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**'Spring-Up'
Day of Service**

The Campagna Center Junior Friends volunteers set out to “spring-up” two of the local children centers on Saturday morning, April 17. Emily Passmore chaired the event as volunteers replanted the courtyard garden and entranceway to the Head-Start Center at Jefferson-Houston. Volunteers also worked on painting a mural in the yard. The tiled mosaics that the Campagna Kids worked on last summer were finally placed into the ground near the center entrance. Sponsors and donors to the event include: L*Industries, Harry Braswell, Bell Nursery and Tech Painting. Above, Laura Niswander, Anne Culbert, Brandi Pensoneau and Kristin Rumberger work on planting the courtyard garden.

A Safe Haven

'Low-demand' environment for 12 chronically homeless individuals has been years in the making.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Winston Burse knows life on the streets in Alexandria. He was homeless for seven years, sleeping on park benches, in alleyways and inside unlocked cars. Drugs and alcohol had demolished his life, clouding mental-health problems he didn't even know he had. He was living a marginal existence, one in which he resisted all the rules and regulations that come along with traditional emergency shelters. Essentially, he preferred life on the street to a lot of people telling him what to do.

“I was full of despair and loneliness,” said Burse. “You know what I really wanted? I wanted to take a bath. I wanted to take a shower. I wanted to be able to put on some clean clothes and have a hot meal and have a hot place to lay down.”



Winston Burse

He got help from the city's Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse. Now Burse is a success story, someone who will serve as

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Equal Protection Battle on Fayette

Lawsuit charges demolition of American Legion building would be a civil-rights violation.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

For people who grew up in a part of town they still call Uptown, the past is fading away at a troubling pace. Many of the old houses are gone. A major highway now cuts the neighborhood in half. Parker Gray High

School has been demolished. All that's left are some old churches and a handful of properties to show what life was like in segregated Alexandria.

One of those still hanging on is the little yellow building on North Fayette Street, an old nursery built at time when black mothers en

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Budget Indications

With this year's budget season headed for a dramatic conclusion next month, City Council members are beginning to reveal more about where they stand. And if recent public statements are prologue, the showdown is certain to be monumental.

Councilman **Frank Fannon** has begun laying the pieces in place for voting against the budget — a measure considered by some to be a radical protest. When Republican **Bill Cleveland** and Democrat **Andrew Macdonald** voted against the budget, opponents lashed out that such a move was tantamount to acting against education of children and the needs of the elderly. Certainly, considering the vast scope of the budget, this sentiment is technically accurate. But Fannon says he would be unwilling to vote for a budget that was one penny more than last year's budget — unlikely considering the momentum this year.

"We need to hold the line," Fannon said Saturday morning. "We have to take care of the basics first, and if there's any money left over we can be nice."

On the other side of the equation is Vice Mayor **Kerry Donely**. When public-safety employees advocated merit pay for sheriff's deputies and police officers, Donley said he felt Alexandria's 40-year crime low should be recognized. Although school employees received a merit increase halfway through the fiscal year in the last budget cycle, city employees have not received a merit increase since 2008. Budget officials estimate adding merit pay would cost about \$2.8 million.

"That result should be rewarded, in my opinion," said Donley. "I think this is the year that we should not turn our backs on our workforce."

Skyscrapers Approved

The area around the Eisenhower Metro station is about to be radically transformed, thanks to a unanimous decision Saturday to approve three skyscrapers that will loom over an area once known as the Village of Cameron — a tobacco port on Hunting Creek that predates the incorporation of Alexandria in 1749. The trio of towers will have 1,200 dwelling units and 67,000 square feet of retail, including a plaza with the relocated statue of **Dwight Eisenhower** that now stands at the eastern terminus of the eponymous avenue.

Despite the recommendation that the developer contribute 56 units of affordable housing in perpetuity, the City Council voted to limit the affordable housing requirement to 30 years. But the Hoffman Company has agreed to a "voluntary contribution" of \$3.3 million to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. By the time the negotiations were winding down, there seemed to be only one lingering issue of disagreement — street names. In keeping with the history of the area, street names currently include Anchor Street, Swamp Fox Road, Port Street, Southern Street and Dock Street.

"I'm not crazy about the street names," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**, who has raised the issue before. "But I guess you knew that."

"I nominate we name a street after Paul Smedberg," responded the vice mayor.

"How about Pepper Street?" asked Councilwoman **Del Pepper**.

Party-Line Vote

The days of one-party rule in Alexandria are a thing of the past. And a new phenomenon has taken place, the party-line vote.

The most recent example was on display last weekend, when the City Council's two non-Democratic members opposed a \$200,000 appropriation of the General Fund to the Housing Fund for the Homeownership Assistance Program to assist homebuyers in the purchase of distressed properties. In explaining her opposition to the appropriation, Councilwoman **Alica Hughes** said the cost was too great for the number of people the money would benefit.

"I am a supporter of affordable housing, but that doesn't mean I will support every item we consider," said Hughes. "It makes me uncomfortable to spend \$200,000 for the benefit of four families."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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General Braddock heads the table at the Grandest Congress luncheon at the Carlyle House. Also seated with the general and the governors are John Carlyle and British Navy Admiral Keppel.

A Meal for Governors and a General

The Carlyle House came alive again on Saturday, April 10, with the reenactment of the historic meeting between Major General Braddock and five colonial governors. After meeting and discussing the Crown's objectives in raising a war chest of 150,000 pounds and an additional 600 recruits amongst the colonies, the party moved to the terrace for lunch. The menu included: Vermicelli soup, roast goose with carrots, fried haddock with pickles and hard boiled eggs, beef stake pie, hedgehog, dinner rolls, nuts and cheeses, sweetmeat cakes, roast capon with onions and fried potatoes, forst meat balls in gravy, seed cake, spinach cheese tart, dried fruits and cheeses and colored jellies in glass.

The meal was prepared by Kimberley Walters with help from Gema Gonzalez, Dory Gean Cunningham and Katy Hayes and Stacy Hook as the Dairy Maid.



Kirsten and Jocelyn La Force-Regli race hoops up and down the entranceway of the Carlyle House while the Grandest Congress is in session inside the house.



Kimberley Walters finishes up setting the table for lunch on the terrace.



Jane Pease appears as Charlotte Brown, who traveled with General Braddock in the company of her brother, a pharmacist.



Bonnie Fairbanks appears as Molly Walker, John Carlyle's head housekeeper. With Fairbanks is Kimberley Walters, the cook.

After Rumors, Few at School

Almost half the TC student body stays home on Tuesday after security threat.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Rumors of impending doom were swirling around T.C. Williams High School this week, after two students were suspended on April 15 for making what school officials call “inappropriate comments.” In a letter to families issued the following day, Principal William Clendaniel explained that some students use the April 20 anniversary of the 1999 Columbine shooting as an opportunity to spread “disruptive rumors.”

“This was the case recently at T.C. Williams High School,” Clendaniel explained in the letter. “Rumors are circulating about comments made by T.C. students in reference to the Columbine event.”

The principal explained that he had worked closely with the Alexandria Police Department to identify four students involved, and that all four had been suspended. He said that no direct threat had ever been made, and that no evidence indicates that students were ever in any danger. But he added that administrators found students engaging in inappropriate conversations and poor decision-making.

“While most rumors turn out to be nothing more than talk, we do take them seriously,” Clendaniel wrote. “Threats or intimidation can be grounds for suspension, expulsion and arrest even if a student claims he or she was joking.”

Absentee figures for Tuesday indicated that students didn’t think the situation was a joke — or at least, they were willing to ditch classes and use the heightened security threat as an excuse. About 42 percent of students were absent from school on Monday, the 11th

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10 Years On

The Irish Breakfast Band performs in the Wright Reading Garden as part of the 10th anniversary celebration of the Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library. The 60,200-square-foot building was designed by Pierce Goodwin Alexander & Linville in association with Michael Graves, architect. The library opened on Jan. 31, 2000.



Jordan the Jack Russell Terrier provided entertainment for the children at the anniversary celebration on Saturday afternoon, April 17. Carrying Jordan is Tom Beauchamp.



Sculpture Carlos Beltran Baldviezo discusses his work in the lobby of the library.



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105 Years Young

Longtime Alexandria resident Alfred James Dumas celebrated his 105th birthday at his home with family, friends and neighbors on April 16. Mr. Dumas, the father of five, grandfather of 14, and great-grandfather of 14, is an original homeowner in the Beverly Hills neighborhood of North Ridge. He purchased his home in 1938 when Cameron Mills was still a dirt road and has been a parishioner of Grace Episcopal Church on Russell Road for over 60 years. He attributes his longevity to a steady diet of oatmeal, loves to root for the Washington Nationals and the Washington Redskins and says he has no plans on going anywhere until one of them gets going and wins a championship.



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Legends on Exhibit

Living Legends of Alexandria project director Nina Tisara speaks about the project during the 10th anniversary celebration of the Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library. The 2007-08 Living Legends are on exhibit at the Beatley Central Library. The 2008-09 Legends are at Alexandria City Hall and the 2009-10 photographs will be exhibited at the Del Ray Artisans gallery from Aug. 6-25. Living Legends of Alexandria is an on-going, not-for-profit, project to identify, honor, and chronicle those making history in Alexandria today. To nominate a Legend or for more information, see www.AlexandriaLegends.com.

Meet City's New Poet Laureate

Amy Young finds a way to balance poetry with the demands of family life.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

A native of Providence, R.I., Amy Young grew up in Washington, D.C. and has lived in Alexandria since 2000. Professionally, she teaches writing at the Lab School of Washington. Last week, the Alexandria City Council voted to name her the city's second Poet Laureate, replacing Mary McElveen, who has been the city's poet laureate since 2006.



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Alexandria Poet Laureate Amy Young

How did you first get interested in poetry?

