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Former U.S. ambassador to NATO David Abshire welcomes all to his home for a special reception after the swearing in of Don Beyer as U.S. ambassador.

Beyer Embarks as Ambassador

Dual role includes Switzerland and Lichtenstein.



Ambassador Don Beyer talks to the guests as his wife Megan listens from the doorway of the Abshire home in Old Town.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE
GAZETTE PACKET

Donald Beyer Jr., former Lieutenant Governor of Virginia and prominent area automobile dealer, leaves his Alexandria home this Friday to represent the U.S. as the next ambassador to Switzerland and Lichtenstein.

Beyer was sworn into office on Aug. 5, following a June nomination by President Barack Obama. Beyer says he and his wife Megan worked on the Obama campaign for two years prior to the President's election and has since been looking for the means to return to public service.

"I was very hopeful for the chance to serve in the Obama administration," said Beyer.

While Beyer acknowledges he has not made his career from the Foreign Service, he does not doubt his ability to be an effective ambassador and extend public diplomacy in Switzerland. Beyer believes he can successfully establish personal relationships critical to the job from his background of political and public service, as well as business skills.

Beyer says he further benefits from his personal relationship with the President and believes he is, in fact, better prepared for this job than any other he has previously held. Beyer maintains he is com

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Learning To Assume 'Green-Collar' Jobs

Seaport Foundation's new program provides specialized training.

BY ANSLEY LABARRE
GAZETTE PACKET

Sawdust covers the waterfront workshop where local Alexandria teenagers build boats and character. The Alexandria Seaport Foundation has been running an apprentice program since 1992 to help at-risk and disadvantaged youth earn a GED and place them in building trades.

"A lot of kids their age are still finding themselves," said Seaport

Staff Instructor Michael Wilson. "But these guys are going to go hungry if they don't find themselves quickly."

The apprentice program is a full-time job, where young adults ages 17 and older earn an hourly wage dividing their time between classroom mathematics and workshop application. In addition to the apprentice program, ASF was contacted by Alexandria City Public Schools to establish a method of

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Cook To Lead Indefinitely

City manager has yet to make decision on who will lead police.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Police Department is in a state of limbo, with an acting Police Chief Earl Cook to head the department indefinitely while City Manager Jim Hartmann considers his options. Hartmann could choose to conduct a nationwide search, consider candidates from within the department or simply appoint Cook — who was one of three finalists for the position when former Chief David Baker was appointed in 2006. Baker resigned earlier this month after being arrested in Arlington for drunk

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Acting Chief Earl Cook assures Alexandria residents that the change in leadership will not be a change in direction.

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Alexandria Animal Shelter volunteer Sara Glennon with Sabrina.



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Barkley Square hosts a few Yappy Hours. Neighbors gathered for First Thursday in August festivities in Del Ray last week.

First Thursday in Del Ray



Sheriff Dana Lawhorne meets an old friend, John McKlveen, on Mount Vernon Avenue.



Patty Moran helps young children with yarn for their personalized bookmarks.



Chris Anderson offers free rides in his bicycle-powered taxi.

A HOT Mess

Alexandria leaders consider joining lawsuit Arlington County is preparing against feds.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Frustrated by mounting concerns and unanswered questions over a massive new transportation project, Arlington County leaders say they are finalizing preparations for a lawsuit against the Federal Highway Administration. County Board members could pull the trigger on the suit as early as this week, which would represent the culmination of months of mounting concerns over proposed High Occupancy Toll lanes on Interstate 395.

"It seems to me that the only way for us to address our concerns and achieve a legally binding agreement seems to be through the courts," said County Board Chairwoman Barbara Favola. "At this point, we seem to be running out of options."

At issue in the potential litigation would be a decision made in the waning days of the Bush administration to approve a "categorical exclusion" for the project — moving forward with plans even though no environmental impact study had been conducted. The Virginia Department of Transportation says that it followed the approved rules to create a document known as an "interchange justification report" that led to federal approval of the categorical exclusion. But officials in Alexandria and Arlington believe that the project did not re-

ceive an adequate review because roads near the interchanges were not studied.

"Where do you stop?" asked VDOT project manager Young Ho Chang. "The theory is that if the interchange functions better with the project then all the intersections around the interchange will also function better."

"I'm not opposed to joining in Arlington's lawsuit. But I also don't want to commit to anything until I see what's in their lawsuit."

— Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille

THAT THEORY hasn't persuaded skeptical elected leaders in Arlington and Alexandria, where proposed changes to Shirlington Circle have created massive resistance in the adjoining neighborhoods. Although the interchange justification report studied how traffic patterns might change at the immediately adjacent intersections, no formal study has been conducted of how the project might radically transform the outlying streets of Park Fairfax, Shirlington or Fairlington.

"This project will wreak havoc on these neighborhoods," said Del. David Englin (D-45). "I think we will not achieve the goal of protecting our neighborhoods without some kind of legal action."

Arlington County Board members have been discussing a potential lawsuit for months, consulting with Alexandria officials about the possibility of a coordinated legal strategy between the two neighboring jurisdictions. So far, the two jurisdictions have taken a similar

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City Earns Green Award

The City of Alexandria received the 2009 Virginia Sustainable Building Network's (VSNB) Green Innovation Award for Most Sustainable Community Project. This award recognizes the City's Eco-City Alexandria Initiative efforts toward creating a more environmentally sustainable community.

The Eco-City Alexandria Initiative is a collaborative effort by the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Environmental Policy Commission and Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's Department of Urban Affairs & Planning

Rebel with a Cause in 46th

Chinese dissident Sasha Gong hopes her personal story will resonate with voters.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Running for a seat in the Virginia House of Delegates in the heavily Democratic 46th District would be a difficult challenge for any Republican — especially in a general election that will feature a hotly contested gubernatorial up-ballot race. But Sasha Gong is not a typical Republican candidate.

A native of China, she spent a year in jail for speaking out against the communist government. After coming to America, she said she was fired from a job at Radio Free Asia for refusing to work against a unionization effort. Now she hopes to unseat Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), who was narrowly elected in a special election to replace Brian Moran, who resigned from the seat to focus on his ill-fated gubernatorial campaign.

“She can make a connection with people of a different national origin,” said Chris Marston, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. “Sasha has a unique appeal to people who are not part of our traditional base.”

Gong’s life story is at the center of her campaign, which seeks to use her personal history as a way to connect to voters. In

public appearances and in one-on-one interactions with voters, Gong has used her background as a Chinese dissident to break the ice in the internationally diverse 46th District. Republicans are hoping to build on the strong showing they made in January, when Herring squeaked into office after securing a 16-vote margin of victory and enduring a recount of the ballots.

“That was an anomaly,” said Susan Kellom, chairwoman of the Alexandria Democratic Committee. “It won’t translate to the general election.”

ONE LESSON Kellom said Democrats learned from the special election was to be more aggressive in their efforts to encourage absentee balloting. The Republican candidate in the January special election, Joe Murray, received almost 80 percent of the absentee ballots in that election — a strategy that would have probably worked if all of the mailed absentee ballots had arrived during the four-week campaign that stretched over the winter holiday. Now Gong has to share the ballot with the hotly contested race for governor between Creigh Deeds and Bob McDonnell.

“Although I was born in China, I consider myself to be born American,” said Gong, invoking the title of the book she wrote that was recently published by Nimble Books.

“I’m a rebel.”

Gong’s positions on the issues don’t pigeonhole her into a traditional Republican platform. Although she opposes a ban on plastic bags, she supports a ban on the use of hand-held cell phones while driving. Unlike many Republicans in Richmond, she supports opening up absentee balloting to voters for any reason — a departure from the current rules that force voters to give a reason they will be unable to vote on Election Day.

“I am an educator,” said Gong, a former sociology professor at George Mason University. “So I want to focus my energy on education.”

Gong says one area where she would like to use her influence as a potential member of the General Assembly would be to encourage additional funding for vocational education. She is also concerned with the high-school dropout rate, and she says that raising standards and increasing availability of career and technical education. She says that the Virginia college students she met during her time at George Mason University did not have the necessary background in math or science.

“For years, we’ve been dumbing down our schools,” said Gong. “I would like to see higher standards.”

But Gong has no specific reforms that she would pursue as a member of the General Assembly. She also has no position on the use of High-Occupancy Toll lanes or expand-

Sasha Gong, 53

A native of Beijing, China, Gong grew up in Canton, China. She spent much of her youth working in hard-labor jobs, the result of her family being labeled an enemy of the state by the communist Chinese government. After publishing an article about democracy, Gong spent a year in a Chinese prison. She later studied history at Peking University before coming to America



Sasha Gong

in 1998 to study sociology at Harvard University, she has taught at the University of California and George Mason University. From 1998 to 2003, she was director of the Cantonese department at Radio Free Asia. Then she was a senior program officer for the AFL-CIO, a job she left in 2007 to write a book about her life. That book “Born American,” was published last month by Nimble Books. She was an unsuccessful candidate for the Republican nomination to the 46th District in December, when the surprise resignation of former House Democratic Caucus Chairman Brian Moran prompted a special election.

ing availability of public documents by narrowing exemptions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Gong admits she’s got a lot to learn about the issues. But she also said that she’s been learning much about American and about the 46th District by knocking on doors and meeting her neighbors.

“I’m not there yet,” she said. “But I’ve been able to meet Ethiopians and Palestinians who live in the district, and I didn’t even know we were neighbors.”

