



Recalling Peebles

Former superintendent led schools through trying times.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The period of racial integration in Alexandria during the 1970s left the city emotionally scarred and anxious about the future. Enrollment was rapidly declining, and schools were closing all over the city. Officials were in a panic about the prospect of white flight creating a racial imbalance in the city's classrooms. So when School Board members were looking for a replacement for outgoing Superintendent John Bristol, they wanted someone who came from an urban school system with demographics similar to Alexandria. But they also wanted someone who could reach out and assuage the fears of parents grappling with constantly changing school boundaries.

They found Robert Peebles, who died June 20 after a bout with pneumonia at Alexandria Inova Hospital. He was 83.

"We wanted someone who could make sure the schools were attractive to white parents, address the gap in minority achievement and stabilize the enrollment," said Mayor Bill Euille, who was a member of the School Board that hired Peebles in 1980. "It's my personal belief that he accomplished those objectives."

A native of Boston, Robert Whitney Peebles was raised in Bourne, Mass., where his father was superintendent of schools. After serving in the Philippines as part of the Navy Seabees, Peebles later graduated from Boston University before receiving a master's degree in teaching from Harvard University in 1953 and a doctor

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Well? Quinn Davis takes a good look up at the contest judges during the Rosemont Citizens Association's annual Fourth of July picnic on Saturday at Maury School.

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New President for Chamber

Tina Leone, CPA, former president/CEO/CFO of The Lorton Arts Foundation, Inc., will become the new president and chief executive officer of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, effective July 15.



Tina Leone

An Alexandria resident, Leone has more than 17 years of consulting and financial experience. During her tenure at the Lorton Arts Foundation, she provided leadership for the start-up 501(c) 3 organization and facilitated its growth into a cultural community that hosts more than 100 artists at the Work-

house Arts Center at Lorton. She also secured financial support from corporations, major individual donors, federal, state and local government, as well as national and regional foundations.

Prior to joining The Lorton Arts Foundation, Leone held accounting and business consulting positions in various organizations. In these positions, she was responsible for audit, review, and compilation engagements, establishing and directing corporate financial poli-

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Raising the Roof

Sex-shop flounder shed is once again at the heart of historic preservation controversy.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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Blow-up sex dolls now line the shelves along the east wall of a flounder shed that has once again become the center of a growing controversy in Old Town. The flounder — an architectural term given to the triangular-shaped structures because their windows make them look like the side of a fish — sparked a heated debate last

year between owner Michael Zarlenga and city officials. Now that debate may once again erupt because a little-known city rule could allow Zarlenga to move forward with his controversial plans regardless of the City Council's denial.

"This would destroy the historic fabric of the alley."

— Poul Hertel, president of Old Town Civic Association

"This would destroy the historic fabric of the alley," said Old Town Civic Association President Poul Hertel. "This is the only remaining retail flounder, and it's something archi-

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In the HOT Seat

Local officials consider lawsuit as concern mounts over exclusion.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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Ever since the outgoing Bush administration gave the green light for new high-occupancy toll lanes, concerns have been mounting about the project. In recent weeks, opposition to the project has converged on Shirlington Circle, a rotary roadway that connects the Parkfairfax neighborhood in Alexandria to the Shirlington neighborhood in Arlington. How would neighborhood traffic patterns change? Would the

use of single-occupancy vehicles that have paid a toll clog the roadway? Would new traffic signals create gridlock? Officials at the Virginia Department of Transportation say they have addressed all of these concerns.

"We always design projects so they will be useful 20 years into the future," said VDOT project manager Young Ho Chang. "And our analysis shows that the impact of this project is no worse than if we had made no changes to the

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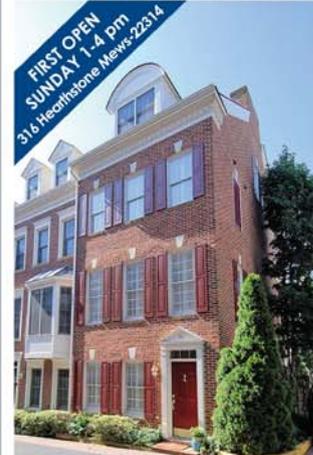
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Lame-Duck Krupicka

City Council installation ceremonies are usually staid affairs filled with gauzy platitudes and warmed-over campaign rhetoric. Certainly, this year's installment at T.C. Williams High School was no disappointment on that front, packed with vague statements about working together and patriotic declarations in praise of democracy. In the midst of all this, one recently reelected incumbent chose the occasion to announce future plans.

"This will be my last time being sworn in as a city councilman," announced Councilman **Rob Krupicka**.

Krupicka, who considered a campaign for lieutenant governor last year, said he plans to seek "a new opportunity," and that he wants to give others an opportunity to serve. But the councilman isn't likely to step off the public stage anytime soon. In February, Democratic Gov. **Tim Kaine** appointed Krupicka to the Virginia School Board, and an increasing role in statewide politics might even draw him away from City Hall before the next City Council election. "I wouldn't be surprised if he takes a position with the next governor," said Mayor **Bill Euille**, adding that he expects Democratic candidate **Creigh Deeds** to prevail over Republican **Bob McDonnell**.

Mystery Terms

City Council members are usually sworn-in for three-year terms. Not this year.

Because council members recently ditched the longtime tradition of holding springtime elections for local offices, the next election is technically scheduled for November 2010. That would make the terms about five months longer. But supporters of the move from May to November say they would prefer odd-year elections, which creates a great deal of ambiguity in terms of when the next election might happen. And then there's also talk of creating staggered terms, which would mean that some of the current members will have longer terms than others.

"We might have to have to draw lots," said **Kerry Donley**, who was elected vice mayor during the installation ceremony. "I think we could end up with a situation where half of the council will be up in 2011 and the other half will be up in 2013."

Late Night with Lovain

He didn't win reelection, but outgoing Councilman **Tim Lovain** knows how to deliver a joke. His farewell speech during last week's installation ceremony took the form of a **David Letterman** top-10 list outlining all the things he won't miss about being an elected official. Among the highlights were avoiding the slings and arrows of constant council critic **Annabelle Fisher** ("She said it was OK if I said that."), not having to share fruit snacks with Councilman **Paul Smedberg** and the possibility of launching a new career as relief pitcher for the Nationals.

"Sometimes it feels like **Plunkie the Elephant** sat on my head," said Lovain, referring to the Republican mascot that encouraged selective voting on the May ballot. "But I think I'm recovering from losing the election."

Jury Still Out on Hughes

Newly sworn-in Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** remains a polarizing figure in city politics, even after Registrar **Tom Parkins** ruled last month that she is currently a legally registered voter in Alexandria. After three Democrats filed a formal complaint questioning her residency status in June, Commonwealth's Attorney **Randy Sengel** launched an investigation into whether or not she lied on her statement of candidacy by listing an Alexandria address when Maryland tax records indicated her "principal residence" was in Baltimore.

"These attacks on Alicia Hughes are ridiculous," said former School Board Chairman **Ferdinand Day**. "And the leaders of the Democratic Party are to blame."

Under Virginia law, providing false information to the registrar is a criminal offense punishable by a \$1,500 fine or a decade in prison. "I'm working as fast as I can," said Commonwealth's Attorney **Randy Sengel**. "I don't want to put a timetable on it."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET

The historic building on King Street where owner Michael Zarlenga's plans were denied later became a shop selling sex toys known as Le Tache.

Floundering in Controversy

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ecture students from around the world come here to see."

Several months after Zarlenga leased the building to the sex shop following the City Council's decision to deny a demolition permit, his attorney sent city officials a letter invoking section 10-108 of the zoning ordinance. Under the rules of the ordinance, Zarlenga can put the building on the market for a year at fair-market value. If nobody purchases the property, Zarlenga can move forward with his plans "as if no questions had been raised." July 25 marks the one-year anniversary of the property being listed at \$2.4 million.

"That price sounds entirely reasonable to me," said Tom Hulfish, chairman of the Board of Architectural Review and a commercial real-estate expert. "That comes out to \$460 per square foot, and I've seen other buildings on King Street recently go for as much as \$600 per square foot."

ALTHOUGH ZARLENGA invoked the second appeal a year ago, city officials only recently hired the three appraisers required by the zoning ordinance. Some historic preservationists fear the delay could be used in court as causing unnecessary harm to Zarlenga, a scenario that might allow the partial demolition to move forward even if the appraisers decide the market price exceeds real market value. The Department of Planning and Zoning expects to receive an official appraisal later this week — an appropriation that cost city taxpayers \$25,000.

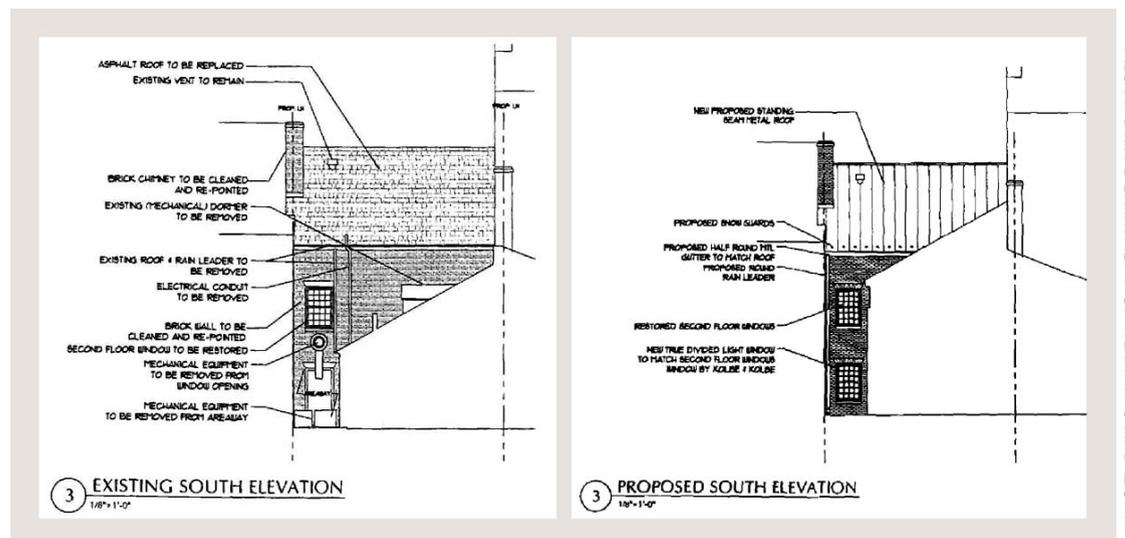
"There's really no good reason for the delay," said Stephen Milone, division chief for zoning and land-use services. "Some of the delay was caused by the former city attorney leaving, and then there's normal time associated with finding appraisers and appropriating money for the appraisal."

