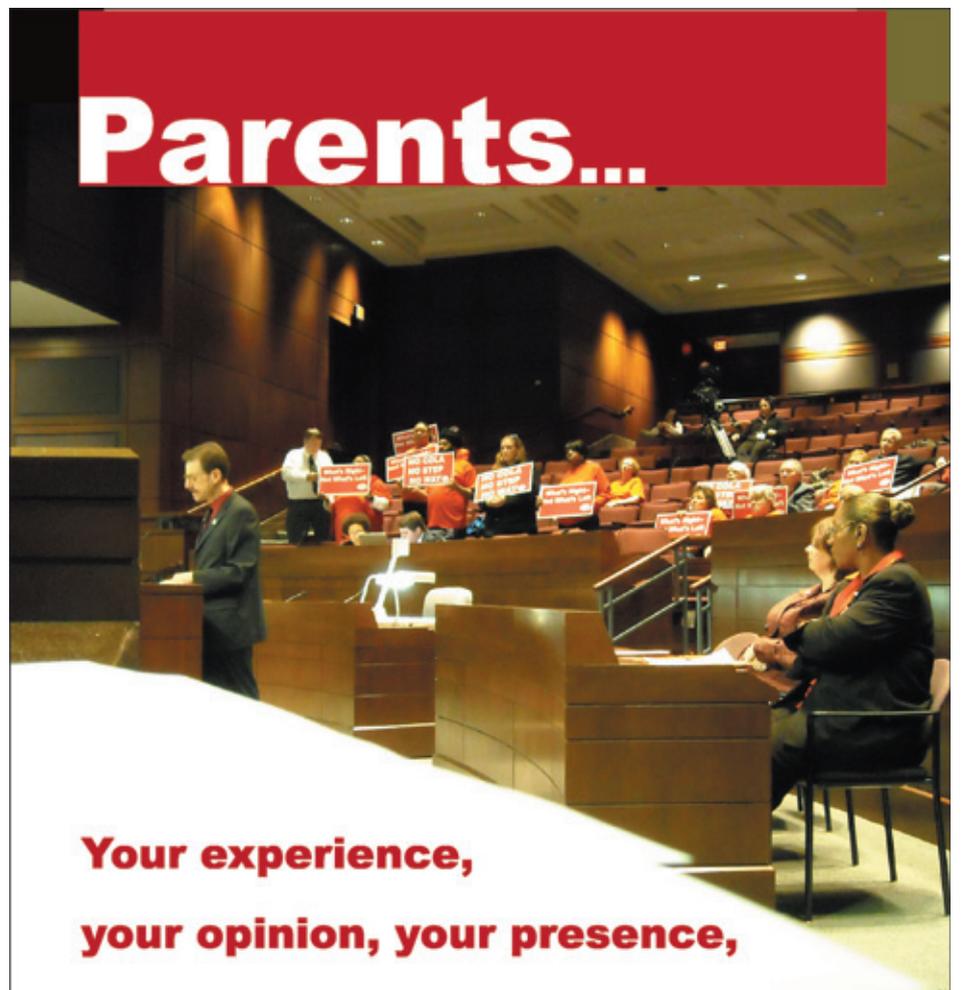
- ❖ The need to raise the floor and blow away the ceiling; the whole range of students, including high achievers, need our attention.

- ❖ The need to break the mold in which we teach as we have always taught, even though expectations are higher, needs are greater, and the world rapidly-changing.

We must act immediately to address these challenges. With every lost moment, we lose another child. I recently presented to the School Board a draft proposal for Phase One of our action steps for implementing the Strategic Plan. Core actions include:

1. PreK
 - a. Hire an early childhood specialist.
 - b. Work with the City to implement the Comprehensive, Coordinated Preschool Initiative Plan
2. Special Education
 - a. Implement the recommendations of the outside study team
 - b. Move towards more inclusive settings as we monitor IEPs, improve services and increase expectations
3. Elementary Schools
 - a. Develop Standards for Implementation of Exemplary Programs
 - b. Begin a K-8 school at Jefferson-Houston by offering rising sixth-graders the opportunity to stay. Also, at Jefferson-Hous

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OPINION



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A Strategy for Greatness

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ton, begin the implementation of the Primary Years Program (PYP) of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program.

c. Support other schools as they move towards PYP or other exemplary programs.

4. Middle Schools

a. Create smaller schools within schools so that George Washington will have two schools within the school and Hammond will have three. These smaller schools will focus on higher achievement for all students, engaging each student through faculty and staff support, and creating opportunities for students to accelerate through the curriculum. These smaller schools will be programmatically constructed with the Middle Years Program (MYP) of the IB program serving as the framework for the curriculum.

5. High Schools

a. Continue to review and improve curriculum, including AVID, guidance services, support for ELL students, service learning, and focus on 21st Cen-

tury Skills.

6. Accountability

a. Begin implementation of the Baldrige program, with focus on customer service, ongoing accountability, and responsibility of all staff for student achievement.

7. Compensation

a. Explore the possibilities of a pay-for-performance program for administrators.

These are just the highlights. The entire draft Education Plan is online at www.acps.k12.va.us/board/strategic-plan.

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area behind GW Middle School, including the parking lot, when combined with Land Bay L be configured so there are useful playing fields that meet the needs of the school now and in the future? Will developing Braddock Fields hem the school in, reducing its potential capacity? How will the parking at GW be replaced?

❖ Or is this an opportunity to create a true campus for GW Middle School?

❖ Land Bay L is somewhat odd shaped. Do we really get useful space for the sports fields that the city needs?

❖ How accessible will the new open space be for the neighborhoods that now enjoy close proximity to Braddock Fields?

❖ How dense will the development be? Does the full density of Land Bay L transfer, or is it a value swap, which assuming the Braddock site to be more valuable, would result in less density?

❖ Will the traffic be worse than what will come from the townhouses planned for Land Bay L? Ideally being located next to a Metro will reduce automobile usage. Can the "Main Street" from Potomac Yard be extended down

to carry some of the traffic instead of dumping it at the intersection of Mt. Vernon and Braddock Avenues?

❖ The developer would really prefer to build townhouses in Land Bay L and can submit a plan for those townhouses in June 2010.

These are significant challenges that need to be answered, but if there is an opportunity to have a net gain of 8 to 9 acres of open space and increased density at the Metro, shouldn't the City seriously explore that opportunity?

David Fromm

Absent Council?

To the Editor:

In stark contrast to the event we commemorated, Tuesday, April 21 was a beautiful spring day at Market Square; about 100 people of various faiths and backgrounds joined together to pay homage during the Days of Remembrance of the Victims of the Holocaust.

On this 22nd annual commemoration we heard of the grueling experiences of Holocaust survivor Charlene Schiff — painful stories that must be remembered in perpetuity to battle those insidious

deniers. The important message of "never again" was delivered eloquently by William Kristol of The Weekly Standard. T.C. Williams High School junior Alex Goldfarb urged today's youth to reject their mode of apathy and learn about the Holocaust to ensure that its crimes never be perpetrated again.

As in past years, this was a poignant ceremony; Alexandria residents, non-residents and elected officials joined in prayer. What was shameful, however, was the void on the stage due to the absolutely noticeable absence of Alexandria City Councilmen Ludwig Gaines, Rob Krupicka, Tim Lovain, Paul Smedberg and Justin Wilson. Krupicka did manage to show up at 12:40 p.m. for the noon event, sitting obscurely beyond the last row of seats. The dais had an embarrassing number of vacant seats reserved for the absent council members. Mayor Bill Euille emceed, passing along the regrets of one former City Council member, and Del Pepper attended, but only long enough for the introductory remarks.

This was not a political event, but when seats on the dais are re

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Project Discovery Walk: 'Strides Towards Success'

BY COUNCILMAN LUDWIG GAINES
HONORARY WALKATHON CHAIR, 2009
PROJECT DISCOVERY

Anthony Snead, Jr., a proud freshman at Bowie State University, credits the help he received from Project Discovery for his current success. Project Discovery, which benefits 130 students annually at T. C. Williams High School and the Minnie Howard Campus, provides participants with invaluable information on college admissions, the financial aid process, and above all, support and encouragement to attain their dreams of a college education. Of last year's graduating Project Discovery students, 92 percent continued their education at a two or four-year college or technical school.

"Project Discovery has guided me and so many students in the right direction," Snead said. "They empower students to believe that they can be whatever it is that they want to be, and that is why I am in college and currently working as an AmeriCorp volunteer for Project Discovery."

On Saturday, April 25, Alexandrians will have the opportunity to help young people desiring to go to college or pursue other post secondary school opportunities by supporting Project Discovery's 13th Annual "A Walk in the Park ... Strides Toward Success"

Walkathon on Saturday, April 25, at Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a college fair. The actual walk, which begins at 9 a.m. with a prep talk, is an approximate two-mile course. All proceeds from the event will benefit Project Discovery-Alexandria, a program that helps low-income and/or first-generation students to succeed in getting into and completing college.

Citizens are urged to walk and make financial contributions, joining the many local businesses, organizations, and individuals who support the Project Discovery students. Suggested donations are \$25 for adult walkers and \$5 for student walkers. Participants may register online at www.alexandriava.gov. Participants who register will receive free t-shirts and are eligible to win prizes. Prizes include gift certificates for the Dandy Cruise Ships, Clydes Restaurant, tickets to see the Washington Mystics play, and 2-hour concierge services from JCL Services, LTD.

Financial support from the community is instrumental to the success of Project Discovery. Proceeds from the Walkathon represent one of the most important funding sources for Project Discovery. Major Walk's sponsors, who have contributed \$500 or more include CNA Solutions, L. Charles Fitzgerald, Dawn Munson, Cherie Brown,

Kappa Alpha Psi, Ivy Foundation, Kumon and the Ludwig Gaines Foundation.