Fiscal Conservative Ready for 45th

Vicki Vasques hopes to unseat a two-term incumbent in a heavily Democratic district.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

After years as political appointee and a career-service employee in Washington, D.C. Vicki Vasques wants to bring her passion for public service to Richmond. Last month, she launched a Republican campaign to unseat two-term incumbent Del. David Englin (D-45), who replaced longtime legislator Marian Van Landingham in 2005.

Ousting any incumbent would be a difficult challenge for a first-time candidate, but the difficulties for a Republican are especially perplexing in the 45th District, which includes most of Alexandria as well as parts of Fairfax and Arlington counties. In 2007, Englin received 64 percent while Republican challenger Mark Allen mustered 36 percent. During his first campaign for office, Englin received 68 percent while Republican challenger Chris Gregerson took 32 percent of the vote.

“It’s certainly no slam dunk,” admitted Chris Marston, chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. “But we think it’s a winnable district.”

The Republican strategy against Englin is

to attack the incumbent’s record. In a press release issued shortly after Englin announced for reelection in April, Marston invoked a ranking of legislators issued by a group known as Virginia FREE that placed Englin at the bottom 10 percent of legislators. And he criticized Englin for taking credit for delivering progress when only four of his 15 bills were passed by the General Assembly. Englin dismissed the charges as a misunderstanding of how the legislative process works in Virginia.

“I make no apologies for pursuing an aggressive agenda of legislation to stand up for the interests of our community,” said Englin. “And the Virginia FREE rating done behind closed doors for lobbyists for industries like big Tobacco and the Mirant Corporation.”

VASQUES DESCRIBES herself as a fiscal conservative, someone who would go through budget line items looking for wasteful spending that could be eliminated. When asked about specific examples of wasteful spending, Vasques responded by invoking Alexandria City Public Schools’ \$19,000 cost per pupil. She said the fact that the city has the highest dropout rate in Northern Vir-

ginia indicated that taxpayers aren’t getting enough out of their education tax dollars.

“We’re just not getting a return on our dollar,” said Vasques, a former assistant deputy secretary in the Department of Education. “I want to go through the budget from A to Z and find the wasteful spending.”

She describes many of her views on issues as moderate, and she describes herself as someone who would be willing to listen to the Democratic leaders at the local level who lobby for specific measures in Richmond. For example, she said she would support Councilman Rob Krupicka’s effort to force motorists to stop rather than yield when a pedestrian is in an intersection. And she said she would have voted for Councilman Tim Lovain’s effort to restrict the use of plastic bags. In other issues, Vasques said she would support broadening access to public records such as police reports, and she said she would vote for a requirement for motorists to use a hands-free cell phone while driving. Although she said she agrees with the concept of public-private partnerships, Vasques says she does not support the High Occupancy Transit lanes now being considered for Interstate 395.

“I believe that the public sector and the private sector can work together,” she said. “But what I’ve heard from people in neighborhoods surrounding this is that they are

Vicki Vasques, 65

A native of Fort Campbell, Ky., Vasques grew up in Fountain Valley, Calif., where her father was tribal chairman of San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians. Her first involvement in politics is when she ran for vice president of her high school freshman class, later volunteering for Ronald Reagan’s 1980 presidential campaign. She received a bachelor of science in human services from California State University at Fullerton, and taught elementary school in California before moving to Washington, D.C. to take a position as a political appointee in Reagan’s Department of Education. She later became a scheduler for the AIDS Commission and the Department of Energy before taking a career service position as director of Indian Affairs at the Department of Energy. During the George W. Bush administration, she was the deputy assistant secretary for the Office of Indian Education at the Department of Education. She is currently a business owner, and she has lived on South Pitt Street since 1998.



Vicki Vasques

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Bridgette Wanzer-McCoy, a 2009 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, earned a Gold award at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Leadership Conference, held July 12-16 in Nashville, Tenn. Wanzer-McCoy is the T.C. Williams student to win Gold at the national level of FCCLA competition.

Wanzer-McCoy competed in the Job Interview category of the FCCLA National Star Events Competition. She presented a portfolio of her work-related experiences to a panel of judges, who looked at the quality of the portfolio as well as the completion of an impromptu application and a comprehensive interview by three panelists.

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Warner and Linda Wolf.

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The group is led by **Donnan Wintermute.**

The Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition of Alexandria (SAPCA) has selected **Noraine A. Buttar** as its coordinator. As a staff member of the Alexandria Community Services Board, Buttar will manage and oversee all of SAPCA's activities, which are designed to prevent the use and abuse of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana among the city's youth.

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SATURDAY/AUG. 15

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THURSDAY/AUG. 20

Holistic Moms Network Arlington/Alexandria Chapter Meeting. 6:30-9 p.m. Topic: "Schooling Options for the Holistic Family" a panel presentation. At Arlington United Methodist Church, 716 S. Glebe Road, Arlington. Website: <http://arlalexva.holisticmoms.org/>

Contact: holisticmomsarlalex@gmail.com or 703-824-6167.

ESL for Employment. 7-9 p.m. For workers who want to improve their English language skills and advance their career. At NOVA's Alexandria Campus - Bisdorf Building, Room 293, 3001 North Beauregard Street. Free. Call 703-764-7779 or email ESLemployment@nvcc.edu, or just show up.

SATURDAY/AUG. 22

Car Wash. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The T.C. Williams High School Ice Hockey Club will hold a car wash at Yates Automotive on the corner of Braddock Road and Mount Vernon Avenue, near George Washington Middle School.

Kitty-pa-looza! Noon to 4 p.m. Mindful Hands, a specialty shop dedicated to helping people live gentler lives, will host kitten adopt-a-thon on behalf of King Street Cats. At 211 King Street in Old Town Alexandria. Go to www.mindfulhands.com or www.kingstreetcats.org.

Crab Feast. 1-6 p.m. West Virginia University alumni, family and friends will host the 32nd annual national Capital Area Chapter Crab Feast. At Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria. For reservations, contact Head Crab Paul Farmer at 703-425-5426, or mail a check made payable to "NCAC" to Paul Farmer, 4605 Demby Drive, Fairfax, VA 22032. Attendees can also register online at <http://ncacrabfeast2009.eventbrite.com/>. Advance reservations are \$35 per adult and \$15 for children under 12. Children five and under can attend for free. The cost at the door is \$40, so make that reservation now.

TUESDAY/AUG. 25

NOVA Community Chorus Rehearsals. 7:30 p.m. The semester's rehearsals will start on Aug. 25 for October performance of Brahms's Requiem, in an acclaimed English translation by William J. Bullock. Then in December, the Chorus will present Rutter's "Gloria" and Willock's "Five Carols," with the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic. At the NVCC Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Contact Dr. Mark Whitmire, Director, at 703-845-6097 or e-mail: mwhitmire@nvcc.edu

WEDNESDAY/AUG. 26

New Metropolis Lecture Series. 7-9 p.m. Paul E. Ceruzzi, curator, Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, will present Internet Alley: High Technology in Tysons Corner, 1945-2005, at the Virginia Tech Alexandria Center, 1021 Prince Street, 3rd floor conference room. Contact Kris Wernstedt, 703-706-8132 or krisw@vt.edu.

SATURDAY/AUG. 29

Second Civil War Sesquicentennial Community Meeting. 9 a.m. to noon. Those planning to participate are requested to confirm their attendance by calling the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association at 703-746-3298 so that staff can make proper meeting space arrangements. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, at 101 Callahan Drive. **Free Practice SAT.** 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. At the Alexandria Sylvan Learning Center, 4694 King Street, Summit Center. To register, call Janet Armstrong at 888-598-5437, ext. 127 or email jarmstrong@cwknetwork.com.

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Seeking More Information from Police

Candidates for Attorney General, General Assembly should encourage more openness from police.

In Virginia, police are entitled to withhold virtually all information from the public. Broad exemptions for police in the state laws pertaining to freedom of information requests leave it to the police themselves to decide what information from police reports of incidents and arrest can and cannot be released. The result is that the public has virtually no access to actual police reports.

Jody Donaldson, spokesman for the Alexandria Police Department, sums up succinctly: "We have a blanket policy to use the exemption in all cases."

This does not serve the public good.

In most states, the public and the press can access the actual reports filed by the police on the scene of an incident, with narrow excep-

tions — to protect the names of victims of sexual assault or undercover officers, for example.

In Virginia, the public, the press and even defendants facing charges based on those reports have no rights to see the actual reports.

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Instead they can request a "summary" of the report. There are few requirements or standards for providing information in these summaries. The summary of the suppressed document, known as "criminal incident information," includes a "general description" of the criminal activity, the "general location" and "general description" of the injuries.

There is no reason for this level of secrecy and obfuscation. Law enforcement agencies that serve the public would be well advised to

More

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be open with the public and the press, providing direct access to police reports and documents unless there is a specific compelling reason to redact some information to protect a victim, witness or law enforcement officer. No one would argue to release documents that might endanger someone.

"The exemption for police reports is overly broad, and it should be narrowed," Ginger Stanley, executive director of the Virginia Press Association told Connection reporter Michael Lee Pope. "But police and sheriff associations have very powerful lobbyists, and they do not want this to change," Stanley added.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Perspective Needed on Baker

To the Editor:

If we must define David Baker, the former Chief of Police in Alexandria, let us view him in the proper perspective. Let us bear in mind the entirety of his contribution to the community he has long loved and served, rather than by the lows of this one incident.

