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## No Contest

Gouda, a three-and-a-half year old St. Bernard of Dutch ancestry takes a seat on the stage with his handler Dan Matthews. Gouda won first prize for the dog with the biggest feet. More photos of the 29th St. Patrick's Day Parade and related activities on pages 3 and 15.

## T.C. in Crisis

State determines high school to be "persistently lowest-achieving."

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

### Four Options

**T**.C. Williams High School is not having a good year. Back in October, the school received word that one out of five Hispanic students at the school drop out rather than graduate. Then in February, the high school's basketball team had to forfeit its victories after an investigation revealed two of its members were ineligible as fifth-year students. Since then, Principal William Clendaniel announced his resignation — the third principal in the last four years to step down. Earlier this month, Vice Mayor Kerry Donley blasted the teen pregnancy rate in Alexandria as "unacceptably high."

Now the school has received yet

❖ **Close the School:** This option would force T.C. Williams High School students to attend school at another location, an unworkable solution in a city with only one high school.

❖ **Fire Half the Staff:** This radical solution could be unpopular with teachers, although it would undoubtedly change the nature of the school.

❖ **Reopen as a Charter School:** The charter school movement hasn't gained much traction in Virginia, although Superintendent Morton Sherman publicly outlined his support for the concept in a February Gazette Packet column.

❖ **Transformation:** The federal language outlining this is nebulous, essentially offering school officials a path of least resistance to introduce a plan for reform. Federal officials would monitor implementation of the plan.

another black eye, this time from the Virginia Department of Edu

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## Birth-Control Center Finds Home in T.C.

School Board approves \$40,000 for move.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he run-down old trailer isn't much to look at. But the Adolescent Health Center is must-stop shopping for teenagers in search of condoms. Nestled behind a tennis court, the facility commonly known as the "Teen Clinic" is sandwiched between a strip mall and the Minnie

Howard football field. According to nurse practitioner Linda Walters, teens frequently arrive at the out-of-the-way location looking for birth control.

"Every day," said Walters, when asked how often T.C. Williams students show up asking for condoms. "Several times a day."

Last week, the Alexandria School Board unanimously approved a budget proposal that would spend \$40,000 to move the clinic inside the King Street school facility. The newly renamed Teen Wellness Center would be open

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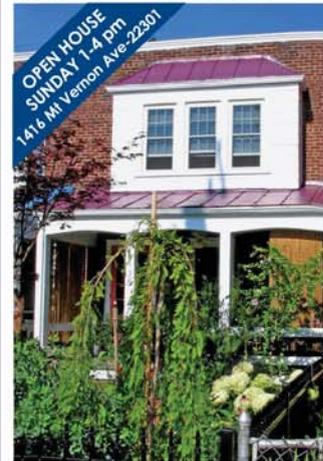
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## Run for Cover

According to legend, the Greek messenger **Pheidippides** dropped dead after running from the battlefield at Marathon to Athens to announce that the Persians had been defeated. Alexandria City Council members are not facing the wrath of the Persians. But they have their own problems.

Next month, City Council members will decide the fate of the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Half Marathon Race. The event could bring 4,000 runners and their family members to Upper King Street for packet pickup the day before the race. Yet Councilman **Paul Smedberg** voiced strong concern about Sunday morning gridlock in Old Town, where several streets would have to close for several hours as runners occupy about two miles of roads.

"We'll have to direct all the phone calls from people trying to get to church to the city manager's office," said Smedberg, who is himself a marathon runner. "What's the benefit to the city? Quite frankly, I don't see any."

Smedberg offered a motion to deny the applicant's request, but that effort fell short when he failed to attract a second. Ultimately, the council voted to defer the issue for a month and continue marathon negotiations with Endurance Enterprises President **Steve Nearman**. Several council members expressed an interest in having part of the race come through Alexandria, although they wanted to see if a different route might be less troublesome to crosstown traffic. "The route is of concern to all of us," said City Manager **Jim Hartmann**. "And the time and the number of runners that may be involved and the impact on that part of Alexandria."

## Google Frugal

Alexandria's attempt to create a citywide wireless network went down in flames back in 2007, when EarthLink backed away from a franchise agreement that had been signed with much fanfare the previous year. Now the city is considering another agreement, this time with Google. The California-based company has selected Alexandria as a potential trial location for an ultra-high speed broadband network that would deliver Internet speeds more than 100 times faster than what most Americans have today.

"I hate to be the guy who throws the dead skunk on the table," said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. "But I don't want this to get too far down the line where there are financial implications that we aren't willing to accept."

City officials say it would be difficult to predict the cost to Alexandria if Google selected the city as a trial location. First, it's unknown what the cost of this service would be to residents and businesses. Second, it's unclear what financial obligations the city would need to make to participate in the Fiber for Communities Program. And Donley warned his council colleagues that they should be wary of adding any staff positions at a time when the city is trying to reduce employees to cut costs. "We need to explore these opportunities," said Donley, who voted with the majority in favor of entering into talks with Google. "But it does come with costs, and it does come with potential staff increases."

## A Fabulous Resolution

Newsflash: Virginia Attorney General **Ken Cuccinelli** is not popular in Alexandria.

The conservative former state senator from Fairfax County won only 35 percent of the vote in the city last November. But he won the election, and now that he's in office he's engaged in an effort to rescind nondiscrimination policies for sexual orientation at colleges and universities. Like his late campaign, it's an effort that hasn't gained much traction in Alexandria — a community that was named by author **Gregory Kompes** as one of the "50 Fabulous Gay-Friendly Places to Live."

This week, the City Council asked the Human Rights Commission to reaffirm the city's commitment to human rights. While awaiting that symbolic resolution, Councilman **Rob Krupicka** suggested that the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association begin an effort to attract some of the economic development expected in the District of Columbia now that same-sex marriages have been legalized there. "I'm very hopeful that Alexandria will aggressively market itself as the best place in Virginia for wedding receptions," said Krupicka. "We could be a fantastic destination for people who want to get married in the District and maybe have some historic ambiance to celebrate their reception."



**Ready for the Parade** Camped out on the sideline and ready for the parade, children from the Banks, Hepburn-Fores, Mears, Fischer, Stolarz, Rutherford, and Prater families are in position and ready to see the sights at this year's parade.



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**Miss Alexandria 2010 Stephanie Connelly is pinning a crown on Miss Alexandria's Princess 2010 Lydia Tetrault just before they participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.**



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**Rick Regan, vice president of the Ballyshaners, stands ready for the National Anthem as the St. Patrick's Day Parade gets ready to kick-off for its 29th season.**

# Honoring The Appropriator

## Marian Van Landingham on her legislative career and the legacy of the Torpedo Factory.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**O**n March 25, the Library of Virginia will honor former Del. Marian Van Landingham (D-45) as one of Virginia's 2010 Women in History. The library selected Van Landingham to acknowledge her leadership in transforming the Tor



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**Marian Van Landingham**



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Abby Spangler organizes the protesters outside of the Union Street Starbucks last Saturday morning, March 6.

## Protesting Starbucks' Gun Policy

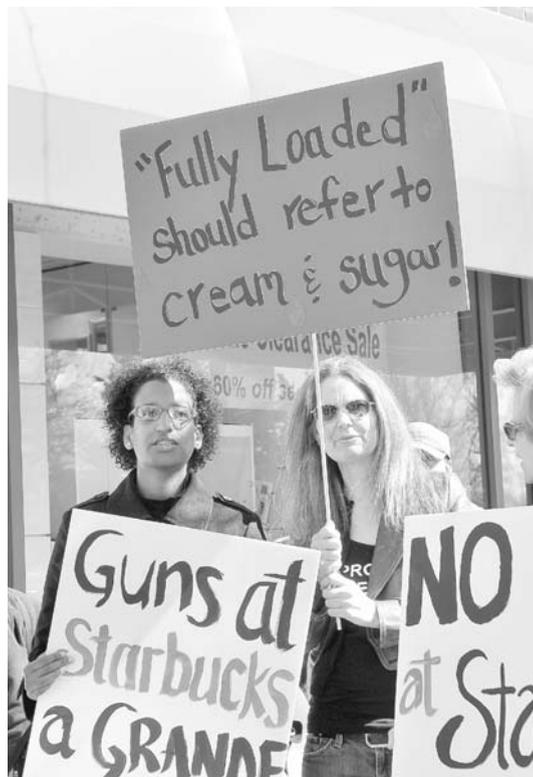
A group of area women — members of Protest Easy Guns — gathered at Starbucks at 109 Union St. on Saturday morning, March 6, to demonstrate against the company's policy to allow customers to carry guns, both openly and concealed, into its coffee shops.

Protest Easy Guns began after the Virginia Tech tragedy when a group of 32 women in the city held a civil protest to express their outrage at the shootings that had taken place. For more information, see [www.protesteasguns.com](http://www.protesteasguns.com)



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Alexandria residents, Robert Rowe and Georgia Nassikas, share their concerns about the open carry policy at Starbucks.



Protest organizer Abby Spangler and Lily Habtu, a shooting survivor of the Virginia Tech massacre.

## More Pressure on T.C.

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cation.

Last week, school officials learned that T.C. Williams has been designated a “persistently low achieving school.” That’s a new designation created by an Obama administration effort to funnel more money to troubled schools. Under a definition of “persistently low achieving” created by the Virginia Department of Education and approved by the feds, T.C. Williams was singled out for reform after two consecutive years of poor standardized testing results.

“This new classification should not be a surprise,” said Sherman in a written statement. “The new VDOE ranking didn’t tell us anything new, but it did give us a clear and resounding signal that the time is now, that the imperative is real, and we must move forward without blaming or excusing.”

**STANDARDIZED TESTING** at T.C. Williams has lagged behind statewide averages for years, and the high school has never made adequate yearly progress under No Child Left Behind. Although the school qualified to receive money for its high-poverty population under Title 1 of the act, central administrators decided against receiving federal dollars under the Bush-era educational reform. As a result, the school never received a sanction under the act and pattern of failing test scores has not been highlighted.

Until now.

When the Obama administration took charge last year, Education Secretary Arne Duncan launched a new program to direct more money to schools that are eligible for federal money under Title 1. Part of the program is focused at schools that have high rates of poverty but decline the federal money. That’s where T.C. Williams enters the scene. Of the 128 Virginia schools in this category, T.C. Williams found itself in the lowest five percent. The school could receive as much as \$500,000 a year.