I grew up in a family where words were important. It was a word-rich environment, I guess. My dad was a writer and a speechwriter for Senator Pell of Rhode Island. So reading and writing were always encouraged. So I think I absorbed it naturally. And I've been writing poetry since I was in elementary school.

What do you like about poetry?

Everybody likes to create, and it just seems to be the way I am best at creating. I don't paint, and I don't draw. But I've always gotten great satisfaction out of the sounds of words and putting words together and seeing the effect they have on the people around me.

When did you realize that poetry was important to you?

Well, I still have the little handmade books I made when I was in elementary school. So I've always been writing poems. In fact, I've tried to give it up on numerous occasions because it was almost too frustrating to be raising a family and trying to write poetry at the same time. But it doesn't go away.

Why was it too difficult to write poetry and raise a family at the same time?

With just about any creative urge, it's pretty all-consuming. If you're a mom, you want to do your job well. But there's always this tug to be creative and have that satisfaction. I guess it felt too self-gratifying to forsake my kids and write poetry. It always seemed like that was the choice, which may or may not have been true. But that's how I felt.

But you seem to have struck a balance, right?

As my kids have gotten a little bit older, I've realized there's more than one way to satisfy my urge to be a poet. That probably got turned around about six years ago when I attended a workshop in Massachusetts with a really wonderful woman named Pat Schneider, who runs something called Amherst Writers and Artists. And it was just a differ-

ent path to writing poetry. That was after I had attempted to get my master's in poetry at George Mason University and realized that I couldn't do that and have a family at the same time — and, in fact, that I really didn't need to. That I could carve out time for my writing.

How did you hear that the poet laureate position was open?

That was just oddly fortuitous. I knew that Alexandria had a poet laureate. My two younger children are in Alexandria public schools and are fabulous writers, so I'm always aware of what's going on in the school system. And I knew that Alexandria had this lovely poet laureate, Mary McElveen. But I didn't know anything about when her term was up or anything like that. And I had just signed on to the city's e-mail notification system after living here for 10 years. The very first thing I got was an announcement that the poet laureate deadline had been extended. That's when the alarm bells went off in my head. My husband said I should apply for it, but I certainly wasn't going to apply for it myself. So my husband rounded up a bunch of neighbors, and they nominated me.

What happened next?

Once that became a reality, and my neighbors felt strongly about it — that it wasn't just a lark and that they were taking it seriously, I decided I could probably do this. And I realized I had a lot of ideas over the years that I couldn't really act on or implement because I didn't have a platform from which to do it. And so it was a great opportunity for me to let my ideas gel and to present them to the community. So in the end I was really excited about the challenge.

So what do you hope to do with the position?

Most people think about the poet laureate as someone who writes se

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Opening a Safe Haven for the Homeless

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a role model for the 12 chronically homeless people with mental-health problems or substance-abuse issues that will begin moving in to Safe Haven next month. Burse, who is now a city employee, will be the janitor for the facility

“Something like this would have been wonderful,” said Burse. “Walking into a place like this, where I’d be living in a lot of hope and love and care, you know? And that’s what I really needed.”

ESSENTIALLY, BURSE needed a place like Safe Haven, where residents aren’t burdened with a lot of demands. The “housing-first” model of helping those in chronic homelessness is a growing trend in America, one that’s aimed at helping those who fall between the cracks — people who would rather remain homeless than adhere to rules put in place by most homeless shelters.

“This is not a flophouse,” said Michael Gilmore, executive director of the Community Services Board. “It’s permanent supportive housing.”

Gilmore said Safe Haven will conduct very careful screenings of the people who are approved to live at the facility, which will be followed by close monitoring of people who are living there. Each day, the building will be staffed with at two city employees at all time, sometimes more. If a resident’s behavior changes, Safe Haven staff will be able to rapidly intervene.

“They can live here as long as they want,” said Gilmore. “And there’s not going to be a whole stream of people coming and going.”

THE SAFE HAVEN apartments have been years in the making. After the “Safe Haven” concept of low-demand structure began

gaining popularity in the late 1990s, city officials began looking for an appropriate location here in Alexandria. Back in 1997, the Homeless Services Coordinating Committee identified Safe Haven as a high priority in the city’s consolidated plan for housing. A number of properties were identified as potential locations, but the booming housing market made the search difficult.

“Every time we saw something that might work, we ran out to see it,” said Mary Riley, former chairwoman of the Alexandria Community Services Board. “But the market was so crazy back then that everything was gone in a number of days.”

Several potential sites were identified, but they sold within days. Others were prohibitively expensive. A handful of locations were deemed undesirable because they were not in an integrated community setting close to services. Others were ruled out because they were in locations that already had a concentration of services. Eventually, supporters turned their sights on North Patrick Street — an old firehouse that had been renovated to be a courthouse and later served as the location for a day program serving people with mental illness and substance-abuse disorders. The year was 2003.

“It was really a struggle to get everything to work,” said Riley. “So it was really a relief to see all the pieces finally coming together.”

BUT THE LOCATION did not sit well with several neighbors, who opposed the building at City Council meetings and launched a legal challenge to the zoning designation in Circuit Court. Opponents were led by Craig Miller, a Cameron Street resident who filed a lawsuit in 2005 charging that the Planning Commission zoned the property “multi-family use” rather than congregat-



Safe Haven will be located in a building that once served as the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.

housing specifically to avoid a public hearing for a special-use permit. He even raised the issue during an unsuccessful bid for City Council that year. In December 2006, Judge Lisa Kemler ruled in favor of Miller, forcing the Community Services Board to apply for a special-use permit and conduct a public hearing.

“This is an experiment,” Craig Miller said during a community meeting shortly after the court’s ruling. “You guys don’t have any experience dealing with this population because you can’t get them into your programs.”

“I would not characterize this as an experiment,” responded Carol Layer, division director for extended care services,

during the January 2007 meeting. “We already have contact with these people, but they are homeless so it’s inconsistent.”

The long-awaited public hearing finally happened in March 2007. Safe Haven supporters outnumbered opponents five to one. Miller made his closing argument against the project, expressing a concern about declining property values near the facility as a result of the number of substance abusers who would be living nearby.

After the public hearing closed, City Council members approved the permit in a unanimous vote.

“In hindsight, I think that going through the special-use permit process would have been a better way to go about doing this,” said Andrew Macdonald, who was vice mayor at the time. “I’m sorry that we didn’t do that up front.”

THREE YEARS have passed since that day. The property has undergone an extensive renovation, including several return trips to the Board of Architectural Review. Any changes to the structure were carefully considered because the building’s 1930s-era courthouse façade is considered architecturally significant, and the building is located in a historically protected zone. After Wednesday’s ribbon-cutting ceremony, Safe Haven will hold an open house for citizens on April 22 from 3 to 6 p.m.

For those who have worked on the project for years, it’s the culmination of an important goal. And it will fill a gap in services that Safe Haven supporters say will fulfill an unmet need in the city.

“This is a housing first model,” said Judy Carter, assistant director of extended care services. “We want to invite people in off the streets in order for them to be safe, and we can then begin to offer them services.”

Lawsuit Charges Demolition Would Be Civil-Rights Violation

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tered the workforce during World War II. After the war, the little yellow building became a center of the black community, serving as a gathering place for black men returning from the war. Now that old building faces the wrecking ball, with a developer setting his sights on the property as an ideal location for a high-end, modern condominium building.

But a group of historic preservationists has assembled a legal challenge to the demolition permit, charging that letting the building fade away would be a civil-rights violation. By minimizing the importance of Africa-American history and ignoring the cultural significance of the old nursery, the lawsuit alleges, the city has engaged in racial discrimination. The suit against the City Council charges allowing a demolition permit violates equal protection guarantees under the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Consti-

tution as well as the Virginia Human Rights Act.

“Elevating architectural significance above cultural and historic significance inevitably has a disproportionate impact on buildings in historically black neighborhoods, while affording ample protections to historic structures in predominately white neighborhoods,” wrote attorneys with the Washington-based firm Williams & Connolly.

IN A HEARING last week, Circuit Court Judge Lisa Kemler removed the civil rights part of the case. Acting on a motion from Assistant City Attorney Chris Sperra, Kemler eliminated claims pertaining to the Fourteenth Amendment and the Virginia Human Rights Act. But then she changed her mind over the weekend, issuing a letter on Monday reversing her ruling. Now, lawyers on both sides are preparing for a November trial date. Meanwhile, developer William Cromley’s property on Fayette Street sits

abandoned while the court challenge moves forward.

“There’s only one word for these allegations, and it’s a word I don’t use lightly. It’s preposterous,” said Cromley. “As far as I’m concerned this is all about stalling.”

For now, Cromley’s project is effectively stalled. Although City Council granted him a demolition permit back in October, the developer said he will not move forward with demolition while the lawsuit is in play. And moving forward with a lengthy and expensive special-use permitting process would be unwise, considering the uncertainty of the property’s future. So, for now, Cromley is willing to wait it out while the lawsuit moves through the court system.

“They were clever to add that civil rights claim because that opens the case up to an appeal in the federal courts,” said Cromley, a former chairman of the Parker Gray Board of Architectural Review. “This thing could drag on for a decade. On the bright side, this property will be worth a whole lot more

10 years from now.”

THE CASE AGAINST demolition dates back to the era of racial segregation, a time of “separate but equal.” The court file reads like a history of a forgotten time, including five passionately written affidavits from African-Americans arguing that the old building on Fayette Street is much more than a place. For those who would like to preserve the building, its humble presence on the block tells the story of a brave community who fought the evils of segregation and won.

“You cannot curtail history. You cannot sidestep history,” wrote civil-rights legend Ferdinand Day in an affidavit opposing the demolition permit. “If the city eliminates such a key part of its history, it becomes like a tree with its roots cut off.”