David Baker is an ethical and moral man with a high sense of purpose, a dedication to the public welfare, and the public good. He has my admiration and respect.

Staring out as a patrol officer on the streets of D.C. and rising, on merit, to the position of Chief of Police in Alexandria, demonstrates courage, discipline, and determination. The willingness to put "his life on the line" everyday to protect the lives of others reflects a degree of selflessness not found in many men. For this, he deserves our thanks.

Loyalty, caring and compassion are shown in the self-confidence of David Baker as he strived for ever increasing standards of excel-

lence. His leading with confidence motivated and encouraged others to reach for greater heights. His devotion to principle is constant and his integrity is never open to question.

In the more than 15 years I have known David Baker, I have known him always to act because it was the right thing to do.

He has a distinct awareness of who he is and what he is. He also recognizes the implications of his actions and responds with the qualities of a good and decent human being.

In my long career as a U.S. Foreign Service officer, now retired, I have had many opportunities to observe the personal qualities of public safety leaders in many countries and cultures, and if I were ranking David Baker among them for character and performance, I would rank him in the top tier.

David Baker stands out as a "man among men," and if we look at the totality of the man, strong consideration should be given his long and exemplary record of public service.

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Snapshot Headed for storage. T.C. Williams High School, July 30, 3:56 p.m.

SCHOOLS

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-917-6407 with questions.

Registration is taking place now for Northern Virginia Community College's fall semester. Students may enroll online 24 hours a day at www.nvcc.edu, by telephone at 703-323-3770, or in person at NOVA's campuses in Alexandria, Annandale, Loudoun, Manassas, Springfield and Woodbridge.

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Aug. 24. NOVA also offers two eight-week sessions, starting Aug. 24 and Oct. 21.

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Three Alexandria residents graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy on May 30.

❖ **Victor McKoy**, senior class president, was an outstanding athlete while at R-MA. He ran track and played both football and basketball. He was named MVP for both the football and track teams. At the end-of-year awards ceremony,

Vic was presented the Athlete of the Year Award. Cadet Captain McKoy served the corps of cadet as a squadron executive officer. Vic earned the Dean's List for maintaining a grade point average above 3.3 during the fourth quarter of his senior year. Victor also played in R-MA's award-winning band. He received scholarships totaling \$124,000 and was accepted to six colleges and universities. Vic plans to attend the University of Virginia's College at Wise.

❖ **Paul K. Piontkowski Jr.**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Paul K. Piontkowski, played lacrosse while a student at R-MA. He was a member of the lacrosse team, which won the Delaney Athletic Confer-

ence Championship for the first time this year. PJ received scholarships totaling \$20,000 to attend Lynchburg College in the fall.

❖ **Trae Primrose**, son of Richard and Julie Primrose, ran track while a student at R-MA. He received scholarships totaling \$26,000 and was accepted to three colleges and universities. Trae plans to attend Middle Tennessee State University in the fall.

Miranda Chadwick of Alexandria was named to the dean's list at Curry College in Milton, Mass., for the spring term.

Kendall Cole Davis of Alexandria

was named to the dean's list at Lafayette College for the spring semester.

Gabrielle Rose Kuhn has been selected by the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg for Honors Admission for the fall of 2009. Kuhn is the daughter of Doug and Elizabeth Kuhn of Alexandria, and is a graduate of Bishop Ireton High School. A National Honor Society member, she is the recipient of the President's Education Award. Kuhn was an events coordinator for the drama club and a member of the International Thespian Society. She participated in a Catholic youth group work camp.

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Seaport Foundation Teaches Students To Be Green

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“green-collar” training. The conclusion of this summer brings the results of ASF’s first attempt at a green program.

AT THEIR CLOSING ceremony on Aug. 21, the 13 students from this program will present their results at T.C. Williams High School: a combination of a PowerPoint on alternative means to energy and the delivery of new cisterns constructed by the class for the school’s greenhouse.

The cisterns demonstrate ASF’s hands-on approach to learning. Constructed from the recycled Cypress wood of a retired Navy vessel, the cisterns collect rainwater to reuse in the greenhouse and hope to spur the growth of new plant species. The students have come a long way from making neon posters with handwritten effects of air pollution to building their own eco-friendly project. ASF’s academic instructor Darius Ligon witnessed the increased reaction from his students to environmental issues over the course of their summer job.

“Previously, they didn’t think we had an impact, but now they see the importance of global warming and the use of natural resources,” said Ligon. “They are focused on the program.”

Ligon’s students must meet specific criteria to be eligible for the program. The youths, identified and selected through JobLink, are often court-referred or at a low-poverty level, and face additional obstacles like being dropouts, teenage parents, or homeless. Par-



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The workshop at the Robinson Terminal.

ticipants like Frances Sawyer, who at 20 hasn’t finished high school but says through ASF’s green program he has learned to rethink matters such as trash production and global warming. Sawyer acknowledges his peers need to understand the value in “going green.”

“Without acting, it can be destructive,” he said.

SAWYER AND his 12 classmates arrive at Alexandria’s Robinson Terminal at 7:30 each morning and work for six hours. The students are paid for their effort to simultaneously learn and build. The green program runs on combined funding through JobLink, the court services, and the Alexandria city schools. Individually, the programs could not provide enough financial support to run on their own, but Seaport’s Executive Director Joey Youcha says the combined efforts of the three out-

lets have benefited from stimulus funding to sustain their green program.

The Seaport Foundation intends to continue the green program after school during the academic year and each summer, beginning with workshops with fifth graders. Since dropouts are identified as early as the sixth grade, Seaport hopes to provide a method of intervention through the program’s design.

The biggest problem Ligon identifies is funding. As ASF is collaborating with other organizations, they are uncertain about the continued future of the green program.

David Conrath, the ACPS supervisor of design and construction, has been working with various schools in the city on “greenovation” projects for almost three years. He made the initial contact for the program with ASF and has pushed for the establishment of green elective curriculums



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Executive director of the ASF Joe Youcha and board member Jay Creech together with the apprentices launch the newly constructed Bevin’s Skiff into the Potomac River.

in schools as the idea of green living becomes more mainstream.

“By itself, the green program can be static,” said Conrath. “But when the kids are involved themselves, it becomes kinetic.”

Programs like ASF create student ownership with the green products they have directly created. While gaining skills for the

carpentry trade, the students are gaining green knowledge for jobs that their instructors describe as necessary for the future.

“We are trying to build awareness,” said Youcha. “We want a group of people that is entrepreneurial, willing to be trained, and understand the change that’s coming.”

Hartmann Weighs How To Fill Police Chief’s Position



PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

Acting Police Chief Earl Cook was nominated as a Living Legend of Alexandria for 2010.

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driving.

“I am not planning any action or announcement of a process in the next few weeks, although we will consider our options,” said Hartmann in a written statement. “I have a solid leadership team within the department, one that was developed with succession planning in mind.”

A native of Alexandria, Cook is a 1973 graduate of T.C. Williams High School. He grew up in a public-housing project known as “the Berg,” which is now the site of a development known as Chatham Square. In 2004, one of the new streets in Chatham Square was named after Cook Street in his honor. Mayor Bill Euille also grew up in the Berg, and a parallel street in the develop-

ment was also named in his honor in 2004.

“He’s someone I’ve known my whole life,” said Euille. “My personal preference would be for him to be awarded the position.”

Cook joined the Alexandria Police Department in 1979, working his way up the ranks to become deputy chief for the Investigations Bureau. After Baker replaced former Police Chief Charles Samarra, Cook assumed the title of executive deputy police chief — a position that put him second in command of the department and in control when Baker was on vacation or out of town.

“Cook is the first to hold the title of executive deputy chief,” said Jody Donaldson, a spokesman for the department. “That basically formalized an informal arrangement that was already in place before Baker became chief.”

When Baker submitted his resignation to Hartmann earlier this month, Cook was one of the speakers who was part of a hastily called press conference at City Hall. When his turn came at the microphone, Cook was clear that the change in leadership at the department would not signal a change in direction.

He pledged to do everything in his power to keep morale high during a difficult time for the department.

“I look forward to leaving the department in this time of transition,” Cook wrote in a letter posted to the department’s Web site. “While have faced many recent challenges, I am optimistic that the department will meet them with unity and tenacity, working side-by-side to enhance the quality of life of our residents.”

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Artful Pathway

Alexandria students (K-5) in the Campagna summer camps at Barrett, Ramsey and Lyles Crouch elementary schools participated in a summer arts project with artist Jorge Perez-Rubio this session. The classes worked to design and create a mosaic pathway for the Jefferson Houston Head Start playground. Visual elements of line, shape, form, value, texture and color together with art and design elements of balance, emphasis, unity, movement, rhythm, pattern and space were introduced and explored by the students.

Materials were donated by Daltile, the Torpedo Factory artists and Home Depot. Tech Painting, Teri Boyd and Scott Burr donated the materials and labor to create the "Blackboard Wall," a temporary artwork space for the Head Start students.

The tiles will lead from the front of the Head Start building on Cameron Street to the playground at the side. Additional tiles will be presented to the schools, the Torpedo Factory and to the City.