Another successful Project Discovery alumni is Hammond Middle School's Assistant Principal Michael Diggins who says: "I joined Project Discovery as a junior at TC Williams High School in 1989. I was drawn to the group because I was interested in college, but did not know much about how to get into college. The difference was being able to actually visit the college (and the fact that VA Tech practically paid for all of my tuition). I am and will continue to be humbled by my relationship and experiences with Project Discovery. I learned a

valuable lesson back in 1989 that has remained with me to this day. It is my obligation to help children pursue their high school diploma and college degrees. Project Discovery did it for me and I have to pass it forward."

Project Discovery is a program of the City of Alexandria, Department of Human Services, Office of Youth Services. For additional information on the Walkathon or Project Discovery, contact: Ronald Frazier, Director, Office of Youth Services and Coordinator, Project Discovery at 703-838-0992 or via email at ron.frazier@alexandriava.gov.

LETTERS

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served for the members of the City Council and all but one are absent, it is an affront to the speakers, the organizers and the event itself — most of all, it is an affront to the victims being commemorated and their families. For their truancy and their muteness, those members of the City Council should be ashamed of themselves.

Magee Whelan
Alexandria

Metro Rail Betrayal

To the Editor:

I object to the curtailing of Metro Rail service to 9 p.m. on weekdays. The reasons are obvious. Most people do not have 9 to 5 jobs. They work day and night in federal agencies and departments. The working poor who do not earn a living wage are forced to take on many jobs, often late at

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Leah Chapla 703.929.4875



OPEN SUN. 1-4

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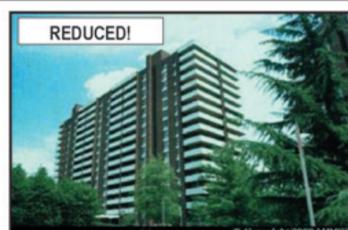
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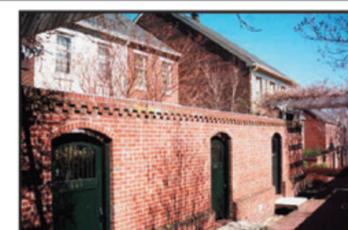


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- 1250 South Washington St / Porto Vecchio**
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 - #319 \$2,350 1Br/1.5Ba 1 Parking
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CALENDAR

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

ONGOING

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 24 and May 8. To register, 703-324-4386.

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

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.

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.

Join City archaeologists and trained volunteers for a program for children of all ages at Alexandria Archaeology **Family Dig Days**. Monthly Family Dig Days will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, in Alexandria. The 2009 dates are: Saturday, May 30; Saturday, July 18; Saturday, Aug. 15; Saturday, Sept. 12; Saturday, Oct. 17. \$5/person. Registration required, 703-838-4399 or visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 24

Golf Benefit. 1 p.m. at Fort Belvoir. \$100/person includes golf, cart, dinner and more. E-mail mvhs2010golf@live.com. Proceeds benefit MV Grad Party.

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LECTURE

The Gothik Alamo

Richard Guy Wilson to deliver lecture in architecture at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Perhaps the only tangible link between the Alamo and gothic revival architecture is in the 200 block of South Pitt Street: St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The 1818 building is not gothic in a formal sense, which would be something closer to the National Cathedral. Originally designed by American architect Benjamin Henry Latrobe, the church was part of a gothic revival period sometimes known as the "Gothick" movement.

What's the difference between scholarly gothic revival architecture and the Gothick style of St. Paul's?

Latrobe was taking certain elements of what was seen as the gothic style such as the pointed arch rather than a round arch and using that for the triple entrance. Then there are the pointed arch windows on the side. Then there are the round rose windows that are up on top of it. It isn't academic in any sort of a way. He's just taking a couple of different images that are sort of floating around in his mind or that he's getting out of a book and he's applying them to a very standard form of an American church.

Why do you suspect many people have compared the exterior of St. Paul's to the Alamo?

Well, the Alamo doesn't have pointed arches for example. It has round arches on



Richard Guy Wilson.

it as I recall. The Alamo was a Catholic mission church, and while I can see the similarity I don't think they were coming at this with the same ideas or anything like that.

Why did gothic architecture experience a revival?

Gothic architecture was seen as architecture of the dark ages. It was what the so-called Renaissance acted against. With the Rand reformation and the Renaissance and the revival of classical architecture and so forth, gothic is confined to the Dark Ages. But beginning in the later 18th century in England, there is a beginning of an interest in gothic architecture. People begin to sort of rediscover it. It was seen in a very nationalistic sort of a sense in that it was very English even if there was a feeling that the English had gone down the wrong road and

Oscar Wilde's 'Indecency' On Trial

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
GAZETTE PACKET

The intellectually stimulating, highly entertaining play that author Moisés Kaufman created out of the transcripts of the 1895 trials of Irish author Oscar Wilde on charges of "Gross Indecency" is being given its due in a first class production at the Little Theatre of Alexandria through May 9.

This production of his 1997 Oscar Wilde play has all the hallmarks of quality as a very capable cast of eleven fine actors (there are no female roles in the play) establish distinct personalities, many in multiple parts.

Director Frank Shutts II establishes a satirically smooth pace for the play, never seeming to rush even the small interjections with which Kaufman peppered his script,

Where and When

"Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" continues through May 9 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street. Performances are Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 - \$18. Call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.

more, in Jean Schlichting and Kit Sibley's costumes, he actually looks like Wilde.

The young man's father, whose allegations against Wilde start the chain of events, is given a very strong and extremely intelligent performance by Ian Fore. He keeps

Latrobe Lecture

The University of Virginia's Commonwealth Professor's Chair in Architecture Richard Guy Wilson will deliver a lecture at St. Paul's Episcopal Church at 7 p.m. Wednesday April 29. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is titled "Alexandria's Saint Paul's and the Beginning of the Gothic Revival in America." For more information, call 703-549-3312.

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followed those darn Italians into the Renaissance. So there was a feeling that they should get away from all of that and back to their roots. And that was gothic architecture.

What happened to the gothic revival?

Gothic revival in different variations continued on well into the 20th century. That National Cathedral is gothic revival although it's a much different kind of gothic revival. Another example in Alexandria would be the Second Presbyterian Church at 601 Prince Street, now EDAW. It was built in 1840, so it's a good 20 years after St. Paul's. That's an example of mid-19th century gothic revival.

How is the modern version of St. Paul's different than Latrobe's design?

The front wouldn't look that different, with one exception which is that the top of the pediment has been changed and raised up. But the rest of the exterior would look pretty similar. The interior of it is different in some ways. Now there's a chancel, which Latrobe's design did not have. Later there was the addition of stained glass. And crosses. You never used to have crosses in church. Most Episcopal churches didn't have crosses in them until the early 20th century.

from making the man a mere object of ridicule, despite not even being able to spell the accusation he famously wrote out on a calling card.

Adam P. Downs is his son, Lord Alfred Douglas, and, along with Rich Amada, Lars Klores and Marcus J. Fisk as the trial attorneys, contributes well to the evening. However, it is one of the actors with a host of smaller roles as well as short moments in the spotlight that impresses the most. That is Shawn G. Byers, who combines a talent for comedy with more dramatic skills to portray everything from one of young men with whom Wilde is accused of dallying to a modern day self-styled "expert" on the case and, of all things, Queen Victoria herself. It is he who gives the audience such crucial information as the text of the statute Wilde is convicted of violating. He delivers this last detail in the voice of the Queen who, when told the statute might be defective since it only applies to men who commit such acts and not to women, replies with an indignant "Women don't do such things!"

MUSIC

Where and When

The ASO performs its 2008-2009 Season Finale Concert May 2 at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., at 8 p.m. Tickets \$20-\$70 at 703-548-0885 or www.alexsym.org.

ASO Closes Season

Alexandria Symphony Orchestra looks ahead to next year.

KIM ALLEN KLUGE
MUSIC DIRECTOR, ASO

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra's 2008-2009 Season Grand Finale concert, "O Passionate Voice," on May 2 features three soul-stirring, transcendent, and unforgettably melodic masterpieces: Symphonic Suite from "South Pacific"; Wagner's "Tannhauser Overture"; and Tchaikovsky's "Symphony No. 5." This irresistibly "singable" program is the climactic conclusion to our popular Inspired by Voice season.

"South Pacific"'s heart-warming music that will be performed in the upcoming May 2 concert could just as easily have been included on next season's 2009-2010 program, Inspired by Nature. This exuberant season-long celebration of nature and its intrinsic connection to music includes an All-Beethoven concert, Respighi's "Pines of Rome," Mahler's "Songs of the Earth," Carmina Burana, and Vivaldi's "Four Seasons."

In our 2009-2010 Inspired by Nature season you will hear some of our favorite guest artists who are returning by popular demand. Tenor Ta'u Pupu'a will

be singing Mahler's "Songs of the Earth," pianist Yulia Gorenman will perform Beethoven's poetic "Piano Concerto No. 4" and Carlos Rodriguez will dazzle you with Gershwin's toe-tapping "Piano Concerto." The ASO also welcomes Washington National Opera's Elizabeth Bishop, violinist Leonid Sushansky, flutist Josué Casillas, and the husband-wife violin duo MarcOlivia,

I am also very excited to announce a dynamic new ASO series that will begin next season. Our popular Sunday afternoon concerts have been reformatted to include interactive demonstrations given by the musicians as well as exciting visuals and inter-arts collaborations. The style of these concerts will be more relaxed but the music-making will be as red-hot as ever. Your Sunday ASO experience will be enhanced by a deeper exploration of music presented with an extra special flair!