“No one is happy with this label,” said Amy Carlini, spokeswoman for school administration. “But it’s good that we can get more resources as a result.”

**NOW SCHOOL** officials must determine how they will respond to the new designation. The United States Department of Education outlined four possible remedies. One involves closing the school and moving students to another facility, an unworkable

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— Andrew Campanella

option in a city with one high school that recently opened a \$100 million campus. Another option would be to fire half the staff, a radical solution that would require difficult personnel decisions.

A third option would be to close the school and reopen it as a charter school. This would technically involve firing all the teachers and either hiring them back or finding new employees. Although the charter-school movement has gained converts nationwide, Virginia has been slow to approve their creation since legislative authority was granted for them in 1998. In a February column Sherman wrote for the Gazette Packet, the superintendent announced his support for the concept of charter schools. Now that the option has been raised for T.C. Williams, other charter school advocates are calling on the superintendent and the School Board to give the option serious consideration.

“It is fundamentally unfair that Alexandria parents are forced to send their children to a school that fails, year after year,” said Andrew Campanella, a spokesman for the Alliance for School Choice. “The Alexandria School Board needs to summon the political willpower to do what’s best for the children in our classrooms, and that means starting the process of creating a charter school for Alexandria.”

Alexandria City Public Schools has eight weeks to respond, although school officials aren’t sure if a final decision requires School Board approval or not.

“At this time, I don’t have a preference on which of the options I could support,” said School Board Chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts. “At this point, I would expect the superintendent to come forward with a recommendation in a work session in the near future.”

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## Police Seek Help To Identify Suspects in Robbery

The Alexandria Police Department is asking for the public’s help in identifying suspects wanted in a robbery that occurred in the 200 block of South Royal Street.

On Jan. 11, around 7:30 p.m., a 29-year-old woman was walking home from work, when she was approached by two suspects. The suspects pushed her up against a wall, knocked her down and took her purse and lunchbox. The suspects then fled the area. The victim sustained minor injuries.

The next day, Jan. 12, the victim’s credit cards were used by a man and a woman in a store in Maryland. The pictures of the suspects in the store were caught on a video surveillance camera.

Anyone recognizing the people depicted in the pictures or anyone with additional information about this case is asked to call Detective Chris Whelan at 703-838-4726 or the Crime Solvers tip line at 703-



One of the suspects in the South Royal Street robbery.

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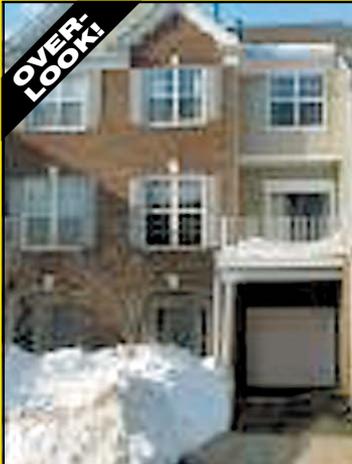
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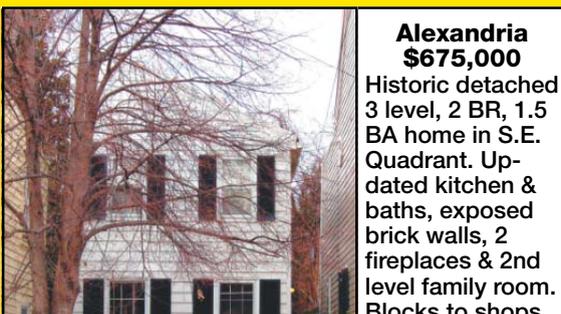
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**Hubert Drew, Lillian R. Williams and Gloria Ward are in line for the soul food tasting.**



### Soul Food Tasting

**Corrine Braxton and Krissy Logan are at the Black History Month lecture and soul food tasting inside Charles Houston Recreation Center on Sunday, Feb. 28.**



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### Learning about the Pageant

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**Charlotte L. Allen is a prospective contestant for the Miss Virginia Senior America pageant.**



**Christine L. Waleski attends the Miss Virginia Senior America pageant orientation and luncheon.**



**Miss Virginia Senior America 1998 Annmarie Pittman and Miss Virginia Senior America 2009 Maureen F. Ribble were participants at the orientation on Thursday, Feb. 18.**

### Little Conductor's Day

**Kerry Leibig and her daughter Rory Patterson participate in arts and crafts during Little Conductor's Day inside the Lyceum Museum on Saturday, Feb. 27.**



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## Honoring The Appropriator

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pedo Factory from idle and dilapidated storage space into a vibrant art facility. The award also recognizes her 24 years of service in the state legislature, her role in founding the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau and her efforts in all aspects of her public service.

### What would you say was your greatest achievement as a legislator?

I was most active in the field of appropriations, especially appropriations for education, public health, aid for the homeless and support of things like the Arlandria clinic. Basically, human services and education. That's where I really concentrated a great deal of my efforts through the years. I guess there are not a lot of people in the General Assembly who concentrate on those particular areas. Some do on education, but very often not on human services. I was also chair of the Privileges and Elections Committee, which became another distinct interest over the years. But it was probably more the area of funding for services that are important to the public where I made my biggest mark, and as you know right now that's a major issue with the tight budget. The areas that are being cut are exactly the ones I used to work to defend.

### Are there any areas where you feel you fell short? Do you have any regrets about your time in Richmond?

No. I don't think so. Within the realm of what was possible I did what I could. For instance, I might have wanted better gun control. But given the nature of the General Assembly and the other people who were there, some things are not realistically possible. We also never had the funding I thought was needed for the human services or education. For instance, we were never one of the best states in terms of what we did for mental health or what we did for the elderly. Or, for that matter, Medicaid.

### What is the legacy of the Torpedo Factory?

The Torpedo Factor is an icon, not only in the state but there have been a number of other art centers that have been started following ours. They all do it a little bit differently, depending on their community and depending on the artists themselves in each neighborhood and the structure of the buildings they can find to work in. So there's never an exact copy. No one ever does it quite the same way. But the example of the Torpedo Factor has been widely copied in the state and also across the county.

### What do you make of the proposal to close half the main floor to create a gallery space?

There are some pluses and some minuses. If you had galleries there, you could staff it

with one or two people and it could be open until 9 o'clock at night. So people could come in and see something without the artists all having to stay until 9 o'clock at night every night. On the other hand, you would lose about half of the public space on the first floor, which has been very valuable for large meetings and large parties and city events. And the revenues from those events has been used the artist association has used primarily for paying for ads and publicity, which benefits not only the factory but the city. And the parties also bring people to the city that might not necessarily have otherwise come here. But they'll come for special events — a wedding or a bar mitzvah or whatever.

### Is this a plan you would support?

I would prefer not. But as I said, there are pluses and minuses to it, and it's not a cut and dry thing. It's kind of a compromise primarily to keep the building open at night, which makes the neighboring restaurants and merchants happy because then people can roam around the factory for a few minutes and then go have dinner in a neighboring restaurant. And it sort of provides more entertainment in Old Town if we are open at night. A lot of the shops are not open at night, but they would like us to be. As I said, there are pluses and minuses. When you are just walking through the galleries, you don't have the experience of watching artists at work.

### What about the proposal to add a restaurant? Do you think the Torpedo Factory needs a restaurant?

No. And I think that's probably less likely because this report also shows that there are no real kitchen spaces there. It's very limited in terms of what's available for kitchen facilities. And you'd have to tear and reconstruct part of the face of the building on the dock side in order to have access. That would be quite expensive, and you can't really cook there. So what you'd have to do is end up putting catered food there. The city could put out an RFP, and if they found any restaurateurs who were interested in that kind of cost and that kind of operation, then they might consider it. But they might put out an RFP and not get any takers. So I think that recommendation is more problematical.

### What kind of art are you working on now?

I've continued with my painting. And I'm also doing fire enamels again, which is glass powder fused on to metal — in this case onto copper. I approach them not as a jeweler doing enameling work but rather as a painter. So you get a painterly effect, particularly using transparent enamels over copper, that you wouldn't get with paint. My paintings urge you to enter into them. They are sort of paths, and that continues to be the general theme of my paintings and has been for a number of years.

# At the 23rd Annual Alexandria Symphony Ball



**Alexandria Symphony Board President Mike Fogarty and his wife Tucker.**



**Margherita Woods, Aleister Crowley and Lauren Gwaley**



**TJ and Mary Ellen Fannon with Warner Moore.**



**Paul and Leef Smith Barnes with Shawn and Cassie McLaughlin.**



**Ann Snyder and ASO music director Kim Allen Kluge.**



**David and Natalie Lewis with Leigh and Keith Walker.**

## School Board Approves Teen Clinic's Move into T.C.

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ated by a coalition including Alexandria City Public Schools, the Virginia Department of Health and the Alexandria government. For the last 10 months, an inter-agency planning committee has been outlining the mission of the center, which will include mental health services, substance abuse counseling, physical exams, immunizations and family planning.

"It's about prevention," said Amy Carlini, spokeswoman for the school administration. "The idea is to keep them health and in school."

**ACCORDING TO** a recent study funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Alexandria has a teen birth rate of 52 per 1,000 female population. That's one of the highest in Virginia. The report also found that Alexandria has one of the highest rates of chlamydia in the commonwealth. It's a statistic readily apparent at the Teen Clinic, where several posters on the wall outline the facts about this sexually transmit-

ted disease. Nurses here say chlamydia is common in the student body.

"We do a lot of testing in Alexandria," said Dibby Smith, nursing supervisor at the Adolescent Health Center. "And when there's something common in the community like chlamydia, which often has no symptoms, the more you test for it the more you are going to find it."

Many teens are never tested. And that can lead to bigger problems down the road. Health officials say that more access means more testing, which means more treatment, which will ultimately lead to a healthier community. One of the major selling points for the new wellness center was the comparative advantage of a location inside T.C. Williams to the remote trailer at the edge of the Bradlee Shopping Center.

"We don't have to give out birth control," said Walters. "That's a choice for the girls."

We make sure it's offered, but we don't ever say, 'You have to do this.'"



PHOTOS BY MICHAEL LEE POPE/GAZETTE PACKET  
**Nurse practitioner Linda Walters says T.C. Williams High School students arrive at the Adolescent Health Center in search of condoms several times a day.**

**THE MOVE** is not without opposition. Several Catholic leaders have spoken out against the idea of giving free condoms to teenagers inside T.C. Williams High School. One of the dissenting voices is Father Dennis Kleinmann, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Old Town. He says the free condoms will be perceived as a tacit stamp of approval for sexual activity.