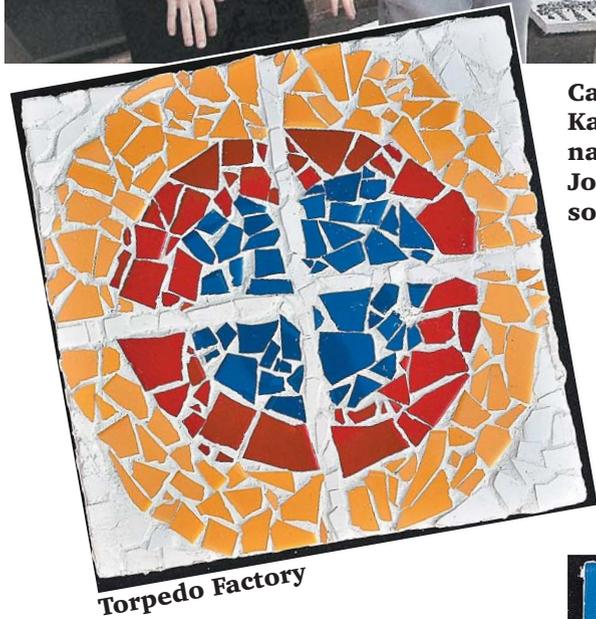
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Campagna Center director Karen Hughes, project coordinator Michele Brandon, artist Jorge Perez-Rubio and sponsor Aaron Pomerantz.



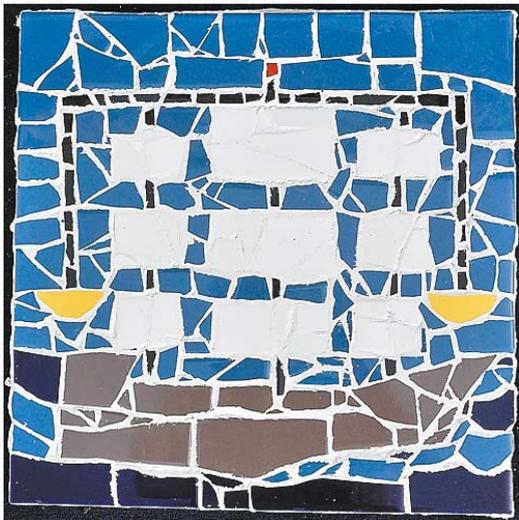
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Dorothy Breuninger Grigsby Winters

A witness to President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's "Day of Infamy" speech before a joint session of Congress on Monday, December 8, 1941, has died.

Dorothy Grigsby Winters was a 21-year old secretary for an Illinois congressman the day she found a seat in the Visitors' Gallery of the Capitol Building to hear FDR's declaration of war on Japan at the conclusion of his momentous address to the nation.

Her fiancée, 23-year-old Leigh "Early" Cosart Winters, a 1940 U.S. Naval Academy graduate, was a gunnery officer aboard the carrier USS Enterprise, based in Pearl Harbor. That day, and for several weeks after, she did not know if he was alive or dead.

The Enterprise, which was 90 miles from the port when the Japanese attack began, remained at sea for several days.

As the war raged on, she often saw the President, walking with the aid of hand crutches, as he visited congressional offices. "Everyone knew he was crippled," she said. "There was no need to talk about it." Washington was a small, cozy town then. What happened there, stayed there. Photos stamped "top secret" were often delivered to her boss from various government agencies during the war. She viewed the graphic images of victims of the Nazi concentration camps years before they were released to the public.

She died in her sleep Friday, Aug. 7, 2009. Mrs. Winters was 89 years old. Arrangements are being made for a gravesite ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2009. A reception to honor her memory will be held Monday, Sept. 7, 2009, at the Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, 703-998-9200 www.everlyfuneralhomes.com.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Mrs. Winters name to the Leigh "Early" Winters, Class of 1940 Scholarship Fund, U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, USNAF Gift Processing, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, MD 21402, with checks made payable to U.S. Naval Academy Foundation.

Mrs. Winters' late December birth at a hospital across the street from her grandparents' Capitol Hill house disrupted a game of bridge her mother, Dorothy Breuninger Grigsby, and father, Walter Grigsby, were playing at the home with another couple.

An only child, she was raised in Brooklyn while her father worked as an engineer on the Holland Tunnel, connecting lower Manhattan



Dorothy B. Grigsby Winters in 1983.

to New Jersey. He was later involved in the design of early refrigerated display units for commercial businesses. She graduated six months early from Erasmus Hall High School, near Prospect Park. Her father died suddenly of pneumonia in 1936, several days after staging an elaborate Sweet 16 party for his daughter at his Army Reserve Unit's armory. His passing in the midst of the Great Depression forced his widow and daughter to return to Washington, to live with his in-laws. While her mother trained for a job with an IRS office at 14th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Mrs. Winters abandoned plans to attend Katherine Gibbs School for Secretaries in New York. She attended the Washington School for Secretaries, instead. Until her later years, she continued to take notes in stenography.

She loved working on Capitol Hill. She was paid a salary of \$100 a month and worked in the only building in Washington that had air-conditioning.

Mrs. Winters was employed first by Harold K. Claypool (D-Ohio), who served in the U.S. House of Representatives from Jan. 3, 1937 to Jan. 3, 1943. Her next employer was Frank Leander "Sunny" Sundstrom (R-New Jersey), who served as a congressman from Jan. 3, 1943 until Jan. 3, 1949. She left his employ shortly after her husband returned from the war.

With her tall, slim figure and a face that resembled Disney's Snow White, Mrs. Winters was graced with head-turning looks but was dissuaded from modeling by her disapproving, very Victorian mother. She did not go unnoticed among the nation's lawmakers. Mrs. Winters was voted "Prettiest Secretary on the Hill" by the congressmen.

She met her future husband

when he cut in on her at a dance at the Naval Academy. Though she spotted him at subsequent events, he did not recognize her until she wore the same dress a second time. When he decided to ask her to marry him, he picked the wrong spot to do it — the Annapolis Fish Market, now the Market Place building.

"Will you wear my ring," he asked, pushing a class miniature on her finger, "so I can get the other girls off my back?"

She looked at it. "It doesn't fit," she said, handing it back.

At the Ring Dance a few weeks later, he convinced her that he was serious.

He married her Aug. 29, 1942, during one of his wartime leaves, giving her only nine days notice to pull a wedding party together. He was late getting to the church — and she refused to go until word came that he had finally arrived at the altar.

The couple was married 54 years. Cdr. Leigh Winters died Jan. 12, 1997.

During his military career, the Navy transferred the couple to Newport News, Va.; Northern Virginia; San Diego, Calif.; Port Au Prince, Haiti; and Istanbul, Turkey. Mrs. Winters served the role of "Navy wife," hosting social functions for military officers, diplomats, foreign dignitaries and the occasional Soviet spy during the family's stays abroad, plus managing their growing family of four girls and the household staff.

Prior to Cdr. Winters' retirement from the Navy in 1961, the couple and their children returned to Northern Virginia in 1959. They lived in a house in the Jefferson Park neighborhood of Alexandria, a four-bedroom house they purchased earlier, in the mid-1950s.

While her husband established himself as a local Realtor with Hicks Realty and, later, as a Realtor-Broker at Town & Country Realty, Inc., Mrs. Winters busied herself at home, raising their four children. When her husband began his own real estate firm, 4 Seasons Realty, Inc., she joined him as the company's vice president, office manager and bookkeeper. Together, the couple ran a successful business. They bought and sold numerous properties throughout Northern Virginia as investments. They "retired" again in the late 1980s.

As a couple, they were nearly inseparable. Her husband was his class secretary for nearly three decades, handling correspondence, writing a monthly column

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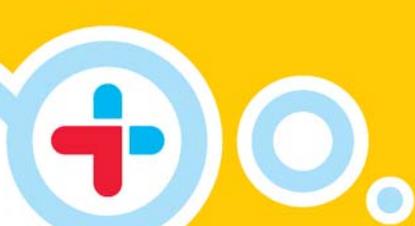
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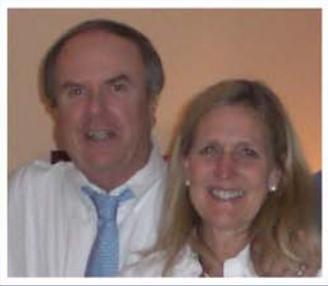
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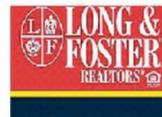
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Mary Blair, Diana Ruth and Julie Armington.



Pallayi Dhokai with her mixed media work 'Friend.'



Executive director of the Art League and president of the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Michael Jankowski checks in with the Senior Service organizers at the opening reception for the Young At Art Show.

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Lillian O. Moraski with her work 'Pagan at Prayer.'



Maria R. Kennedy with 'Still Summer.'

The "Young At Art" exhibit has opened at the Durant Center, at 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. The exhibit features the work of metro area artists who are 55 and older and will be opened through Oct. 30.

The art show, in its 23rd year, is sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and The Goodwin Foundation with additional support from Friends of the Torpedo Factory, The Alexandria Commission on Aging, The Art League Inc., The Alexandria Commission for the Arts, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

"This art show is not only a beloved tradition in the community, but the quality and scope of the work submitted is exceptional," said Janet Barnett, executive director of senior services.