The 2009-2010 Inspired by Nature Season celebrates the mesmerizing spell that nature has cast over composers throughout the ages. Our natural world certainly continues to inspire contemporary composers like myself. My Haiku Suite: Three Nature Poems for Sakuhachi and Orchestra will premiere on March 14, 2010 in our "Songs of the Earth" Sunday concert. I wrote my own "songs of the earth" after journeying through Asia and having been inspired by the overwhelming beauty of the countryside, mountains and seas.

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CALENDAR

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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.

Golf Scramble. 1 p.m. at Fort Belvoir Gunston Golf Course. Benefits Mt. Vernon High School All Night Grad Party. All levels welcome. \$100/person. Visit www.fcps.edu/MtVernonHS for more.

Story Time. 10:30 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children up to age 2 can join in music, stories and more. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

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

Art Show. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at George Washington Middle School Media Center. See student work of art, crafts and more. Free.

Spring Consignment Sale. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aldersgate Day School. Free. Browse clothes, bikes, toys and more. Visit www.aldersgate.net or 703-768-8351.

SATURDAY/APRIL 25

Movement in Response to Nature. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Come participate in improvisational movement in response to the magic that is Huntley Meadows Park, 3701 Lockheed Blvd. Reservations required. \$10. 703-768-2525.

Is Mount Vernon Burning? 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Watch as the British land at Mount Vernon and make their demands and more. \$15/adult; \$14/senior; \$7/child. Visit MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

Eagle Festival. 10 a.m. at Mason Neck, 7301 High Point Road. Enjoy a 5k walk/run, demonstrations, exhibits, music and more. Free admission, but separate cost for 5k. 703-339-2385.

Earth Day Tree Sale. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Duke St. Alexandria's Urban Forestry Steering Committee will sell trees for planting around Alexandria. Reserve trees by April 17 by calling 703-838-4999 ext. 451 or purchase on the day of the event.

'Both Sides' Civil War Tour. Meet 8:30 a.m. at Franconia Government Center. Tour Monocacy Battlefield Park and National Civil War Museum and lunch at Cozy Restaurant. \$100/person includes lunch, admissions and donations. Dinner is not covered. Reservations at 703-971-4984.

Concert. 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Enjoy a handbell choir festival concert. Free-will offering taken. 202-267-7772.

Enjoy Gardening as a Family. 10:30 a.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. All ages can learn about gardening. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Alexandria Earth Day. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive. Enjoy browsing exhibits, walks, music and more. Free. Visit www.alexearthday.org for more.

Anniversary Gala. UCM's gala will be at the Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road. Enjoy auctions, dinner, music and dancing. \$125/person. Visit www.ucmagency.org or 703-403-4410.

Annual Tavern Dog Contest. 1-4 p.m. at Market Square, 301 King St. Advance registration and fee required for competitors, free for spectators.

Visit www.gadsbystavernmuseum.us or 703-836-2407.

Rhyme Time. 11 a.m. at Hooray for Books!, 1555 King St. Children age 2 and up can listen to rhyming stories. Free. Visit www.hooray4books.com or 703-548-4092.

Garden Market. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Browse shrubs, plants, flowers and more from local growers. Free. Visit www.greenspring.org or 703-642-5173.

How Plants Compete. 9:30 a.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Learn how plants fight for survival and more. \$18/person. 703-642-5173 to register.

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

Hollin Hall Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at Hollin Hall Village. Browse a variety of items including clothing, CDs, books and more. Free.

Food Drive. 8 a.m.-noon at Hollin Hall senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Proceeds benefit UCM.

Spring Fling Singles Dance. 8:30 p.m. at Crowne Plaza Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax St. Hosted by the Catholic Alumni Club of Washington. \$20/person. Visit www.dcsinglecatholicpro.org or 301-916-6336.

Church Yard Sale. 8 a.m.-noon at Nativity Lutheran 1300 Collingwood Road. Furniture, household goods, clothing, etc. Funds raised will support youth missions. Free. 703-678-9324.

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Parkfairfax, 3601 Valley Drive. Browse trees, shrubs, perennials and more. Free. 703-671-8416.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. at Ernst Community Cultural Center, 8333 Little River Turnpike. See "Giselle" by the Virginia Ballet Company. \$30/adult; \$20/child, senior, student. Visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org for more.

SUNDAY/APRIL 26

Is Mount Vernon Burning? 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Watch as the British land at Mount Vernon and make their demands and more. \$15/adult; \$14/senior; \$7/child. Visit MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

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

Britain on the Green. On the grounds of Collingwood Estate, 8301 E. Boulevard Drive. See a variety of British cars.

Film. Noon at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Watch "Fighting Goliath: Texas Coal Wars." Free. 202-885-8684.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Hear Japanese music for Koto and Shakuhachi. Free. 301-754-3842.

Carpenter's Cook-off. Noon-3 p.m. at Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave. Enjoy tastings from 23 restaurants, auction, children's corner and more. \$40/adult; \$5/child. Proceeds benefit Carpenter's Shelter. Visit www.carpentersshelter.org or 703-548-7500.

Walk. 8 a.m. at Cameron Run Regional Park. Participate in a fund-raising three-mile walk to benefit March of Dimes. 703-824-0111 ext. 27.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road. Hear Charlie Powers on the cello and Elizabeth Hill on the piano. Free. Visit www.trinityalexandria.org or 703-549-1500.

Theater Performance. 2 p.m. at Ernst Community Cultural Center,

8333 Little River Turnpike. See "Giselle" by the Virginia Ballet Company. \$30/adult; \$20/child, senior, student. Visit www.virginiaballetcompany.org for more.

MONDAY/APRIL 27

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.

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

Martha's Mystery Book. 7 p.m. at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road. Call for title. Free.

Family Story Time. 2 p.m. at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. All ages can enjoy listening to stories and an activity. Free. Visit www.greenspring.org for more.

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

Family Story Night. 7 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. All ages can enjoy stories. Free. 703-519-5900.

TUESDAY/APRIL 28

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

Grow Your Own Pizza. 6:30 p.m. at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St. Learn how to make a nutritious pizza from one's garden. Free. 703-519-5900.

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

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 29

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.

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

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Latrobe Lecture. 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church nave, 228 S. Pitt St. Free. Learn about Gothic architecture. Visit www.stpaulsepis.com for more.

Music Performance. 7:30 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road. Hear Donald George perform. Free, donations accepted. 703-360-9162.

THURSDAY/APRIL 30

Giving Gala. 6:30 p.m. at the Birchmere. Alexandria Community Trust is holding a benefit event full of games, food, more. \$175/person. Visit www.actforalexandria.org or 703-739-7778.

Stories and Science. 4 p.m. at John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive. Children ages 4-6 can enjoy stories, experiments and more. Free. Registration required, 703-971-0010.

Theater Performance. 7 p.m. at Walt Whitman Middle School 2500 Parkers Lane. Watch "One on this Island Junior." \$2/student; \$5/adult. E-mail kylie.murray@fcps.edu.

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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.

Art show and Sale. 1-8 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. Partial proceeds benefit Lazarus Ministry. Free.

SATURDAY/MAY 2

Kentucky Derby Party. 4-8 p.m. at an undetermined location. Enjoy food, bets and more. All proceeds benefit the Campagna Center. 703-549-0111 ext. 107.

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

Music Performance. 2 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt St. Hear the keyboard scholars. Free. Donations accepted.

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SUNDAY/MAY 3

Reception. 1-3 p.m. see paintings by the Potomac Valley Watercolorists at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road. Runs from April 28 through June 28. Visit potomacvalleywatercolorist.com for more.

Music Performance. 3 p.m. at Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Hear the Eclipse Chamber Orchestra. \$25/adult; \$20/senior; \$5/student. 703-635-2770.

Opening Day. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ben Brenman Park. The West End Farmers' Market is open. Free. 703-838-4343.

Concert with a Cause. 4 p.m. at Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St. Hear Shaun and Jina Tirrell perform. Free. Donations benefit Faith Ministry. Visit www.opmh.org for more.

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Benefit Brunch. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Union Street Public House, 121 S. Union St. Hosted by the Board of Lady Managers. Donations benefit NICU of INOVA Alexandria. 703-919-1149.

Architecture in the Afternoon. 2 p.m. at Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Road. Learn about George Mason's home. Admission applies. Visit www.gunstonhall.org for more.

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MONDAY/MAY 4

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

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TUESDAY/MAY 5

Benefit Concert. 7:30 p.m. at Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road. Hear Mendelssohn's Octet in E-Flat Major. Donations accepted. 703-933-4135.

FRIDAY/MAY 8

Music Performance. 8 p.m. at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive. See the Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus perform. \$15-\$30. Visit www.harmonizers.org or 703-910-4600.

SATURDAY/MAY 9

Spring Bus Tour. Meet 7:30 a.m. at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Visit Richmond area Civil War sites. \$120/FFW member; \$135/nonmember. Deadline is May 1. 703-838-4848.

Sale. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., Vienna. Browse antiques, collectibles, art and more. Proceeds benefit Friends of Homeless Animals. Visit www.foha.org for more.

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Music Performance. 2 p.m. or 8 p.m. at Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive. See the Alexandria Harmonizers Barbershop Chorus perform. \$15-\$30. Visit www.harmonizers.org or 703-910-4600.

Spring Garden Party. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Enjoy meeting Mrs. Washington, music, games and more. \$15/adult; \$14/senior; \$7/child. Visit MountVernon.org for more.

SUNDAY/MAY 10

Music Performance. 5 p.m. at St. Paul's Old Town, 228 S. Pitt St. Hear the Choral Evensong. Free. Donations accepted.