During his 2007 appeal of the Board of Architectural Review's denial of the demolition permit, Zarlenga argued that his plans would not destroy the

"This is a preservation project. This is not a demolition of a historic structure."

— **Michael Zarlenga, owner of 210 King Street**

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Preservation or Demolition?

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historic fabric of the alley. Because he planned to preserve the existing flounder shed by raising it into the air and constructing a new first floor, he explained, architecture students who visited the alley would be able to see the structure in the same cobblestone alley where it's always been. They would just have to look up.

"This is a preservation project," Zarlenga said during the 2007 appeal hearing. "This is not a demolition of a historic structure."

CITY RECORDS show the flounder, situated in Swift Alley, was built between 1798 and 1805. Zarlenga opened a store known as the "Trophy Room" on Sept. 8, 2001 — just three days before the Sept. 11 attacks in New York and Virginia. In early 2006, Zarlenga approached city officials with plans for partial demolition of the flounder, a plan that would expand the floor space by about 3,000 feet. The Board of Architectural Review denied the demolition permit in June 2007, and the City Council denied Zarlenga's appeal in September 2007. Councilman Paul Smedberg was the only member to vote in favor of Zarlenga's appeal to overturn the Board of Architectural Review, seeking to send a message to officials in the Department of Planning and Zoning that they should not give people false hope about construction projects that are destined for failure.

"These people can have several meetings with staff and sink a lot of money in hiring architects before

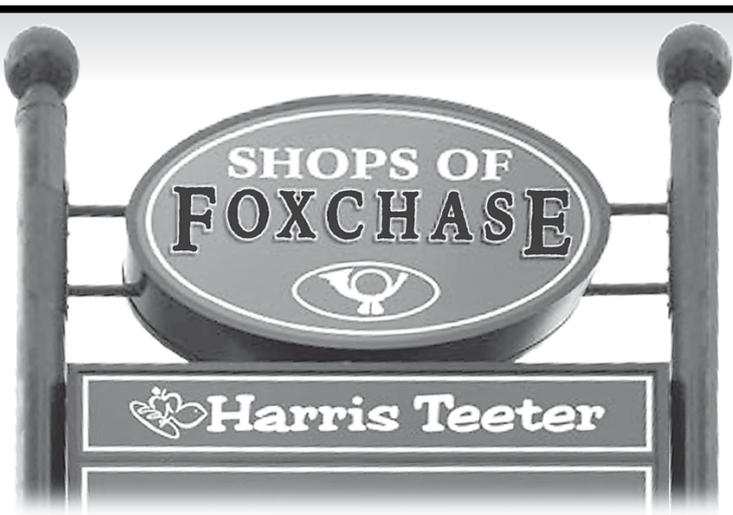
they realize that their plans will never be approved," Smedberg said at the time. "I think we often set up an expectation that isn't fair, and that's what happened with Zarlenga's proposal."

The dispute pitted business interests against historic preservation, opposing forces that are often at odds in Old Town. But the bitterness of the dispute became personal, especially after Zarlenga announced he would be closing the Trophy Room at the end of 2007. In a strongly worded press release issued in October 2006, Zarlenga lashed out at the historic preservation community — especially groups that were vocal in their opposition to his partial demolition.

"I hope my customers stop supporting organizations like the Historic Alexandria Foundation that lack the integrity to represent the citizens of Alexandria on historic preservation issues," Zarlenga wrote in a written statement announcing the closure of the Trophy Room.

BY JANUARY 2009, the historic building became the location of a sex shop known as "Le Tache," selling racy lingerie and an array of sex toys, novelty gifts and XXX videos. The revenge element of the zoning dispute brought national attention, and the store's employees said business skyrocketed as a result of the free press. As to the significance of the flounder, the store's employees said they didn't feel a back-alley structure was anything worth saving.

"The only people I ever see back there are drunks," said Catherine Miller, a sales associate at Le Tache. "So I don't really see what the big deal is."



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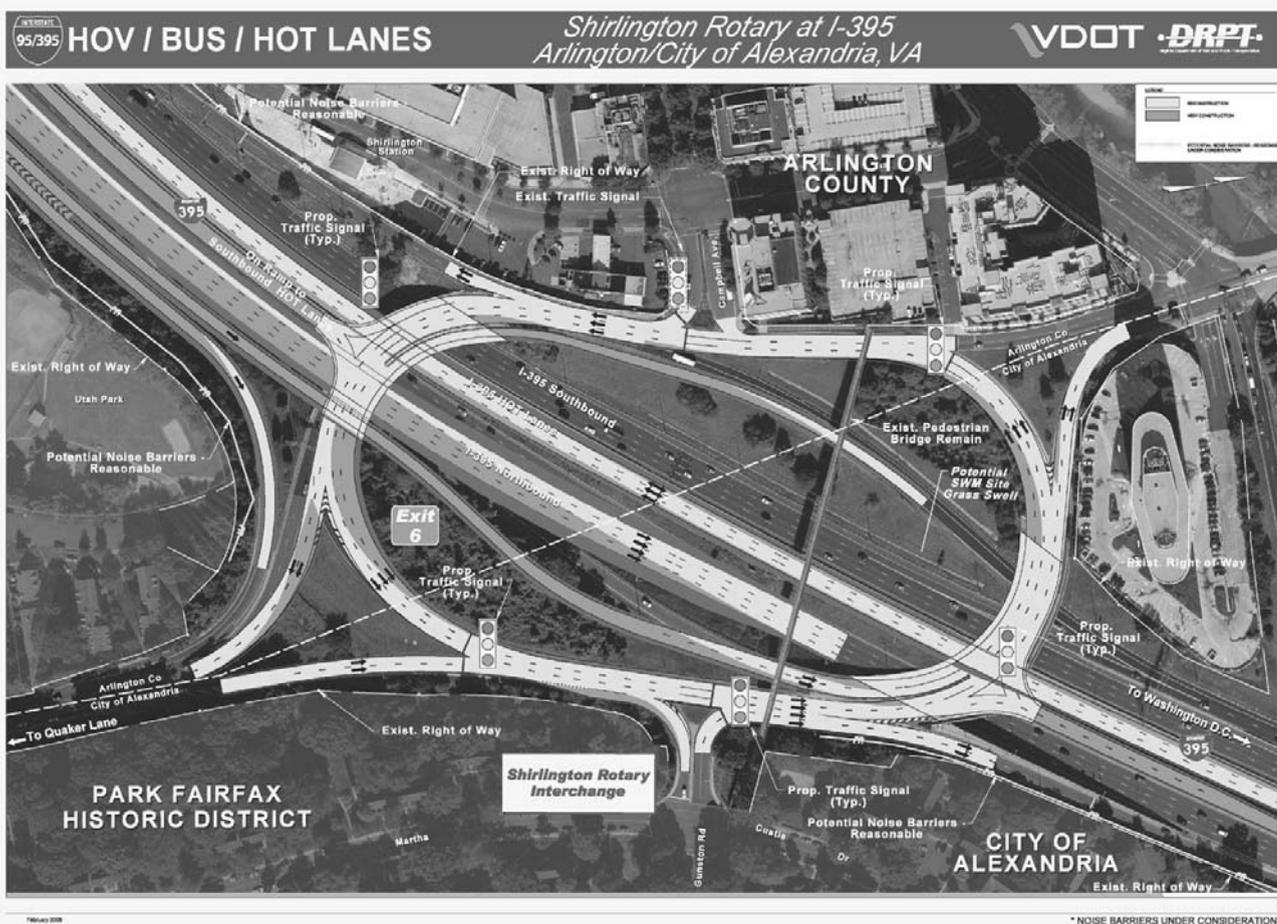


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infrastructure at all.”

As currently proposed, the project will expand existing high-occupancy vehicle lanes in the Interstate 395 corridor from two to three lanes, extend the HOV/HOT lanes south to Spotsylvania County and provide \$195 million in revenue to be used for transit improvements in the corridor. But local officials say their residents will be paying the price for increased regional mobility, with far-flung jurisdictions such as Spotsylvania benefiting at the expense of Alexandria and Arlington. Both jurisdictions have already expressed uneasiness about the new plans. Now Arlington County is considering a lawsuit against the Federal Highway Administration.

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suit is probably the best avenue most likely to have the desired outcome for our community,” said Del. David Englin (D-45). “There’s simply no data to show this won’t be a complete disaster for our neighborhoods.”

IN THE WANING DAYS of the Bush

What Is a HOT Lane?

High-occupancy toll lanes are projects that allow high-occupancy vehicles to travel for free but require single-occupancy vehicles to pay a toll. The inducement for paying the toll is that general-purpose lanes are so congested that some people will pay to avoid congestion. The tolls are dynamically set, allowing HOT lane authorities to raise the tolls to avoid gridlock.

administration, officials at the Federal Highway Administration concluded that the Virginia Department of Transportation and its private partners on the HOT lanes project for Interstate 385 satisfied all the conditions necessary for a “categorical exclusion.” This meant that transportation officials could move forward with the plan even though no environmental impact study had been conducted. Officials in Alexandria and Arlington believe that the project did not receive an adequate review.

“I’m not opposed to the concept,” said Arlington County Board Chairwoman Barbara Favola. “But the current design gives us great anxiety.”

Back in January, the Arlington County Board adopted a resolution that withheld its support for the HOT lane proposal until its concerns about regional transportation problems could be addressed. The Alexandria City Council followed suit in March, adopting a resolution that accused VDOT of improperly preparing environmental documentation for the project. Since that time, apprehension has festered, driven by concerns about regional congestion and neighborhood gridlock.

“From what I’ve seen, I think this will lead to increased congestion,” said Alexandria Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, adding that he’s particularly concerned about the five new traffic sig-

nals in Shirlington Circle. “At this point, several jurisdictions are talking to each other about legal strategy.”