"Our position would be that they shouldn't be having sex," said Kleinmann. "And that if you are handing these out you are encouraging it."

Another Catholic leader who has spoken out publicly is Father John Cregan, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Church. During a public hearing on the budget proposal funding the school system's portion of the operating costs, Cregan

vigorously opposed the idea. He was particularly concerned about the lack of parental consent required by the clinic before teens are given birth control or referrals for abortions.

"It's immoral," said Cregan. "They call this 'family planning,' but an unwed teen girl is not a family."

The clinic is expected to open for the first day of classes this autumn.



**The Adolescent Health Center is located in a run-down trailer behind a tennis court sandwiched between the Bradlee Shopping Center and the Minnie Howard football field.**

# OBITUARIES

## Grace Wallace Banks

Grace Wallace Banks of Alexandria went on to dance with her King of Kings and Lord of Lords on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010. She was a beloved piano voice and music teacher from 1981 to 2009 in the Stratford Landing area. She was involved in the National Opera Society, Christian Womens Club, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Red Hat Society, Sigma Alpha Iota, and a long time member of Immanuel Bible Church. She is survived by her husband of 40 years, William Ashton Banks and her four daughters: Michele Bouve Hoffman, (Eric) Elizabeth Ashton Hawkins, (Chris), Nancy Banks Eades, (Alan), Kathryn Banks Puckett, (Brian). As well as her three brothers: Forrest Mason Powars,



**Grace Wallace Banks**

(Linda) Wayne Link Powars (Susie) and David Scott Powars (Meridee). And 20 grandchildren who called her "Grandmother Grace" and that she was. A remembrance (wake) was held for her at the Fairfax Memorial Funeral Home on Saturday Feb. 27 and a Life Celebration (funeral) was held at Immanuel Bible Church, Springfield Va. on Sunday Feb. 28. The farewell (burial) occurred at Mt. Comfort Cemetary, Alexandria, on Monday, March 1. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home or contributions given to the Immanuel Bible Church One Life Fund.

## Betty J. Cole

Betty J. Cole, age 92, died Feb. 13, 2010 at Hope Garden in Goodwin House. Mrs. Cole was a 63-year resident of Alexandria, Va. She was born on Nov. 11, 1917 in Cardiff, Wales. She lived in Scotland until her father died in 1923. She lived in Penarth and Dinas Powis, Wales and during World War II, worked for a coal transport company in nearby Cardiff. In 1943, she married John W. Cole whom she met in the 1930s. In 1944 they had their first child, William A. Cole. When the war was over, Mr. Cole moved back to the United States and in 1946, Mrs. Cole and their son were part of the biggest transport of foreign brides to the United States. From 1946 to 2001, Mrs. Cole lived on North Fairfax Street in Alexandria. Mrs. Cole's life in Alexandria was active and productive. She belonged to a British Wives club that met at the old Alexandria YWCA on the corner of North St. Asaph and Cameron Streets. She was active, until the year before she died, with St. Paul's Episcopal Church as a member of the Episcopal Church Women, the Altar Guild, many Bible studies, and when she was 82, on the search committee for the new rector of St. Paul's. Her interest in historic houses led her to work for the National Trust for Historic Preservation for 12 years as a docent at Decatur House, in the main offices as an administrator, and in their museum shop.

From 2000 until 2008, Mrs. Cole lived at the Tannery House on Wilkes Street, where she participated in the Owners' Association. In 2008 until she died, she lived at Goodwin House. While her life had slowed, Mrs. Cole showed the same life-long enthusiasm in the community at Goodwin House where she learned bridge, took exercise classes, and met old friends and made new.

Her husband, John W. Cole died in 1994.

She leaves her sons William A. Cole, John E. Cole and her daughter Emily Cole, all of Alexandria. She is also survived by two daughters-in-law, a son-in-law, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## Susan Reneé Kahn

Susan Reneé Kahn, 50, an executive at The CIMA Companies, died on Feb. 17, 2010, at her home in Alexandria, after a lengthy battle with cancer.

Susan was a 24-year resident of Alexandria and an active supporter of the community. She coached the girls soccer club, Shooting Stars of the Alexandria Soccer League, for several years and was also a coach of youth baseball. Susan was born and raised in southern Indiana.

Susan began her career at The CIMA Companies, Inc., a Washington, D.C. area risk management and insurance firm, in May of 1987 as a Personal Lines Account Executive. She rapidly rose through the ranks becoming Manager of the Personal Lines Department. From there, Susan transitioned into the commercial lines area and became involved in insurance and risk management programs for commercial accounts, and her career path took her to the position of Account Executive, Senior Account Executive, Vice President, Officer in charge of CIMA's Baltimore office, and finally Senior Vice President in charge of all commercial and personal lines for CIMA. Susan was also an owner/stockholder in the company and was responsible for the establishment of CIMA's International Division involving partnerships with Canadian, U.K, and EU based insurance brokers to provide services to their clients in the United States.

She was well-known in the industry for her expertise with non-profit and for-profit clients alike, and was an active participant in various insurance company advisory councils/boards. She obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration from Indiana University, and obtained the professional designations of AAI (Accredited Advisor in Insurance) and CIC (Certified Insurance Counselor) while at CIMA.

Beloved wife, mother and sister, she is survived by her husband of nearly 25 years, Peter; son, Seth and daughter, Rebecca of Alexandria. Also survived by four sisters, Melanie Simms of Naperville, Ill.; Valerie Tulley of Farmington, N.M.; Allison Preston of Golden, Colo.; Julia Skillern of Littleton, Colo.; brother-in-law, Andrew Kahn of Baltimore, Md.; 10 nieces and nephews, and many devoted friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Ira "Bob" Davis, and mother, Alice Jane Davis.

### FAITH NOTES

On the first Monday of each month, the 6:30 p.m. service is a **Requiem Eucharist**. Names of loved ones who died during that month in any year and of our service men and women who died in the previous month are read aloud during the service. To have a loved one added to the list, call the parish office at 703-549-1980 and providing the full name and date of death. Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org).

**Del Ray United Methodist Church**, 100 E. Windsor Ave., holds "The Playground: A Worship Service for Kids and their Grown-Ups" at 9 a.m. on the **second Sunday** of each month. Enjoy music, balloons, surprises and more. Free. Visit [www.delrayumc.org](http://www.delrayumc.org) or 703-549-2088.

**Monthly Music and Spirit Service** takes place on the second Sunday of each month at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 228 S. Pitt St. This contemplative worship service is a time apart from the busyness of life, bringing together music from the Taizé and Iona communities, scripture, intercessory and healing prayer, and silence.

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**Susan Kahn**



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# OPINION

## No Way

Assembly should kill bill that would pave way to hand state tax revenues to private companies in public-private transportation projects.

**W**hile most states are working on ways to increase revenues during the recession, which cost states across the country more than \$80 million in just 12 months in 2009, Virginia's governor appears to be looking for a way to give away future state revenue.

Virginia already has a public-private transportation act, which paved the way for the ongoing construction of "High Occupancy Toll" Lanes on the Beltway for example.

Public-private partnerships have their place.

But a last minute proposal in the Virginia General Assembly would not only allow the private entity to collect direct revenue from a project, like tolls, but would also allow agreements that would pay the private company a portion of increases in tax revenues that might result from the project.

If this were in place when the HOT-Lanes agreement was written, for example, the Commonwealth of Virginia might be paying the private company in this public-private partnership quarterly payments equal to as much as 50 percent of income taxes paid by construction workers and engineers working on the project, plus a similar proportion of sales taxes paid on equipment and materials purchased for the project, plus "multiplier or spin-off economic activity," and so on, in addition to the agreement that allows the company to collect

the tolls on the road for more than half a century.

**CONSIDER:** The bill, HB 1395, allows for the state to pay grants to a private entity out of a "portion of the growth in state taxes attributable to the development of the project."

"State tax revenues attributable to such economic activity may include, but shall not be limited to, state tax revenues from (i) wages, salaries, and contract payments paid to persons in the development of the transportation facility; (ii) purchases of machinery, equipment, and materials in the development of the transportation facility; (iii) insurance premiums paid; (iv) the production of goods or services at business locations within a geographical area surrounding or adjacent to the transportation facility; and (v) multiplier or spin-off economic activity relating to the development of the transportation facility including, but not limited to, wages, salaries, and contract payments paid to multiplier or spin-off jobs."

The money would be paid out of the General Fund, money intended to pay for basics of education, public safety and a social safety net, all facing draconian cuts right now.

If that isn't scary enough, the bill would also allow localities and "authorities" to enter into such agreements.

**MANY OTHER STATES** that have entered

into public-private transportation projects have done so by having the private company pay huge up-front cash payments, billions of dollars, in exchange for "leasing" a toll road, that is collecting the tolls for some often very long period of time into the future. In the HOT Lanes example, the company is widening the Beltway and replacing and repairing bridges, etc., between approximately the American Legion Bridge and the Mixing Bowl, in exchange for being able to charge an as-yet-to-be determined toll to drive in a lane that will be kept free of congestion by raising the tolls, likely much higher than the \$4.15 each way currently charged on the Dulles Greenway. Vehicles with three or more occupants (high-occupancy) will ride in the congestion-free lanes without charge. Or that's the plan.

At the point that the state believes that it's appropriate to collect tolls approaching \$10 for a round trip on a portion of their commute, it makes sense to investigate the funds available to the state directly by issuing bonds based on that revenue stream.

It's not clear who is looking out for the best interests of the citizens of Virginia in these partnerships. Details of some proposals, like a proposal for HOT-Lanes on I-95 appear to build in many guarantees and protections for the private companies, but less for the Virginians who would be paying the tolls or who could be getting less benefit for their tax dollars.

### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Consider Taxpayers

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter to the City Council.

As an observer, and sometime critic of the City Council on tax matters over the past 10 years, I

have to say, I think you people have a major blind spot. In your deliberations on tax rate, you always seem to focus on "... needs ..." with little or no attention to "... ability to pay ..."

Throughout the "flush years," you saw the ever-growing property tax assessments of 10, 15,

even 20-plus percent per year as a pot of gold, boasting magnanimously that you were reducing out tax rate by 1, 2, even 3 percent, while all the while leaving us with actual tax bills that jumped 10 to 15 percent per year, all to be paid out of "unrealized" growth in property values.