Free Mother's Day Tours. Noon-5 p.m. at Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 N. Royal St. or Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 S. Fairfax St. \$4/other adults; \$2/child. Visit www.gadsbystavern.org or 703-838-4242.

Music Performance. 2 p.m. at Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St. Hear the Marine Band. Free. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com.

Spring Garden Party. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Mount Vernon Estate. Enjoy meeting Mrs. Washington, music and more. \$15/adult; \$14/senior; \$7/child. Visit MountVernon.org.

THEATER LISTINGS

Mount Vernon Community Children's Theatre (MVCCT) presents "The Adventures of Dr. Dolittle," a musical production, April 17-26 at Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road. Dr. Dolittle plays 25 at 7:30 p.m.; April 26 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors and \$10 for others and are available for purchase online at www.mvcct.org.

See "Gross Indecency: The Three Trials of Oscar Wilde" at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria through May 9. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 3 p.m. Visit www.thelittletheatre.com or 703-683-0496 for tickets.

Synetic Theater, 4041 Campbell Ave., presents "A Swedish Tiger" through May 24. Performances are Thursdays through Sundays at 8 p.m. \$20/adult; \$10/student.

See "Legacy of Light" from May 8 through June 14 at Arena Stage. Tickets are \$25-\$66/person. Visit www.arenastage.org or 202-488-3300.

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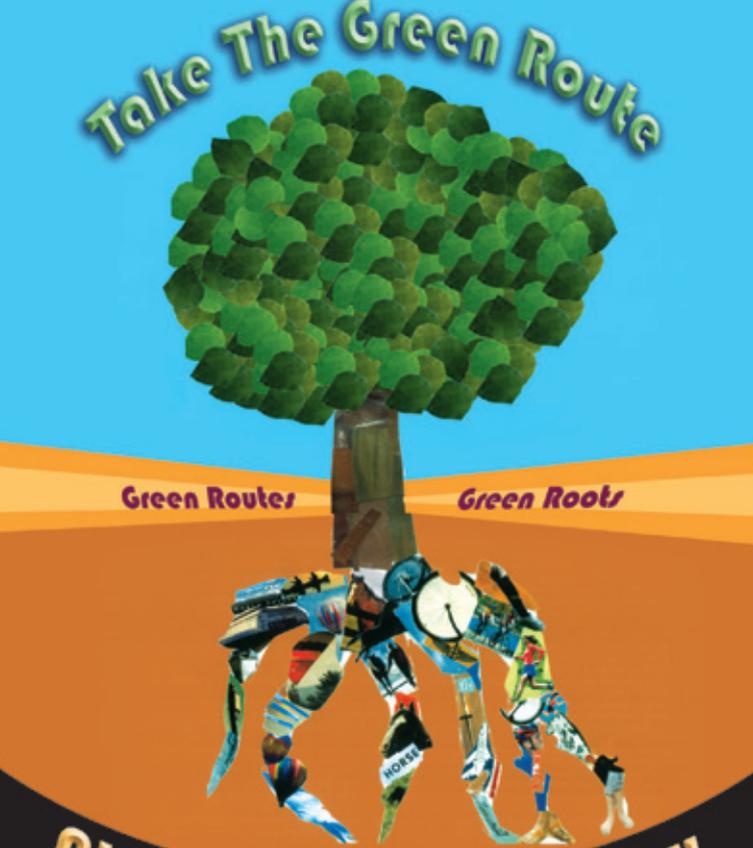
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OBITUARY

Orlando Barksdale

Orlando B. Barksdale, Jr., age 86, died at the Potomac Center on Saturday, April 11, 2009. He was born in Charlottesville, Va. and lived in Warrenton and Prince William County. He served honorably in the U.S. Army in North Africa and Egypt during World War II.

His wife, Elizabeth Morris Barksdale, predeceased him in October 2006. They had lived all of their 50 years of marriage in Alexandria and Arlington.

Mr. Barksdale was affectionately known to all his friends and acquaintances as "O.B." He was an accountant, an advisor, an auditor, and a tax manager. Before health problems required full-time skilled nursing care, he and Elizabeth enjoyed their travels, their neighbors, and their many friends. He was a meticulous gardener, a neighborhood watch participant, and a member of the Elks Club.

For the last several years, they resided at the Hermitage in Alexandria. Interment at National Memorial Park, Falls Church.

David J. Burke

David J. Burke, a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, died on April 13, 2009 at Stanford University Medical Center in Palo Alto, Calif. after a long battle with esophageal cancer. He was 75 and had been a resident of Alexandria for 30 years. He was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic

Church in Mount Vernon, Mansion House Swim Club, and active with St. Anselm's Abbey School in Washington D.C. David is survived by his wife of 44 years, Anne S. Burke, his three children, David C. Burke of Atherton, Calif., Thomas C. Burke of San Francisco, Calif., and Elizabeth A. Burke of New York, N.Y., three grandchildren, Aidan, Caroline, and Charlie, and his brother Michael Burke of Saratoga Springs, N.Y. and sister Mary Fitzsimmons of Tequesta, Fla.

Born and raised in Saratoga Springs, N.Y., David was a graduate of Saratoga Springs High School (1951) and The College of Holy Cross (1955). He later received his MS in Business Administration from George Washington University (1967) and was a distinguished graduate of the US Naval War College (1974) in Newport, R.I. He served as an officer in the US Air Force from 1955 to 1981 and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for an aerial mission over North Vietnam in July, 1968 and the Legion of Merit upon his retirement as a Colonel in 1981. He served with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon from 1974-77 and at Andrews Air Force Base from 1977-81. Following his Air Force career, David was the Director of Federal Government Policy and Procurement for Digital Equipment Corporation in Washington, D.C. from 1981 to



1991.

All who enjoyed the privilege of knowing David would agree that his love of family and friends defined his success much more than his professional accomplishments. He was an avid traveler with his wife Anne and their children, even in later years returning to Vietnam in 1994 and visiting China, Indonesia, Southeast Asia, and Europe several times. He loved spending weeks in Lake Tahoe, Calif. with his three grandchildren. He was an avid reader and correspondent. He was always generous with his time and friendship and often sought after for his sage advice and mentoring by family and friends. David's larger-than-life personality, genuine warmth, intellect, tenacity, and his sense of humor will be profoundly missed by all those whose lives he touched.

A memorial service will be held at St. Clements Roman Catholic Church in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. on Monday, April 20, 2009, followed by Full Military Funeral Honors at the Saratoga National Cemetery.

Lionel Dyer

Lionel Raymond Dyer, 76, of Alexandria, died Saturday, April 4, 2009 at INOVA Alexandria Hospital. He is survived by his wife, Arlette Darnal-Dyer. He served as a Ranger in the U.S. Army and was commissioned as an officer. He attained the rank of Captain before leaving the Army. He retired as an Investment and Financial Analyst. A visitation was held Friday, April 17,

2009. Interment was at Quantico National Cemetery in Triangle, Va.

James S. Parrish

James Sherwood Parrish, 87, of Stafford County, died Friday, April 17, 2009 at Marian Manor in Stafford.

Mr. Parrish had retired from the Department of the Navy and was a member of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. He was also a member of the Mount Vernon County Club where he was an avid golfer.

Survivors include his son, Phillip S. Parrish; his daughter, Susan Cyrus his brother, Matthew Denwood Parrish; his sisters, Marian Sidel and Nancy Posey; and his grandchildren, Annalise Fortin, James Phillip Parrish, Erin Schwartzman, Katy Parrish and Jamie Cyrus. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Prather Parrish, and his son, James Winston Parrish.

The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m., Friday, April 24 at Covenant Funeral Service, Stafford.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 25 at Mount Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria.

Memorials may be made in his name to the National Brain Tumor Society, 124 Watertown St Ste D, Watertown, MA 02472.

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LETTERS

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night at hotels, in retail, and in restaurants. If bus service were curtailed, these people would no longer be able to work. They are poor, and they are working, and in many cases, blacks or other minorities. Public transportation is their lifeline.

Why create unnecessary unemployment for the working poor and why deprive an employer of a good worker who simply cannot afford to drive a gas-guzzling vehicle where there is no parking available in a heavily congested city?

I also object to the curtailing of bus service, specifically the 10A or the 10B Metrobuses. It would immediately have a negative effect on minorities, specifically hard-working black men and women in our community as well as hard-working immigrants who go to work at all hours of the day and night. It would also have a devastating effect on the poor, the very young, the very old, who must take those jobs that keep them working day and night at low wages. Those with disabilities would also have even less access to the little transportation they have had in the past.

I have ridden the bus at all hours when Hispanic working men and women and black men and women are riding the bus to work. They ride the very first bus on Mt. Vernon going north to the Pentagon a little after 5 a.m. and they ride the very last bus after 11 p.m., too. I have seen the great numbers of people who ride that bus. There are three categories of late and early riders: blacks, Hispanics, and federal employees of all races, ages, and occupations. There are many bus riders who are negatively affected in a tremendous way, especially those who work in the Pentagon or at DOD. Government employees of all races and levels often work long hours at such agencies as DOD, TSA, and DOE, helping protect our country. Many of them are also minorities.

Cutting bus service on Mt. Vernon Avenue would tremendously hurt not only minorities but federal government employees who do work late — especially when most of the federal employees in this city are black and most are involved in our national security. Please bear in mind that these are the employees who are working hard day and night while we are at war.

A third type of worker who may

be hurt by the curtailing of bus service is the journalist. Journalists work at all hours and many of them take the bus to the metro on weekends and after 9 p.m. Therefore, on the list of citizens to whom I am sending a copy of this message are journalists.

Yet another group of workers who may not concern anyone in government because they cannot vote is teenagers. So I am copying their parents. Parents of working teens and college students want them to take the bus to and from the metro when they work and many have jobs in retail where they work late at night.