TOLLS FOR THE PROPOSED HOT lanes would change throughout the day to regulate demand for the lanes in an effort to reduce congestion, especially during peak hours. When traffic increases, the tolls would go up — a concept known as “congestion pricing.” Yet officials in Alexandria and Arlington are still waiting to hear the details of how their residents would fit into the system. Ultimately, VDOT officials suggest, the project has been designed so that the needs of the many outweigh the needs of the few.

“I can understand the concerns in Arlington and Alexandria,” said Steve Titunik, a spokesman for VDOT. “But at the same time we need to take a look at the best way to move large amounts of people through the region with the least amount of congestion.”

The history of the project dates back to 2003, when the Virginia transportation officials received a proposal to develop, design, finance and construct new HOT lanes in Interstate 395. In October 2006, Fluor-Transurban was selected as the private firm under the rules of Virginia’s Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995. Since then, concerns have raised that allowing commuters to pay to avoid congestion would destroy the “slugging” system of informal carpooling arrangements. Other concerns involve how violators might be punished and what capacity would be needed on local roads to deal with increased traffic.

“I’m skeptical that this will contribute positively to mobility in the region,” said Arlington County Board member Chris Zimmerman. “We don’t feel like our concerns have been adequately addressed.”

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OPINION

No Texting While Driving

Virginia's new law banning drivers from texting while driving went into effect on July 1, and no one can argue that anyone should be behind the wheel of a moving car while they type or read information on a cell phone.

It's clear, given the state of transportation funding in Virginia (there is none) that we can all expect to be spending more time in traffic.

My new commute into Old Town Alexandria includes traversing almost the entire length of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. (Alternatively, I can traverse nearly the entire length of the Beltway between the American Legion and Woodrow Wilson bridges.)

The GW Parkway is a beautiful drive, with views of the Potomac River; the road is still lined with forests, and a variety of birds sail overhead.

Over the course of a week, the trip invariably includes some time at a standstill, usually for one of several road improvement sites, at the "hump-back" bridge, and at Spout Run,

to name two.

Most commutes via auto in Northern Virginia probably include periods of standing still each week.

For the sake of productivity, it might make sense to amend Virginia's new anti-texting-while-driving law slightly for drivers actually stopped in traffic. Drivers over 21 who are in cars that are actually standing still (and in "park") should be allowed to use their phones for texting or checking email or even looking up traffic cameras to see what the hold up is.

EDITORIALS

New Law on Drunk Driving

Also beginning on July 1, 2009, drivers who have been convicted of driving under the influence in Virginia twice within a 10-year period are required to use ignition interlock devices for a minimum of six months.

This is an improvement over current Virginia law that mandates the same for drivers

twice convicted of driving drunk within five years.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving identifies ignition locks as an effective tool in the battle against drunk driving, with studies showing that they reduce repeat drunk driving offenses by 64 percent. The interlock device requires that a driver blow into the equivalent of a breathalyzer before the car will start.

The Washington Regional Alcohol Program cites statistics from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: Drunk drivers killed in traffic crashes are eight times as likely to have a prior conviction than fatally injured sober drivers. People whom have been arrested for drunk driving are at greater risk for a future traffic fatality, and the risk increases with the number of drunk driving arrests.

In 2007, 378 people died in alcohol-related crashes in Virginia's roadways. Virginia recorded 28,787 convictions for driving under the influence in 2007.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Planning Young Adult Summit

To the Editor:

I want to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to the voters who have provided me an opportunity to serve as a member of City Council for the current term. Now that the campaign season is over, it is time for us to all come together to ensure effective governance to

move the City forward as One Alexandria.

I remain convinced that good governance only comes about through active civic engagement, most especially through leaders reaching out to unengaged and under-engaged populations in our community. At our recent City Council installation, I spoke candidly about issues which I look forward to working with my colleagues on. I also highlighted my

interest, as the youngest member of Council, in reaching out to and mobilizing what I consider to be an extraordinary asset but underutilized resource: Alexandria's young adult population. In keeping with that interest, I am pleased to announce that every fall of my term, I will host and chair an Annual Young Adult Summit. More details will follow very soon on this year's summit, which will be a weekend event.

I will continue to share that one of the things that I appreciate most about our City is that we are not a monolithic people. But from out many parts and across many barriers, we gladly form One Alexandria. It makes a difference when we approach government this way. To this end, I invite every young adult in this City, be you Democrat, Independent or Republican or to be a part, because we are Alexandrians first and hold the well-being of our city high in our hearts. I do want to be clear that the objective of our summit is not the expenditure of limited government resources. I am convinced that in organizing this summit it is the dedication of our time and our talents, rather than the expenditure of additional tax dollars, that will enable us to make a difference.

The objective of the Annual Young Adult Summit will be to focus on leadership development, camaraderie between actively involved and not-so-involved young adults and identification of ways that we can work together to make a difference in the City on three targeted issue areas. One of our issue areas this year will be the well-being of our youth outside of, but complementary to, the education system. I am personally outraged that we have a 76.9 percent graduation rate in the 12th richest city in the nation that boasts of an adult population where more than half of the citizens hold a



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Grand Prize Winners

These girls won the grand prize at Dowden Terrace Pool's annual 4th of July parade. From left to right, they are Mariah Frank (Thomas Jefferson), Maria Jones (Life), Caroline Chamberlain, (Liberty) and Emma Augustine (Happiness, the Pursuit Of).

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graduate level education. Thus, I consider the organization of an aggressive "Take Our Children Back Campaign" a high priority and any excuse to not address it unacceptable.

Throughout the course of the campaign, I ran on the pledge of "Keeping People First to Perfect One Alexandria" and I made the same my election promise. This is foremost in my mind every day. I look forward to being in touch with you and invite you to stay in touch with me while sending my warm regards.

Alicia Hughes

Alexandria City Councilwoman

Enough with Consultants

To the Editor:

On Saturday, June 27, I attended the community-wide charrette for Alexandria's Waterfront Plan that was held at TC Williams High School. Believe me when I say that we have seen this "show" many times before.

For the first two and one half hours the citizens were treated to

a variety of speakers who for the "umpteenth time" gave us statistics about our Old Town population, a lesson on historic preservation, a recap on how the businesses are doing during this economic turndown and a few words on how we might raise enough dollars to finance a waterfront makeover. In addition, we were told that we have to solve the current parking and tour bus problems in Old Town. Of course, both of those items have been the subjects of city-wide appointed Task Forces, who I might add have failed miserably in resolving those issues.

It was when the speaker covering economic issues claimed that we needed to develop between 12 to 25 new businesses on the waterfront that my attention antenna perked up. I asked myself just where and when is the city going to do all this? It sure can't be on Alexandria's waterfront. We have trouble supporting our current crop of businesses despite some very old data from a 2003-2005 study that claims that \$120 million is spent annually on the waterfront. It was then that the hammer really fell. We can raise money to fund most of this plan through donations and from user fee rev-

enues. The user fees that were referenced sounded like the city plans to turn our historic waterfront into a "Coney Island" clone. Hot dog stands and the like.

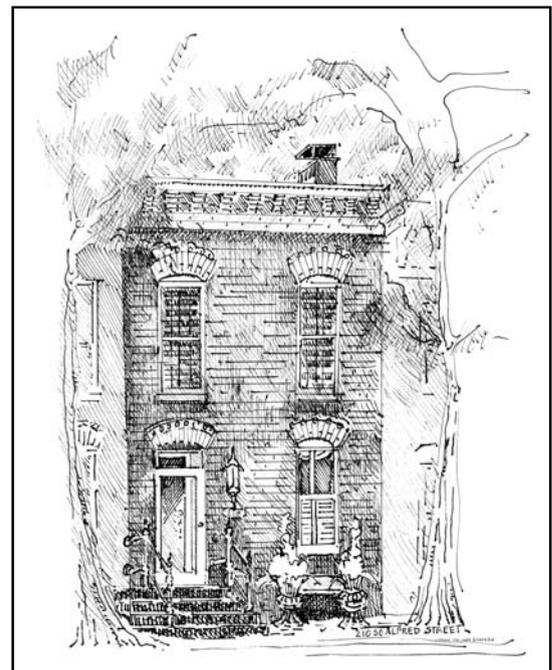
After lunch, it didn't get any better, as the participating citizens were provided a map of the waterfront on which they were to delineate any changes to the waterfront they thought appropriate. Of course everyone in attendance had their own views on just how the waterfront ought to be changed. Essentially, no new ideas surfaced that haven't been hashed and or rehashed over the past 30 years. Some of those in attendance wanted to redo several of our nine passive waterfront parks. These parks are what Alexandrians from all over the city come to visit. They need to remain the way they are, passive with active components included in some.

Many attendees thought this was open season on suggesting the city acquire properties that were privately owned. First of all, the city has no funds to do this, especially in this economic environment. They just floated \$80 million in bonds to build the new Public Safety Center (Police Station).

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The one example that repeatedly surfaced was the taking of the Old Dominion Boat Club's (ODBC) parking lot. Some even wanted to take the club's building. I reminded my group that the ODBC owned the property and it wasn't for the taking unless a deal was negotiated between the City and the Club. This issue was supposed to have been taken off the table for discussion before the meeting, but the planning staff as usual didn't get the word.

This is not a rocket science exercise. The entire plan for the waterfront really revolves about three pieces of property: Robinson Terminal North, Robinson Terminal South and one block of the Strand between Prince and Duke Streets. Everything else on the waterfront includes our nine parks and structures that cannot be demolished. It is also interesting to note that the city does not own either of the Robinson terminals. However the North Robinson Terminal is for sale and the owner, the Washington Post, has put together a plan that might interest a developer to buy the property and hence develop it. The South Terminal is not for sale at this time, yet preliminarily Robinson has floated a plan that might interest a developer to build condos on that space sometime in the future. The one block of the Strand is a greater challenge. The city has bought the gun shop that was initially the Hulfish's restaurant. This building is a great candidate for adaptive reuse. In other words

there are, as I speak, individuals who would invest in renovating that property. The parking lot had three owners. The city bought one of them out when they purchased the gun shop. The other two-thirds of the parking lot are owned by citizens who to date have not indicated any intention to sell their properties. The old tin structure known as the Crenshaw Building was bought by the city and could be ripped down and replaced with lawn, giving increased vision to the water. Real open space! Both Chadwicks and the two Dandy boats will still need parking lots to continue doing their business. Unless the city can replace those 60 parking spaces within 400 feet of the lot, then my advice to them is to leave it alone. Otherwise, the citizens living around that area will be bombarded with tourists looking for parking spaces in the housing areas.