A Reception and Awards Ceremony was held on Aug. 6 at the Durant Recreation Center. Isabella Hughes, Associate Gallery Director at The Art League Gallery in Alexandria served as the juror. Over 50 pieces of art are exhibited. The exhibit has something for everyone, is free and open to the public until Oct. 30. Go to www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Winners of Juried Show

♦ **First Prize; Barbara Eisenstein** for "A Mighty Wind," Medium: Fiber;

♦ **Second Prize: Kay Layne** for "Moonrise," Medium: Acrylic on Canvas;

♦ **Third Prize: Cristina Debernardi** for "Doors," Medium: Color Pencil Drawing;

Five Honorable Mentions were also awarded to: ♦ **Nina Tisara** for "Shadow Dance," Medium: Photography Black and White;

♦ **Jeannine E. H. Pappas** for "Double Fantasy," Medium: Water Color;

♦ **Pallayi Dhokai** for "Friend," Medium: Mixed Media;

♦ **Sy Wengrovitz** for "Lunch at Checkerboard Café," Medium: Wood Sculpture;

♦ **Jacqueline Elwell** for "Waiting for Coffee," Medium: Monoprint;

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Zemfira Stage offers "Vanities" at Lyceum.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
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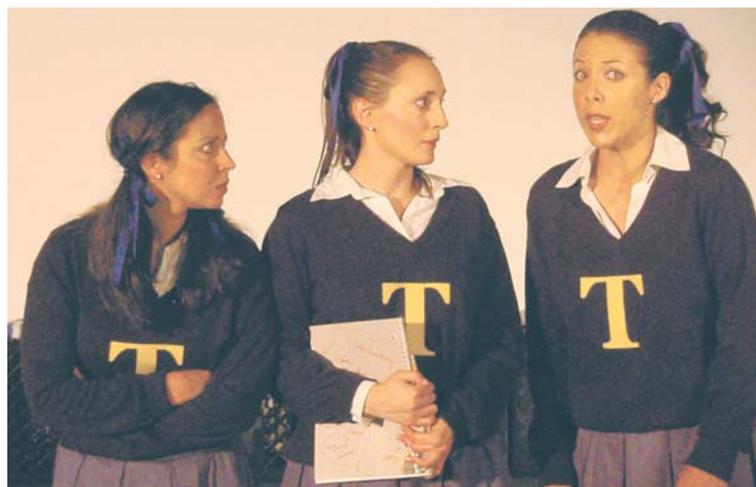
Three air-headed high school cheerleaders grow into three troubled young adults over three scenes in the comedy "Vanities" staged by Zemfira Stage at the Lyceum.

Jack Heifer's three-character comedy was a long-running hit off-Broadway in the 1970s and has been produced countless times in small theaters around the country ever since. It is a piece that gives three actresses a chance to stretch their skills at both comedy and a touch of drama. For Zemfira's production, director Herb Tax has recruited a trio of actresses who are making their debuts with the company.

Pamela Sabella plays the ring-leader of the trio, a planner who insists on organizing everything from the cheer routines for the pep

rally at their high school in 1964 to the reunion for her two friends that she hosts in her living room 10 years later. Although she obsesses over planning things, she never seems to be making plans for very far out into the future. The theme for the prom in high school or the color scheme for the wedding of her roommate in college is about as far as she looks past the present.

Carla Francischetti plays the friend/roommate who is getting married at the end of her college years. She seems the most extreme example of a "valley girl" at the start and doesn't get a great deal deeper later on, even when she's managed to give birth a few times. When the champagne begins to flow at the reunion, she loosens up perhaps a bit too much. Frachischetti has a fine sense for performing a drunk scene, pacing her progressive inebriation in balance with the amount she's drinking.



ZINA T. BLECK/THE GAZETTE

"Vanities" cast members shown are Natalie Christina, Carla Francischetti and Pamela Sabella.

Natalie Christina's character changes more than the other two over the course of the short play. (It lasts less than two hours with two breaks between scenes as the cast changes costumes before the three vanities that give the show its title.) Christina starts off the evening playing a teen with an eye for the boys and ends up as a sex-kitten running a high-end art gallery where the art is high-priced erotica. Christina, who grew up not only here in the D.C. area but in Quito, Ecuador, brings a slightly exotic touch to the final scene.

That final scene is the letdown of the show, coming after two scenes that set up the story with enough clarity that you expect a full resolution before the evening comes to a close. Instead, while the career of one of the friends involves erotica and another's marital frustrations are clear enough, the state of the life of the planner/leader is only hinted at.

The problem of the ambiguity at the end may have been clear to the author, for he added a forth encounter with the three heroines when he adapted his play as a musical which

Where and When

"Vanities" runs through Aug. 22 at the Lyceum, 210 South Washington Street. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 - \$15. Call 703-615-6626 or log on to www.zemfirastage.com.

opened in an off-broadway theater in New York in July. In that version, the lives of the trio are revisited a decade or more later. That may not have been quite enough of a fix, however. The musical version closed on Sunday after less than a month.

Zemfira's production of the non-musical play, which continues for another two weekends, is not exactly music-less. A tinny sound system blares out music of the periods such as "My Boyfriend's Back," "It's My Party (and I'll Cry if I Want To)" and "I Am Woman (Hear My Roar)." It is limited however, by the inadequacies of the room on the second floor of the Lyceum where it is performed. The room is usually used for solo or small chamber music group recitals. Without any facilities for theatrical presentations, it makes a difficult venue.

However, the three members of the cast throw themselves into the material with energy and enthusiasm.

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Who do you know whose vision and energy has improved life in Alexandria? The Alexandria Gazette Packet is seeking nominations in order to recognize Alexandria's Living Legends throughout 2010.

On one page or less, explain why you consider this person a Legend. Criteria are the creation of something tangible that would not likely exist without that person's vision and dedication—or a minimum of 10 years of exemplary service to improve the quality of life in the City.

See www.tisaraphoto.com/legends or call 703-838-8098 for a nomination form. **Nominations must include contact info**—name, address, telephone number and email—for the nominator and nominee.

Send your nominations no later than September 30, to alexandria.legends@earthlink.net or mail to: Legends, 1606 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

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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.

Through Aug. 23

Bel Cantanti Opera Summer Music Festival. Two-week program for young professionals. Held in Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria. The festival will end with two performances of Donizetti's L'Elisir d'Amore and a performance of selected opera scenes and arias. Contact auditions@belcantanti.com to schedule an audition and reserve an audition slot. Call 301-266-7546.

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.

Aug. 13-15

"Vanities" by Jack Heifner. At 8 p.m. A comedy directed by Herb Tax. From high school cheerleaders to independent women, follow Mary, Joanne, and Kathy through high school, college and into the "real" world ... and laugh yourself silly in the process! Featuring Natalie Christina (Mary), Carla Francischetti (Joanne), and Pamela Sabella (Kathy). At The Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. \$15/general admission; \$10/seniors, students, retired or active military. Call 703-615-6626, www.zemfirastage.com.

Thursday/Aug. 13

Second Thursday Art Night: Sultry Summer Nights. 6-9 p.m. Free. An evening of open studios, live music, and refreshments. Check out opening receptions in Target Gallery and The Art League Gallery as you mingle with artists at this free event. From 6-8 p.m., Target Gallery presents the reception for the show In The Flesh Part II, an exhibition that focuses on contemporary figurative art. Juror Andrea Pollan will give a gallery talk at 7 p.m. From 6:30-8 p.m., The Art League Gallery hosts the reception for 'Scapes: International Landscape Show, which features artwork inspired by all environments. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Go to www.torpedofactory.org; 703-838-4565

Local Author Reading Series. At 7:30 p.m. Ruth Baja Williams will discuss her new book, Detour Berlin at the James M. Duncan, Jr. Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave. Call Ruth at 703-838-4566.

Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. Take a relaxing docent-led stroll through Green Spring Gardens and enjoy a tea at the Historic House. \$25 Call 703-941-7987 to register. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/

18th-Century Dance Classes at Gadsby's Tavern Museum. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Learn the dances of Jane Austen, George Washington, and Abigail Adams in Gadsby's Tavern Museum's historic ballroom. Dance master Corky Palmer will lead this fun and educational series of 18th-century English country dance classes in preparation for the Jane Austen Ball on Saturday, Aug. 15. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. The cost for lessons is \$30 for the series or \$12 per class. Reservations are requested and can be



AUG. 22-23

Summer Dance Concert. CCP, a modern dance company based in Alexandria, will be staging a Summer Dance Concert, "dance4spaces," Saturday, Aug. 22 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 23 at 7 p.m. Choreography is by Danielle Greene, Alicia Luchowski, Mary Jo Smet and Janet Stormes. At Dance Place, 3225 8th Street NE, Washington, D.C. Call 202-269-1600.

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Music at the Athenaeum, 7 p.m. Featuring One Eye Closed with Les Thompson, Stephanie Thompson, and Wyn Walke. At 201 N. Washington Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$10 and are available online at nvfaa.org and at the door.

Second Thursday Art Night at the Torpedo Factory. 6:30 - 8 p.m. Browse open studios, interact with artists and enjoy refreshments. The event is free and open to the public. The Art League Gallery hosts the reception for Scapes International Landscape Show. At 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Contact 703-838-4565 or www.torpedofactory.org.

Saturday, Aug. 15

Jazz at Meade. 4 p.m. \$15 donation. Renowned saxophonist and composer Dr. William E. Smith and members of the W.E.S. group with a repertoire of jazz classics, standards and religious inspired works. At Meade Memorial Episcopal Church, 322 N. Alfred Street, Alexandria. Go to <http://meadechurch.org> or 703-549-1334.