College age workers often work late in the college library, too, and take the metro home.

All of these people need public transportation. Public transportation is their lifeline.

Would tourism, sports arenas, universities and colleges, and cultural events suffer? Decidedly. I have not even touched on those facets of the city and the enrichment and opportunity they provide. There are people who do not run home to become couch potatoes in this city and the people who work for the organizations that

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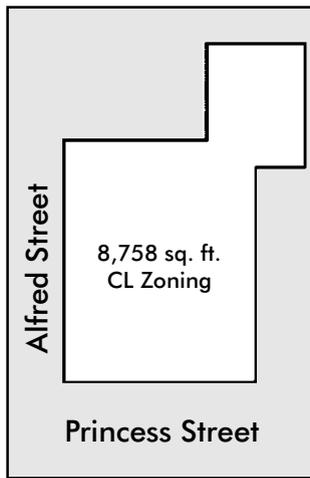


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507 MONTICELLO BLVD	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$745,000	Detached	0.19	MONTICELLO PARK	
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102 PRINCE ST	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$625,000	Townhouse	0.02	OLD TOWN CAPTAINS ROW	
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40 FORT WILLIAMS PKWY	5	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$495,000	Detached	0.18	FT WILLIAMS PARK	
915 BASHFORD LN	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$489,000	Townhouse	0.06	WESTOVER	
1218 QUAKER HILL DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$488,000	Townhouse	0.04	QUAKER HILL	
114 MAPLE ST	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Detached	0.10	ROSEMONT PARK	
306 CLIFFORD AVE	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$480,000	Detached	0.14	DEL RAY	
532 NELSON AVE	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$479,000	Townhouse	0.07	LINDEN GARDENS	
1023 ROYAL ST N #205	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$479,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		OLD TOWN	
4709 RICHMARR PL	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$470,000	Detached	0.21	BROOKVILLE	
325 ASHBY ST #A	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$450,000	Duplex	0.06	DEL RAY	
576 SAINT ASAPH ST #576	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$449,500	Townhouse		SHAD ROW	
5120 HERITAGE LN	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$447,500	Townhouse	0.04	SEMINARY PARK	
1311 ORONOCO ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$446,250	Townhouse	0.05	OLD TOWN	
418 GIBBON ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$440,000	Semi-Detached	0.02	THOMAS SHELTON ESTATE	
31 CARRIAGE HOUSE CIR	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$438,000	Townhouse	0.04	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	
23 CARRIAGE HOUSE CIR	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.03	COLONIAL HEIGHTS	
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912 FRANKLIN ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$429,000	Townhouse	0.03	OLD TOWN	
6020 LOWELL AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$427,500	Detached	0.28	LINCOLNIA HILLS	
6041 RICKETTS WALK	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$425,000	Townhouse	0.04	QUANTRELL MEWS	
5062 DONOVAN DR	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Townhouse		CAMERON STATION	
996 HARRISON CIR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$420,000	Townhouse	0.02	SUMMERS GROVE	
6 ARELL CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Townhouse	0.03	LANDS OF QUAKER VILLAGE	
666 ARMISTEAD ST N #34	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$415,000	Townhouse		BEAUREGARD HEIGHTS	
920 HARRISON CIR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$410,000	Townhouse	0.03	SUMMERS GROVE	
23 FLOYD ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.03	CAMERON KNOLLS	
309 HOLLAND LN #234	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$399,900	Garden 1-4 Floors		THE ROYALTON @ KING ST METRO	
403 CLIFFORD AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$391,000	Duplex	0.06	ST ELMO	
5090 DONOVAN DR #102	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$390,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		CAMERON STATION	
111 MOUNT VERNON AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$382,500	Townhouse	0.03	ROSEMONT	
1721 BRADDOCK PL W	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$375,000	Townhouse		KINGSGATE	
1722 KINGSGATE CT #1722	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$373,000	Townhouse		KINGSGATE	
4657 LONGSTREET LN #102	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$370,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		MANORS AT STONEGATE	
523 BASHFORD LN #523-6	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$367,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		HARBOR TERRACE	
5341 THAYER AVE	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$367,000	Detached	0.15	BROOKVILLE	
401 FAYETTE ST N	3	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$365,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.05	OLD TOWN	
3 CUSTIS AVE E	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Semi-Detached	0.05	DEL RAY	
1305 CLEVELAND ST	4	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$360,000	Detached	0.17	MCKENZIE LEWIS PROPERTY	
3911 KELLER AVE #175	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$359,500	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON TOWNE	
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #327	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$356,250	Garden 1-4 Floors		CAMERON STATION	
1735 KINGSGATE CT #303	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Townhouse		KINGSGATE	
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD #419	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$355,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		CAMERON STATION	
1407 ABINGDON DR E #5	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$348,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		HARBOR TERRACE	
309 DUNCAN AVE E #B	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$345,000	Detached		DEL RAY	
3390 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #205	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$342,500	Townhouse		PARKFAIRFAX	
5317 TRUMAN AVE	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$340,000	Detached	0.15	SEMINARY VALLEY	
265 PICKETT ST #401	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$335,250	Garden 1-4 Floors		HILLWOOD	
200 PICKETT ST N #1207	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$330,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		HALLMARK	
2903 DINWIDDIE ST #3368	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$320,000	Townhouse		FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE	
204 CLIFFORD AVE	5	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Detached	0.14	EMMA P HUME	
3317 CORYELL LN #803-33	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$320,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		PARKFAIRFAX	
1105 QUEEN ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$315,000	Attach/Row Hse	0.04	OLD TOWN	
99 JENKINS ST	5	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$315,000	Detached	0.15	TARLETON	
103 FRENCH ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$311,000	Detached	0.17	QUAKER PARK ESTATES	
715 WASHINGTON S #A-33	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$309,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		OLD TOWN GARDENS	
2942 COLUMBUS ST S #C-1	2	1	0	ARLINGTON	\$305,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE	
400 MADISON ST #1805	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$305,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors		ALEXANDRIA HOUSE	
1305 ABINGDON DR E #1	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$303,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		HARBOR TERRACE	
3407 MARTHA CUSTIS DR #966	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$300,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	0.02	PARKFAIRFAX	
244 REYNOLDS ST S #307	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$279,500	Garden 1-4 Floors		REYNOLDS PROSPECT	
2802 DARTMOUTH DR #3	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$277,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		SEMINARY WALK	
1315 ABINGDON DR E #5	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$275,000	Garden 1-4 Floors		HARBOR TERRACE	
5501 FORRESTAL AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	\$272,000	Detached	0.24	SHIRLEY FOREST	

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OBITUARY

FROM PAGE 24

Margaret Finn Shetley

Margaret Finn Shetley died on Maundy Thursday, 2009 at the Sunrise Assisted Living Facility in Alexandria. She was the oldest member of Grace Church at 103.



She was born in Shamokin, Penn., a coal-mining town in the center of the state. Some of her relatives worked in the mines; it is known that her grandfather suffered from black lung disease. When she was in her early teens her family moved to Philadelphia, where she graduated from The William Penn High School for Girls in 1924. Following graduation, she worked for the Penn Mutual Insurance Company. She married Russell Shetley, an insurance specialist, in 1932. During World War II, her husband was recruited by the U.S. Navy for his insurance expertise. In 1943 they moved to Arlington, where her husband, now a Commander, developed and implemented an insurance program tailored to the needs of the Navy. They were the first people to live in the South Fairlington housing complex, which was under development at that time.

Margaret's husband died in 1962. In 1970 she met Clair Penrod, a widower. They be-

came inseparable companions and traveled all over the world in senior groups — Europe, Australia, Tahiti, Arctic Circle, etc. They attended numerous concerts, National Geographic lectures, and genealogy seminars. Clair's family became Margaret's "extended" family. In 1990 Clair suffered a stroke while undergoing heart surgery, and was left partially incapacitated; he went to Texas to live with a son and his family. Margaret continued to travel occasionally with one or the other of her daughters or to visit Clair. It was on one of these trips in 1993 that she exhibited the first signs of dementia. Soon after that, she moved in with her younger daughter, who took care of her for 13 years. In August 2006 she entered Sunrise of Alexandria.

Margaret will be best remembered by her family for her quiet determination and support. Although she was afraid of the water, she took her young daughters into the ocean on frequent trips to the seashore. She took her daughters regularly to Sunday school and church. She encouraged her younger daughter's interest in music by taking her to frequent concerts. She was a Girl Scout leader and PTA member. She chaperoned her younger daughter's high school trip to France.

Margaret was exceptionally talented and prolific in arts and crafts activities — crocheting, needlepoint, cross-stitch and china painting. She sewed all kinds of clothing, including coats, aprons, doll outfits, a bridesmaid's dress and a lot of her own

clothes. She creatively decorated cakes for birthdays and other occasions. As she grew older, she became active in numerous senior citizen clubs — Swingin' Sixties, Silver Age Club, #1 Club, Grandmother's Club, and UMC Evergreens.

Margaret is survived by her two daughters, Barbara Chapline and Margaret Freeman; five grandchildren, Robert, Jeffrey and Douglas Chapline, Barbara and Gregory Freeman; seven great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Va. on Sunday, April 26 at 12:30 p.m. Contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Disease Research, 22512 Gateway Center Dr., Clarksburg, MD 20871 or to Capital Hospice, 6565 Arlington Blvd., Suite 500, Falls Church, VA 22042

Todd Lewis Goods

On Thursday, April 16 Todd Lewis Goods, 70, died of cancer in Maui, Hawaii. Born to Moses and Ellen Goods, he was raised in Alexandria, where he attended St. Joseph Elementary School in Arlington, and Virginia State School for the Blind. He leaves a sister Elizabeth Brooks-Evans, a brother, Moses W. Goods (Ethel), and a host of other loving relatives. Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 711 N. Columbus St. on Saturday, April 25 at 11:30 a.m.