In this down economy we are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars (maybe millions) to hire consultants to come up with a waterfront plan. These consultants just like the Planning Directorate do not have the foggiest notion on how to credibly plan the waterfront. Why not terminate the consultants, keep our plan relatively simple and refill some of the critical jobs we cut during this year's budget process.

For all that we would get a simple waterfront plan and parks and streets that look pristine again.

Townsend A. Van Fleet
Alexandria

Another View On Patient Care

To the Editor:

I read with interest Christine Candio's PR opinion piece about Cardiac Care at Alexandria Hospital [Gazette Packet, June 25, 2009]. I don't know much about Ms. Candio's background since she has assumed the position of CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital. I don't know if she is a physician, has a background in business administration, but probably has experience in hospital administration. However, what is clear to me from her opinion piece is that one patient's positive experience at Alexandria Hospital does not make for good patient care at Alexandria Hospital.

It has been two weeks since I had same day surgery at Alexandria Hospital and what an experience. I have never experienced so much chaos in their same day surgery unit from the moment I arrived until I left. When I checked in with the person at the desk, the information I had provided over the phone prior to my surgery date was incorrect, i.e., emergency contact as well as next of kin, which had to be corrected. Following that I talked with a nurse who went over the medical information already provided by my doctor. I then put my belongings in a locker and waited on the gurney for my surgery as well as the anesthesiologist. Staff were scurrying around and it was almost like being in a very busy emer-

gency room wherein there were patients with major emergencies and no one knew who was to do what. Following my surgery, I awoke from my general anesthetic, and like all patients, my body temperature had dropped and we are in need of warm blankets to keep us warm until our body temperature reaches its normal level. I guess someone saw that one blanket was not enough for me and put another blanket over me as I continued to shiver and shake. Finally, the nurse who was assigned to help me get dressed to leave, rushed me through this process as my ride had arrived, but I was certainly not ready to leave and I know my ride home would have waited for another 10 minutes had the RN told him I needed a few more minutes to get ready. I had to ask the nurse to help me get to the bathroom, couldn't walk as I had just gone through foot surgery, and she rushed to put me in the wheelchair, take me to the bathroom and then get me out of the unit into the car. My ride home noticed that my foot was still bleeding when I left the hospital. Amazing. And this was an RN who should have known better.

I would suggest that Ms. Candio pay more attention to other units at Alexandria Hospital rather than writing platitudes about the Cardiac Care unit and one patient's experience. It would certainly be nice if JACHO [Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations] could make

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OPINION



Teaming Up for Reading Packs

The Campagna Center's Wright to Read Program and the Giving Circle of Alexandria joined forces to provide more than 1,100 summer reading packs — enough for all of the elementary students in The Campagna Center's programs. Many volunteers collected new and like-new books for the project. Nearly 20 volunteers, including middle school students from Burgundy Farm Country Day School, inserted three books into each summer reading pack. Hooray for Books (1555 King Street) was a partner in the project, donating dictionaries for all students entering sixth grade. Book Backer Sponsors — each of whom provided 150 copies of one book for each grade level — included The Junior League of Washington, Holly Sloan, SAS Global Forum, Friends of the Meeting House Cooperative Preschool, and the Alexandria Aces Baseball Team. Brian D. Wood, D.D.S., sponsored the summer reading pack bags.

The Campagna Center's Wright to Read Program and the Giving Circle of Alexandria

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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an unannounced visit to the Same Day Surgery Unit. I was told that a nurse would be contacting me 24-48 hours following my surgery. Good luck — no phone call. I have had same day surgery at Alexandria Hospital about seven years ago and it was a positive experience. It was professional, not chaotic, good care and discharge went smoothly. It seems that every time Alexandria Hospital hires a new CEO, we keep reading the PR articles stating how well Alexandria Hospital is doing. Not so. I would suspect that most physicians who perform same day surgery are well aware of the problems with this particular unit and probably because of physician professionalism won't say anything. I returned home to find that I still had the EKG patches on my body, which should had been removed prior to discharge. You can be sure I will not go back. It will now be Mt. Vernon Hospital.

This is sloppy, unprofessional care and I would suggest that Ms. Candio get out of the boardroom

and start doing the job she was hired to do — provide good patient care no matter whether it is inpatient or outpatient. Alexandria Hospital has a long way to go to improve its image as a community hospital and providing good patient care.

Annabelle Fisher
Alexandria

Energy Independence

To the Editor:

Last Friday, the House of Representatives passed a historic piece of legislation to curb global warming pollution and put us on track to a clean energy economy. This

bill, the Waxman-Markey bill for clean energy, was drafted in March of this year and passed on Friday June 26. Congressman Moran was a champion and helped pass this bill.

The passing of this bill will create many green jobs and green opportunities for the United States. This is great because it will put America one step closer to energy independence.

I want to applaud Congressman Moran for fighting for Virginians across the commonwealth by creating jobs and helping Americans to become energy independent.

Sitara Nadiya Mahmood
Alexandria

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Robert Peebles: 'A Good Listener'

FROM PAGE 1

ate in education from New York University in 1967. He began his career in education as a teacher in Darien, Conn., before becoming superintendent in Marshfield, Mass., and Stamford, Conn.

"He became much more accommodating when he moved to Alexandria. Before that, he was

School Board to make sure integration really worked," said former City Manager Vola Lawson, who was then head of the city's housing program. "That meant a whole lot more than simply desegregating the schools."

In addition to a series of controversial boundary changes, Peebles also introduced a sex-education curriculum to the ire of many parents who opposed such topics being broached in the classroom. But the overriding issues of his term at the head of the system were racially motivated, including a system of pairing white schools with black ones that involved busing students to various corners of the city to maintain a racial balance. In the aftermath of integration, the city had to find a way to prevent housing patterns from re-segregating the schools as a result of where people chose to live.

"Kids seem to weather these kinds of changes better than adults," said John Porter, who was hired by Peebles to be principal of T.C. Williams in 1984. "But Bob had a personal touch with the parents, and he was a good listener."

FROM 1980 TO 1987, Peebles led the school system through a number of drastic changes — including uprooting the administration from the building that now houses the Campagna Center to the old Minnie Howard Middle School, which had recently closed. One thing he was well known for in the city was playing the clarinet with his jazz group, known as Peebles' Pebbles. After his retirement in 1987, Peebles became executive director of the Washington Area School Study Council, which he founded during his time in Alexandria. In 2007, he published a book titled "School Desegregation: A Shattered Dream?"

"His leadership style was kind of like a duck swimming," said former School Board Chairwoman

Memorial Service

T.C. Williams High School will hold a public memorial service for former Superintendent of Schools Robert Peebles Sunday at 2 p.m. For more information, call 703-824-6800.

Lou Cook, who helped hire Peebles in 1980. "On the surface it looked so effortless, but under the water he was working like crazy."

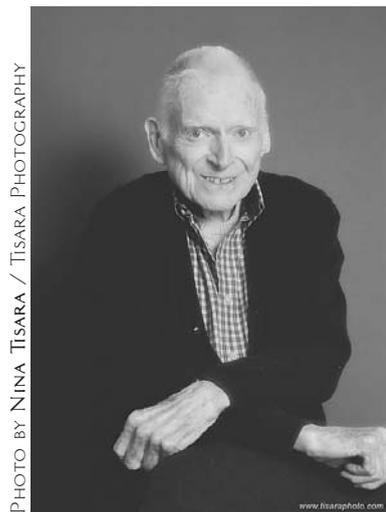


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Former Superintendent of Schools Robert Peebles

much more abrasive, especially when he was in Marshfield," said Jim Peebles, a surviving son who is now a market researcher in Westport, Conn. "He learned to sound out all sides of an issue before going forward."

A DIEHARD FAN of the Boston Red Sox and a jazz clarinet player, Peebles also had a personal touch with people that disarmed even the harshest of critics. During his time as superintendent, the school system changed elementary school boundaries a number of times, creating a great deal of opposition among parents who wanted to keep their children in neighborhood schools. But Peebles had to balance those concerns with the demand of School Board members who wanted to keep a certain racial demographic at each school.

"He worked hard with the

Leone To Lead Chamber

FROM PAGE 1

cies, and overseeing human resource functions. She also created business plans, performed due diligence reviews, and assisted in obtaining funding of \$15 million.

Leone has an MS from George Washington University and a bachelor of science degree in accounting from the University of

Scranton.

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NEWS



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Captain Mike Beckett and firefighter Steve Richmond examine the rock in the road.

Like a Rolling Stone ...

Last week on Tuesday morning, a giant boulder found its way into the westbound lane of traffic on Duke Street. The rock appeared to have come from the Duke Street Commons Shopping Center. It traveled down the drive to the shopping center exit and turned right at the stop light. Henry's Towing Company driver Dre 266 was soon joined by members of the Alexandria Fire Department. AFD Captain Mike Beckett along

with firefighters Jeff Harrison and Steve Richmond guided the rock to the curb with a push from the tow truck lift. The firefighters were able to move the rock so that the hydraulic lift on the tow truck could move the rock back from where it came. The rock is now back in the shopping center with the other rocks in the ornamental rock garden.



The firefighters succeed in getting the rock up off the street with the help of the lift on the tow truck.



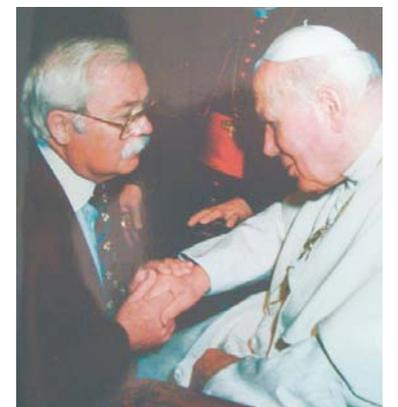
The rock is moved back into the shopping center.