The story of 224 North Fayette Street begins in 1944. America was at war, and many of the neighborhood’s black men were overseas serving in the armed forces. Here

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NEWS

Titan-Led Fund-raiser For Haiti on Saturday

The Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross, The '71 Original Titans from "Remember the Titans" and T.C. Williams High School are asking residents to come out this Saturday, April 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and donate funds and other goods to help the Haitian people continue their recovery process. No donation is too small.

The event will take place rain or shine. The Titans will be there to

sign autographs and take pictures with those who attend, according to #81 Julius Campbell and #77 Kerry Lundin of the '71 Original Titans Foundation.

T. C. Williams High School will be having a Powder Puff Football game in the afternoon and a dance later that evening with all ticket sales going to the Haitian Relief Drive.

All proceeds will be given to the American Red Cross for the support of Haiti.

OBITUARY

Anne R. Lipnick

Anne R. Lipnick, a resident of Alexandria for over 30 years, died on March 30, 2010. Anne was born Aug. 9, 1943 in Cambridge, Mass. to Henry and Celia Florence (Weinberg) Goldberg. She married Robert Louis Lipnick on June 11, 1967. They had two children, Deborah Ellen (1978), and David Henry (1980).

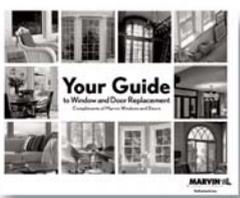
Anne graduated with a BA from Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. in 1965, and received an MSW from University of Minnesota in 1972. She served as a research assistant at Brandeis from 1965-66, and as a social worker in the Division of Child Guardianship in Boston, 1966-68. Anne worked at Jewish Family Service

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OPINION

Call for Mother's Day Photos And Father's Day too ...

Every year at this time, the Gazette puts out the call for photographs of moms and their children, grandmothers and their children and grandchildren. Most years, we're lucky enough to receive a photo or two that includes four generations great-grandma and all the rest.

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and once again the Connection will publish a gallery of Mother's Day photos, celebrating the mothers who make so many things possible in families, communities, schools and other institutions in local neighborhoods.

Send in photos as soon as possible, including information about who is in the picture, the date the picture was taken, the ages of the children and sentence or two about what is happening and the location (who, what, where, when, why).

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And remember, a few weeks from now it will be time to send photos of Dads and children, grandfathers and children and grandchildren. Or feel free to send your Mother's and Father's Day photos at the same time.

Transforming TC: Not an Impossible Dream

By DR. MORTON SHERMAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

"One man scorned and covered with scars still strove with his last ounce of courage to reach the unreachable stars; and the world was better for this." — Don Quixote

Last month, I wrote about the recent state and federal designation of T.C. Williams High School as a Persistently Lowest-Achieving (PLA) school. Although many of us do not agree with the PLA label, we see it as a wake-up call. While most TC students are doing well, it is unacceptable to ignore the significant number of students who are not performing to their highest potential, or worse, who drop out. It is unacceptable not to push our highest achievers to excel even higher. We must never give up on our vision to set the international standard for educational excellence, where all students achieve their potential and actively contribute to our local and global communities.

COMMENTARY

But some students come to school unpre-

pared. Some don't speak English, or have special needs, or lack parental support. It's easy to make excuses and find fault. The real fault is to believe that not all students can learn ... that poverty, single parents, language barriers, disabilities, race, or a thousand other reasons should be used as excuses for not learning.

We must do our work differently. This conversation began long before the PLA designation, and we recognize that each of us — administrators, parents, support agencies, community members, and students themselves — must make changes in order for our students to succeed. But nothing will make as much of an impact as the changes we make in our classrooms.

I have asked TC teachers and members of the new TC Vision and Action Committee to read "Drive," the new book by Dan Pink. In this book, Mr. Pink shares with us what drives us to succeed. Think of the things that you love



Morton Sherman

to do: perhaps singing, playing golf, spending time with your family, or going to church. Why do you do those things? What drives you to do them well? I deeply believe that teachers choose their profession because they love kids and because they believe that all students can learn. We need to figure out how best to help our most important resource — our teachers and staff who work with students — to support their internal drive.

The School Board and I have deemed as priorities professional development and curriculum alignment. As we learn more about the PLA "Transformation" reform model for T.C. Williams, we are finding that those things will also be required by the state and federal governments, along with a teacher evaluation system linked directly to student performance.

The federal definition of the Transformation model says to implement each of the following strategies: (1) take steps to increase teacher and school leader effectiveness; (2) institute comprehensive instructional reforms using research and data; (3) increase learning time and create community-oriented schools; and (4) provide operational flexibility and sustained support. What this means for TC is: increased accountability; increased learning time; improved professional development for teachers and staff; differentiation of instruction; use of research-based programs; consideration of online learning, International Baccalaureate and early college credit opportunities; increased family and community involvement; and additional grant funding over a two-to-three-year period.

The challenges we face at TC are challenges we have faced for years, but it doesn't mean they are insurmountable. Let us not forget our many points of pride, including the fact that Newsweek's Challenge Index puts TC's participation rate in college-level courses and tests in the top four percent of U.S. public high schools. TC offers about two dozen AP courses and scores on the AP exams are above the national average. Graduates attend some of the most prestigious universities in the country. Through our strategic planning process and the TC Vision and Action Committee, we have begun to dream about the amazing things we will accomplish by changing the way we do business. I am confident our dreams will come true.



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Snapshot

Friends and fans of the Varsity Titans Baseball team fill the stands at Simpson Field last Thursday night, April 15, in a game against South County Stallions.

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Which Comic Strip Version?

To the Editor:

In his letter "Comic Strip Version of History" of April 15, Commander Richard Hines disparages the successful effort to have Gov. Bob McDonnell apologize for failing to acknowledge the evils of slavery in his declaration of April 2010 as Confederate History Month in Virginia. He alleges that slavery was not the cause of the Civil War. Indeed President Lincoln, in his March 1861 Inaugural Address, simply declared his intention to preserve the Union: "I hold that, in contemplation of the universal law and of the Constitution, the Union of these States is perpetual. ... No state, upon its own mere motion, can lawfully get out of the Union. ... I shall take care, as the Constitution itself expressly enjoins upon me, that the laws of the Union be faithfully executed in all the States. ... In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow-countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war. The government will not assail you. You can have no conflict without yourselves being the aggressors.

You have no oath registered in heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to 'preserve, protect, and defend' it."

Why then did the Confederate States go to war against the United States? Clearly it was to establish themselves as a sovereign nation with a constitution whose foundation, in the words of Vice President Stephens, "are laid ... upon the great truth that the Negro is not equal to the white man; that slavery ... is his natural and moral condition." The Confederate plans to which Cmdr. Hines refers, to free and arm slaves, can hardly be said to mean that the Confederacy had altered its views about the relation between the white man and the Negro in order to preserve "its economic and political liberties."

Finally, Cmdr. Hines asserts that the real tragedy of the Civil War was that "it destroyed the constitutional scheme of limited Federal power." I find this to be at best a "comic strip version of history" of the sort that he so rightly deplors.

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Nothing To Hide, Nothing To Fear

To the Editor:

As the Connection Newspapers continues to press, rightfully, for more openness from our police departments, I wanted to share with your readers a recent example of how unfettered access to police reports can shed light on a situation and inform the public more so than the controlled release of information by law enforcement.

Ben Roethlisberger, the quarterback for the Pittsburgh Steelers, recently was accused of sexual assault in Georgia.

After investigating, the prosecutor declined to bring charges, saying he couldn't prove his case "beyond a reasonable doubt." A demand for the police report by the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review yielded four volumes of information totaling 500 pages under Georgia's Open Records act (see: <https://mail.google.com/mail/?shva=1#drafts/12810d5b6775b35b>). The information contained in the report contained a detailed reconstruction of what allegedly happened between Mr. Roethlisberger and his alleged victim that paint a far more complicated picture of the situation and Mr. Roethlisberger's potential danger to society than a prosecutor's unwillingness to prosecute would imply.

While Mr. Roethlisberger is clearly innocent of any crime, the Steelers found the details of his alleged conduct troubling enough that the team's owners are punishing its Super Bowl-winning quarterback.

I would note that the victim is conspicuously not identified by the newspaper. I would also note that in Virginia, these details never may have emerged.

Access to police records can inform the public in other ways. When compiled, arrest reports have yielded statistical information that may identify patterns of racial profiling, abuse of overtime, the use of force, among other things.

In some cases, they may also identify crime patterns not previously detected by the departments themselves. A quick search of the Investigative Reporters and Editors website (www.ire.org), shows reporters in Vancouver, Wash., used police records in 2005 to detail how a police department was failing to track and discipline officers who used excessive force. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch used



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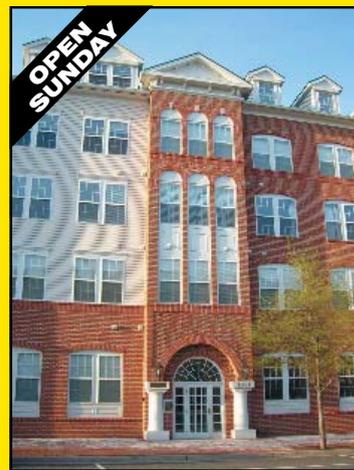
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records in 2005 to reveal how the police department was deliberately suppressing the number of reported rapes in its jurisdiction for statistical reasons. The same year in Colorado Springs, Colo., a newspaper used records to detail how an officer was abusing his position to repeatedly photograph young men shirtless and occasionally in their underwear. These are just three of 153 examples of investigative reporting using police records on the IRE site.

I continued to be troubled by the position of our regional law enforcement that the public is not to be trusted with records other states have deemed disclosable information; if they have nothing to hide, they should have nothing to fear.