June S. Suggs

June Smith Suggs, 83, died on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at The Chesapeake. She was born in Sioux Falls, S.D. and formerly resided in Pascagoula, Miss. and Alexandria, Va. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed dearly.



June was a 1943 graduate of Pascagoula High School in Mississippi and later a fiscal clerk at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

June was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Robert "Bob" Suggs, Jr.

Survivors include a son, Robert Christopher Suggs and his wife, Amy, of Alexandria; three daughters, Carole Anne Ingell and her husband, David, of Newport News, Linda Leigh Beasley and her husband, Brett, of Bristow and Pamela June Kohler and her husband, Brian, also of Alexandria; and seven grandchildren, Benjamin and Andrew Ingell, Christina and Danielle Suggs and Kathleen, Michael and Thomas Kohler.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009, at Mount Comfort Chapel Mausoleum, Alexandria.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Peninsula Funeral Home of Newport News is in charge of arrangements.

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Cemetery Should Be Honored, Not Trashed

BY DONALD H. KENT JR.

Last year I was invited to participate in the Christ Church annual clean-up of the Wilkes Street cemetery that was organized by Barry Stauffer. I was astonished at how much trimming, pruning, and removing of undergrowth and old vines needed to be done. I was so impressed with the enthusiasm of the clean-up crew. There were rakes, clipper, an ax, weed-eaters and even chain saws, this was going to be fun. Some of the graves had been covered by ivy for decades and gravestones that were laying on the ground

in broken pieces, what a sad sight it was.

On that particular day we worked primarily within a fenced, private cemetery that most likely was the final home for a family or small church. Scattered amongst some poison ivy and dead tree limbs, we came across dozens of small, black plastic bags, neatly tied at one end. I soon realized that the bags contained discarded dog waste. This was not just a cemetery plot but something that had become, to someone, nothing more than a dog waste dumpster. We found dozens and dozens of bags throughout the day. What an offensive site it was. I couldn't believe that someone would exer-

cise the responsibility of picking up after their dog and then be so morally oblivious as to throw their dogs waste onto someone's final resting place. I imagined the horror in the faces of those who attended the funerals of those buried there if they had known what would one day become of their holy plot of land.

Every chance I get, whether an organized clean-up or not, I head up to Wilkes Street to do my very small part. I encourage others to do the same, if only for an hour on a Saturday morning. It will take hundreds of people and countless hours to properly clean up the cemetery. We should all thank

the good people of Christ Church, Old Town Village and Barry Stauffer for taking time to honor those who have gone before us.

They deserve a clean, well-preserved, honorable place.

Please, respect the Wilkes Street Cemetery.

If you are interested in participating in a clean-up of the Wilkes Street Cemetery please call Barry Stauffer at 703-629-5476 or Don Kent at 202-744-2259.

Don Kent is a lifelong resident of the city of Alexandria and a member of the Alexandria Archeology Commission.

LETTERS

FROM PAGE 25

provide the events they attend at the Smithsonian, at educational institutions, and in sports arenas will all suffer — not just the people working during the day and taking classes at night.

M.B. Salwin

Fix Grading Policy

To the Editor:

I was alarmed to read about the very high (11.1 percent) dropout rate of ACPS students, and that Hispanic students account of 25 percent of them ["Tracking Dropouts," Gazette Packet, April 9]. There is a way to encourage some of these students to stay in school, and it will benefit ACPS students of every stripe and achievement level. It will cost taxpayers nothing and it will bring ACPS in line with most Virginia school districts and school districts across the U.S.

ACPS can help the would-be dropouts stay in school by changing its 6-point grading policy to the 10-point system or numerical system which has been adopted by Fairfax, Arlington, Loudoun, Stafford and Montgomery counties and the 50 schools in the Arlington Catholic Diocese.

Under the 6-point system, currently used by ACPS, students fail with a class average of 64 percent or less. These same students would pass if ACPS were using the 10-point or numerical systems, because in these systems, the passing grade is 60 percent.

Here's how the two grading systems award letter grades. (The numerical system awards averages based on 0-100%)

10-point Grading Scale

90-100 = A

80-89 = B

70-79 = C

60-69 = D

Below 60 = F

ACPS' 6-point Grading Scale

94-100 = A

90-93 = B+

84-89 = B

80-83 = C+

74-79 = C

70-73 = D+

64-69 = D

Below 64 = F

The 6-point grading system has been in place for decades. The vast majority of U.S. school districts have abandoned it. The prevalent grading systems today are the 10-point system and numerical grading.

Adopting the 10-point or numerical system will not in any way rob students of their drive to achieve. A 2001 study that was published in Economics of Educational Review, correlated grading standards and student achievement across the country. The study concluded that "higher standards have no positive effect on educational attainment, and indeed have negative effects on high school graduation among blacks and Hispanics."

By suppressing our children's grades we discourage not only those who are struggling. Children with B averages (who would have A averages under the 10-point system) will not subject themselves to the academic rigor of honors and AP courses because these tougher courses might prevent them from ever achieving an A.

I urge ACPS to join with neighboring school districts, elite private high schools (like Sidwell, where the Obama girls go), and thousands of schools across the country and adopt the 10-point grading system or the numerical system as soon as possible.

Karen Schwarz
Alexandria

Natural Leader

To the Editor:

Kerry Donley has been a great friend to us and to Alexandria. We know him as a man of great honesty, integrity, and humor. Many Alexandrians know Kerry from his productive years on City Council and as Mayor, and there's really no difference between his public and private sides. Whether he's helping a neighbor or negotiating a deal for the City, what you see is what you get — a natural leader, smart, energetic, and understanding.

There are economic and budgetary storm clouds in Alexandria's future. Kerry has demonstrated the good judgment and deep understanding of the issues that are required to help steer our City through these challenges. That's why we're asking all our friends to vote for Kerry and help return

him, along with Mayor Bill Euille and the current Democratic members, to City Council on May 5.

Jim & Mary McIntyre, Diane Charles & Kevin Grim, Brian & Kellie Meehan, Sandy Murphy, Robert Burns, Judy & Michael Stack, Mary & Jim Hanagan, Clare McIntyre, and Ann & Rick Dorman

Responsive, Responsible

To the Editor:

In the 41 years I have lived in Alexandria, the city has grown from a small town to a bustling city. Back then, Shirley Highway was just expanding to handle the flood of traffic, the "mixing bowl" was at the Pentagon and there was very little "mixing bowl" at Springfield, Metro was an engineer's sketch, Old Town had few thriving restaurants, there were few high-rises.

So much has changed, but some things are still here: Alexandria has had a long succession of good people serve in its City Council, from the "Beatley Years" to the "Euille Era." I have tried to vote for candidates who themselves are what I want Alexandria to be: Open, caring, inclusive, involved, responsive and responsible.

In fact, those words describe Paul Smedberg, a candidate for re-election to the Council whom I hope the voters will resoundingly keep in office.

William E. (Bill) Clayton

Will Take on Challenges

To the Editor:

I am writing to urge my community's support for a neighbor I have gotten to know over the past five years — Helen Morris. Helen is running for the Alexandria School Board.

I have known Helen as a committed volunteer and leader of the Jefferson-Houston Elementary School community, where her four-year old daughter will be attending in the fall. I have been so impressed by her

commitment to bettering her neighborhood school — years in advance of her own child's schooling there.

Beyond the commitment she has shown to Jefferson-Houston, I believe Helen would be a tremendous addition to our School Board due to her extensive education policy experience. She has been in the field for almost 20 years, including working for the National School Boards Association, which is headquartered right here in Alexandria. In everything she does, I have known Helen to be an extremely thoughtful, ethical and hard-working problem solver.

From both personal and professional experiences, Helen understands the challenges that the Alexandria public school system faces and has the tools to help the School Board to overcome them. She wants to put that experience to the work for the community that she loves and calls home, and I am grateful that she is willing to take on the challenge of School Board public service.

Andrew Rosenberg
Alexandria

Jean Robertson Elliot: Poet

To the Editor:

A few years ago I went to an estate sale in Old Town with a friend who is a longtime resident of Alexandria and Old Town. I did not know it at the time I suggested the outing, but she had been a friend of the people whose home was opened for the sale. There were a lot of other things I was about to learn.

It was while at the estate sale that I found out that the woman of the house where we were, I felt, trespassing was a writer and a poet. As someone who has written some poetry, as has my father before me, the careless way her papers, photos, and possessions were being rummaged through concerned me. Typical of estate sales — yet as usual when at a sale I thought about the person whose private life is so out in the public eye. I spoke to the people conducting the sale and said that this woman was a well-

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Errors Mar Kilby's Big Night

Captain shows off talent for college coaches, while team commits nine errors.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

When T.C. Williams rightfielder Matt Kilby stepped to the plate in the top of the first inning Friday night against West Potomac, there was a lot more on his mind than simply getting a hit.

"We knew we needed this game, and through errors and walks, we gave it away."

— T.C. Williams coach
Andrew Simpson

the Patriot District.

But Kilby's thoughts had bigger, more far-reaching implications. Amongst the various parents, children, and youth league teams in the stands Friday night at West Potomac were two men wearing Navy baseball polo shirts, both there to determine if Kilby was Division-I baseball material.

That the Titans ended up losing, 8-7, after allowing the Wolverines to score six unearned runs on nine errors mattered little to the Midshipmen coaches on hand. They left before the fourth inning was complete.