OBITUARY

Oldrich Holubar

Oldrich Holubar, 79, died on July 3 after a long battle with cardiac complications. Having lived for 40 years in Glen Cove and a lifelong career in advertising design, he and his wife moved to Alexandria upon their retirement five years ago. One of his greatest personal accomplishments was being one of the designers of the Czech Chapel in the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington D.C. He continued his interest in the arts and his paintings were accepted into many juried

competitions. Beloved husband of Margarete, whom he recently celebrated a 50th wedding anniversary, he is survived by five children; daughter, Barbara Berry of North Carolina, sons, Martin of Georgia, Robert and John of Virginia and Matthew of New York, six grandchildren and many devoted friends. A Funeral Mass is to be held Friday, July 17 at noon at St. Patrick's Church in Glen Cove, Long Island. In lieu of flowers Oldrich would have preferred that everyone perform a random act of kindness.



Oldrich Holubar meeting with Pope John Paul II in Rome.



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Jacob Kluger takes aim at the dunk tank target.



Baby judge Bill Schultze talks to contestant Claire Williams.

Rosemont Celebrates Fourth of July

The Rosemont Citizens Association held its annual Fourth of July picnic on Saturday at Maury School. The bikes were judged for best decorations and everyone won.

All the babies in Rosemont are beautiful as attested by baby judge Bill Schultze. The local Boys Scout honor guard presented the colors in a ceremony at noon. Games for children were played in the fields and volunteers were busy at grills with hamburgers and hot dogs and watermelon slices.

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Kaela Berkey



Georgia Neaderland



Colette Deringer crosses the finish line in the sack race.



Jane Kirschberg



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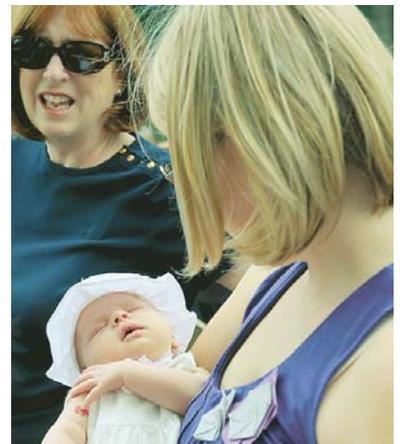
Claire Williams



Alicia and Jessica take the leads in the sack race.



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Alexandria To Celebrate Its 260th

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Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs at a previous Alexandria Birthday Celebration with fireworks in the background.

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The City of Alexandria will be hosting a celebration of its 260th anniversary and America's 233rd birthday with music, children's activities, food and fireworks.

WHEN: Saturday, July 11 from 4 to 10 p.m.

WHERE: Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison Street, at the Potomac River between Fairfax, Pendleton and Madison Streets.

ADMISSION: free.

The main event features the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra with Maestro Kim Allen Kluge presenting an explosive night of fun and fanfare, featuring "Big Band Sound." A list of scheduled activities follows:

4-7:30 p.m.: Community exhibitors, children's activities, and food and beverage sales.

6 p.m.: Performance by the Alexandria Singers, pop, rock and showtunes favorites.

7:30 p.m.: The Town Crier announces Mayor William D. Euille, who will present the Park and Recreation Commission's CIVIC Awards. Following the awards presentation, there will be a poetry reading by Mary McElveen, Alexandria's Poet Laureate.

8 p.m.: Distribution of birthday cake by the Mayor and members of City Council.

8:30 p.m. "Big Band Sound," with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, Kim Allen Kluge, music director, with soprano Millicent Scarlett.

9:30 p.m. Grand finale fireworks display, featuring Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" with cannon support by the U.S. Marine Corps, Basic Training School, Quantico.

Oronoco Bay Park has lawn seating. Participants are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food and beverages are available for purchase, but everyone is welcome to pack a picnic supper. No grilling is allowed during the event. Pets are allowed, but they must be on a leash. In the event of inclement weather, fireworks only will be rescheduled for Sunday, July 12 at 9:30 p.m.

Visitors to the historic district are encouraged to take the Metrorail Yellow or Blue lines to the King Street Station in Old Town and take the free King Street Trolley, DASH or Metro Buses to the park. The free King Street Trolley will operate from 11:30 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, July 11, for this event. The last trolley will depart from the King Street Metro and the Waterfront at 11:50 p.m.

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— KRISTEN MCCARTHY



CALENDAR



Landscape: Six Trees in Green Field

New Art Exhibit at River Farm

“Landscape,” a solo exhibition of impressionist oil paintings on canvas by local artist Katherine Carson Kyle, will be on display at the American Horticultural Society’s River Farm headquarters from July 1 to Aug. 31. The exhibit will be open in River Farm’s main house during operating hours: Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., excluding national holidays. Contact Dan Scott at 703-768-5700, ext. 114 or dscott@ahs.org. Go to <http://katherinecarsonkyle.com>.

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 Steve Hibbard at 703-917-6407 with questions.

ONGOING

The Third Annual Alexandria Film Festival is soliciting entries from U.S. and international filmmakers. The festival will be held Sept. 24–27 at the George Washington Memorial Masonic Temple. This year, the Film Festival is partnering with Withoutabox, the film industry’s premier online service platform. To submit your film online, visit www.withoutabox.com/login/7816. All entries submitted through Withoutabox will receive an additional discount. For more information or to obtain entry forms and submission guidelines, visit www.alexandriafilm.org. Call 703-838-6348.

THURSDAY/JULY 9

Alive With History. 6-9 p.m. Free. History comes to life at the Torpedo Factory as visitors are invited to explore the beginnings of the factory turned art center. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565.

Art-Based Mentoring. 5:30-8 p.m. The SOHO (Space of Her Own) program has scheduled an orientation for prospective adult female volunteers who are interested in providing mentoring to preteen girls on Thursday evenings throughout the school year. At Francis C. Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

The Great Zucchini. 11 a.m. A magic show with laughs. Recommended for ages 2 & up. At Barrett Library, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4555, ext. 3.

FRIDAY/JULY 10

Don’t Step on a Bee Day. To raise awareness of the bee crisis in the U.S., Buzz Bakery Executive Chef Josh Short will offer his Bumble Bee cupcakes, a

signature creation of vanilla cupcake filled with a chocolate center, iced with vanilla buttercream and topped with a bumblebee, for \$2.75 each. At 901 Slaters Lane in Alexandria. Visit at www.buzzonslaters.com or call 703-600-2899 (703-600-BUZZ).

Russian Carnival Ensemble. 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Washington Balalaika Society. New York City musical masters will perform popular Russian, Jewish and Ukrainian tunes as well as classical music. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. Tickets: \$20 advance, \$25 at door. See: www.balalaika.org. Artist reception to follow. Call 703-549-0760.

SATURDAY, JULY 11

Wee Ones Storytime (Recurring). Ages 0-2. 10:30 am. Sing some silly songs and read some fun stories with us as we explore the exciting world around us! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children’s Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.com.

Something Fishy Storytime. Ages 3 and up. 11:30 am. Bring your best fishy face and swim over to our storytime corner to get hooked on some of our favorite stories about our finny friends! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children’s Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.com.

Used Book Sale. Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

SUNDAY/JULY 12

19th Annual Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Free concert. Albert Yan on violin. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

Peepers in My Pocket Event. Ages 3 and up. 1 pm. Learning the ABCs is a blast when your child has friends to help! Join us in welcoming Sandy Pugh and Dana Clerkin, creators of We the Peepers. Come meet the authors and enjoy some fun, educational activities! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children’s Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.com

Family Tour Day. Gadsby’s Tavern Museum. Experience the historic tavern through the new Junior Docent

Jane Austen Ball on Aug. 15 at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum

Gadsby’s Tavern Museum invites the community to experience the time of Mr. Darcy, Elizabeth Bennet, and Jane Austen at their late 1790s ball, on Saturday, Aug. 15. The Jane Austen Ball will feature live music, beginner and advanced English country dancing, and cool summer refreshments.

The Jane Austen Ball will be held in the historic Gadsby’s Tavern Museum Ballroom. The festivities begin at 8 p.m. and continue until 11 p.m. Costumes of the 1790s-era are encouraged; “after five” attire is recommended. Tickets cost \$45 in advance and \$50 at the door, and advance reservations are required. Tickets may be purchased online at www.gadsbystavern.org or by calling 703-838-4242.

Participants can prepare for the ball with instruction from dance master Corky Palmer on Thursdays, July 30, Aug. 6 and 13 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the basic steps of English country dancing for \$12 per class or \$30 for the series.

In the late 18th and early 19th centuries, Gadsby’s Tavern was the center of social and political life in Alexandria and the new Federal City of Washington. The tavern served as the premier gathering place for residents —



including George Washington — and visitors to eat, drink, learn, and influence history.

Gadsby’s Tavern Museum is lo-

cated at 134 North Royal Street in the heart of Old Town Alexandria. Visit

www.gadsbystavern.org.

tours. Junior Docents, volunteers from grades 2 through 5, will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the tap room, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room. From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. \$5 adults/\$3 kids (11-17). At 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Free. Violinist Albert Yan and pianist. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

TUESDAY/JULY 14

Paper, Printing and Books. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Children ages 4-10 will create beautiful hand-made paper from recycled paper and natural materials. Visit www.artatthecenter.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 16

Printmaking. 7-8:30 p.m. Adults can enjoy an evening out to explore monoprints, monotypes, collographs and found object prints. Visit www.artatthecenter.org.

Preschool Palettes. All ages. 9:30-11:30 am. Celebrate your child’s flair for the artistic by transforming their unique creations into beautiful keepsake books! Call to register. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children’s Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.com

FRIDAY, JULY 17

Alexandria Citizens Band. 7:30 p.m. concert. Jack Dusek, interim

conductor. At Market Square, Old Towne Alexandria. Call 703-339-6643 or go to www.band.alexandria.va.us.

SATURDAY/JULY 18

Afternoon Tea Offering. 1-3 p.m. \$24.95/person. This is the first in a monthly series full of tiers of sweets and delicate teapots boasting aromatic loose teas. At Fontaine Caffe & Creperie, 119 S. Royal Street,

Alexandria. Call 703-535-8151. **A World Away Storytime.** Ages 3 and up. 11:30 am. Adventures are fun, whether they take place in the far-flung reaches of the globe or your own backyard! Join us for a storytime all about the excitement of traveling! Free. 703-548-4092. Hooray for Books! Children’s Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.com. **“The President’s Own”** United States

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‘Name That Ball’ Contest

The Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria is asking its members as well as the public to submit names for next year’s ball, scheduled for March 6, 2010. Submit your ideas in the “Name That Ball” contest, starting July 15. The lucky winner will receive two tickets (valued at \$200 per ticket) to the 23rd annual fund-raising gala at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon city in Arlington. All proceeds from the ball are donated to the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra (ASO), a fully professional orchestra that attracts world-renown artists and is directed by award-winning conductor Kim Allen Kluge.