I am equally troubled by the tacit approval of this policy by our elected officials. Providing citizens with imperfect information that is released only at the discretion of the authorities is not something we do in America. I encourage the Connection Newspapers to continue to demand accountability on all fronts.

Ryan Donmoyer
Alexandria



Velvet

Dog Catching With Much Help From Strangers

To the Editor:

I read your local paper often as an Old Town resident. I like your selection of articles, especially those of human interest.

My newly adopted Afghan Hound, Velvet, was not quite used to the household, or I simply wasn't used to a young Afghan's cunning and speed. She slipped

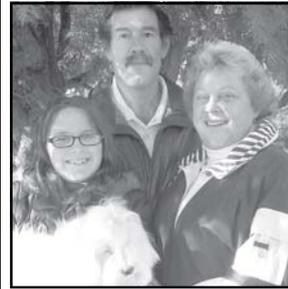
between my legs and out my Princess Street door, dashing on Payne toward King on this past Sunday's busy afternoon. As many tried to nab her, she would skirt them, and disappeared for three hours. I was distraught. I drove around on my Vespa into Del Ray, down Duke Street, toward the Potomac. No one had seen her, and the number of strange looks I received mounted after repeatedly echoing, "Velvet," and then asking passersby, "Have you seen a Black Afghan run by?"

Followed with my clarification, "A dog, an Afghan Hound." All replied, "No."

I called the Animal Shelter, where I had registered her on the day before, they informed Animal Control, yet no sightings or calls. I told a policeman in a cruiser passing me on Commonwealth. I told neighbors, friends were looking in their cars and on foot. All had united to find Velvet. I eventually felt compelled to tell the breeder from Frederick, who said she would come immediately to assist, and not to chase Afghans, they dash and run tirelessly. Circling back toward home, I even passed a congregation entering the Ebenezer Baptist Church, who

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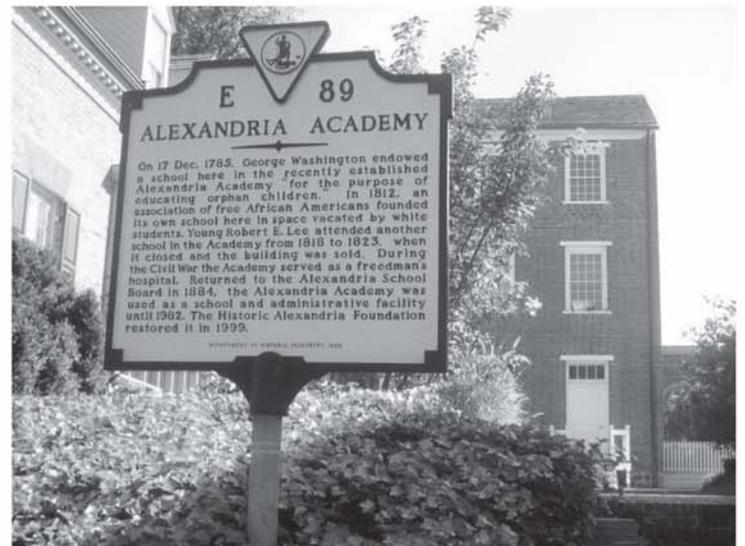
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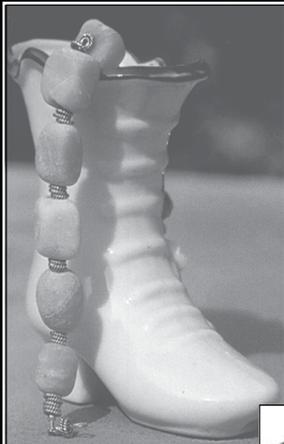
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hadn't seen Velvet dash past — looking as lovely as those ladies; they offered prayers.

A call came in on my cell phone, it was the Animal Shelter. Police had received a call spotting a large charcoal dog near King Street Metro. I agreed to meet Animal Control there, she had gone. But after her was a young couple from Richmond, who had just transported a dog for adoption to Alexandria. These two concerned folks were key in directing Velvet away from busy King and Duke Street to the fenced fields behind the

Masonic Temple. We only knew to go there from a man who shouted down from King's Metro platform to point the Animal Control officer and myself in that direction. Eventually, Animal Control got the Richmond man's cell number and he directed us to the field behind the temple.

Once there the chase was on, and Velvet would always win. She dashed past us four hours on end. Maybe she was scared after the city traffic, having come from a peaceful farm outside Frederick, but then again, I got the impression she was enjoying it to a degree.

After her breeder arrived, to the parking lot with Velvet's second cousin, Sandy. Velvet greeted Sandy and we leashed her. The Animal Control officer provided her some much needed water, and made friends

If not for the strong well coordinated Police, Animal Welfare, Animal Control professionals, and a dog-loving community, Velvet might not have returned home. Thanks to all.

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Adam Wong, who helped bring in the Velvet, provided this photo from his iPhone.

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'Inappropriate Comments' Cited

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anniversary of the Columbine tragedy. School administrators reported no security problems, and Superintendent Morton Sherman issued a letter late Tuesday reporting that the day transpired smoothly.

"Although rumors spread last week as a result of inappropriate student comments about

the anniversary of the Columbine tragedy, the reality was that no direct threats were made and no police charges were filed," Sherman wrote in the letter. "Because we understand the strong emotions surrounding even the slightest hint of danger at any of our schools, we worked closely with the Alexandria Police Department to increase the police presence today and for the remainder of the week."

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Mary Page Hickey and Mary Kay Ryan prepare to move a few of the completed arrangements into the Parson Johnston House

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At the Parson Johnston House, Mary Page Hickey, Mary Kay Ryan, Ann Hobbs and Leslie Ariail worked on Victorian arrangements in the garden. Across the street Laura Francis was busy with her crew: Beth Frank, Tamara Saltonstall, Lea Shuba and Michaela Robinson working with exotic foliage, mums and dogwood. Lucy Rhame and her group were down at the Customs House.



Laura Francis completes a grouping of fruits and flowers for the morning room table.



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Tamara Saltonstall's arrangement for the formal dining room.



Laura Francis with her floral arranging crew: Beth Frank, Tamara Saltonstall, Lea Shuba and Michaela Robinson.

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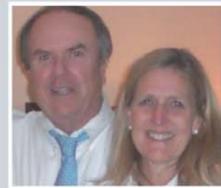
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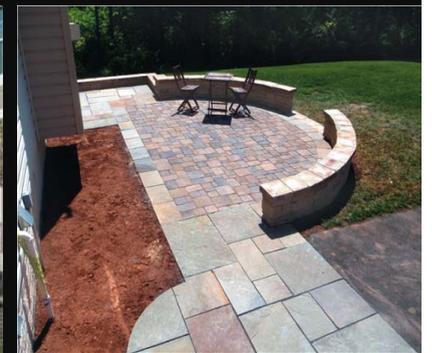




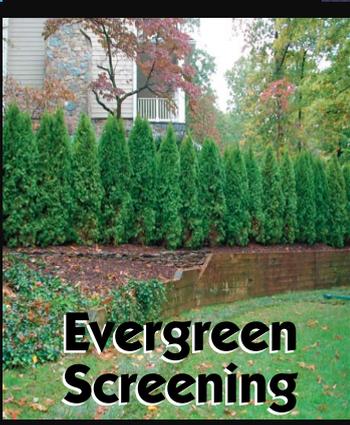
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♦ Gold's Gym, 7770 Richmond Highway in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County, from 4:45 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday; 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday; and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

♦ T. C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria, between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday in the main office.

Shopping and dress selection will take place at the following locations:

♦ Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road in the Alexandria area of Fairfax County.

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♦ Friday, May 14, 4 to 6 p.m.

Paul Scott Goodman Performs at MetroStage

Songwriter's solo-show surveys his own story

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

The self-described Scottish Jewish Rock Musical, Paul Scott Goodman's "Son of a Stand Up Comedian," has a venue problem — as in "where should you perform?"

A pub might be right, if you could find a Scottish pub. An Irish pub would probably do. It would be too much of a stretch to try to find a Scottish-Jewish pub, where songs like "Oy Vey I'm Having a Baby!" wouldn't sound quite as strange as in a traditional Irish pub.

A club like the Birchmere in Alexandria might be a good fit, especially if the show was presented as an opening act. It is, after all, a solo performance piece where its author/songwriter stands center stage chatting with the audience and singing his songs while playing his guitar. That would probably require trimming the piece down a bit to less than the 70 minutes it currently runs, but the show would benefit from such trimming.

Put it in a theater and call it a musical, however, and the audience arrives with expectations that don't quite match the material. This is especially true since the theater where the piece plays through May 9 — Alexandria's MetroStage — pleased its audiences immensely two years ago when it presented an earlier musical by the same Paul Scott Goodman and his wife Miriam Gordon, "Rooms: A Rock Romance." That show told a very theatrical story in a very theatrical way, with two actors assuming roles, playing scenes set in multiple locations and singing songs that, while distinctly rock flavored, were at heart musical theater songs.

"Rooms" premiered here at MetroStage and earned a Helen Hayes Award for its co-



Paul Scott Goodman in "Son of a Stand Up Comedian."

star, Natascia Diaz, before transferring to New York where it played in an Off-Broadway theater to great acclaim, drew three nominations for awards from the Outer Critics Circle and stimulated additional productions.

This new show, however, despite the venue and the contributions of theatrical director Michael Baron, it is a simple club act that seems just a bit skimpy when a theater offers it with tickets priced at \$45 or \$50. Placing Goodman center-stage under a spotlight with a microphone on a stand and a guitar in his hands merely emphasizes the non-theatrical nature of the material. Changing the lights on the rear screen to reflect different emotional moments

doesn't help much.

The material is arranged in a chronological, autobiographical order as Gordon explains his Scottish and Jewish heritage, his immigration to America and his involvement with his first wife. It is centered on the events of the summer of 1988 which, he informs us, was the hottest summer on record in New York although little of the feeling of a hot and humid world comes through.