So it was deflating to see Kilby, who's sporting a .418 batting average this season, trucking back towards the dugout after looking at a called third strike in that first plate appearance. Then again, who could blame him? It's hard to have the future riding on one swing.

"It was completely different than anything I've been through," said Kilby. "It was nerve wracking, I'll tell you that."

THE LOSS was a pivotal one for T.C. Williams (6-6 overall), who were coming off a relatively successful 2-1 showing at a spring break tournament in Myrtle Beach, S.C. The Titans are now a game and a half behind West Potomac in the race for fourth place in the Patriot District, a coveted posi-



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/THE GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams third basemen Darwin Alcantara swings through a pitch during last Friday's game against West Potomac.

tion since only the top four make it to the regional tournament.

It was even more discouraging considering the Titans had faced a better South County team the day prior and taken them to the brink, losing 6-3.

The momentum and confidence boost provided from that close defeat appeared to show itself early on Friday night. The Titans hit Wolverine starter Art Genaurio from the get go. Shortstop Trav Clark, who has a .576 batting average this season but had a night to forget in the field, started things off with an RBI double.

Catcher Robert Mannel followed with an RBI fielder's choice, and then Clark scored on an error by West Potomac second baseman Casey Hagan to give T.C. Williams a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

But the Wolverines answered right back in the bottom of the second with two runs off Titan errors, and the seesaw battle was officially on.

All of West Potomac's eight runs on the night were scored through errors or walks. T.C. Williams answered with some timely hitting, scoring two runs in both the third and fourth innings. Starting pitcher Steven Weidman had a two-RBI single in the third, while Kilby and Clark had RBI hits in the fourth.

But once West Potomac ace Danny Peterson entered in the fifth inning, he shut the door on the Titans' mistake-plagued night, notching three consecutive 1-2-3 innings. He also scored the game's winning run from third base after a dropped third strike in the fifth inning.

"We don't have any excuses, we didn't get the job done," said T.C.

Williams coach Andrew Simpson after watching his team blow three different leads. "We knew we needed this game, and through errors and walks, we gave it away."

THE NIGHT WASN'T a complete loss, though. The reason the scouts left so early was they had seen enough out of Kilby. When he came to the plate to lead off the third inning, he took an outside fastball and smashed it down the right field line for a double. His next at-bat resulted in an RBI double into the left field corner.

Kilby, who has also fielded interest from Ivy League schools like Dartmouth, Columbia, and Princeton, now leads the Titans with 17 RBIs this year. Also performing well for the Titans this season, who graduated seven all-district selections from last year's team, has been leadoff hitter Adam Forrer (.395 BA), sophomore Will Rossi (.357 BA), pitcher Alex Goldfarb (.391 BA), and Mannel (.400).

"There are intangibles, there are untouchables, and there's little things, and there are things as a coach you can't teach, and [Matt] brings them all to the table," explained assistant coach Matt Becchio. "He's our captain, he's our leader, and the kid is just a stud ballplayer."

The lesson learned is one bad showing at the plate doesn't make a career, just as one sloppy game doesn't end a season. T.C. Williams will look to rebound this week with games against district power Lake Braddock, Lee, and Hayfield — all of which occur after the Gazette Packet's deadline.



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE GAZETTE PACKET

Nine-year-old Kiliel Peques focuses in during his first-ever boxing match last Saturday night.

Youth Boxing Takes Center Stage

Alexandria Boxing Club shines at state championships.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE PACKET

Local professional boxer Kay Koroma was sitting quietly in a folding chair, going about his business before the big fight last Saturday night. He was taping hands, knotting the strings on gloves, and even throwing some punches for warm up.

That nine-year-old Kiliel Peques, a fourth-grader at Lyles Crouch Academy, who was the boxer receiving all this attention from Koroma, is what made the USA Boxing Junior Olympic State Championships at Barcroft Sports and Fitness Center in Arlington quite the spectacle.

Youths ranging in age from 8 to 16 took part in the event hosted and won by the Arlington Boxing Club. For those younger than 13, taking home a state championship was the culmination of months of training. For those 13 and above, they move onto a regional tournament in Maryland next month. If they win there, it's on to a national tournament in Marquette, Mich., later this summer.

Clubs from as close as Alexandria and as far away as Richmond and Norfolk were on hand for the quintessential youth boxing tournament in the state every year.

"My main focus coming to this was getting word of mouth about the sport," said Koroma, who helps to train youngsters like Peques at the Alexandria Boxing Club. "Because a lot of kids, all they know about boxing is what they see on TV. They don't know there's something there for them also."

IT WAS A SUCCESSFUL first match for Peques,

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Youth Boxing Takes Center Stage

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who just joined the Alexandria Boxing Club this past fall. He defeated Hayden Rockman of Arlington by TKO in the 70-pound weight class of the 8-9 age group, showing no signs of his rookie status.

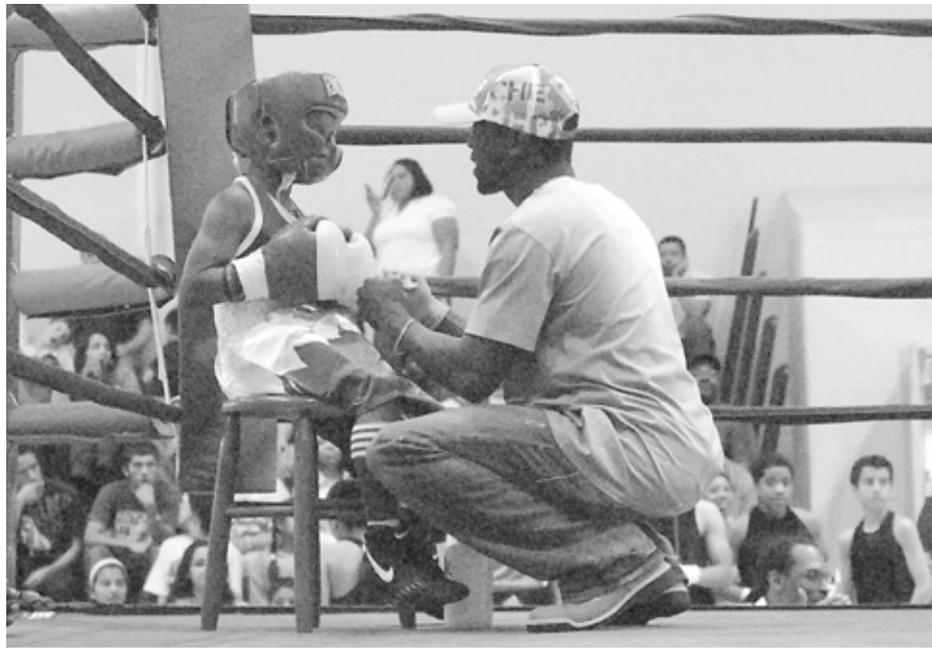
PEQUES ALSO plays football and basketball, but picked up boxing after years of playfully sparring with his father. This fall, his father finally relented and signed him up for the real deal. His aggressive style put Rockman on his heels early on in a fight that was stopped in the middle of the second round.

"I think I did my jab well and I moved my feet good," said Peques, already sounding like a veteran of the ring.

"He did a lot better than I thought he would," added Koroma. "A lot of kids, they get frustrated and get stressed out with all the people in the crowd. But I realized, he did pretty good since he's used to this from basketball."

This was the first year 8-year-olds were allowed to participate in the event, a rule change that has irked some who think the violence associated with boxing is too much for youngsters to separate from real life.

But there were plenty of precautions dur-



Kay Koroma gives Kiliel Peques some words of advice between rounds of last Saturday's USA Boxing Junior Olympic State Championships.

ing bouts. Refs erred on the side of caution in matches that appeared too one-sided from the get go and stopped bouts if a big blow was landed. Afterwards, ringside doctors checked the faculties of every boxer, win or lose.

Like Peques, 11-year old Jalen Byrd of Cora Kelly Elementary was also competing in his first-ever match at the state championships. Facing Mikal Richardson in the 125-pound weight class of the 11-12 age group, that novice status had him a bit

shellshocked in the beginning as Richardson began throwing wild punches in the first round.

But Byrd recovered in the second and third rounds, and realized "if somebody is swinging with a lot of haymakers, hit him with a straight right hand." He went on to win the match and the state title on points in a hard fought, close match.

BYRD JUST BEGAN boxing in January for the same reason many youths have found sanctuary in the sport.

"I just don't want to hang around the streets and get in trouble," said Byrd as he prepared to collect his state title medal.

It's a sentiment shared by the head of the Alexandria Boxing Club, Dennis Porter. On top of being home to many of the area's best up-and-coming boxers, Porter wants local youth to realize the Alexandria Boxing Club is a place for all skill levels.

Recently, the club moved out of its temporary digs off of Jefferson Davis Highway and back into a newly renovated facility at the Charles Houston Recreation Center.

"Boxing is good for them, to keep them off the streets," said Porter. "Right here in Alexandria, kids don't have anywhere to go. This gives them some structure and some discipline."

PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE GAZETTE PACKET

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING DEPARTMENT
REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP
AND/OR MINOR AMENDMENT

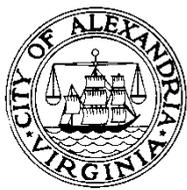
The applicants listed below have requested a special use permit for a change of ownership. The Director of Planning and Zoning may approve the permits unless a request that the application be forwarded to City Council is received by May 14, 2009. For information about this application, call 703-838-4666 or write to the Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning, Room 2100, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

SPECIAL USE PERMIT # 2009-0024

ADDRESS: 700 Commonwealth Ave

Request to operate a child day care center

Applicant: Valley Drive Preschool, Inc.