The name of the ball sets the theme. For example, last year’s ball named Shangri-La included the auctioning of two rare and valuable Tibetan sacred scrolls, and a guest of the 2007 Emerald Ball was Richard J. Egan, former U.S. Ambassador to Ireland. Last year’s honorary patrons were Sen. and Mrs. John Warner who are also ASO supporters.

Entries may be submitted between July 15 and Aug. 13 to the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra, 2121 Eisenhower Ave., Suite 608, Alexandria, VA 22314.

CALENDAR

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Marine Band and Marine Chamber Orchestra performs. 7:30 p.m. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or www.schlesingercenter.com.

Fort Ward Civil War Camp Day and Skirmish. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A day-long living history event highlighted by bayonet drills, cannon firing and skirmish drill. Admission is \$5 per adult and \$10 for families with children. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 West Braddock Road in Alexandria. Call 703-838-4848 or visit www.fortward.org.

SUNDAY/JULY 19

Jazz at Meade with Joel Holmes. 4 p.m. Holmes composes his own style of music, blending an array of traditional and contemporary jazz, gospel, R&B, soul, hip-hop, neo soul, funk, classical and pop. \$15 donation. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Call 703-549-1334. Go to <http://meadechurch.org>.

Architecture in the Afternoon

Tours. 2 p.m. Discover the architecture of George Mason's home. This 90-minute tour explores the mansion's exterior and interior. At Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Rd., Mason Neck. 703-550-9220 or <http://www.gunstonhall.org>.

1759 Conversations: Establishing Gunston Hall.

3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Enjoy a conversation with costumed interpreters portraying a member of George Mason's family or a visitor to Gunston Hall. At Gunston Hall Plantation, 10709 Gunston Rd., Mason Neck. 703-550-9220 or <http://www.gunstonhall.org>. Included in site admission: \$9, \$8 seniors, \$5 ages 6 to 18, younger free.



Actors do a run-through of "Peter Pan."

AUG. 13, 14, 15

"Peter Pan." 7:30 p.m. with Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Presented by Morningstar Productions. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. \$8/adult, \$5/student/child. Gina Smithers at Smithersgm@gmail.com or 703-577-3966.

Summer Chamber Music Series.

3 p.m. Free. The Covington String Quartet. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

THURSDAY/JULY 23

Cocktails and Conversation. 6-8 p.m. \$35/person. Led by The Protocol School of Washington-certified Susanna Theo, the program focuses on artful conversation skills for business/social networking. Discussion will include the do's and don'ts of positive conversation; how to correctly handle food and drink while networking; and answer questions like "how can one back away from the incessant talker." At Indigo Landing Restaurant, 1 Marine Drive, Alexandria. Email turnerk@indigoland.com or 703-548-9227.

TUESDAY/JULY 21

Sculpture in Motion. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Artist-builders ages 4 to 10 will sculpt forms in wire to create a framework for a moving sculpture. Explore light, shadow, balance, and sound while building with wire, recycled materials and loose parts. Visit www.artatthecenter.org for details.

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FINE ARTS

Vases are budding and pots are flowering this July at the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery.

More than a dozen Washington-area artists are presenting "Flower Power," a colorful floral-themed exhibition and sale of stoneware, sculpture, raku and pitfired pieces. Seeds of inspiration have produced platters dotted with delicate dogwood, magnolia and lilies, teapots painted with lively pears and wall plaques handpainted with brilliant blue irises.

The show runs July 27 to Aug. 23, Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. The gallery is Studio 19, 101 North Union Street, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope

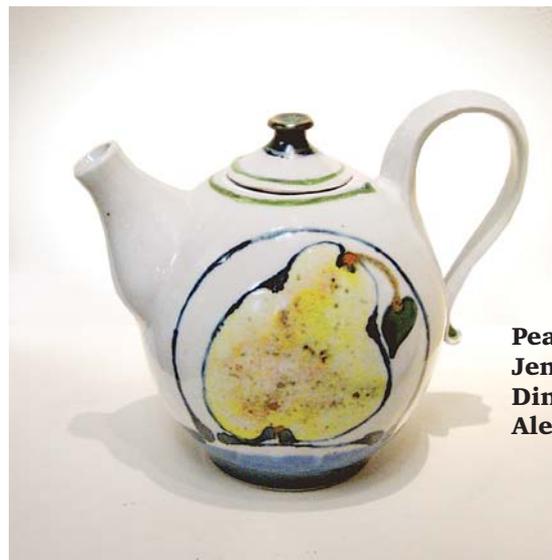
"Greece Abstracted," Betsy Anderson's Solo Artist Show at The Art League Gallery

July 9 - Aug. 3

Reception: Thursday, July 9, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

The Art League Gallery (located in the Torpedo Factory Art Center) 105 North Union Street, Alexandria 703-683-1780, www.theartleague.org. "Greece Abstracted" features Betsy Anderson's latest series of landscapes paintings inspired by the color, light, and architecture found in the Greek landscape. Anderson has been a resident artist in the Torpedo Factory Art Center for 29 years. She has been a member of The Art League for 39 years, and is currently serving as Board President. She is a former Commissioner of the Alexandria Commission for the Arts. Anderson majored in Fine Arts at Sophie Newcomb College, Tulane University and holds a BFA from Wright State University.

Fifteen Ceramic Guild artists present their handmade critter-inspired designs



Pear teapot by Jennifer Dinkelmeyer of Alexandria.

for table and display in a creative array for the "All Creatures Great and Small"-themed juried show and sale at the Torpedo Factory's Scope Gallery. Cracked glaze raku polar bears roam the shelves and ravens perch on stoneware stems. The Scope Gallery show runs now through July 28 - Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. The gallery is Studio 19, 101 North Union Street Alexandria. Call 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College, will feature artist Jackie Hoysted's "Afternoons - Where Drawing Meets

Painting," acrylic on paper, from Friday, July 10 through Friday, Aug. 7. The Opening Reception is Friday, July 10 from 7-9 p.m. with Artist's Talk at 8 p.m. The Gallery Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The Artisans United Craft Gallery.

Enjoy the free show, "Summer Delights" during July. Come in and find unique hand-made craft items. Located at 4022 Hummer Rd., Annandale. Call 703-941-0202. The Craft Gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and on Sundays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Waiting for the World to Begin.

Thomas Drymon will showcase his abstract landscapes from now through Aug. 2 at the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

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Wheel Day Parade in North Ridge



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Linda Johnson, a.k.a. Granny Mobile, 2009 Grand Marshall.

North Ridge Citizen's Association sponsored the annual Wheel Day parade in May. About 155 children of all ages decorated their wheeled toys and paraded them down Old Dominion Boulevard. A special guest this year was Linda Johnson, long time resident of North Ridge who participated annually in Wheel Day when it was first created in the 1940s. Johnson was the 2009 Wheel Day Grand Marshall with her patriotic "Granny Mobile." Along the route, numerous neighborhood volunteers assisted in blocking off streets, registering children, serving refreshments and judging. At the finish line judges awarded ribbons to the most creative entries, and refreshments were served at the Beverley Hills United Methodist Church playground.



Zookeeper and his charges.



Bikes, scooters and a pirate ship wait to pass the judges.

Taylor Run

TRCA OFFICERS

Taylor Run Civic Association elected these officers at the annual meeting.

President: Robert Delgado
VP for Park Cleanup: Gail Turner
VP for Membership: Gretchen Littlefield

Secretary: Lisa Beyer Scanlon
Treasurer: Ryan Donmoyer
Executive Committee: Jesi Carlson, John Chapman, Michael Cook, Jay Kennedy, Nicole Liffri-Molfe, Kevin Posey, Anthony Saler, Chad Sarchio, Sean Spicer, Paul Stilp, Erin Streeter.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

TRCA continued its tradition of awarding scholarships to neighborhood students.

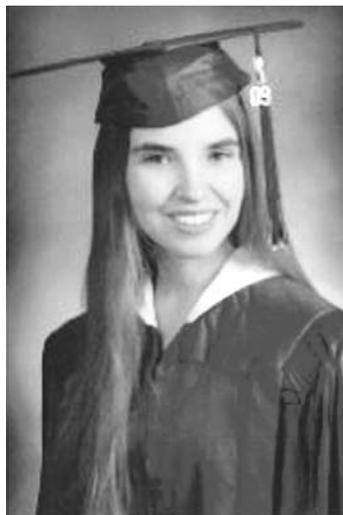
Evan Metz will go to the University of Virginia.

Jessica Raugitinane will go to the University of Connecticut to study elementary education. She will earn a BA and an MA in five years.

Only four civic associations in Alexandria award scholarships. We do not choose the recipients; that is done by an anonymous committee from the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria.

ANOTHER WINNER

Erica Kicak-Vanderhoeven leaves T.C. Williams in a blaze of academic glory, with a Dean's Scholarship to the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Fla., the Patrick Welch AP English award, the Latin 5 award, and an award for excellence in choir. She also plays the viola, says her grandmother, the source of this information, and is doing a six-week internship at the Gazette-Packet.



Erica Kicak-Vanderhoeven

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

Old Town

WHAT'S IN A NAME? - Hunting Terrace lives! The garden apartment rentals called Hunting Terrace on South Washington Street at the southern-most tip of Old Town have been facing the wrecker's ball for the last three years. Now it appears Hunting Terrace has been given a new lease on life.

You may recall that the property in the 1200 block of Washington Street has been at the center of a big-time squabble involving builder-developer Giuseppe Cecchi, city officials, civic groups and neighbors. Cecchi and his company planned to develop a mini-city at the southern gateway to Alexandria, anchored by two 15-story buildings at the rear of the Hunting Terrace property; a smaller tower nearer Washington Street and about 300-plus luxury condominiums scattered about the 12-acre site.