Kinship Respite Day. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. A day of backyard water play activities for children ages 3-12 and for grandparents raising grandchildren. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Call 703-324-7723.

Family Dig Day. 1:30 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Help City archaeologists and trained volunteers screen excavated soil for artifacts from a real "dig" which is located on the grounds of the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Call 703-838-4399 or www.historicalexandria.org.

Young Hearts' Battle of the Bands. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. and bands start at 5 p.m. At Kena ballroom, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax. \$5/ person, 6 and under free. Food will be prepared and sold on site by Baja Fresh. Eight bands compete and attendees donate money to vote using cash, check, or credit card for their favorite band. All proceeds benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Freedmen's Cemetery Tour. 10:30 a.m. City Archaeologist Pamela Cressey will lead a tour of Freedmen's located at 1001 South Washington Street. After the tour, participants are invited to meet at Perk Up coffee shop, 829 South Washington Street, for discussion of archaeological and historical research and the experiences of freedmen in Alexandria during the

Civil War. Reservations are not required. Call 703-838-4399 or visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org.

First Virginia Regiment. 4-10 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park in Alexandria. Live uniformed re-enactors of the First Virginia Regiment with weapons, ammunition, clothing, food, and other items that were supplied by Colonel Carlyle during the American Revolution. Contact the Carlyle House at 703-549-2997 or carlyle@nvrpa.org.

Vinegar Tasting Party. 10:30 a.m.-noon. Balsamic, white, malt, rice, wine — there's a vast array of vinegar types to choose from and a multitude of flavors too. Learn the basics of vinegars and how to use them. \$20. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/

Gardening in Virginia: Light, Movement and Some Remarkable Annuals. 9:30-11 a.m. It's an ideal time to have some of those free flowing, blow in breezes plants in your garden. And early fall seeding provides the gardener inexpensive options for adding noteworthy plants. Cost is \$18. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/gsgp/

So We Think We Can Dance Storytime. Ages 3 and up. 11:30 a.m. Hooray for Books as we have some fun with one of our favorite ways to move! Free. Hooray for Books! Children's Bookstore, 1555 King St., Alexandria. www.hooray4books.com. Call 703-548-4092.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum Family Day Tours. 1-5 p.m. \$5 adults; \$3 kids, age 5-12. The regular tour guides will be replaced with Junior Docents, kids who have been specially trained to explain the history of Gadsby's and life in early Alexandria. At 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4242

Sunday/Aug. 16

Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Free. Soprano Terri LaGoe, hornist Jay Chadwick, and pianist Thom Robertson and friends. Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

Jazz at Meade. 4 p.m. Renowned saxophonist and composer, Dr. William

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Collingwood Concerts. 3-4 p.m. The Collingwood Library and Museum of Americanism present a free concert on the lawn by the Mount Vernon Concert Band. 8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria; George Washington Memorial Parkway at Collingwood Road. Visit www.mvbands.com or call 703-768-4172.

Monday Aug. 17
Duncan Book Discussion Group

Meeting. 7 p.m. At the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. The book to be discussed is "Seabiscuit" by Laura Hillenbrand. Call Ruth at 703-838-4566.

Tuesday/Aug. 18

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society Meeting. 1 p.m. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112. Free and open to public. Features a presentation entitled "Finding Your Family in the Library: Making the Most of Your Library's Resources." Presented by Don Wilson, librarian at the Bull Run Regional Library in Manassas. Go to: www.MVGenealogy.org or call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or

haroldm@erols.com.

Thursday/Aug. 20

Polka, Polka, Polka. 6:30 p.m. Free. Concert under the stars. At the Paul Spring Retirement Community, 7116 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-768-0234.

Papermaking. 7-8:30 p.m. Do-it-yourself recycling! An evening for adults to learn how to recycle paper into pulp and create new sheets. Handmade paper makes beautiful cards, books and collages. Visit www.artatthecenter.org for details.

The Reverie Jazz Trio. 7-9 p.m. Will perform early jazz standards and forgotten favorites in a style

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Friday/Aug. 21

Historic Re-Enactment. 10 a.m. Students from Samuel W. Tucker Elementary School will participate in the 70th anniversary of the Civil Rights Sit-In at the Alexandria Library, Barrett Branch, 717 Queen St., Alexandria. The day was Aug. 21, 1939.
City of Fairfax's Saxophone Quartet. 7:30 p.m. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria.



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NOW THROUGH AUG. 23

Vases are budding and pots are flowering this month 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. The show runs now through 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

THURSDAY, AUG. 20

Papermaking, 7-8:30 p.m. Do-it-yourself recycling! An evening for



NOW THROUGH SEPT. 7

'Scapes and Taking Form
Opening Reception: Thursday, Aug. 13, 6:30 - 8 p.m. Awards presented at 7:30 p.m. 'Scapes: International Landscape Show, the annual August landscape show at The Art League Gallery, exclusively features works by Art League members depicting the theme of landscape. Cross selected "Form" by Kreshnik Xhiku as the Best in Show and winner of the Monkeith Said Memorial Award.

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SEPT. 9 - OCT. 4

Gallery West Presents: Petals and Leaves, Blossoms and Greens
New Paintings by Kathy Guzman
Opening Reception: Saturday, Sept. 12 from 5 - 7 p.m. 2nd Thursday Reception: Sept. 10, 6 - 9 p.m.
The September solo show at Gallery West, 1213 King Street, Alexandria, is called "Petals and Leaves, Blossoms and Greens." The exhibition runs from Sept. 9 - Oct. 4.

NOW THROUGH AUG. 30

Illuminations, an exhibit of painting, photography, gardening, and painted glass, will be on view at the Del Ray Artisans gallery from now through Aug. 30. The works are by members of the DRA Board of Directors who have volunteered in that role for at least two years. Opening reception will be held on Friday, Aug. 7 from 7-9 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Contact co-curator Jeanne Tiff at jldtiff@cox.net or 703-960-3873 for information about the artists or visit the DRA web site, www.TheDelRayArtisans.org, for gallery hours, directions, and special events related to the exhibit.

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Raising Funds for St. Patrick's Day March



The Thousand Oaks Barrel Company was one of various retailers at Saturday's Irish Festival at the Alexandria Waterfront. Matt Laudrup works the booth at the annual fundraiser for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March.

Drummers for the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drum entertain the crowd at Saturday's Irish Festival.



Michael Butler sells kilts at Saturday's Irish Festival on Alexandria's Waterfront.

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Legal Notices



James A. Tomlin, Jr. (USAF Retired) passed away peacefully in Hemet, CA on July 29th, 2009 at the age of 93. His was a life of accomplishment, service and adventure. James served in World War II and Korea and spent a 20 year active duty career in the United States Air Force. He helped develop early armed forces computer capabilities in a number of locations, including Nouasseur Air Force Base, Morocco, SAC Headquarters in Bellevue (Omaha), Nebraska and March Air Force Base in Riverside, CA (his work assisted in the IBM360 computer's future commercial success). James' active retirement included community service activities in Corona, working with March Air Force Base Hospital Red Cross, serving on a variety of committees in Moreno Valley as well as with his credit union. Keeping his always-inquisitive mind busy also resulted in his building an "all electric" car before it became popular.

James and his wife Margaret shared 67 years of marriage, enjoying sports, bridge and travel visiting friends and family. James was a devoted father to his 3 sons and daughters-in-law: John and Julie of Saratoga, CA, Jim and Suzanne of Philo, CA, and Scott and Alice of Layton, Utah. He was grandfather to Brian, Lauren, Jennifer, Jessica and Scott Jr., a great-grandfather to 3 great-grandchildren (Sarah, Stephanie and Matthew), an uncle to Virginia May and loved brother-in-law to Mary Fitzgerald, Pat and Glenn Brewer. The memorial services will be held at Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, CA on August 17th at 11am with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be given to Disabled American Veterans or the American Red Cross. Website - <http://www.JamesATomlin.com>

OBITUARY

DOROTHY BREUNINGER GRIGSBY WINTERS

On Friday, August 7, 2009 peacefully in her sleep at the age of 89. She was preceded in death by her husband of 54 years, Cdr. Leigh C. Winters. She is survived by her four daughters; Sandra Leigh Winters (Stuart Ames) of Key Biscayne, FL, Wendi Winters (Tod A.J. Geimer) of Annapolis, MD, Dana Dorothy Rengers (Ed) of Alexandria, VA, and Debra Winters of Yuma, AZ. She is also survived by her grandchildren; John McElvey III, David and Jessica Ames, Winters, Phoenix, Montana, and Summerleigh Geimer, Robinson Williams, Jessica, Danielle and Michelle Rengers; as well as five great-grandchildren. Family and friends may gather at Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home, 1500 W. Brad-dock Rd. Alexandria, VA 22302 on Monday, September 7, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. with prayer services at 7 p.m. Graveside services will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made in Mrs. Winters name to the Leigh "Early" Winters, Class of 1940 Scholarship Fund, U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association, USNAF Gift Processing, 291 Wood Road, Annapolis, MD 21402 with checks made payable to U.S. Naval Academy Foundation. www.everlyfuneralhomes.com



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**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
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COUNCIL CHAMBERS, City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia**

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BZA CASE #2009-0017
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Monique Brockington Banks, owner: Reapproval of a variance to construct a two-story rear addition 1.00 foot from the west side property line and 1.00 foot from the east side property line. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2009-0018
2909 KING STREET
R-8, RESIDENTIAL
Terry and Katherine Zerwick, Trustees: Variance to construct an open carport for one vehicle over an existing parking space on the north side property line. If the variance is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a variance from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a non-complying structure.