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2008-0193
Request for approval of new construction at 714 Wythe St, zoned OC Commercial.
APPLICANT: Sophie Development, LLC

CASE BAR2008-0235
Request for approval of alterations & signage at 134 N. Royal St, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: City of Alexandria

CASE BAR2009-0043
Request for approval of after-the-fact alterations at 113 King St, zoned KR King Street/Retail.
APPLICANT: Ray W. Lotto

CASE BAR2009-0049
Request for approval of signage at 428 S. Washington St, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Jerald J. Littlefield

CASE BAR2009-0054
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 911 S. St. Asaph St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Edward & Joan Niles

CASE BAR2009-0055
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 911 S. St. Asaph St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Edward & Joan Niles

CASE BAR2009-0065
Request for approval of alterations at 811 Prince St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Jane Slatter

CASE BAR2009-0066
Request for approval of signage at 1 Wales Alley, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Bike & Roll Bike the Sites

CASE BAR2009-0067
Request for approval of signage at 1315 King Street, zoned KR King Street Retail.
APPLICANT: Snap Fitness 24-7

CASE BAR2009-0068
Request for approval of alterations at 217 Green Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Susan G. Markarian

CASE BAR2009-0070
Request for approval of alterations at 501 Wolfe Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Robert Bentley Adams for Ryan Fletemeyer & Erin McGrain

CASE BAR2009-0071
Request for approval of signage at 123 North Alfred Street, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: The American Red Cross

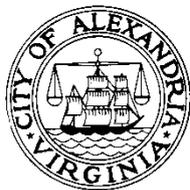
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CASE BAR2009-0072
Request for approval of alterations at 109 Franklin Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Paul & Deborah Kaplan

CASE BAR2009-0073
Request for approval of alterations at 204 N. Pitt Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: William Cromley

CASE BAR2009-0074
Request for approval of alterations at 325 S. Lee Street, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: Mitchell Bober

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



Notice of Proposed Ordinance

And

Invitation to Bid

City of Alexandria, Virginia

The City of Alexandria proposes to grant a franchise, in the manner prescribed by law, for Telecommunications Services, excluding Cable Services, permitting the design, construction, maintenance, upgrade, repair, removal and operation of a system, including a fiber-to-the-premises network, in the public rights-of-way, as set forth in the following proposed franchise ordinance:

Notice:

Bids are invited by the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for the grant of a franchise permitting the franchisee to use the public rights-of-way in the City for the design, construction, maintenance, repair, upgrade, removal and operation of a system to provide telecommunications services, excluding cable services, for the benefit of residents, businesses and government in the City. Detailed conditions and specifications for the franchise are on file in the office of the Director of Citizen Assistance, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

The term of the franchise is negotiable, but it shall be for a minimum of five years.

All bids are to be submitted in writing and delivered to Rose Williams Boyd, Director, Office of Citizen Assistance, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on or before May 18, 2009 at 3:00 pm, eastern time. At that time bids shall be publicly opened and bidders identified.

In addition, identification of the bidders shall be announced in open session of the City Council of the City of Alexandria in the Council's Chambers, City Hall, 301 King Street, second floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, on May 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at that time, the Mayor shall refer the bids received to the city manager to evaluate, review and consider in the manner prescribed by law, including the selection of, and negotiation of a franchise agreement with, a preferred bidder. As soon thereafter as practicable, the City Manager will recommend the successful bidder, and present the negotiated franchise agreement, for consideration and approval by City Council.

The City reserves the right in the City Manager's sole discretion to reject any and all bids; to terminate negotiations at any stage of the selection process, and to reissue the request for bids with or without modification.

The descriptive notice of the proposed franchise ordinance is as follows:

The proposed ordinance will grant a franchise, under certain conditions, permitting the grantee to use the public rights-of-way in the City of Alexandria, for the design, construction, maintenance, repair, upgrade, removal and operation of a Telecommunications System, excluding Cable Services, for the benefit of residents, businesses and government in the City. (Complete text of ordinance available in office of the City Clerk.)

Jackie M. Henderson
City Clerk and Clerk of Council

ABC LICENSE

Sapore D'Italia Inc. trading as Sapore D'Italia, 1310 Mount Vernon Ave. Alexandria, VA 22301. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer on premise/mixed beverage on premise license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Jose Domínguez Oscar M. Bermúdez

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June Smith Suggs, 83, passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2009, at The Chesapeake. She was born in Sioux Falls, S.D. and formerly resided in Pascagoula, Miss. and Alexandria, Va. She was a beloved wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed dearly.

June was a 1943 graduate of Pascagoula High School in Mississippi and later a fiscal clerk at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

June was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Robert "Bob" Suggs, Jr.

Survivors include a son, Robert Christopher Suggs and his wife, Amy, of Alexandria; three daughters, Carole Anne Ingell and her husband, David, of Newport News, Linda Leigh Beasley and her husband, Brett, of Bristow and Pamela June Kohler and her husband, Brian, also of Alexandria; and seven grandchildren, Benjamin and Andrew Ingell, Christina and Danielle Suggs and Kathleen, Michael and Thomas Kohler.

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, April 24, 2009, at Mount Comfort Chapel Mausoleum, Alexandria, Va., (703)765-3800.

Memorials may be made to a charity of your choice.

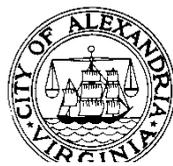
Peninsula Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

OBITUARY



Meta Barbara Brady (Age 85)

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



ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION
MAY - 2009

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

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION
THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009
7:30 PM, CITY HALL

LETTERS

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known author; her papers should be kept by someone carefully. I was told that someone had been there and took what they wanted for a foundation.

I picked up papers that were on the floor or scattered on tables, and a book or two that looked personal and well read — the sort of tidying up we would do for a friend. But Jean Elliot was not a friend. I vaguely remembered her when I saw some photos at the sale. I had been active in the Little Theater of Alexandria taking classes and performing in musicals. I learned that Jean Elliot had been a supporter of the theater and other art groups. What I recalled was her hair piled up on her head and the gowns she would wear to a party. She was a presence.

Jean Elliot had died in September 1999 at the age of 98-plus. She was nominated to be the Poet Laureate of Virginia in 1976. The appointment baffled Mrs. Elliott, whose first and only book of poems, "A Starrier Coldness," was published that year and consisted of a few hundred published copies. The puzzlement was mentioned by the Washington Post in Mrs. Elliot's obituary. Further it states, in 1979 the Alexandria City Council named her the city's poet-in-residence. Her husband was a banker R. Sherrard Elliott who died in 1987. The Post describes Jean Elliot as a grand dame of Old Town. There were no survivors was the ending sentence of this obit.

All this information was researched and learned years after the estate sale. Why did I bother to dig into this life so seemingly unconnected to my own?

Strong curiosity sparked by those odds and ends I bought and

Poem-In-Your-Pocket Day

On Thursday, April 30, in celebration of National Poetry Month, carry a favorite poem and join Mary McElveen, Poet Laureate for the City of Alexandria on Market Square at noon.

For more information about Alexandria's Poet Laureate program, National Poetry Month, Poem in Your Pocket Day, and other programs and activities offered by the Alexandria Commission for the Arts visit <http://www.alexandriacommisionforthearts.org/>

the travel diaries. One in particular dated July 28, 1947 had copious notes, place mats, brochures, bills from motels and hotels, gas stations and mileage logs. On closer reading last month I found she drove through or stopped in place after place where I have been, lived, vacationed, or where the Fords lived for generations; Chatham, Cape Cod, Orange County ,N.Y., Wiscasset and Bath, Maine and so on. By the way ,as well as I can read the yellowing pages, 10 gallons of gasoline cost \$2.50 in Chittenango, N.Y. on Aug. 4 of that year. In the travel logs are notes, names and ideas, "that a poet would like to use."

Somehow I have felt moved to share a fraction of the life of this interesting woman — a poet, resident of Old Town, and staunch supporter of the arts. In the early 1980s, Jean Elliot and her husband "Sherry" commissioned sculptor Jimilu Mason's bronze statue of a goddess-like figure displayed at Market Square in Old Town. I plan to look at it with new eyes.

Nancy Ford-Kohne
Alexandria

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CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL
SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2009
9:30 AM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A WORK SESSION ON MAY 7, 2009 AT 6:30PM IN CITY HALL TO DISCUSS PLANNING DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATION, FUNCTIONS AND PROCEDURES.

SMALL BUSINESS ZONING CHECKLISTS

Consideration of a request to adopt administrative special use permit checklists.

Staff: Department of Planning and Zoning

ENCROACHMENT#2009-0001

3500 GODDARD WAY
CARRHOMES

Consideration of a request for an encroachment into the public right-of-way for a retaining wall;

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zoned RB/Residential. Applicant: Duke Crossing, Inc.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2009-0011

106-108 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET
THE BURGER JOINT

Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned CG/Commercial General.

Applicant: The Burger Joint by M. Catharine Puskar, attorney

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2009-0013

1623 FERN STREET
RESTAURANT

Consideration of a request to operate a restaurant and for a parking reduction; zoned CSL/Commercial Service Low. Applicant: Culinary Concepts Corporation by Lawrence Ponzi

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2009-0023

50 SOUTH PICKETT STREET
CAFE AURORA

Consideration of a request for an amendment to allow alcohol service at an existing restaurant; zoned CG/Commercial General. Applicant: Dahab Beyne

ZONE 3: • ALEXANDRIA
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EMPLOYMENT

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ZONE 3 AD DEADLINE:
TUESDAY 4 P.M.

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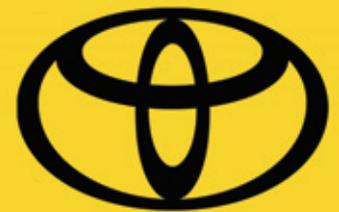
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