Opponents argued the proposal was out of line, citing the enormous bulk of the developer's plans. City planners agreed that Cecchi's company should scale back — way back. Cecchi even had a name for his development. Forget Hunting Terrace. How about Portofino, a more spiffy name? As

opposition grew in the last year or so, Cecchi didn't back off. He even offered to change the name to Hunting Creek Plaza instead of Portofino — spiffier yet.

Nothing much has happened recently. Weeds gave way to more weeds and the Hunting Creek fishermen found a nice parking place in the largely vacant Hunting Terrace parking lot. But this all changed in late June when signs suddenly sprouted on the vacant property saying "Now Leasing." Lo and behold, the garden apartments were remaining rental garden apartments effective immediately. Luxury condos were apparently out. Rentals of one and two bedroom units went on the market at rates of \$1,035 to \$1,494 a month — more for apartments with water views and/or private entrances.

The name "Hunting Terrace" had been on these units for years. Then Cecchi suggested they be called Portofino. Then Hunting Creek Plaza. And, finally (you guessed it) full-circle back to Hunting Terrace.

Postscript: Cecchi has wanted to buy the high-rise community of Hunting Point just across the street, now owned by the Virginia

Department of Transportation. VDOT bought Hunting Point as part of the Wilson Bridge project and intends to sell it in the next year or so. It will be interesting to see if Cecchi moves to buy Hunting Point and what he intends to do with it. Stay tuned.

GUTTERSNIPE - The Old Town Civic Association first called attention to the new crime wave hitting Old Town. Let's listen to the OTCA bulletin: "Recently there has been a spate of fairly brazen thefts of copper gutters and down spouts from homes in Old Town, some in broad daylight, by persons who appear to be working as contractors.

We know of such thefts from houses on the 400 block of S. Union and at least one such theft in the 500 block of Duke Street. If you have copper gutter-down spouts, or know that your neighbors do, please be aware of the problem and let your neighbors know. If the neighbors see anything suspicious ... they should call the police forthwith"

Or maybe you should call the coppers, in this case.

— BOB FELDKAMP



Lauren Welle and William Leonard

Welle, Leonard Engaged

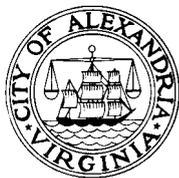
Tom Welle is pleased to announce the engagement of his daughter, Lauren Welle to William Leonard. Lauren, also the daughter of the late Noreen Welle, graduated from Radford University and is a preschool special education teacher in Fairfax County. William, son of Oliver Leonard of Gloucester, Va. and Judy Leonard of Port Deposit, Md., also graduated from Radford University and is a software engineer in Ashburn. A wedding is being planned for August, 2010 after the couple returns from Germany.



New Deputies

Sheriff Dana Lawhorne (right) welcomes five new deputies to the Alexandria Sheriff's Office following their graduation on Wednesday, June 24, at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy's Session 120 at Dominion High School, Ashburn. From left to right are new deputies Latonya M. Covington, Richard A. Hagar, Myrna K. Juarez, LaJuenne' M. Harding and Marybeth Plaskus. A total of 66 new sheriff's deputies and police officers graduated representing nine jurisdictions.

Legal Notices



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review/Parker-Gray District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2009 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2009-0109
Request for approval of demolition at 224 N Fayette St, zoned CRMU/M Commercial
APPLICANT: William Cromley

CASE BAR2009-0139
Request for approval of alterations at 317 N West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: GJJV Partnership by Jeff Cain

CASE BAR2009-0141
Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 427 N West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Alabama Ave. LLC

CASE BAR2009-0142
Request for approval of addition/alterations at 427 N West St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Alabama Ave. LLC

CASE BAR2009-0143
Request for approval of alterations at 1109 Princess St, zoned RB Residential
APPLICANT: Meki Minni & Zahra Mohamed

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

Legal Notices

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF PROPERTY

101 S. Jordan Street

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Tax Map No. 059.02-03-04

In execution of a Deed of Trust dated December 29, 2006, recorded in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, as Instrument No. 070000159, Woods Rogers PLC, Substitute Trustee, will offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Courthouse of the Circuit Court for the City of Alexandria, Virginia, on the **21st day of July, 2009, at 12:30 p.m.**, the property described in said Deed of Trust lying in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and more particularly described as follows:

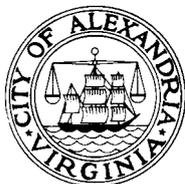
Lot 7-1, Block 3159, of a resubdivision of Part of Section One, Tarleton, per resubdivision recorded in Deed Book 466, page 190 among the land records of the City of Alexandria, Virginia.

TERMS: Cash - Bidder's deposit of ten percent (10%) of the sales price by cashier's or certified check may be required. Balance of purchase price shall be due and payable not later than ten (10) days after sale.

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For Information Contact:

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NOTICE OF HEARING

CARLYLE DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

The Carlyle Design Review Board will meet on THURSDAY, JULY 16 at 7:00 PM in Conference Room 2000, City Hall, at 301 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The following items are on the agenda for this month's meeting:

1. Blocks 11 & 12 (Hoffman Towers Concept), 2210 Eisenhower Avenue.

The public is invited to attend this meeting. Individuals with questions concerning the meeting should call the Department of Planning & Zoning at 703-746-4666.



Academy Graduates

On Friday, June 5, 24 seniors graduated from Commonwealth Academy, comprising the school's largest graduating class in its 11 year history. From left to right: Chairman of the Board, Trip Howell; Keynote Speaker and City Councilman Rob Krupicka; teacher Chelsea Wells; Board Member Bill Witowsky (behind Wells); Board Member Rick Nadeau (to right of Wells); and Head of School Susan J. Johnson, Ph.D. (at podium) with Commonwealth Academy Class of 2009. Krupicka, city councilman and neighbor to the school, challenged seniors to reflect on their own journeys and to be champions of the ideal that every individual can succeed given the right opportunity and support. Graduation was held at the George Washington Masonic Temple.

Reading for Insight

Barnes & Noble - Potomac Yards hosted a fund-raising bookfair in support of Alexandria Library's All Alexandria Reads annual program. On Saturday, May 30, as the finale event for this year's programming, Mary Quattlebaum, a local author most famous for her Jackson Jones series, read children's books related to the natural foods and gardening themes of this year's All Alexandria Reads book, "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingsolver.



In Memoriam Mrs. Eleanor Massie May 18, 1941 - June 13, 2001



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

ONGOING

NAACP, Fairfax County Branch. 7 p.m. Meets on second Tuesday of the month at Bethlehem Baptist Church, 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Call 703-591-4488 or send email to info@naacp.org.

THURSDAY, JULY 9

Census 2010 Complete Count Committee Meeting. 7 p.m. In March 2009, City Council established a Complete Count Committee to help develop a strategy to ensure an accurate count and promote participation by all residents. Census data are used to distribute Congressional seats to states, to make decisions about what community services to provide, and to distribute \$300 billion in federal funds to local, state and tribal governments each year. At City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2000, Alexandria. Contact Ralph Rosenbaum at 703-746-3859.

SOHO — The Space of Her Own orientation for volunteers. 5:30-8 p.m. At Hammond Middle School, 4646 Seminary Road, Alexandria. The program is an art-based mentoring program for pre-teen girls. Mentors and participants will attend workshops and engage with team-building activities, complete community service, learn life skills and artistic concepts, techniques and processes. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/soho. To be added to the mentor orientation Evite list, send an e-mail to

SOHO@alexandriava.gov.

MONDAY, JULY 13

Belly talk. Free monthly gathering and info-swap for pregnant women. 6:30-8 p.m. Ten-Minute Topic: Exercise for Pregnancy. At the James M. Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call Jess: 703-946-3027.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

BRAC Advisory Group Meeting. 7-9 p.m. At Burke Library, 4701 Seminary Road. The BRAC Advisory Group serves as a forum for developing ideas and recommendations relating to transportation improvements and other issues associated with the BRAC-133 office building. Contact Pat Escher at 703-746-3812.

THURSDAY/JULY 16

“Overloaded at Work?” Volunteer Management Workshop by certified professional organizer Lauren Halagarda. Breakfast: 9:30-9:50 a.m., Announcements: 9:50 – 10 a.m., NVAVA Program: 10 a.m. – noon. At the South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. RSVP to Erin Chernisky at 703-324-8332 or erin.chernisky@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Public Hearing. 7 p.m. To review and discuss the conceptual plan for the Contrabands and Freedmen’s Cemetery Memorial. The conceptual plan is the result of an international design competition won by C. J. Howard, which was held by the City of Alexandria in April 2008. At the Lee Center, 1108 Jefferson Street.



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Sworn In Mayor Bill Euille and six members of the Alexandria City Council were sworn into office on July 1 during a formal installation ceremony at T.C. Williams High School. Euille began his third term as mayor, and former Mayor Kerry Donley was unanimously selected as vice mayor by his colleagues. Del Pepper began her eighth term. Paul Smedberg and Rob Krupicka began their third terms. And Frank Fannon and Alicia Hughes both began their first terms on the council.

Call William Chesley, Deputy Director, at 703-838-5095, ext. 557, or e-mail william.chesley@alexandriava.gov.

THURSDAY/JULY 18

Act on Poverty Conversations. 10 a.m. to noon. Will provide the general public a chance to

recommend solutions — especially community-based approaches — for reducing Virginia’s poverty rate. At Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria Campus, 3001 North Beauregard street. Call Carla Harris at 804-726-7107.

“Feline Kidney Disease: A New Look at an Old Problem.” 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Seminar is \$30.

Half of all senior cats suffer from kidney disease, but this diagnosis doesn’t have to be a death sentence. Feline-only veterinarian, Andrea Tasi, will focus on conventional and alternative ways to treat kidney disease in cats, plus prevention. At PetSage, 2391 S. Dove St., Alexandria. Call 703-299-5044 to register.

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Legion All Stars Create Own Fireworks

Annual 4th of July American Legion all-star game brings local baseball scene into focus.

BY MARK GIANNOTTO
THE GAZETTE

As Frank Werman, Vienna Post 180's manager, strode to the plate to discuss ground rules with umpires before Saturday's July 4th American Legion 17th District All Star Game, it occurred to him just how long he had been a part of area youth baseball.

He had just looked up from the scorecard containing his lineup, when Werman saw a familiar face in 27-year-old field ump Hunter Lohan. Werman — whose youngest son, Keith, currently plays baseball at Virginia, while older son Kyle is an assistant coach at George Mason — had coached Lohan in an all-star game 14 years earlier.