Now that the circumstances are reversed, and the assessment rate are falling year after year, guess what, you seem to find all kinds of arguments to support tax rate increases that more than offset any potential benefits that we the taxpayers might realize from declining assessments.

I understand that there are real and valid needs, but I think you should understand that many of us are on fixed incomes, or are seeing our real incomes actually shrinking as we make our way through this recession. No matter how valid the needs, if you raise the tax rates above the assessment decreases, we are the ones who have to come up with the difference, and I ask you, just where do you suggest we turn to find the money to do so?

**Jim Boulton**

## Forgotten Report?

To the Editor:

Well it has been over a month and within that time ACPS has had to deal with tons of snow, the is

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## For Children At Inova

Alexandria area au pairs held their Build-A-Bear Party on March 6 at Tysons Corner Mall's Build-A-Bear Workshop. Led by AuPairCare

Area Director Janell Fielding, more than 30 au pairs from nine countries stuffed and named teddy bears while also creating individual cards wishing the recipient of their bear good wishes in their own language. These bears will then be donated to the children of Inova Alexandria Hospital.

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# LETTERS

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sue of an abusive bus monitor (which the public wasn't told about), and the reality that the only high school in Alexandria now goes by the initials P.L.A. rather than T.C. It has been a hectic month but the question still beckons, what about that report concerning the T.C. basketball team fiasco? You know, the fiasco where an entire team's blood, sweat, and tears was thrown away because administrators did not do their jobs. A fiasco which could occur again if shortcomings are not addressed and "long standing practices" are left unchecked. As I recall there was going to be a report submitted by the retired principal, excuse me, soon to be retired principal, to the Superintendent by the end of the week (week of Feb. 1). Lucky for them the snow hit and the focus shifted to clearing roofs rather than administrators clearing out their desks. It's a shame how the children suffer and business remains the same like nothing ever happened. Maybe they are choosing not to remember these Titans.

**Meg Ashburn**  
Alexandria

## Better Health For Children

To the Editor:

If we as Virginians truly care about the future of our children, we need to show it in our actions in the fight against childhood obesity by supporting the "Healthy Kids Act" legislation recently introduced in the U.S. Congress. The Healthy Kids Act was proposed by Congressman Jim Moran in November of 2009 to provide federal leadership in the prevention and treatment of childhood overweight and obesity.

With data from the CDC indicating that over 30 percent of children are overweight or obese, the obesity epidemic is one of the major public health crises affecting the health of the U.S. in the 21st century. Starting at a young age there are complex factors contributing to the rise in obesity. When I was growing up in Northern Virginia, children spent long hours outside riding bikes, swimming, playing in wooded parks, and getting plenty of activity. We watched less television and ate family meals together everyday. Due to safety concerns, children now spend most of their after school time indoors. Long hours



WHITE HOUSE PHOTO

**First Lady Michele Obama turned the spotlight on the problems of childhood obesity at the Alexandria YMCA on Jan. 28.**

are spent playing video games, computer games and watching television. Food advertising relentlessly targets children and adults with commercials for sugary, high fat, high calorie foods. In our fast paced, consumer-oriented, culture, we eat out frequently, and many busy families do not have time to have regular meals together.

There is no simple solution to

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# House Democrats Defend Anti-Discrimination Policies

BY DAVID ENGLIN  
DELEGATE D-45

Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli pushed his anti-gay agenda front and center in the General Assembly this week with his March 4 letter to Virginia colleges and universities asking them to remove language dealing with sexual orientation from their nondiscrimination policies. Thomas Jefferson wrote in the Decla-

ration of Independence that the purpose of government is to secure the equal and unalienable rights of all people to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For Cuccinelli to use the finite resources of his office to seek out and target policies protecting gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender faculty, staff, and students at Virginia's public colleges and universities is a shocking abuse that flies in the face of the very reason our

government exists.

Even if one is willing to set aside the moral outrage that is an attorney general working to hinder and revoke equal protection under the law, his actions are destructive to Virginia's economic future. Businesses throughout Virginia understand that employees should be judged solely on their merit and not on other unrelated factors. The 10 largest corporate employers in Vir-

ginia have active nondiscrimination policies. Northrop Grumman, whose corporate headquarters we are trying to lure here in competition with Maryland and D.C., consistently wins perfect marks from the Human Rights Campaign for equal treatment of its gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender workers. The quality of Virginia's public colleges and universities is a key factor in our continued ranking by Forbes.com and

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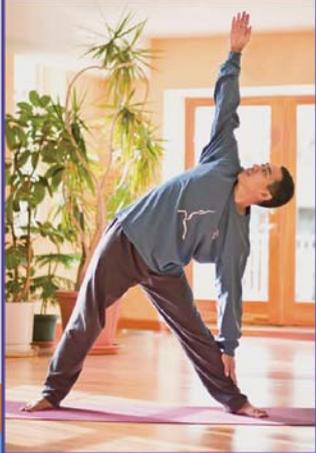


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# Legislature Grapples with Environmental Issues

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**A**s I mentioned last week, Senator McEachin invited me to be part of his press conference on clean energy policies and climate change. I believe that our Attorney General, in agreement with Governor McDonnell, is on the wrong path with his two law suits against the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and established science. Not only is this expensive for the state when we have serious budget issues, but it would be irresponsible for Virginia not to use legislative and all available approaches to curtail greenhouse gas emissions.

Another environmental issue facing this state is uranium mining. The Virginia Conservation Network Conference along with numerous other environmental organizations is sponsoring a Uranium Mining Symposium to examine the health and socio-economic impacts of proposed uranium min-

ing in Virginia. This conference, which is free, will be held in Richmond on March 11. Please let me know if you are interested in attending.

As you have already heard, the budget continues to be the big issue here in Richmond, and I am doing what I can to see that we treat education, health, shelters, public safety, transportation, parks, and the arts, as well as possible. The Senate and House have not agreed to date. Among the major issues is the differing approaches on economic development.

I am particularly concerned about the House Budget's treatment of Pre-K. The total dollar amount is reduced and the formula has been changed from one based on the number of economically disadvantaged students by the measure of free and reduced lunch to a straight enrollment or population basis. Governor McDonnell did not recommend reducing or eliminating the program.

These programs work and pay dividends in the short and long run. Pre-K reduces grade repetition, reduces the number of children placed in special education, reduces crime and teen age pregnancy, improves high school graduation rates, increases employment opportunities, and leads to more stable families and communities. Most important, it prepares the children to learn when they get to school and be successful in their entire careers.

The General Assembly must agree to the budget by March 13, when the session is scheduled to end. The Governor wants this to happen so that local governments can complete their budgets on time and to reassure credit-rating agencies.

Among the many concerned about the budget is a group called the Virginia Organizing Project. Already, it has made itself known with its bake sales in 10 cities throughout the Commonwealth. Its members are giving the proceeds to the General Fund with the message that performing only cuts to the budget shortfall without consideration of revenue is irre-

sponsible. The good news was that Peggy, my aide, decided to be "responsible" and to respond to their message, buying our office a plate full of muffins.

Governor McDonnell publicly endorsed bipartisan redistricting legislation during the gubernatorial campaign, but the Republicans have defeated these bills. The bill which would have created a Bipartisan Redistricting Commission, passed the Senate unanimously, but has been "laid on the table" (defeated) in a House Subcommittee.

Many of you have emailed me supporting Senate Bill 66, the bill that would have prohibited discrimination in public employment based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, age, marital status, disability, sexual orientation, or veteran status. I agree completely with you. Governor McDonnell declined to follow the examples of both Governors Warner and Kaine, who had proclaimed a nondiscrimination policy by executive order for State employees. As a result, the Senate attempted to

continue this nondiscrimination policy by unanimously passing Senate Bill 66. Unfortunately, this was defeated in a Subcommittee of the House.

Guns have been a topic of much discussion this year. I am particularly concerned with a bill which would no longer allow localities the ability to prohibit hunting generally within a half-mile radius of a subdivision, only within a subdivision. I am happy to tell you that both the Virginia Municipal League and the Virginia Association of Counties are working to defeat this bill.

Of interest to Alexandria, the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) budget includes a faster train which will get commuters from Fredericksburg to Union Station 25 minutes faster. Some stops are being excluded in order to increase speed, but not Alexandria.

As always, I welcome your ideas and opinions. If you are ever in Richmond, please come and visit. I am in Room 329 in the General Assembly Building at 910 East Broad Street. I can also be reached by email at [district30@senate.virginia.gov](mailto:district30@senate.virginia.gov).

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the complex problem of overweight and obesity and any long-term solution will require federal involvement. The Healthy Kids Act proposes to establish a federal Office of Childhood Overweight and Obesity Prevention and Treatment within the Department of Health and Human Services. The Director of the office will be devoted to evaluating and implementing Federal policies, supporting State and local level programs, and to carrying out a comprehensive national campaign to prevent overweight and obesity in children. The Healthy Kids Act also establishes clear guidelines for childhood nutrition, addresses issues of marketing food products to children, and allows for reimbursement to health care providers for

obesity counseling.

Recently, First Lady Michelle Obama, DHHS Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, and U.S. Surgeon General Regina Benjamin came to Del Ray to launch an initiative to fight childhood obesity. Along with the important ideas put forth in the initiative for improving the health of children, Mrs. Obama praised the Healthy Kids Act legislation. I urge my fellow Alexandrians to capitalize upon the excitement that the First Lady's visit has brought by showing your support for Congressman Moran's Healthy Kids Act. An investment in the health of our children now is an investment in a better future.

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## OPINION

# Equal and Unalienable Rights

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others as the Best State for Business. By sullyng the reputation of our system of higher learning and hindering the ability of our top universities to recruit and retain the very best faculty and staff, Cuccinelli risks our future status as Best State for Business.

Fortunately, condemnation of Cuccinelli's anti-gay activism comes not only from Democrats and not only from our area. Former Delegate Vince Callahan, who represented McLean in the House for 40 years and was the powerful Republican chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, called Cuccinelli's move "reprehensible." The author of Too Conservative, a prominent Northern Virginia Republican blog, condemned Cuccinelli's move and urged its repudiation. The conservative-leaning editorial page of the Richmond Times Dispatch acknowledged that Virginia's "backward-looking attitudes on gay rights" could cause major businesses to locate elsewhere.