Gordon is an extremely likable person and the audience finds it easy to care about his effort to escape the fate of many would-be performers in Manhattan — waiting tables and serving at catered affairs. He also tells about his father's career as a stand-up comedian. He even throws in three rather funny jokes from his dad's routine although the impact of that is to reenforce the feeling that the audience is watching a club act and not a theatrical show.

Greg Holloway accompanies Goodman on drums and throws in an occasional rim shot on a punch line. That, too, gives the club act feeling a boost.

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland and writes about theater for a number of national magazines. He can be reached at Brad@PotomacStages.com.

Where and When

"Son of a Stand Up Comedian" plays through May 9 at MetroStage, 1201 North Royal Street. Performances are Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 p.m. and 8 p.m., Sunday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$45 - \$50. Call 800-494-8497 or log on to www.metrostage.org.

Musical Improved at Arena Wins Pulitzer

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

"Next to Normal," the musical that was given a chance to improve at Arena Stage in their Crystal City facility after a promising beginning off-Broadway, has received this year's Pulitzer Prize for Drama, becoming only the eighth musical in history to receive that honor. The prize goes to composer Tom Kitt and lyricist Brian Yorkey who also shared the Tony Award for Best Original Score for a Musical.

The show, a searing portrait of a family dealing with the pressures caused by the mother's mental illness, a not-uncommon mixture of bi-polar disorder and delusions,

had impressed audiences and critics when it first opened in a full production at New York's Second Stage Theatre in 2008, but it was generally conceded that it still had room for improvement. Arena provided Kitt and Yorkey with the opportunity to do that additional work by bringing it to Crystal City where they added, deleted or changed material to make the show work better. In the end, they had written an additional five songs for the musical.

The cast of six had remained relatively stable with just two substitutions between the Off-Broadway run and Arena. Alice Ripley, who had played the role of the mother Off-Broadway was joined by J. Robert Spencer as her husband. Aaron Tveit and Jennifer

Damiano remained as their children. The full cast that appeared at Arena remained with the show when it opened in April of 2009 at the Booth Theatre on Broadway where it is still playing. It received three Tony Awards including one for Ripley as Best Actress in a Musical.

The Pulitzer Prize was established by newspaper publisher Joseph Pulitzer to recognize excellence in journalism, literature and musical composition. The first Pulitzer Prize for Drama was awarded in 1918. Since that time, the prize in Drama has been given "for a distinguished play by an American author, preferably original in its source and dealing with American life" each year with the exception of 14 years when the Pulitzer Committee

chose not to give any award. "Next to Normal" is the second Pulitzer Prize winner that went to Broadway from Arena Stage. In 1969 Howard Sackler's drama "The Great White Hope" became the first regional theatre production to transfer complete with its original cast to Broadway, and it went on to win not only the Pulitzer but the Tony Award for the Best Play.

The Pulitzer wasn't awarded to a musical until 1932 when it went to the musical satire "Of Thee I Sing," but even then, the award went only to the writers of the lyrics and the book and not to the composer, George Gershwin. That policy was changed in 1950 when the recipients for the second musical

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ever to win the award, "South Pacific," included composer Richard Rodgers. This year's citation reads "Awarded to 'Next to Normal,' music by Tom Kitt, book and lyrics by Brian Yorkey, a powerful rock musical that grapples with mental illness in a suburban family and expands the scope of subject matter for musicals."

Some controversy surrounds the selection of "Next to Normal" for this year's prize. The 17-member Pulitzer board chose not to give the award to any of the three plays recommended by its five-member drama jury, and instead, award it to this musical which had been "mentioned favorably" in the jury's report. It is not unusual for the board to make up its own mind rather than ratify the jury's views — only three years ago David Lindsay-Abaire's "Rabbit Hole" received the nod over the jury's recommendation, and the year before that, the board chose not to award a prize at all even though the jury had submitted three plays for consideration. The New York Times has reported that this year, after the board met and none of the three plays recommended by the jury received the requisite majority vote, some members of the board went to see "Next to Normal" for themselves after it had been praised in the juror's report. The next day, a three-fourths vote of the board moved it into contention for the award and it was then selected for this year's award, which is a citation and \$10,000.

Open Life Drawing Sessions

Open life drawing continues at the Del Ray Artisans gallery. These sessions operate on a drop-in basis so there is no need to register in advance.

The fee for each three-hour session is \$8 for DRA members and \$10 for non-members. Two-hour sessions are \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. Check the Del Ray Artisans calendar www.thedelrayartisans.org. Contact Katherine Rand at 703-836-1468 or DRA.LifeDrawing@gmail.com.

May 12: 11a.m. - 1p.m. gesture
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APRIL 27 THROUGH JUNE 27

Paintings of the Potomac Valley

Watercolorists — Green Spring Gardens Show. Free. Opening reception is Sunday, May 2 from 1-3 p.m. at the Horticulture Center. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

APRIL 21-25

Young Artist Showcase. Featuring work by Alexandria high school students to be held at the Torpedo Factory's Target Gallery. Reception and awards ceremony is Sunday, April 25 at 4:30 p.m. At Target Gallery, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria; call 703-838-4565, ext. 4; visit www.torpedofactory.org

NOW THROUGH APRIL 25

Art in the Gardens. Free. Featuring the watercolors of Marni Maree and photographs of Jefferson Evans. Open noon to 4:30 p.m. daily. At Green Spring Gardens Park Horticultural Center, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 or visit www.GreenSpring.org.

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What's Your Bag? This show explores the "Bag as Art" in all mediums and interpretations — handbags, backpacks, tea bags, suitcases, sacks, paper or plastic. Closing reception Sunday, April 25 from 3-6 p.m. Numerous workshops and events scheduled. At the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Visit www.thedelrayartisans.org.

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Annual Student Art and Design Exhibition. At Marymount University's Barry Art Gallery. The works presented in the juried show have been judged in a number of disciplines including Fine Arts, Graphic Design, Fashion Design, and Interior Design. The Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday and Saturday. At the Reinsch Library, Main Campus, 2807 North Glebe Road, Arlington. Contact Judy Bass, the Barry Gallery curator, at 703-284-1561 or visit <http://www.marymount.edu/academic/artandsci/barrygallery/>

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Works by Anne Marchand. The Luminous Exhibition — where art and the universe merge. Luminous is part of the Crystal City BID's ARTFUL program. At 2231 Crystal Drive, Arlington.

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From Meadow to Marsh. 6:30-8:30 p.m. New works by landscape painters Jill Garity and Mollie Vardell. At the VanderZee Gallery, 105 South Lee Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-683-1814.

APRIL 26 TO MAY 23

Above the Curves: A ceramic celebration of women through earthy forms. Curves are presented in clay art

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MAY 4 TO JUNE 10

To Point B: New Work by Frank

Phillips. Gallery opening Tuesday May 4 at 6:30 p.m. Opening reception will be followed by the National

Chamber Players concert. Call 703-933-4135 or www.episcopalhighschool.org. At Angie Newman Johnson Gallery, Episcopal High School, 3900 W Braddock Road, Alexandria. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or by appointment.

NOW THROUGH MAY 2

Artist Gail C. Weyant Solo Show, "Storytelling Artwork." Straight Photography, Computer Enhanced Images, and Ceramics. At Gallery West, 1213 Duke Street, Old Town Alexandria. Hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 11-6 p.m.

NOW THROUGH MAY 3

Fierce Sonia's Solo Exhibit, "Paper Dolls." Joe Chiocca, Old Town's favorite band, will play and reunite with special guest singer Kim Kenny. Part of the statewide event, Minds Wide Open: Virginia Celebrates Women in the Arts. At the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Go to www.theartleague.org or call 703-683-1780.

MAY 6 THROUGH JUNE 7

Teresa Oaxaca, "Classical Realism: New Works." Teresa Oaxaca, a 2005 graduate of HB Woodlawn and resident of Arlington, will have her recent paintings featured at The Art League Gallery, inside the Torpedo

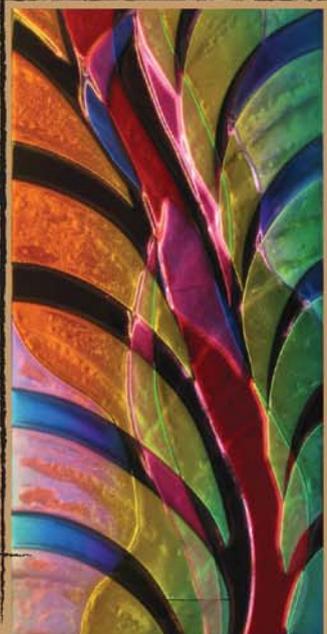
Factory in Old Town Alexandria, in her solo exhibit. Opening Reception: Thursday, May 13 from 6:30-8 p.m. Gallery Hours: Daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, 12 noon-6 p.m. Open Thursdays until 9 p.m. Exhibitions and events are free and open to the public.

NOW THROUGH MAY 9

Cedric Williams' Nostalgia and Dereliction. Artist's reception is Sunday, April 18 from 4-6 p.m. The hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday and during performances. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. Visit www.schlesingercenter.com.

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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.

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, 2nd Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

THURSDAY/APRIL 22

Gardening for All Ages. 6-8 p.m. Clever and practical ways to continue (or start) this great hobby, even when your body is losing its bendability. Includes creative ways to inspire younger members of the family. At Marina Towers, 501 Slaters Lane, Alexandria. With Master Gardener Jane King, resident of Del Ray and Vice Chairman, Alexandria Commission on Aging. Sponsored by AHA! At Home in Alexandria.

Duncan Book Sale. 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4566.