BZA CASE #2009-0019
1504 CAMERON STREET
R-B, RESIDENTIAL
Trey Hanbury & Suzanna Kang, owners: Special exception to construct a second story addition over an existing one-story addition 6.75 feet from the west side property line. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2009-0020
516 A E. HOWELL AVENUE
R-B, RESIDENTIAL
Douglas Drabkowski, owner: Variance to construct a new detached single family home 4.00 feet from the east side property line and 5.00 feet from the west side property line.

BZA CASE #2009-0021
206 UHLER TERRACE
R-B, RESIDENTIAL
Thomas Lawrence, owner, by Constructive, Inc., contractor: Special exception to construct a covered open porch 20.14 feet from the front property line facing Uhler Terrace. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

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NEIGHBORHOOD

Old Town

PUTTING DOWN THE RITZ? - Score one for the Old and Historic District, 'Townners. City planners have given a 'thumbs down' to the owner of an important property at 210 King Street, who wanted to demolish a portion of the building — deemed a "no no" by the Board of Architectural Review and a host of heavy preservationist hitters.

Faithful readers will recall that we reported a few years ago that the owner of 210 King, Michael Zarlenga, began a lengthy and somewhat bitter battle with planners to utilize zoning laws and whatever to get what he wanted. He didn't get it, at least at this writing. The owner sought to utilize a provision of the city code to proceed with demolition by right, if no one purchased the building at his asking price.

In this case the owner's asking price was \$2.4 million — more than a little high according to appraisers hired by the city to determine the property's fair value. The owner had until July 25, 2009 to sell the property at his price. Didn't happen. Appraisers had concluded earlier that that the asking price was not reasonably related to the property's fair price.

City planners told the owner in writing the other day that he hadn't met the conditions of the law and could not proceed with the demolition that was previously denied by the BAR and City Council. If Zarlenga wants to proceed, the city says, he needs to

start all over again.

Loyal readers might wonder why I'm going into so much detail over what might appear to be just another zoning and planning issue. Obviously, there's more to the story, as the late Paul Harvey used to say.

As the demolition appeal played out over the last year or so, the owner was obviously incensed with the city and, I'd guess, those faceless (they're always faceless) bureaucrats who would like to run his life. So he decided to stick it to the city. And that was what mobilized Old Town traditionalists to fight him.

The owner rented the front of his building at 210 King to a retail company that, shall we say, opened a shop for adult use and enjoyment only. We had a term in the Army for what these shops entailed. I won't get into that right now, but suffice to say, it wasn't Louis Vuitton.

The feeling among lovers of our old port city was that the owner of 210 King had dissed us big time. None I spoke to welcomed the adult shop, Le Tache. Nor were they pleased that Le Tache occupied a perch on our main drag that was one of the first shops seen by King St. strollers.

The story of 210 and what will happen in coming weeks and months may be far from over. Let's hope that reasonable folks might be willing to — well, you know what I mean.

— BOB FELDKAMP

OBITUARY

Dorothy Breuninger Grigsby Winters

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for Shipmate, the alumni association magazine, and handling funeral details for classmates and their family members. Attending USNA Class of 1940 functions and other alumni events was a focus of their social life. A yearly highlight was a two-week family vacation at Sussex Shores the last two weeks in August. Later in their marriage, the couple began taking annual cruises. They traveled to Alaska and Asia. They also visited Pearl Harbor for the first time since World War II. The Winters were parishioners at St. Rita's Catholic Church in Alexandria and sent their children to area Catholic schools. Skilled at sewing, knitting and needlepoint, Mrs. Winters made all the children's uniforms, when possible, to save money. A steak dinner was served only once a year. She clipped coupons and collected S&H stamps.

Mrs. Winters was active for many years as a Meals On Wheels volunteer, delivering meals to several women each week; and regularly ironed linens for the church. She enjoyed her sewing skills and

made many couture-quality clothing for herself and her children.

Since 2002, she has resided near Ft. Belvoir, a resident of The Fairfax Lifecare Retirement Community.

Mrs. Winters is survived by her four daughters: Sandra Leigh Winters of Key Biscayne, Fla., and her spouse Stuart D. Ames; Wendi (nee Wendy) Winters of Annapolis, Md., and her spouse Tod A.J. Geimer; Dana Rengers of Alexandria, Va., and her spouse Ed Rengers; and Debra Winters of Yuma, Ariz. She is also survived by her seven grandchildren: John O. McElvey III, USN Petty Officer Winters Leigh Geimer, USNA Midshipman Phoenix Winters Geimer, Montana Winters Geimer, Summerleigh Winters Geimer, former U.S. Army Sgt. Robinson Leigh Williams, a veteran of the War in Afghanistan and Iraq, Danielle Rengers and Michelle Rengers, and three step-grandchildren David Ames, Jessica Ames and Jessica Rengers; two great-grandchildren Zachary McElvey and Riley Danielle Parham; and three step-great-grandchildren Madeleine and Grace Ames, and Ari Ames Blumenthal.

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SPORTS

O'Leary Takes Holden Cup

Alexandria native finishes close behind in ninth.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
THE GAZETTE

At the annual Holden Cup golf tournament Aug. 10-11 at Belle Haven Country Club, Reston resident John O'Leary paid handsomely on the exacta wager. O'Leary won the 18-hole pro-am event on the first day, then won the 36-hole pro division on the second day.

O'Leary tied Baltimore pro David Hutsell after regulation play at 6-under 138. Both had been 9-under after the first four holes of the second round, but the hot and humid conditions gradually ground down the players. O'Leary won on the third sudden-death hole.

"I just tried to play steady in the

playoff," said O'Leary, the PGA director of instruction at Chantilly's Pleasant Valley Golf Club. "David and I have been in a couple play-offs this season, and I'm glad to get the win."

Joining O'Leary in the pro-am was fellow Reston resident Danny Ott, a mortgage banker with Wells Fargo. "John did all the heavy lifting today," said Ott over a plate of wings and a cold beer after Monday's round. O'Leary shot a 6-under 66 on the 6,965-yard layout, and Ott contributed two birdies. All the amateurs played at scratch.

Tournament host, Alexandria resident Charlie Holden, said the donations that the charity pro-am attracted had fallen this year from 2008. "The \$75,000 in donations we received is still a great effort considering the economic climate today," he said at the pro-am awards dinner. "I am proud to say that our total for the past 10 years is \$750,000."

Derby's Pro Journey

Alexandria native Chris Derby tied for ninth in the pro division of the Holden Cup. Derby, who is temporarily living with his parents in the city's Beverly Hills neighborhood, is playing on the Hooters Tour this season. He plans to enter the 2010 PGA Tour Q-School this fall.

"My goal is to make it far enough through the qualifying stages to gain some status on the Nationwide Tour," Derby said after posting an even-par 70-74 - 144 in the Holden.

Derby attended Alexandria Country Day School, and then graduated from Gonzaga High School in 2004. He earned a degree from Loyola College in Maryland last year. He worked in the Belle Haven bag room for four years during high school and college. After the tournament host Charlie Holden introduced Derby to everyone within hailing distance. "This young man is going places," said Holden.

Donations go to the Alexandria-based Prevent Cancer Foundation. The organization supports cancer prevention research, education, and outreach programs nationwide and has funded the work of more than 400 scientists. See www.preventcancer.org.

Former Washington Bullet and NBA All-Star Kevin Grevey headlined the amateur field. The part time scout for the Los Angeles Lakers owns Grevey's, a restaurant and sports bar in Merrifield.

Another notable joined the pro field — LPGA player Kris Tschetter. She is trying to get her game back after two successive hip replace-



John O'Leary, a PGA golf pro at Chantilly's Pleasant Valley Golf Club, accepts the Holden Cup from tournament host Charlie Holden, right.

PHOTOS BY MICHAEL K. BOHN/THE GAZETTE

ments. She has \$3 million in tour earnings, but in 11 starts this year, has enjoyed only middling results. She is married to noted golf instructor Kirk Lucas, and they have two daughters and live in Warrenton.

11-over, 75-76 - 151. Heat and humidity also finished high during the two sweltering days of the tournament.

"It's exciting," Thiagaraj said afterward, "I didn't know we were playing against the boys."

The Middle Atlantic section of the PGA sponsors the Nordlinger Cup. Only those players who have excelled on the 2009 MAPGA Junior Tour are invited to join the field.

Other age division winners:
Boys 10-11: Adam Gray, Potomac, Md.

Boys 12-13: Edric Wung, McLean

Boys 14-15: Chas Bassing, Great Falls

Girls 10-11: Jae Young Jun, Centreville

Girls 12-14: Bryana Nguyen, Columbia, Md.