**UNFORTUNATELY**, the one Virginian who could step up and address this issue quickly has been virtually silent. Governor Bob McDonnell first refused to issue an employment nondiscrimination executive order for state employees (which includes faculty and staff at public colleges and universities) and then he issued an order but conspicuously excluded protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity. He maintains that only the General Assem-

bly can grant those protections, but then he stood by in silent complicity as House Republicans killed the House and Senate bills that would have done just that. On Monday, I urged McDonnell to stand up to his rogue attorney general and send down a bill with the weight of his office behind it to make employment nondiscrimination Virginia law, which would render Cuccinelli's opinion moot.

Assuming McDonnell maintains his silence and refuses to send down a bill, by the time this goes to print, House Democrats will have made an extraordinary motion to bring Sen. Don McEachin's (D-9) employment nondiscrimination bill to a vote in the full House of Delegates. This legislation, Senate Bill 66, passed the Senate on Feb. 8, and the Republican majority of the House General Laws Committee tabled it from further consideration on March 3. A "discharge motion" will give the full House of Delegates, including a few supportive moderate Republicans, an opportunity to pass this bill and make employment nondiscrimination the law. While admittedly this is a rarely used "nuclear option" under the House rules, we must not — and I will not — stand idly by while the Office of the Attorney General bullies and marginalizes gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Virginians.

Visit [www.davidenglin.org](http://www.davidenglin.org) to learn the outcome of this effort, and contact me at [DelDEnglin@house.virginia.gov](mailto:DelDEnglin@house.virginia.gov) or 703-549-3203 to share your views about this and other matters facing the General Assembly. Thank you for the honor of representing you.

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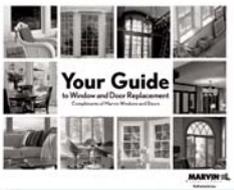
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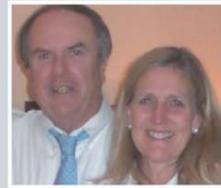
The Inova Alexandria Hospital's 1872 Society float rolls past the reviewing stand on Saturday, March 6.



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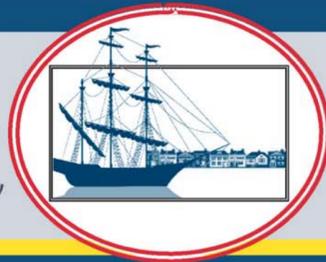


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## Alexandria Historical Society Calls for 2010 History Award Nominees

The Alexandria Historical Society is calling for nominations for the 2010 T. Michael Miller Alexandria History Award, to be presented to a person or persons who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural, and artistic heritage of Alexandria. Honorees will be presented with a certificate and gift at a special awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m., at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. Four outstanding history students from each of Alexandria's high schools will also be honored at the ceremony. A reception will follow the awards ceremony and lecture.

The Alexandria History Award has been renamed the T. Michael Miller Alexandria History Award in honor of the contributions of Alexandria historian T. Michael Miller, who retired in 2009 after three decades of public service and research into Alexandria's past.

The guest speaker will be Robert G. Stanton who was director of the National Park Service from 1997 to 2001 and today is a senior adviser to the Secretary of the Interior. As director of the National Park Service, Stanton oversaw major planning and resource preservation programs at the White House, Yellowstone, Yosemite, and Gettysburg.

Organizations and interested individuals are invited to submit written nominations to the History Awards Committee of the Alexandria Historical Society. Each nomination should be in the form of a narrative, no longer than two pages, which explains in some detail the contributions of the nominee. Copies of the nominee's work, including publications, should be included.

Nominations should be mailed by Friday, March 12 to the Office of Historic Alexandria, 220 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. Contact Bill Dickinson of Alexandria Historical Society at 703-370-3089 or visit [www.alexandriahistorical.org](http://www.alexandriahistorical.org).

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**Guest speaker Robert Stanton**



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**Clay Connection members clockwise: Joan Bickelhaupt, Becca Witt, Dick White, Barb Oksanen, Marianne Cordyack, Rachael Witt and Donna Downing.**

## Pottery Artists Make Soup Bowls to Help Fight Hunger

Members of Clay Connection gathered recently to hold a marathon bowl-making session. Bowls they made will be donated to the Empty Bowls benefit supper for hunger relief to be held on April 9 in Reston. For a minimum donation of \$20, guests at the event will choose a handmade pottery bowl and receive a simple supper of soup, bread, beverage and dessert. The bowl is theirs to keep as a reminder that there are "empty bowls" in our community.

Hundreds of bowls in various colors and patterns are being made by area potters from all over the area. In addition to Clay Connection, they include members of the Bowman House Arts and Crafts Center in Vienna, the Clay Café in Chantilly and potters from the Reston and Herndon Community Centers.

Marianne Cordyack, president of the Clay Connection, said the group is holding three "Bowl-a-Thons," gathering at 5 p.m. and working late into the night to make 350 bowls. She said she is glad her group can help out.

"I make bowls. It's something I do well, and it's something I can do to help fight hunger in Northern Virginia."

Dick White, a longtime member of Clay

Connection, adds, "It's part of our tradition. It's something we do as a group to help out."

Also helping out is the Creative Clay Studios in Alexandria, whose owner, Ed Bull donated the use of the studio for the Clay Connection artists.

The Empty Bowls fundraiser, to be held at St. John Neumann Catholic Church on Friday, April 9 from 5:30 to 8 p.m., will be the third annual such benefit sponsored by the Giving Circle of HOPE. All proceeds will go to Food for Others, the largest distributor of free food to the needy in Northern Virginia.

Peggy Cressy of the Giving Circle of HOPE said the event has been hugely successful. "It seems to resonate with people. They feel good about helping others, but they also have a lot of fun picking out their beautiful ceramic bowls."

Cressy says that there are many volunteers who work hard on the event but the potters are the foundation of it all.

"Without the wonderful handmade bowls by all the local potters, there wouldn't be an Empty Bowls fundraiser."

Tickets for Empty Bowls are available by contacting [givingcircle@hotmail.com](mailto:givingcircle@hotmail.com) or calling 703-648-0222.



## Major Antiques Show On March 12-14

Antiques In Alexandria, a show featuring 60 of the nation's top antique dealers, returns to Flippin Field House at the Episcopal High School, 3900 West Braddock Road, Alexandria, on March 12-14. Hours for the show are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 12; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 13; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 14. A Gala Preview Party will be held on Thursday, March 11 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Antiques In Alexandria features a wide array of fine American, English, Oriental and Continental furniture, silver, porcelain, rugs, paintings, jewelry, clocks, folk art, garden furniture, and other decorative arts. With 60 nationally-recognized dealers, Antiques in Alexandria has dealers of interest to all collectors.

Among the dealers exhibiting at the 2010 show are Mark and Marjorie Allen, W. Graham Arader III, Alfred Bullard, Douglas Constant, Judd Gregory, G. Sergeant Antiques, Andrew Spindler, and William Cooke.

Special events at this year's show include a guided show tour with a decorative arts expert (Friday, 10 a.m. \$25), an illustrated folk art lecture with Americana expert Bev Norwood (Friday, 2 p.m. \$25), a speakeasy party (Friday, 6-8 p.m. \$45), a champagne brunch with Chris Jussel, original host of Antiques Roadshow (Saturday, 11 a.m. \$45), an evaluation and conservation clinic (Saturday, 2-5 p.m. \$5 per item), a lecture and fashion show on the eight-decade history of the cocktail dress (Sunday, 1 p.m. \$35), and a loan exhibition (Spirits in America).

Proceeds from ticket sales and special events benefit three Washington-area charities. General admission is \$15 per person and includes a show catalog. There is free parking, a cafe, and a bar during show hours. Visit [www.antiquesinalexandria.com](http://www.antiquesinalexandria.com) or call 703-548-SHOW.



**Author Joy Peeler with Mike Moehrl.**

## Peeler Writes Inspirational Story

In her first book, former Alexandria teacher Joy Peeler has written an inspirational story of Mike Moehrl. *On Eagle's Wings* is the story of enduring faith, courage, and determination put forth by Mike as he finds his life changed in an instant when a fall from a horse renders him totally paralyzed. Awakening from the accident 24 hours later, Mike felt no fear or panic. Instead, he heard God speak and the message was clear. Come along with Mike through months of rehabilitation and struggles with life-threatening medical issues. The book is available on Amazon.com for \$13.99.

Joy Peeler has taught for 28 years in Alexandria City Public Schools, including elementary school at Stonewall Jackson, Ramsay, Jefferson Houston and Mt. Vernon. She is now living in Longwood, Fla., where she teaches creative writing at a private school and spends leisure time on a boat.

❖ **MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR** — Brian Simms [www.junkyardsaints.com](http://www.junkyardsaints.com)

❖ **ARTIST OF THE YEAR (Solo/Duo/Group)** — Patty Reese [www.pattyreese.com](http://www.pattyreese.com)

❖ **NEW ARTIST OF THE YEAR (Solo/Duo/Group)** — Hotspur [www.hotspurmusic.com](http://www.hotspurmusic.com)

❖ **ALBUM OF THE YEAR** — Stong Medicine / Patty Reese [www.pattyreese.com](http://www.pattyreese.com)

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**PastForward. Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts.**  
 Reception is Thursday, March 11 from 6-8 p.m. PastForward will feature work of four former resident Torpedo Factory artists - Kathleen Dustin, Barbara Rachko, Anne Laddon and Joyce Zipperer. This exhibition kicks off the gallery's participation in Minds Wide Open. The artists will exhibit their latest works, from Rachko's pastel paintings, Zipperer's sculptures, Dustin's polymer clay works to Laddon's oil paintings. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center. The gallery is open daily from 10-6 p.m. and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org)

**MARCH 11-APRIL 5**  
**Peep and Strip Show.** In Rosemary Feit Covey's "Peep Show" series, she combines the secret, sexual world associated with the modern definition of "Peep Show" with the innocent world of Victorian-era peep show boxes. Opening reception is Thursday, March 11 from 6:30-8 p.m. At the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Go to [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org) or call 703-683-1780.

**FRIDAY/MARCH 12**  
**Workshop: In the Bag.** 6-10 p.m. Create a bag from recycled materials, old clothing, your favorite dress, vintage towels and more. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Advance registration is required by Tuesday, March 9 at <https://secure.delrayartisans.org/ssl/Accessories.htm>. Fee is \$40 for DRA members / \$45 for non-

members. Contact Jen Athanas ([jenafusion.blogspot.com](mailto:jenafusion.blogspot.com)), 571-332-0181 or [jenathanas@hotmail.com](mailto:jenathanas@hotmail.com).