U.S. Navy Concert Band Performs. 7:30 p.m. Free. Featuring the winner of the 2010 Navy Band High School Concerto Competition. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, Alexandria. Call 202-433-2525, or visit www.navyband.navy.mil.

U.S. Army Band. 7-9 p.m. Free. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to www.torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/APRIL 23

Hip Hop Artist Freeze Solo. 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. At the Weyone Lounge, Landmark Mall, Alexandria. For ages 21 and up. The show is hosted by Jo'lyce of AroundDaBlock.

Mount Vernon High School's Golf Scramble. Hosted by the Parent Council for the Class of 2010, will be at Fort Belvoir Golf Club to support the All Night Grad Party. Flyer can be downloaded at www.MVHSClass2010.com or e-mail mvh2010golf@live.com.

Lady Windermere's Fan. 8 p.m. Join the Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society for an evening at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. Enjoy an exclusive performance of "Lady Windermere's Fan," Oscar Wilde's play about infidelity, misunderstandings, deception and honor. Tickets are \$35/regular admission and \$30/GTMS; includes an opening cocktail reception at 7 p.m. and admission to the play at 8 p.m. At 600 Wolfe Street. 703-746-4242. www.gadsbystavern.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

Festival of the Arts. 6-9 p.m. At Bishop O'Connell High School. Student artwork, dance, music, poetry and much more will be on stage and on display for the community. There will be an open-mic coffeehouse and a prom fashion show, too. Tickets are available at the door: \$3 for students, \$5 for adults, or \$10 per family. At 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Visit www.bishopoconnell.org.

Benefit Concert. 8 p.m. Happy Birthday Barber, Schumann and Chopin — an evening of chamber music. Free-will donations to benefit the American Youth Chorus' Scott Upright Scholarship Memorial Fund. At Trinity United Methodist Church, 2911 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Contact music@trinityalexandria.org or 703-549-5500, x103.

Mother's Day Shopping. 1-5 p.m. With Creative Memories, Avon, Independent Premiere Designs Jewelry, Mary Kay Cosmetics and more. At Roogas Hollin Hall, 7942 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria.

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Big Sale. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hosted by Habitat for Humanity's ReStore and the Washington Metro Chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. Designer donated items for sale include wall hangings, fabrics, trim, cabinets, blinds, shades, architectural details, countertops, tile, curtain rods, furniture and much more. All proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity. At ReStore, 7770 Richmond Highway (behind Gold's Gym), Alexandria. Contact Joann Manzek, ASID at 703-731-4968.

Earth Day Celebration. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year's theme is "Teach (Green), Learn (Green), Live (Green)." Activities include the Annual Earth Day Tree Sale; the Plastic Bag Recycling Collection Award Presentation with Sen. Patsy Ticer; live acoustic music by Ted Hovis and classic rock music by the band, The Road; the Arbor Day tree planting; and a performance by Blue Sky Puppets. There will also be a Green Home Workshop; a guided bike tour along Holmes Run; live animal exhibits; and a used book and media items collection. Food and beverages will be sold. At Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.alexearthday.org.

Rummage Sale. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hollin Meadows Elementary School's Care and Share Committee will be hosting their second annual rummage sale at the Earth Day Celebration. Books, toys, housewares, clothes and more. At Hollin Meadows Elementary School, 2310 Nordok Place, Alexandria.

Alexandria's Largest Flea Market. 150-plus families have donated furniture, kid/baby gear, toys, electronics, sporting goods, household items and more. Early admission is 8 a.m. (\$10); general admission is 9 a.m. (free). Everything 50 percent off after noon; free after 2 p.m. At Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Visit www.mvbigflea.com.

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Spring Modern Dance

Performance. 7 p.m. All new works by local choreographers. Tickets are \$10/adults, \$5/ages 12-17. At George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.ccpdance.org, ccpdance@gmail.com. Call 703-683-2070

Grace on the Road: Silent and Live Auction.

7-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and include tasty tidbits and beverage. Items up for bid will include Tinga Tinga art from Tanzania, Washington Nationals baseball tickets, a week at a beach house, and tea for 20. To purchase tickets in advance, contact Eleanor Reed eleanor.reed@gracealex.org, Cindy Diehl (cindy.diehl@gracealex.org), or Theresa Lewallen (theresa.lewallen@gracealex.org). Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-1980.

2010 Spring UCM Gala.

6 to 11 p.m. Benefits the United Community Ministries. This year's theme is 'UCM in Bloom: Helping Our Community Flourish' and includes cocktails and a formal dinner. At the Mount Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria. Tickets are \$125 and can be purchased by calling 703-768-7106 or online @ www.ucmagency.org.

Helping Hands Fund-Raiser.

4-6:30 p.m. for Kids; organized tennis 7-10 p.m. for adults. Round Robin Tennis, tennis drills, fastest serves, and games. Proceeds benefit the Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children Pediatric Oncology Program. At Mount Vernon Athletic Club, 7950 Audubon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-360-7300.

7th Grade Sneak Preview.

5-6 p.m. For seventh-graders and their families. At Bishop O'Connell High School, Upper Gym, 6600 Little Falls Road, Arlington. Visit www.bishopoconnell.org or call 703-237-1433.

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8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Annual BI Model UN Conference At Bishop Ireton High School.

APRIL 24 AND 25

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Collection of Bon Vivant Food Writer R.W. "Johnny" Apple Jr. Wine will be sold along with 100 items from Apple's collection of Arts and Crafts pottery by artisans such as Rookwood, Roseville and Fulper. At the Potomack Company, 526 North Fayette Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-684-4550 or visit www.potomackcompany.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 25

West Point Glee Club Concert.

4:30 p.m. at Hayfield Secondary School, 7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria. This concert is intended to honor veterans, members of the "greatest generation," wounded warriors and their families. Reserve at <https://secure.west-point.org/wpagc/> or 703-263-2364.

Family Tour Days at Gadsby's Tavern Museum.

1-4 p.m. Families are invited to tour the historic tavern as Junior Docents, volunteers from grades 3 through 6, share their enthusiasm for history with your family. At 134 North Royal Street. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

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MAY 1-2

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Carpenter's Shelter Cook-Off.

Noon to 3 p.m. Fund-raiser for homeless adults and families. Features food samples from 23 restaurants, music by the Melonheads, face painting and other children's activities, hourly raffles for dinners at local restaurants including drawing for special chef's table evening for four. Tickets are \$40/adults, \$5/children. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-548-7500, ext. 204. Or, buy tickets online at www.carpentershelter.org and click on the link to buy tickets and raffle tickets.

TUESDAY/APRIL 27

"The Lark Farm." 7:30 p.m. Film screening by the Alexandria-Gyumri Sister Cities Comm. The Alexandria-Gyumri Committee is chartered by the City of Alexandria and its mission is help Gyumri, its sister City in Armenia. At the Lyceum in Old Town Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/APRIL 28

Food Discussion. 7 to 9 p.m. Anne Palmer, program director, Johns Hopkins University Center for a Livable Future, and Ann Carroll, senior policy analyst, Brownfields Program Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will present "Food Security in the Metropolitan Environment: Increasing Food

Access in America." At the Virginia Tech Alexandria Center, 1021 Prince Street, Third Floor Conference Room. Contact Kris Wernstedt, 703-706-8132 or krisw@vt.edu.

Author David O. Stewart.

7:30 p.m. Author of Impeached: The Trial of President Andrew Johnson and the Fight for Lincoln's Legacy. Hosted by the Friends of Duncan Library. At Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue, Alexandria. Call 703-838-4566.

THURSDAY/APRIL 29

Broadway Performance.

7 to 8:30 p.m. Free. Laura Benanti, who won a Tony Award for her performance in the 2008 revival of "Gypsy," will perform at Mt. Vernon High School. Sponsored by ArtSpeak!, a program that brings artists to school and helps increase awareness of theater and the arts.

Port Tobacco Pickers.

7-9 p.m. Free. Seven-piece bluegrass band from Southern Maryland will perform a musical medley of bluegrass, Southern rock, train songs and an Irish whiskey tune. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to www.torpedofactory.org.

Generations of Giving Gala.

6:30-10 p.m. Hosted by Alexandria's Community Foundation (ACT). Tickets are \$175. At the new headquarters of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria. For tickets, call 703-739-7778 or visit www.actforalexandria.org

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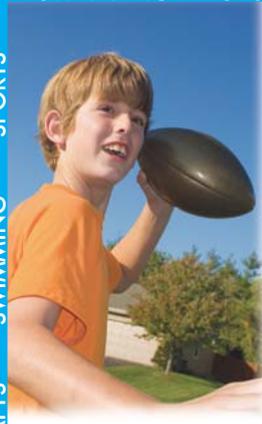
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Lawsuit Charges Demolition Would Be Civil-Rights Violation

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at home, black women had entered the workforce. That created a need for child-care services during the day. So the federal government picked up the tab for construction of this building, where Miriam Bracey looked after the community's black children during the day.

"Ms. Bracey's daughter was in my class at the nursery school," wrote Gwendolyn Day, daughter of Ferdinand Day, in her affidavit. "Other children in our class were sons and daughters of very nice African-American families, many of whose mothers had started taking advantage of well-paying jobs that had previously been unavailable to black women."

By 1950, the structure became home to American Legion Post 129, the William Thomas Post. Named in honor of the first African-American soldier from Alexandria to die in World War I, this was the only American Legion post in Alexandria at that time that would accept black war veterans. Over the years, the building became an integral part of the black

experience in Alexandria, serving as a backdrop for weddings, funerals, cookouts and birthdays.

"My most fond memories of the Legion were the dances," wrote Vera Henderson in her affidavit. "We would get all dressed up in our pretty hats and suits, the jukebox would be playing our favorite tunes and, as we like to say back then, we would be struttin' on the dance floor."