"He'd better give us some calls," joked Werman, who coached the National All-Stars, before the game began.

But the unlikely reunion just highlighted what has become a yearly tradition, some of the best and brightest baseball players from around the area coming together in an all star game at Water's Field with fireworks on the docket later in the evening.

THIS YEAR, the American All-Stars emerged victorious over the National All-Stars, 9-8, the winning run coming when Lonnie Millard of Post 130 (Falls Church) hit a fielder's choice that scored Andrew Sable of Post 24.

In prior seasons the game had been a blowout, but reflecting the current 17th District standings — seven teams are within six games of first place — Saturday's affair was tight throughout.

The Nationals took a 6-2 lead in the fourth inning after David Fathalikhani, a 2008

Madison graduate that walked on at Ohio State this past season, scored off a double from Pike Brynildsen of T.C. Williams and Post 129. Fathalikhani also had an RBI single to score the Nationals second run of the game.

But the American All-Stars responded in a big way in the bottom of the fifth inning, putting five runs on the board, highlighted by a two-RBI single from Washington-Lee's Jeremy Seipp that drove in Alex Prewitt of Post 130 and Hector Campos, Seipp's teammate on both the high school and American Legion circuits. When all was said and done, the American team had taken a 7-6 lead that they would never relinquish.

"It's a different experience," said Seipp of playing in his first-ever all-star game. "I just met some of these people today, but they're great players. It's fun to get some new blood and get to know new people."

SEVERAL PLAYERS used the Independence Day affair to pick the brains of their counterparts. Whit Mayberry, who starred on the diamond for St. Stephen's/St. Agnes the past few seasons and will attend Virginia on a baseball scholarship this fall, tried to get some advice from players like Fathalikhani and the eight others on the



Bishop Ireton grad Kevin O'Keefe fires a strike during last Saturday's American Legion 17th District All-Star Game, held at Waters Field in Vienna. The Alexandria/Mount Vernon area had 10 players represented in the game.

staying grounded and just sticking with it once I get to school," said Mayberry, who had watched his older brother play in the 17th District All-Star Game the past two summers. Mayberry finished with two RBIs in this year's game. "It was definitely good to see all those older guys."

Representing the area were Robby Barnard, Geoff Goff, and Mayberry of St. Stephen's/St. Agnes, Lee Tackett and Pike Brynildsen of T.C. Williams, Kevin O'Keefe of Bishop Ireton, Michael Murdock, Basil Badley, and Sable of Mount Vernon, and Danny Peterson from West Potomac.

Murdock of Post 24 picked up the win despite giving up the tying run in the top of the seventh. His teammate, Badley, a 2008 Mount Vernon High School graduate from Post 24, bailed him out with an RBI single that drove in Marshall's Greg Goldsmith in the bottom half of the inning.

Badley then came to the mound in relief for the ninth inning to earn the save. Not that it mattered much to Werman, technically the losing manager. Like everyone else in attendance, he was just happy to once again be showing baseball to another generation, with the sun shining on the Fourth of July.

"I love coaching this age group, the 18 and 19 year olds, I think you still have a lot of influence," said Werman. "And just the game of baseball, it's so tough there's so much to it, I like doing that, I like teaching the game."

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Local Soldiers Caddy for PGA's Finest

Area residents, servicemen and women honored at last week's AT&T National.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE

During last week's AT&T National at Congressional Country Club, Tiger Woods repeatedly honored area military men and women. The opening ceremonies on Wednesday, July 1, served as the most dramatic example. But for 50 servicemen, the "Guest Caddie" program that day was more exciting. Mount Vernon resident Ron Fitzsimmons, who managed the operation, also enjoys watching the festivities.

Fitzsimmons has served as the chief volunteer

marshal for the past three years on the par-3 seventh hole of Congressional's Blue course. Each year, at the request of the Tiger Woods Foundation, he has matched military personnel with PGA Tour pros during the annual pro-am. The pro's regular caddie turns over the bag to a serviceman, each of whom wore a camouflage combat caddie bib, for the duration of the hole.

"It's a wonderful event," said Fitzsimmons. "The soldiers, sailors, and airmen love it, the pros are fully supportive, and the gallery enjoys the change. "I love it too," said Mike "Fluff" Cowan, Jim Furyk's caddie. The 61-year-old gratefully gave up Furyk's heavy staff bag for the hole.

Alexandria resident Austin Mosher, a Navy petty officer stationed at Andrews Air Force Base, drew two-time tour winner Aaron Baddeley. As the pro arrived at the seventh tee, Fitzsimmons introduced

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Tiger Woods flashed his 1,000-watt smile while posing for photographers with his guest caddie, Gunnery Sergeant Michael Barrett, USMC.

PHOTOS COURTESY OF MICHAEL K. BOHN

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Mosher to the crowd, and then had Baddeley and his guest caddie pose for photographers. After Baddeley and his amateur partners hit their tee shots, Mosher shouldered the bag. He and Baddeley then chatted as they walked up the hill to the green.

“I was a little nervous, but Tiger was really down to earth.”

— Marine gunnery sergeant **Michael Barrett**

“We talked about our kids,” said Mosher, who has two with a third on the way. “Aaron was really nice and fully supportive of the military.” The Australian Baddeley was born in New Hampshire, but moved to Australia at age two. Asked for his reaction after holing his par putt, Baddeley said, “[The caddie program] is a great idea. Absolutely great.”

Mosher is an aircraft mechanic serving in a squadron that flies Navy VIPs on official trips throughout the country and abroad.

Marine gunnery sergeant Michael Barrett hit the caddying jackpot, though. He carried for Tiger Woods and Anthony Kim. Kim was so appreciative that he gave Barrett a sand wedge, one complete with the initials “A.K.” next to the Nike swoosh.

AS EXPECTED, Woods cheerfully posed with Barrett on the tee, and then, turning back to business, stiffed his shot to within six feet of the cup. One of his amateur partners, Dallas Cowboy quarterback Tony Romo, put his ball inside Tiger’s. That changed the gallery’s polite boos to cheers. With caddie Steve Williams observing, Woods walked with Barrett to the green.

“I was a little nervous, but Tiger was really down to earth,” Barrett said afterward. “We talked about our families.” On the green, SEE SERVICEMEN, PAGE 30



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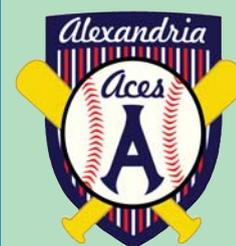
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The King Street Gardens Park provides greenery in the midst of King Street.

Brick-by-Brick Support

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GAZETTE PACKET

Marriages, anniversaries, first birthdays, memorials to loved ones, businesses, and even Meatloaf the Cat: All of these are commemorated by bricks in the King Street Gardens Park. The bricks were part of a fund-raiser to supplement the money given by the city grants from arts organizations to pay for the park's original creation in the 1990s. Now, once again, people have a chance to secure their place in history by owning a piece of the King Street Gardens.

Although the city pays for the basic upkeep of the park, the King Street Gardens Park Foundation wants to make some improvements to the park. Roger Digilio, chair of the foundation, hopes that "the improvements will make the park better for everyone, and make it a more welcoming portal into the city." The planned improvements will include better lighting, additional landscaping, and an improved irrigation system to keep the park lush and green throughout the summer.

To get the money for the improvements, the King Street Gardens Park Foundation is going back to the same fund-raiser idea that worked so well originally. Now people can still buy



To raise funds for the park, personalized bricks can be purchased.

bricks, but can also buy bigger garden features.

It is a great way to honor or commemorate occasions and loved ones. Nina Tisara, who is member emeritus, on the park's board of directors, says that in the '90s she bought two columns "honoring my parents — they're buried in Florida. It's my way of having them close to me."

Purchasing a piece of the park is a way to own a piece of the park and help the park to be better enjoyed by everyone. A topiary, canopies, poetic points of view, trellis columns, and the personalized bricks are all available. Any of those purchases are tax deductible. See <http://www.kingstreetgardenspark.org>.

Non-Profit Receives Two Awards

Last month, Rebuilding Together Alexandria (RTA), a local non-profit that provides free home repair services to in-need residents, was the recipient of two local awards.

The Alexandria Commission on Aging awarded Rebuilding Together Alexandria its 2009 Excellence in Aging Award for contributions to elevating the quality of life for older Alexandria residents.

RTA also received the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities' Community Organization award for 2009 because of their efforts to remove barriers and extend services to Alexandria's residents with physical or sensory disabilities.

To learn more, go to www.rebuildingtogetheralex.org or call 703-836-1021.



Petty Officer Second Class Austin Mosher served as Aaron Baddeley's guest caddie during the AT&T National's pro-am.

Servicemen and Women Honored

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Barrett was dumbfounded when Tiger gave him his putter to him and said, "Here, you make it."

Although Tiger gave him the line, the novice golfer putted the ball through the break on the super fast green, running it five feet past. Tiger then picked up, and backed away for Romo's attempt. The Cowboy also gave his putter to Barrett, but the Marine missed that one, too. Nevertheless, reporters and cameramen mobbed Barrett.

Before moving on to the eighth tee, Woods pulled on his golf glove and wrote a personal note to Barrett on the palm. He

gave it and a hug to Barrett.

Barrett was severely wounded in Iraq and spent almost two years in rehabilitation. He has recovered and regained full duty status. He is stationed at the Pentagon.

Fitzsimmons, who works on the staff of Mount Vernon's county supervisor Gerry Hyland, calls upon other Mount Vernon Country Club members to marshal the seventh hole. He also presides over a more informal program during regular tournament rounds. Fitzsimmons invites small children to sit on the tee inside the ropes to watch the pros tee off.

"They get a real charge out of being so close," he said.

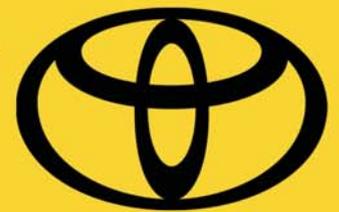


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Mount Vernon resident Ron Fitzsimmons is one of several members of the Mount Vernon Country Club that has volunteered over the years at the AT&T National. Fitzsimmons served as a marshal on the 7th hole last week.

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