**WEDNESDAY/MARCH 24**  
**Selected Works by Hyers & Mebane.** 6 to 8 p.m. Collection of photographs by Martin Hyers and William Mebane that unites several of the documentary photographers' recent projects. At the Angie Newman Johnson Gallery, Episcopal High School, 3900 W Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-933-4135. Visit [www.hyersandmebane.com](http://www.hyersandmebane.com)

**NOW THROUGH MARCH 31**  
**Sidney Lowery's "Waves."** Reception on March 5 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and March 28 from 4:30 to 9 p.m. At Blueberry Art Gallery, 116 E. Del Ray Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-894-8854 or [info@blueberryartgallery.com](mailto:info@blueberryartgallery.com).



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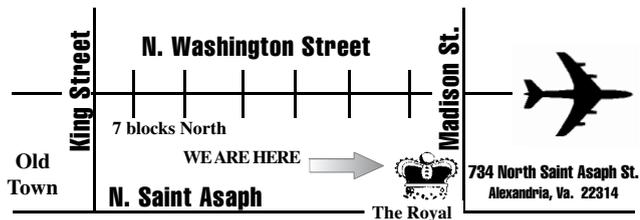
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❖ On Thursday, March 25 the sale will be open from 1 to 5 p.m.

❖ On Friday, March 26 the sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special on this day will be 1/2 price books all day in the Mansion.

❖ On Saturday, March 27 the sale will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Extra Special on this day will be \$5 for a bag of books in the mansion and 1/2 price books in the chapel all day.

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## ONGOING

**The Del Ray Farmers Market** is now open year round — located at the corner of Mt. Vernon Avenue and Oxford Avenue in Del Ray. During the winter months the market will be open 9 am to noon each Saturday. The Del Ray Market farmers that will be there are Smith Meadows meats, eggs, fresh pasta and sauces; Amish cheese, yogurt, bakery goods, eggs and jams and jellies; winter vegetables; fancy nuts; pralines; and bakery goods. Any questions, contact Pat Miller at [pmiller1806@comcast.net](mailto:pmiller1806@comcast.net).

## FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

**Tea Dances.** 1-3:15 p.m. Group class from 1-1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Latin and Swing music. \$11/person. At the Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 20

**"Chicago."** Wednesday to Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. Presented by the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. The cast includes: Bethany Blakely as Velma, Jordan Houghham as Roxie, Andy Izquierdo as Billy Flynn, Jennifer Strand as Mama Morton, Jon Keeling as Amos, Melissa Stamps as Mary Sunshine, along with a talented ensemble that includes Ivan Davila, Akiyo Dunetz, Danielle Eure, Jacqui Farkas, Kristen Magee, Daniel McKay, Keith Miller, Angela Norris, Lauren Palmer.

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 31

**Woodlawn's 47th Annual Needlework Exhibition.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Featured handheld needlework includes: beadwork, needle made lace, cross stitch, smocking, miniatures, counted thread, samplers, fine hand sewing, canvaswork, quilted accessories, embroidery and hardanger. Lunch and desserts served 11:30-2 p.m. At Historic Woodlawn, 9000 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Call 703-780-4000, ext. 26329 or go to [www.woodlawn1805.org](http://www.woodlawn1805.org).

## THURSDAY/MARCH 11

**Our Natural Puzzle: Putting the Pieces Together.** 7:30 p.m. Get a peek at just how interdependent our insects, plants, other wildlife, and even humans can be and try to put together our local nature puzzle. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

**Bob Sima Concert.** 7 p.m. Singer and songwriter at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit [www.bobsima.com](http://www.bobsima.com).

**Comedy Stage Hypnotist.** 7 p.m. Jason Linett performs at T.C. Williams High School fund-raiser. Tickets are \$8. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2010. At 3330 King Street in Alexandria. Contact Dawn Crawford at [dawn.crawford@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:dawn.crawford@acps.k12.va.us) for more details.

**Book Sale.** 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. At the Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 703-519-6000.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 12

**Ballroom Dancing for Couples.** 8:30-11:30 p.m. Friday Nighters St. Patrick's Day Dance. Enjoy waltz, fox trot, cha cha, swing and more to live



## SUNDAY/MARCH 14

**The Kennedys Folk/Pop Duo.** 7 p.m. With special guest Dan Cohn. Tickets are \$18/general, \$15/advance at [FocusMusic.org](http://FocusMusic.org). Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Contact Kay Coyte at [kay@focusmusic.org](mailto:kay@focusmusic.org) or 703-501-6061.

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**Tips on Planting Trees and Shrubs.** 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$12/person. Sign up for this workshop by calling 703-642-5173. At Green Spring Gardens, 603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

## MARCH 12, 13

**"Pippin."** At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. Tickets are \$5. Show times are March 12 at 7:30 p.m.; March 13 at 7:30 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 13

**Silent Auction.** 7-10 p.m. To benefit the Tauxemont Cooperative Preschool, Alexandria. Lots of great deals. Details: <http://www.tauxemont.org/support/silentauction2010.pdf>

**Dance Studio Lioudmila's Saint Patrick's Dance Party.** Beginner Rumba Dance lesson from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Dance party from 8:30-11 p.m. Cost is \$15. At Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18<sup>th</sup> Roth Street, Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868, [lbinov@aol.com](mailto:lbinov@aol.com). Web: [www.dancelioudmila.com](http://www.dancelioudmila.com)

**Mozart in March.** 7 p.m. Free. Presented by the Washington Sinfonietta. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. Call 703-360-4370

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

**March Madness Festival.** 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Historic Non-Fiction Author Thomas E. Crocker (Braddock's March) at 9:30 a.m.; Children's Author Betty Shepard (Virginia: An Alphabetical Journey through History) at 9:45 a.m.; Face Painting with Miss Nadine from 10 a.m. to noon; Children's Author Bebe Willoughby (Saving Emma) at 10:45 a.m.; Adult Novelist R. K. Price (I've Already Met the Devil) at 11 a.m.; Katie Balloons and her balloon show from 12 noon to 3 p.m.; Folk Dancers from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., plus refreshments and a book sale! At the Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

**Recruiting Day.** 1-4 p.m. Explore Civil War reenacting. Soldiers and civilians of the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Regular Infantry will be on hand to talk about a soldier's uniform and equipment, demonstrate drills and explain the roles of military

and civilian re-enactors. At Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Alexandria Coin Show.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. There will be 50 tables with U.S. coins and currency, world coins, banknotes, ancient coins, hobby books, gold, silver, medals, tokens and collectibles. Buy, Sell, Trade. Open to the public. Prizes and coins are given away for first 500 attendees. Visit [www.members.cox.net/alexandriacoinclub](http://www.members.cox.net/alexandriacoinclub). At the Hampton Inn & Suites, corner of I-495 Beltway and Route 1, Alexandria.

**Storyteller Baba Jamal Koram.** 11 a.m. to noon. Koram will present "African Stories in De Americas: The Gullah People" which explores the Gullah culture through traditional stories. From 1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m., take part in "Black Storytelling 101." At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356.

## MARCH 13-14

**Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.** Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 3 p.m. With Maestro Kim Allen Kluge, violin soloist Allison Bailey and vocalists Elizabeth Bishop and Ta'u Pupu'a. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Youth tickets always \$5. Student and adults \$20-\$80. Call 703-548-0885 or visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) for tickets.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 14

**Choral Evensong and Reception.** Treble Choir Festival Chorus. 5 p.m. At St. Paul's Old Town, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria. Douglas A. Beck, Music Director. Call 703-549-3312.

**Inspired by Nature.** 3 p.m. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. "Spring from the Four Seasons with Allison Bailey, violin; Haiku Suite: Three Nature Poems for Sakahachi & Orchestra with the Bowen McCauley dance; Das Lied von der Erde (Songs of the Earth) with Elizabeth Bishop, mezzo and Ta'u Pupu'a, tenor. Tickets are \$40/adults, \$35/seniors, \$20/students. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org) or call 703-548-0885.

**Johannes Brahms: Ein deutsches Requiem.** 4 p.m. \$18/person. Presented by the Maryland Choral

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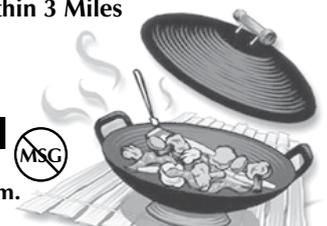
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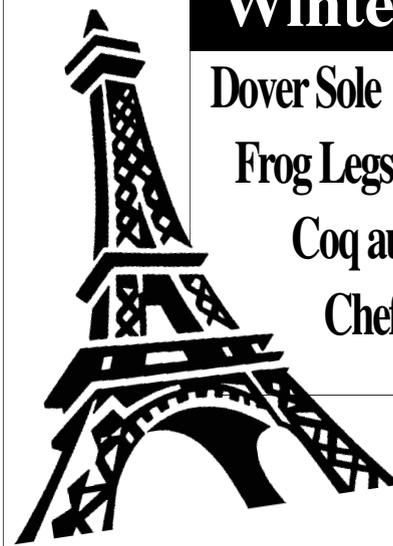
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# CALENDAR

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Society. For this performance, the Maryland Choral Society will be joined by: Jessica Lennick - soprano, Andrew Sauvageau - baritone, and piano virtuosos: Jerfi Aji and Justin Bird. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial Theatre, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria.

**Vesper Organ Recital.** 6 p.m. Free. By Timothy Edward Smith of the DiGennaro-Hart Organ Company. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-1980 or email music.director@gracealex.org.

**The Kennedys Folk/Pop Duo.** 7 p.m. With special guest Dan Cohn. Tickets are \$18/general, \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Contact Kay Coyte at kay@focusmusic.org or 703-501-6061.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 16

**Intro to Pilates Class.** 8:15 to 9:05 p.m. Free. Get a beginner mat workout from a Pilates instructor, and be on your way to a strong core, longer, leaner muscle, and a new attitude. Class size limited to 12 so reserve your mat in advance at 703-739-7601 or studiobodylogic@earthlink.net. Studio Body Logic - Del Ray, 2417 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

**Restaurant Night Benefiting UCM.** 5-8 p.m. 10 percent of the sale of your meal will be donated to United Community Ministries (UCM). At Dishes of India, 1510-A Belle View Blvd., Alexandria. Call 703-660-6085.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 17

**Swing Dancing.** 9-11 p.m. With Scott



## MARCH 12, 13

**"Pippin."** At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School. Tickets are \$5. Show times are March 12 at 7:30 p.m.; March 13 at 7:30 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria.