AS THE 20TH CENTURY waned, the building took on a different reputation. Drugs and crime became a problem in the neighborhood. And as the members of the Legion grew older, the building was rented out for a number of uses. By the late 1980s and early 1990s, the building increasingly became the scene of violent crime and moral turpitude. Problems escalated until 1992, when the Alcohol Control Board revoked the post's liquor license in 1992.

"Fights, public drunkenness and property damage have been attributed to activity around closing-time at the Legion," wrote Alexandria Gazette Packet reporter

Rich Blake on May 7, 1992. "The area around Queen and Fayette streets is one of several target areas of police for drug activity."

In a letter recommending that the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control revoke the American Legion's liquor license, then-City Manager Phil Sunderland noted an Inner City Civic Association petition complaining about a number of problems at the site — excessive noise, alcohol abuse, littering, loitering, public drunkenness, public urination, damage to property and street violence. Sunderland also cited crime data from that era, including a homicide, a shooting, several fights and a probation violation.

"Neighbors don't have fond memories of this site," said Leslie Zupan, author of a neighborhood blog known as the Parker-Gray Growl, in an interview last summer. "I personally don't feel it has any architectural significance."

Many of the affidavits challenge the notion that the American Legion building had an unsavory reputation.

"I recall the Legion being a very pleasant, friendly and safe



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The American Legion hall on North Fayette Street is at the center of a dispute between historic preservation advocates and a developer seeking a demolition permit.

establishment," wrote Lillie Finklea, who helped preserve the Freedmen's Cemetery on South Washington Street. "There was no violence or wild parties. It was a nice place we could go on the weekends rather than going to bars."

FOR NOW, the building remains abandoned. Development plans have been shelved, and a trial date

for November has been penciled into the docket for the Alexandria Circuit Court. Both sides are gearing up for the court battle, with the developer and city officials on one side and preservationists and African-Americans from the Greatest Generation on the other.

"The affidavits are fascinating and moving, but they're irrelevant," said Cromley. "This case has no merit."

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2805 CAMERON MILLS RD	4	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$550,000	Detached	0.16		BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
828 SLATERS LN #206	2	2	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$535,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			OLD TOWN CRESCENT
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5011 RICHENBACHER AVE	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$517,000	Detached	0.19		SEMINARY VALLEY/BROOKVILLE
214 GREYNA GREEN CT #8	3	2	2		ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Townhouse			BRIGADOON
716 UPLAND PL	4	2	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$515,000	Detached	0.11		GLENMORE
605 OWEN ST	3	3	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$510,000	Detached	0.18		SEMINARY VALLEY
515 WILKES ST	2	1	0		ALEXANDRIA	\$494,000	Townhouse	0.03		OLD TOWN
116 MEADOWS LN	3	3	1		ALEXANDRIA	\$475,000	Townhouse	0.04		TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE
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PEOPLE

Meet New Poet Laureate

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rious poems for serious occasions, and I certainly see that as an element of the position. But I really see it more as a civic position where it's not so much about the poetry as it's about bringing the community together. So I have three strands that I've been thinking about. One is slam poetry, which my son has become interested in. And he's had to go over across the river to perform because there really isn't a space or any kind of an organization in Alexandria where teens can gather and do that sort of thing. And that may not be just about slam poetry, but a place where kids can express themselves with words in an environment that honors them. So I see a need for something like that.

What else do you hope to accomplish?

I think people who are interested in the arts don't reach a lot of the population a lot of the time, particularly the non-English speaking population. We have so many nationalities that are rep-

resented and so many languages that are spoken. And it seems a shame for those voices to be so silent. So I would love to try to do some workshops bringing people and families together where writing can happen in those native tongues, but where there can also be a back and forth translation of English into these other languages and vice versa.

What's the third goal?

I want to run workshops and create writing experiences for those people who don't normally see themselves as writers. My inspiration for this also comes from Pat Schneider, who started very successful workshops with women who live in low-income housing who clearly had very few opportunities. It's not so much teaching people to write. I would see my role as facilitator, someone who can create an opportunity for people to express themselves in ways that will give them pride and hope and a desire to better themselves. Everybody has stories to tell, but we usually only listen to a fraction of those voices.

NEIGHBORHOODS

Taylor Run

HAMPTON APPOINTMENT

Our neighbor Lynn Hampton is now president and chief executive of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, where she has been chief financial officer since 1989.

LEAGUE LABORS

The League of Women Voters, specialists as they are in electoral matters, rolled up their sleeves and helped Parkfairfax Condominium Unit Owners Association hold its annual meeting last week.

Judy Miller, LK Hunt, Pam St. Clair, Carol Weber, Katy Cannady, Pat Sullivan, Jill Hanig, Bob Miller, Vivian Miller (she brought him), and Ginny Hines checked identities and handed out ballots for a trouble-free election.

Quorum was reached at 7:30, and everyone was elected unanimously at 8 p.m.

Members were reminded that the Arbor Day Sale at Ben Brenman Park on April 24 provides an opportunity to buy trees 5 feet tall for \$30. Owners may plant the trees themselves to help restore the tree canopy, as many trees were damaged in our severe winter, or they may request planting from Parkfairfax staff by calling the administrative office.

Call Jerry Dierud at 703-746-5498 to reserve a tree.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

Spring Cleanup

Join the Taylor Run Citizens Association and your neighbors for the Annual Earth Day Angel Park and Taylor Run Spring Clean-up at Angel Park on Saturday, April 24, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. Bring your work gloves and garden tools. Coffee and donuts will be served.

SCHOOL NOTES

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper.

Fourteen T.C. Williams High School students selected as this year's National Art Honor Society inductees will exhibit their work at Del Ray Artisans May 7-16. The show will be at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, 12 noon to 4 p.m. (First Thursdays, 12 noon to 9 p.m.); Fridays, 12 noon to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sundays, 12 noon to 6 p.m.

Host families are needed for 25 high school French students visiting Alexandria. If you are interested in learning about new cultures, sharing the American way of life, and have an extra bed/space for sleeping, you would make a great host family. Students will be here Aug. 1-21. Students will be participating in three activities as a group per week with the remaining time with the host family. For more information, email rachael@parlezvous.org.

Legal Notices

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021775-04-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
DAQUAN JOHNSON
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the foster care petition for review submitted by Alexandria DHS with the goal of adoption, and to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of Dwana Robertson, the mother of Daquan Johnson, born 9/5/2008. It is ordered that the defendant Dwana Robertson, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 5/7/2010 at 10:00am.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021775-05-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
DAQUAN JOHNSON
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the foster care petition for review submitted by Alexandria DHS with the goal of adoption, and to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of George Johnson, the father of Daquan Johnson, born 9/5/2008, to Dwana Robertson. It is ordered that the defendant George Johnson, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 5/7/2010 at 10:00am.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ021775-06-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
DAQUAN JOHNSON
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the foster care petition for review submitted by Alexandria DHS with the goal of adoption, and to terminate the residual parental rights and responsibilities of unknown father, of Daquan Johnson, born 9/5/2008, to Dwana Robertson. It is ordered that the defendant unknown father, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 5/7/2010 at 10:00am.

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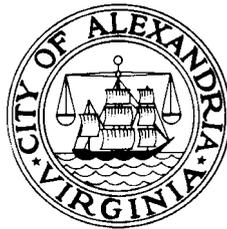
Legal Notices

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ025802-08-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
TRINITY MICHU BURCH
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by DHS, to terminate the residual parental rights of the unknown father of Trinity Burch, born to Tiffany Burch on 4/16/09, and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption. It is ordered that the defendant unknown father, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 6/23/2010 at 3:00pm

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

Case No JJ025802-07-00
Commonwealth of Virginia
VA. CODE § 8.01-316
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re
TRINITY MICHU BURCH
The object of this suit is to:
Approve the permanency plan submitted by DHS, to terminate the parental rights of Tiffany Burch mother of Trinity Burch, DOB 4/16/09, and to give the right to the Alexandria Department of Human Services to place the child for adoption. It is ordered that the defendant Tiffany Burch, appear at the above named Court and protect his or her interests on or before 6/23/2010 at 3:00pm



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review Old & Historic Alexandria District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

The Board will hold a work session in City Council Chambers on the Waterfront Plan immediately following adjournment of the Regular Public Meeting.

CASE BAR2010-0061

Request for approval of demolition/encapsulation at 907 S St Asaph St, zoned RM Residential.

Legal Notices

APPLICANT: George & Karen Zent
BOARD ACTION:

CASE BAR2010-0062

Request for approval of addition/alterations at 907 S St Asaph St, zoned RM Residential.
APPLICANT: George & Karen Zent
BOARD ACTION:

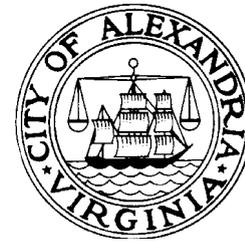
CASE BAR2010-0078

Request for approval of alterations at 1202 S Washington St, zoned RC Residential.
APPLICANT: Commonwealth of Virginia Department of Transportation By T-Mobile Northeast LLC

CASE BAR2010-0081

Request for approval of a sign at 400 and 414 N Washington St, zoned CD Commercial
APPLICANT: Professional Insurance Agents

Information about the above item(s) may be obtained from the Department of Planning and Zoning, City Hall, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 746-4666



ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION MAY - 2010

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

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010
7:30 PM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
301 KING STREET
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA

ALEXANDRIA CITY COUNCIL

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2010
9:30 AM, CITY HALL
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
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The Planning Commission will hold a work session on May 4, 2010 at 6:30pm in City Hall to discuss the Waterfront Planning efforts.