Nordlinger Cup

The female junior golfers led the way at the 39th annual PGA Nordlinger Cup at Mount Vernon Country Club Aug. 10-11. Fifteen-year-old Karishma Thiagaraj of Rockville, Md., won overall honors with the tournament's low score of 8-over, 75-73 - 148. Second in both the Girls 15-18 age division and overall was Clare Connolly of Chevy Chase at 71-78 - 149. Clay O'Connor of Troutville, Va., won the Boys 16-18 and finished low guy with an



Aspiring tour pro and Alexandria native Chris Derby, second from left, played in the Holden Cup with the support of his high school buddies, all from Alexandria — Andrew Stoiber, Brian Soule, and Joe Soule.

ALEXANDRIA SPORTS BRIEFS

Alexandria Little League

The Alexandria Little League Juniors All-Star Team was one of 16 teams to compete in the Virginia Little League State Championship Tournament in Middlesex County, Va. from July 24 to July 29. The team is comprised of 13- and 14-year-olds from the City of Alexandria and they advanced from the first round to the quarter finals after defeating Tuckahoe (Richmond) Little League 3-2. In the quarterfinals Alexandria defeated Grottos Little League 6-4 to advance to the semi-finals. Alexandria was defeated by Warwick (Newport News) Little League in the semi-finals. Warwick went on to win the Virginia State Championship.

Registration Starts Soon

The City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Fall 2009 Program Guide is now available. The program guide highlights Alexandria city classes, programs, activities and special events occurring September through December. Registration for fall classes and activities begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 17 for City residents, and Monday, Aug. 24 for nonresidents. Individuals, who subscribe to receive the program

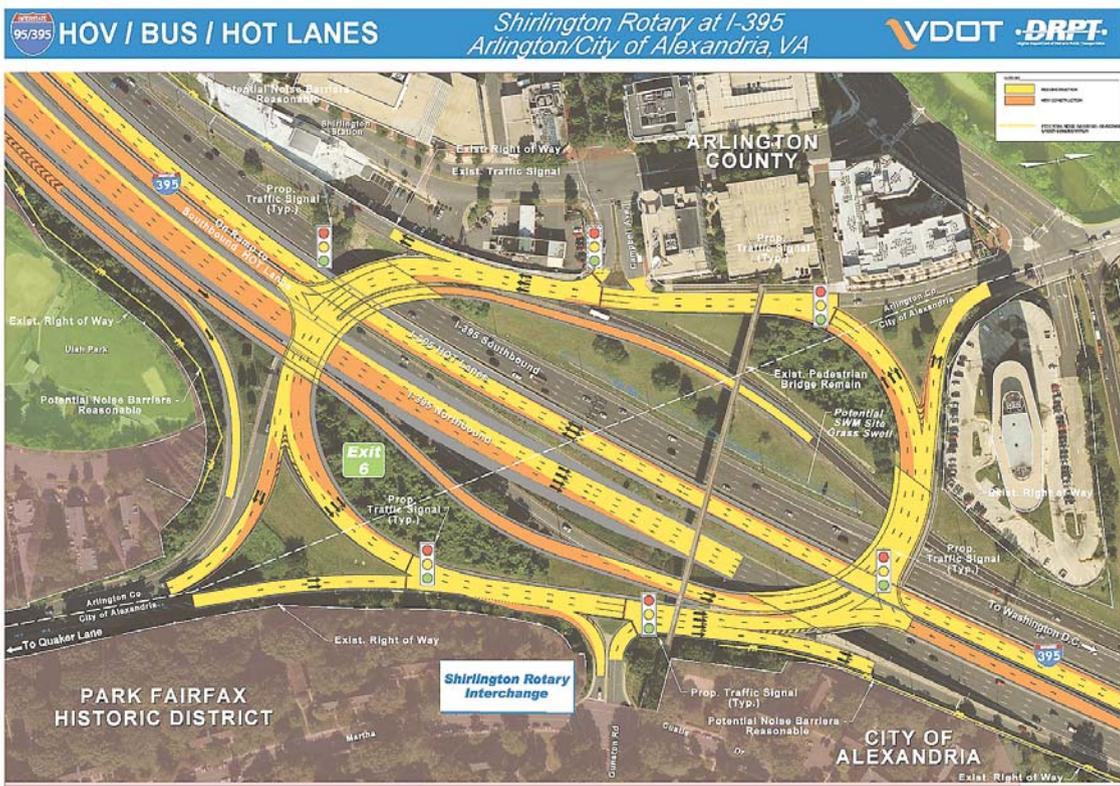
guide by mail, should have received it Aug. 3 - 6. Individuals who did not subscribe can download a free copy by visiting www.alexandriava.gov/recreation or pick up a printed copy at the following locations:

- ❖ Office of Citizen Assistance, City Hall, 301 King St.
- ❖ Lloyd House, 220 N. Washington St.
- ❖ Charles Barrett Recreation Center, 1115 Martha Custis Dr.
- ❖ Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, 3210 King St.
- ❖ Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W. Reed Ave.
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- ❖ Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road
- ❖ Duncan Branch Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave.



Alexandria Little League Juniors All-Star Team from left to right are, first row, Coach Terry Boag, Ivan Lopez, Andre Suggs, Kenny Ellmore, Ben Frerichs, Tyler Ratliff, Connor Boag. Second row, Coach Eric Ratliff, Randall Garvin, Chris Darr, Joey Gerard, Cameron Sullivan, Alec Grosser, Patrick Murphy, Cody Carrington, and Manager Saul Grosser.

COURTESY OF ERIC RATLIFF



Many neighborhood residents are concerned about six new traffic lights that are currently planned for Shirlington Circle.

Weighing Lawsuit Against HOT Lanes

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strategy of passing similar resolutions officially withholding support for the project. Meanwhile, the Alexandria City Council is in recess until Sept. 8 and would have to call a special emergency session if they wanted to join in Arlington's proposed lawsuit.

"I'm not opposed to joining in Arlington's lawsuit," said Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille. "But I also don't want to commit to anything until I see what's in their lawsuit."

CONCERNS ABOUT the HOT lanes project on Interstate 395 are not limited to the Bush administration's approval of the categorical exclusion. Opponents have long voiced concerns with using access to public infrastructure for private gain. But advocates for privatization countered that market forces could be used to combat traffic congestion. Examples of "congestion pricing" have popped up in several states and foreign countries, although the concept remains largely untested.

"It can be a real struggle to strike a balance," said former Alexandria City Councilman Tim Lovain, a transportation lobbyist for Denny Miller Associates. "The public needs to be protected against the private interest making windfall profits, but the private entity needs assurances they'll make enough of a profit to make the project worthwhile."

Those opposed to public-private partnerships say they fear a set of perverse incentives. For example, the Capital Beltway's HOT lanes project includes a provision that forces Virginia taxpayers to kick in 70

percent of tolls carpoolers don't pay because they get to use the lanes for free. If too many drivers are using carpools, according to the logic of the contract, then the business wouldn't provide enough profit for the private entity operating the lanes. The subsidy kicks in when carpool traffic exceeds 24 percent of traffic in the lanes.

"We're concerned this is going to reward the wrong things and punish what we are trying to promote," said Arlington County Board member Chris Zimmerman. "The problem with the way these lanes work is that they create an economic incentive for more single-occupancy vehicles, which is exactly what we're trying to discourage."

MOUNTING CONCERNS over how a reconfigured Shirlington Circle would change traffic patterns in the streets surrounding the interchange have had some success in slowing the project. Last month, VDOT officials announced they have launched a "scope review" of the HOT lanes project on Interstate 95/395 — a proposal that stretches from Stafford County to the 14th Street Bridge. Although VDOT officials say the main reason for the review is the changing economic climate and its influence over securing private funding, they will also take the opportunity to study intersections that were not considered in advance of the categorical exclusion.

"We've all Virginians," said Steve Titunik, a spokesman for VDOT. "We want to do the right thing, which is why we are going to honor the request for further study of this project."

Inova Alexandria Ranked in Top 5% for Women's Health

Inova Alexandria Hospital has received the 2009-2010 Women's Health Excellence Award from HealthGrades, an independent healthcare-ratings organization, based on a newly released study detailing patient outcomes. This is the fourth year in

a row that Inova Alexandria Hospital has received this distinction. Hospitals that receive this award rank among the top 5 percent of all hospitals nationwide when it comes to providing care to women in three areas: women's medicine, which includes heart

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Beyer Embarks as Ambassador

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comfortable with public leadership after serving as lieutenant governor for eight years and running for governor in 1997.

In a June press release announcing the new ambassador nominations, including Beyer's, President Obama defended his various selections from eclectic backgrounds through the belief they will strengthen international relationships.

"Americans will be fortunate to have these distinguished men and women as their representatives abroad," the President said.

Beyer and his wife acknowledge much of the job will be focused on meeting people, hosting events, and sharing American perceptions. Megan Beyer finds striking similarities between the new ambassador position and campaigning.

"It's the ability to impart American values to the average citizens of [Switzerland]," she said.

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Beyer and his wife will be joined by their two teenage daughters, Grace, 14, and Clara, 17, at their new home in Switzerland's capital of Bern. The typical Foreign Service term is estimated at three years; Beyer says it gives his family plenty of time to embrace living in a new culture and even learn German.

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"It's about people to people," said Beyer. "And doing our best to connect with the people of Switzerland."



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Megan Beyer greets former U.S. Sen. John Warner.



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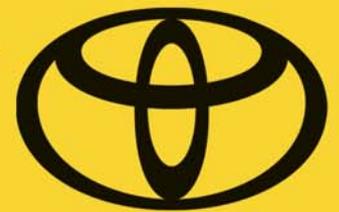
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