Ramminger and the Crawstickers, which plays swing, R&B, blues, soul, rock, funk, jazz, and a little bit of twang. Cost is \$10. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

**Boris Arratia.** 7-9 p.m. Free. Boris Arratia performs Latin American guitar with a twist of jazz. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to www.torpedofactory.org.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 18

**March Luncheon.** 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$20. The Army Officers Wives Club of the Greater Washington Area. At the Koran Room of the Ft. Myer Officers Club. The featured speaker will be Donna Engeman, advisor for the Military's Survivor Outreach Services. Contact Wendy Gifford, 703-903-1542, or Ruth Howell, 703-941-1300.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 19

**Evening of Music for Flute, Cello, and Harp.** 8 p.m. Free. Presented by the United States Air Force Band Chamber Players Series. At the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 20

**Swordsmen's Rendezvous.** 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$6 admission. Program includes re-enactment of 18th-century swordplay and a display and discussion of 18th-century weapons. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

**Concert for Haiti.** 7 p.m. Music and dancing by the Irish Breakfast Band and Boyle School of Irish Dance. 100% of donations will go to the Hospital Bienfaisance de Pignon through the Community Coalition for Haiti. \$10/adults, children free. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4766 or visit www.wpc-alex.org

**Benefit for Haitian Relief.** Ten Thousand Villages of Alexandria is hosting a benefit shopping day with 15 percent of the day's sales going to the Mennonite Central Committee, earmarked for Haiti. They will increase the donation to 20 percent for all items actually made in Haiti. At 915 King Street in Old Town Alexandria.

**Moran Family Pancake Breakfast-Benefit.** 8:30-10:30 a.m. For Jackson Dundon Recovery Fund at Mango Mike's, 4580 Duke Street, Alexandria. Call 703-299-0064 or mmoran@moranforcongress.org.

**Behind the Counter Tour.** 9 to 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$25, includes a light breakfast. At the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum at 105 South Fairfax, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242.

**Light Everlasting — Music of Faith, Hope and Love.** 8 p.m. Presented by the 100-voice Fairfax Choral Society. At the Rachel M.

Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Alexandria campus of NVCC, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-642-3277 or visit www.fairfaxchoralsociety.org or office@fairfaxchoralsociety.org.

**Children's Book Fair.** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Usborne Books and Lyceum staff will make history fun at this event. Kids can become history sleuths on a scavenger hunt and earn their own Museum Detective Badge. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4994 or visit www.alexandriahistory.org.

## SUNDAY/MARCH 21

**Men's Chorus Concert.** 3 p.m. In support of the BEL Center (Bryant Early Learning), a preschool which serves mostly children from needy families. At the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call Ron Brandt, 703-765-4779, brandtron@verizon.net.

**Brass Quintet Concert.** 4 p.m. Free. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs. Orchestral works arranged for brass quintet on the program range from Giles Farnaby's "Fancies, Toyes & Dreams" and Bach's "Contrapunctus IX" to the Procession from the "Jupiter" movement of Gustav Holst's "The Planets." At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Old Town Alexandria.

**Mt. Vernon Annual Crop Walk.** 1 p.m. Walk with your neighbors 1.6 miles raising money for UCM and New Hope Housing. At Mt. Vernon Presbyterian Church, 8001 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria. Visit www.churchworldservice.org or contact Rosemary Kley, 703-719-6238.

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**Location:** Alexandria Chamber of Commerce  
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**Note:** Space is limited - maximum of 32 participants

**Speaker:** This dynamic workshop will be facilitated by Holly Herman. At 32 she became a CEO. She has created this workshop to give women tools and tips to take control of their work life. More information is available at [www.HollyHerman.biz](http://www.HollyHerman.biz).

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# Marching on Equal Footing

By McKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA

**M**arch is the month designated to recognize the many accomplishments and contributions women have made to the world. At our neighborhood centers we are focusing primarily on the contributions women have made in the United States, starting with the suffrage movement to the ongoing battle over fair wages. One can battle over the underlining themes of the Women's Movement, but for the sake of time and space, let's take equality as at least one of the main themes of the Movement. Equality is something that we take seriously at the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities by concentrating a great deal of time and energy on providing programming that engages men and women, boys and girls.

Mac Slover, director of sports, has ushered in yet another sport made available to the girls with field hockey after contemplating for several years on how to make more sports available to girls.

Last June, youth sports hosted a four-day girl's field hockey clinic in which more than 50 participants attended. It was then obvious to him and his staff that girl's field hockey, if made available, would be supported by the community. Youth Sports also enjoys support and collaborates with coaches from TC Williams and Sports Her Way Store.

The only other community in Northern Virginia that offers girl's field hockey is in McLean.

In a time of budget cut backs and downsizing, programs in general can benefit from donations of both time and finances. For more information about girl's field hockey and/or the youth sports division contact Mac Slover at 703-746-5407.

Girl's Field Hockey begins June 14 until July 29 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-9 p.m. There is a registration fee and the deadline to sign up is May 31.

For more information about programs provided by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities call 703-746-4343.



## \$3,000 Donation

**Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Greater Washington, DC recently presented a check for \$3,000 to the Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. on behalf of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Cares, the company's philanthropic arm. Pictured from left are Deborah Freiburg of the Children's National Medical Center, Coldwell Banker Alexandria agent Linda Trinkle Wolf, and Ruth Papuchis, regional vice president of Coldwell Banker in Greater Washington, D.C.**

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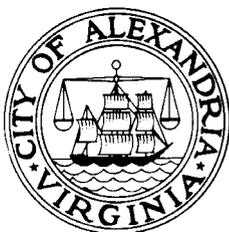
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Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, March 13, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and reordain Chapter 11 (AQUATIC HEALTH ORDINANCE) of Title 11 of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would replace the current code provisions with an Aquatic Health Ordinance that reflects current technology and regulation.

The proposed ordinance is similar to ordinances in Fairfax and Arlington Counties. It incorporates language referencing recent federal legislation, the Virginia Graeme Baker Act, designed to prevent suction entrapment of persons on the bottom of filled swimming pools and spas.

Some of the major provisions of the new ordinance include deregulation of health clubs that do not have a pool or spa, new technical and safety requirements for pool equipment, pool areas and for patron safety, new code provisions to address water park facility construction and interactive water feature facilities.

The ordinance also provides for a series of fines for violation of the code requirements.

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# NEIGHBORHOODS

## Seminary Valley

Thanks to Katie Sargeant, who sent in this recent article from the "Polk Post:"

"As Mrs. (Barbara) Viney drove through the neighborhood, she notices that many sidewalks may still need attention. She calls Ms. Goodale (Polk's PTA President) and begins to mobilize neighbors. Shortly after that, the Superintendent puts out a message asking Alexandrians to join in the efforts. Before you know it, we had the place cleared and ready to go. We also had the support of Harry Braswell, Inc., whose staff took very good direction from the many chiefs we had among us ... although we were not able to open for students on Tuesday, it was not for lack of trying." Pree Ann Johnson, Polk's principal, would like to recognize "Polk's Powerful People," who turned out for this shoveling brigade. They include but are not limited to:

The Viney Family (Charles, Barbara, Rebecca, Jon and Ashley), Cora Scott (Shania's mom)

The Admete Family (Bela, Abegael, Egla and Kira), David Brennan (Sarah's dad)

Ms. Fuge (Polk's Librarian) and her husband Pete, Mr. McDonald, Coral Childs (Carleigh Rocket's mom) Elizabeth & Tory Adkinson (Kathryn and Victoria's mom who understands the power of chocolate), The Lay Family (Cam, Lay, Ryan and Corey), John Dunbar (Teaghan's dad), The Murphy Family (Jeffery, Harry and Michael) Maryann Duffy. Tyson and Carol Schaedel (Megan's parents), Angela & Christian Wilmore (Grace and Ian's parents), Jacob Battat (a community member who also donated the fish in the school courtyard pond). Julie Goodale (Alex and Ryan's mom and PTA president), Kerri Dugan, Mirella Maho, Kerry Donnelly (Vice Mayor), Rebecca Hersch and The Zack Family.

The BRAC building is really turning into a West End landmark; opinions differ as to its beauty but it is rapidly rising over our neighborhood. How will people get there? This Thursday, March 11, VDOT will hold a public meeting concerning BRAC-related access options from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Minnie Howard School (3801 West Braddock Road). At this important meeting, VDOT officials will discuss its recently issued draft Interchange Justification Report and will accept public comments. (The draft can be accessed at [www.vamegaprojects.com/faqsdocuments/mark-center-documents/](http://www.vamegaprojects.com/faqsdocuments/mark-center-documents/)) VDOT will accept comments on options referenced

in the Draft IJR, as well as recommendations concerning possible new options to be examined. The VDOT contact for this project is Ronaldo T. (Nick) Nicholson of VDOT at [Ronaldo.Nicholson@vdot.virginia.gov](mailto:Ronaldo.Nicholson@vdot.virginia.gov).

And if the BRAC project is not enough development for you, the owners of the former "Hamlets," now known as "Willow Run," may redevelop the property into more dense units. These 160 acres mostly border Beauregard and Sanger, just across Van Dorn Street from Seminary Valley. In concert with the City's Beauregard Corridor Small Area Plan, the owner, JBG Properties, is sponsoring several community meetings to discuss possible redevelopment with residents and neighbors. JBG is planning to have two or three meetings to obtain input in advance of developing more detailed long-term master-plans for the site. For more information, please contact Kai Reynolds, of JBG, at [kreynolds@jbg.com](mailto:kreynolds@jbg.com).

— MIA JONES

## Old Town

BARBARIANS AT OUR GATES?

It's no longer just a frontal assault on our old port city. "Townners, they're coming from everywhere, it seems, doing what they always seem to do — or try to do — to harm and diminish the fabric and life style of our city.

Last time we visited I wrote about special interests in Alexandria who persistently chip away at the things that make Old Town such a fine and attractive place to live. It's as if we're able to keep them at bay on one issue, only to discover they've regrouped and are moving forward (or backward) on another issue or series of issues.

Such valiant citizen groups as the Historic Alexandria Founda-

tion, the Old Town Civic Association and the Alexandria Historic Restoration and Preservation Commission, among others, can only do so much to fight the barbarians at our gates. Limited resources and lack of time work against us as such institutions as our waterfront, our historic old homes and shops, our tiny streets that haven't really changed in 250 years come under new attacks.

The Old Town Civic Association describes as "city forces at work" in seeking wholesale changes on numerous fronts purporting as a need for vibrancy. What is particularly sad to this observer is that the "city forces" we're talking about here is, as OTCA described it in its March newsletter, are determined to seek wholesale changes on numerous fronts masquerading as a need for vibrancy.

An editorial in the latest OTCA newsletter says it better than I can: "We have here an iconic small town that people from all over the world come to see and enjoy. They do so because it is unique in having kept not only the original buildings intact, but also the original feel and ambiance of the history that reside on every block of Old Town. In addition, one can go as far as to say that the cultural heritage dating back to the founding fathers has been kept alive here, and there aren't many places like that around any more ...."

Perhaps the latest "regrouping" of city forces at work relates to proposed changes for the Torpedo Factory — one of the wonderful anchors along our waterfront. A growing buzz around town, given wings by our business community, the Chamber, certain city officials and staff, is that the Torpedo Factory should be utilized more as a retail anchor — a cash cow — as opposed to a cultural center. That notion comes from the same type of folks who espouse a food cart

program at Market Square, a re-vamping of the city marina, a face lift for King Street and some cosmetic upgrades on the waterfront.

A vibrant city can't stand still or it will cease being vibrant by next week.

But the debate comes down to the definition of "vibrant." How do you get there from here? Is it still possible? My answer from a perspective of 40-plus years sitting here in Old Town is of course it's possible. But my worst fears are fueled by trying to establish the identity of the elephant in the room.

Today, the elephant rules.

— BOB FELDKAMP

## Taylor Run

### PIPPIN

The Stage One Players of St. Stephen's and St. Agnes sang beautifully for their performance of "Pippin," a musical by Stephen Schwartz and Roger O. Hirson.

Especially good to listen to were the three actors — Warren Keith Jones II, Taylor Bono and Virginia Coffield — listed as Leading Players.

Chris Luggiero as Charles, Will Hawkins as Pippin, and Matthew Mirliani as Lewis put their characters across with conviction, as did Brooke Haseltine, Alexandra Shaw, Jackie Duvall, and Michelle Whitham.

### WHO WAS THERE

Headmistress Joan Holden and husband John brought guests from a buffet party to the play. Among them were Dr. Benjamin Bridges, Julie and Eddie Dyson, Liz Gamble, and Jan and Kyle Holt.

Nora and Dan Jones, Piper Larson, Jackie Phillips, Joe Lastelre, Sara Ann and Doug Lindsey, Joan and J.J. Smith, Christine and George Taft, and Easter and Dick Thompson were also present.

Eran and Gant Redmon — she was still praising the Washington Ballet's riveting production of "The Great Gatsby" — Suzanne and Randy Nuckolls, Adeline Phillips, Denny Meyer, and Dr. Ken McDonald with Mrs. McDonald were also among the guests.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

## Membership Meeting

The Taylor Run Citizens Association will be holding its General Membership Meeting and Elections on March 24, at 7 p.m. at the George Washington Masonic Memorial.



PHOTO BY LASHAWN AVERY/GAZETTE PACKET

## Selecting Books

The used book sale was held at the Barrett Library on Saturday, Jan. 16.

# T.C.'s Simpson, Seniors Ready for 2010 Season

BY JON ROETMAN  
THE GAZETTE PACKET

**H**ead coach Andrew Simpson and the seniors on the T.C. Williams baseball team have grown together during the past five seasons.

Simpson, 27, began his coaching career with the Titans' junior varsity in 2006. After three seasons, he took over the varsity program in 2009 and led T.C. Williams its first regional playoff victory in more than a decade.

On Monday night, the Titans took a step toward the start of the 2010 campaign with a 13-0 victory over Bishop Ireton during a scrimmage at Simpson Field. As Simpson enters his second year as varsity head coach, the Titans who received his tutelage as eighth-graders on JV are now seniors, ready for a breakout season.

"Our expectations are to win the district," senior Matt Kilby said. "Expectations for T.C. Williams baseball [in] the past ... have been 'win five games, don't be in last place.' Now, starting last year ... we're starting to be a team people talk about and they're scared to play us. This year, that's the team we want to be.

"When you develop a bond with a coach like that, guys are thinking on the same page. He knows how to approach you, you know how to approach him."

Kilby, a first-team all-region selection as a right-fielder last season, is the Titans' top offensive threat. The 6-foot-4, 185-pounder hit .493 as a junior and set the school record for RBIs with 37.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### B.A. Girls Basketball Team Advances to Finals

The Browne Academy seventh/eighth grade girls basketball team beat Alexandria Country Day School on March 4, 21-13. The Browne Academy girls advance to the championship game scheduled for today at Bishop Ireton High School. Game will begin at 3:45 p.m.

The Browne Academy 7th/8th grade girls' basketball team is currently 7-3.

The winner of the championship game will be the 2010 champion



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**The T.C. Williams baseball team returns seven starters from a team that won two postseason games in 2009.**

"He will punish a mistake [pitch]," Simpson said. "He doesn't get many pitches to [hit], which is a problem for him, but he will kill a mistake. You're not going to get a fastball by him. He's got very quick hands."

Kilby, who is leaning toward playing at Navy or Harvard next year, will hit cleanup for the Titans. His bat will be depended on even more with the loss of senior second baseman and No. 3 hitter Adam Forrer, who suffered a torn ACL during the offseason. Forrer was a first-team all-region selection who batted .532, scored 34 runs and stole 18 bases. He has a scholarship to play at the Univer-

sity of Richmond.

of the ABC Athletic League of Greater Washington.

Browne Academy is a co-ed preschool through eighth grade independent school located in Alexandria.

Registration Now Open for New Spring Break Soccer Camp

The "Sev Gronlie Peace Camp" is a new soccer camp for elementary-aged children to be held at Carl Sandburg Middle School on the turf soccer field behind the

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"What I've told Matt is: don't try to make up for Adam and don't try to be two people this year," Simpson said. "I just want him to play his game, do what he did last year. We'll make up for Adam, but

I don't want him to try to make up for two people at one time."

Kilby appeared to get the message.

"I've just got to keep it simple," he said. "[If] a home run comes, great, but I can't hit two home runs

every at bat."

Senior Rob Mannel returns, but will move from catcher, where he was honorable mention all-district last year, to third base.

Junior Trav Clark was a second-team all-district shortstop who hit leadoff last year. In 2010, he will move to catcher and fill Forrer's No. 3 spot in the order. Clark batted .441 with 10 doubles and 23 runs as a sophomore.

Junior center fielder Will Rossi and sophomore first baseman Aaron Tovosky are also returning starters. Senior Alex Goldfarb was an honorable mention third baseman last year.

Sophomore Nate Ribyat will take over in left field and junior Doug Murphy will take over at shortstop. The second base and designated hitter positions are undecided.

On the mound, junior Steve Weidman returns as the Titans' ace.

A second-team all-district selection last year, the 6-foot-1 right-hander is coming off a season in which he went 6-1 with a 4.09 ERA. Weidman said his fastball topped out at 87 mph last year. He

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## Five Questions with T.C. Williams Senior Outfielder/Pitcher Matt Kilby

**Q: You have several Division I schools recruiting you. What are you most looking forward to about the transition to college baseball?**

A: You get to travel [and] you really get to experience competition at a new level. ... You go up against a pitcher in high school, it could be someone's ace or it could be some kid who only plays baseball in the spring. In college, you're facing the ace of every high school baseball team.

**Q: Your top choices at the moment are Navy and Harvard. How do you balance academics with athletics?**

A: It's hard. You've got to make some sacrifices. Maybe you can't go out on a Friday night. I've gotten good at it: go home, do your homework, go to practice and do your homework. ... My mom, dad, they've always told me academics get you into college. That's why I'm looking at schools such as Naval Academy and Harvard.

**Q: What do you like to do outside of baseball?**

A: Hang out with the guys. A lot of my best

## 5Qs



friends are on this team.

**Q: Do you have a favorite baseball team?**

A: The Boston Red Sox. ... I went to a Red Sox game when I was really young and fell in love with the team.

**Q: How do you baseball players get through the cold weather?**

A: Bundle up, try to hit inside has much as we can after practice. ... You've got to get extra work in.

— JON ROETMAN

## SPORTS

# Seniors Ready for 2010 Season

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also throws a change-up, curve, two-seam fastball and slider.

"We kind of took it easy on Steve last year," Simpson said. "He was always on a strict pitch count. This year, we're going to kind of let him go — unleash him a little bit."

Weidman said the Titans' regional victory over Yorktown last season garnered attention.

"It got our team out there," he said. "Everybody is starting to notice us more and see us as a big contender to play against."

Mannel is slated to be the Titans' No. 2 starter. The 6-foot-4 right-hander went 1-1 with a 7.73 ERA last season.

"We have two quality, workhorse starters in Weidman and Mannel," Simpson wrote in an e-mail.

Goldfarb, Kilby, Tovsky and senior Chris Cattaneo also return with pitching experience. Kilby will be the team's closer. Simpson said he is looking for someone to step up and establish himself as the No. 3 starter.

The coach also said the team needs to improve defensively after allowing an average of two unearned runs per game last year.

T.C. Williams will take part in the Paul VI Jamboree on Saturday, scrimmaging Yorktown at 2:30 p.m. and Paul VI at 4 p.m. The Titans open their season at home against Wakefield at 5:30 p.m. March 17.

Kilby said the Titans need to play well and hopefully more Titan fans will attend their games.

"I want to win district this year — that's my main goal," he said.

"I've been thinking about that goal since the season ended last year. We've been talking about this year since we were in eighth grade. 'Wow, when we're seniors, we're going to be awesome.' Now we're seniors, this is when it counts.

"We've got to show our school that, 'Look, the baseball team's pretty good, too. You can talk about the basketball team all you want, but come to some baseball games and check us out.'"

Other Titan seniors: Alex Hampl (C/1B), Marshall Cook (OF), Jon Jones (OF).

"This senior class," Simpson said, "I've coached since they were in eighth grade. ... We've grown together. ... It's just a great group of guys, [a] very intelligent group, very hard working. They've come a long way as ball players."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

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school, March 29-April 2, 9 a.m.-noon. This spring break soccer camp is open to children in kindergarten-sixth grade at a cost of

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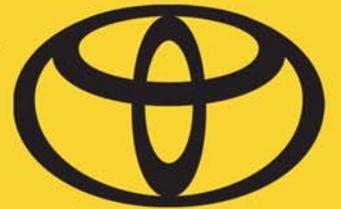
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