If necessary, the Planning Commission may recess and continue this public hearing on May 6, 2010 at 7:30pm in City Hall Council Workroom.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0006

4800 BRENNAN PARK DRIVE
BRENNAN PARK
Public hearing and consideration of a request to add lighting to an existing athletic field; zoned CDD #9/Coordinated Development District. Applicant: City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0007

2802 MOSBY STREET
HOME CHILD DAY CARE
Public hearing and consideration of a request to operate a home child day care; zoned R-8/Single Family. Applicant: L'Tonya Tobin

STREET NAME CASE #2010-0001

MARK CENTER DRIVE
Public hearing and consideration of a request to rename a portion of Mark Center Drive to Mark Center Avenue. Applicant: City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT #2010-0001 ZONING #2010-0001

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2009-0013

1001 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET AND 714 CHURCH STREET
FREEDMEN'S CEMETERY MEMORIAL
Public hearing and consideration of a request for A) a master plan amendment to change the land use designation from commercial to parks and open space; B) a zoning map amendment to change the zoning designation from commercial low to parks and open space and C) a development special use permit to develop a memorial to commemorate the Contrabands and

Legal Notices

Freedmen of Alexandria; zoned CL/Commercial Low. Applicant: City of Alexandria, Department of Transportation and Environmental Services

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0002

923 KING STREET
KINGS BUILDING AT 923
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a development special use permit, with site plan and a modification, to construct an addition, a request for increased FAR and request for a restaurant; zoned KR/King Street Urban Retail.
Applicant: Seyed Hossein Shoja-Maddahi by Duncan Blair.

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0009 (A)

ENCROACHMENT #2010-0003 (B)
277 SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET
SOCIETY FAIR RESTAURANT
Public hearing and consideration of (A) a request to operate a restaurant and (B) an encroachment into the public right of way for outdoor seating; zoned CD/Commercial Downtown. Applicant: Cathal and Meshelle Armstrong represented by Duncan Blair, attorney

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0010 (A) CITY CHARTER SECTION 9.06 CASE #2010-0002 (B)

106 SOUTH UNION STREET
RESTAURANT
(A) Public hearing and consideration of request to operate a restaurant and (B) consideration of a change in use of public property pursuant to Section 9.06 of the City Charter; zoned KR/King Street Urban Retail. Applicant: 106 Union Dublin, LLC. represented by Duncan Blair, attorney (SUP #2010-0010) and the City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning (CC Sec 9.06 #2010-0002)

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0011

2312 MOUNT VERNON AVENUE
PORK BARREL BBQ
Public hearing and consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned CL/Commercial Low. Applicant: Hog Thaid, LLC by Michael Anderson

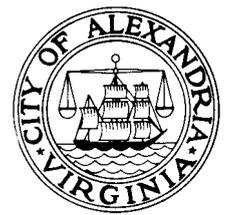
TEXT AMENDMENT #2010-0001

SMALL BUSINESS ZONING REGULATIONS
a) Initiation of a text amendment; b) Public hearing and consideration of a request for an amendment to the City's Zoning Ordinance regulations related to small businesses.
Staff: City of Alexandria Department of Planning and Zoning

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT #2010-0002(A)

MASTER PLAN AMENDMENT #2010-0003(B) NORTH POTOMAC YARD SMALL AREA PLAN POTOMAC YARD/POTOMAC GREEN SMALL AREA PLAN

Public hearing and consideration of a request to (A) amend the City's Master Plan to include the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan; and (B) amendments to the Potomac Yard/Potomac Green Small Area Plan chapter of the Master Plan. Staff: City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning



LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2010 - 7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia

Information about these items may be obtained from the: Department of Planning and Zoning, 301 King Street, Room 2100, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, telephone: (703) 746-4688

BZA CASE #2010-0012

2805 RIDGE ROAD DRIVE
R-8, RESIDENTIAL
Margaret Canale, owner: Special exception to construct a covered open front porch 27.10 feet from the front property line facing Ridge Road Drive. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

BZA CASE #2010-0002

1510 ORCHARD STREET
R-8, RESIDENTIAL
William and Susanne Carnell, owners: Special exception to construct a 2 1/2 story rear addition 5.70 feet from the south side property line. If the special exception is granted, the Board of Zoning Appeals will be granting a special exception from section 12-102(A) of the zoning ordinance relating to physical enlargement of a noncomplying structure.

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Titans Set Sights on Strong Second Half

T.C. Williams bats go cold against South County left-hander Harasin.

BY JON ROETMAN
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Matt Kilby knew South County left-hander Jonathan Harasin was going to pitch him away during a sixth-inning at bat. The T.C. Williams senior focused on hitting the ball to the opposite field and, with the Titans trailing, deposited a screaming line drive over the right-field fence for a two-run homer.

"I knew I got it pretty solidly," Kilby said. "I knew it had a chance. I was rounding first hard and I saw it go over."

The following inning, Titans senior Rob Mannel saw a pitch to his liking and belted a home run well beyond the fence in center.

Did he know it was gone?

"Yeah," Mannel said with a laugh. "That was one where you could kind of tell off the bat."

While impressive feats of power, the longballs weren't enough for the Titans, who lost to South County 6-3 on April 15 at Simpson Field. T.C. Williams head coach Andrew Simpson praised the Titans' pitching and defensive effort, but three runs against a Stallions

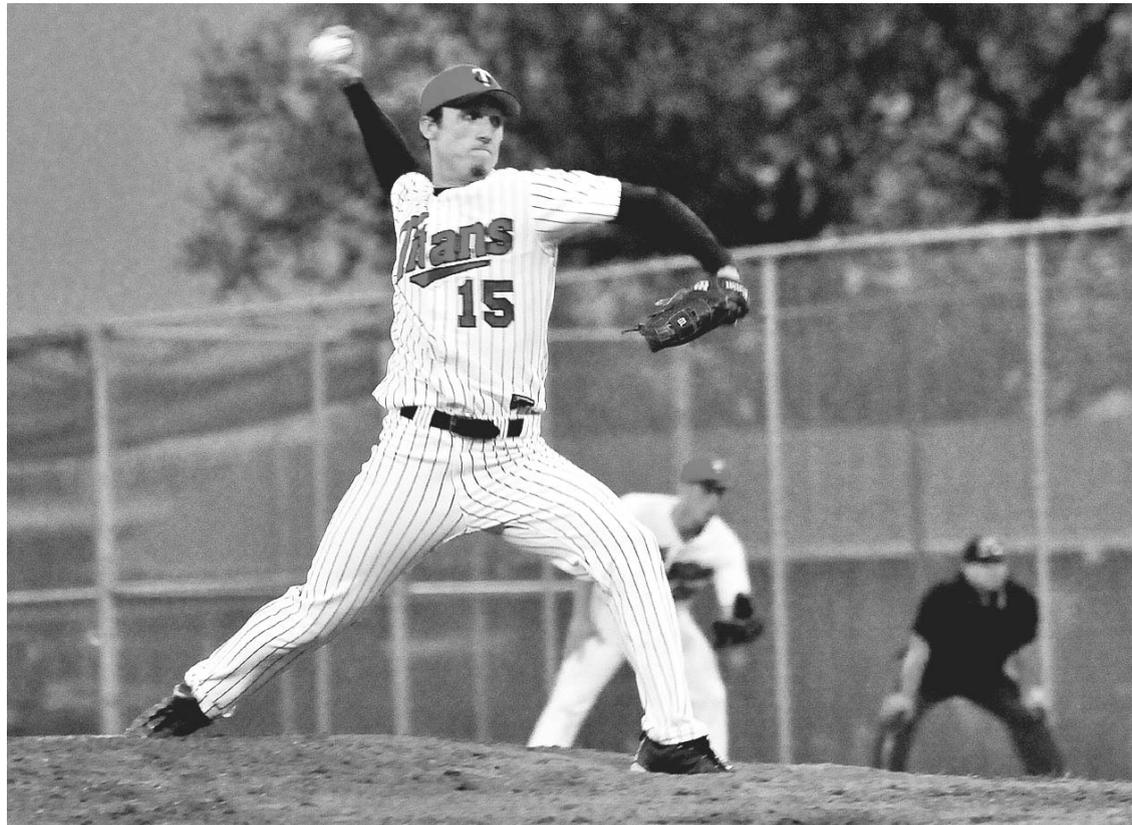


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T.C. Williams pitcher Chris Cattaneo suffered his first loss of the season on April 15, allowing five earned runs over six innings against South County.

team that won nine of its first 10 games wasn't enough.

TC was held to three hits and no runs in the first five innings.

Mannel said the Titans hurt their chances before ever stepping foot in the batter's box.

"I think the effort was there,

definitely," Mannel said. "We could have hit a little better as a team. If we had some team meetings about what the pitcher is throwing for

strikes then we definitely would have been better off — but we failed to do that."

Harasin held TC to six hits. Kilby had a double to left-center, Nick Severini had two singles and Alex Goldfarb had one.

"Harasin, he was on," Simpson said. "We just ran into a good pitcher having a good night."

T.C. Williams, ranked No. 10 in the Northern Region preseason coaches poll, is off to a 2-4 start in Patriot District play. Three of the Titans' four losses have come by three runs or less, including a one-run loss to West Springfield on April 9. TC completes the first round of district play on April 23 against Lake Braddock.

Part of the Titans' struggles can be attributed to injury. Senior second baseman Adam Forrer, a first-team all-region selection last year and the team's No. 3 hitter, suffered a knee injury in the offseason and is out for the year. Junior pitcher Steve Weidman, the ace of the Titans' staff, has missed time due to an ankle injury. But the injuries have given other players a chance to step up, and senior Chris Cattaneo is one player who's taken advantage.

Cattaneo suffered the loss against South County, allowing

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SPORTS BRIEFS

TC's Kilby Commits to Navy

T.C. Williams senior outfield and pitcher Matt Kilby on April 15 committed to play baseball at the Naval Academy. Navy head coach Paul Kostacopoulos attended the Titans' home game against South County and Kilby committed after the contest. Kilby went 2-for-3 with a double and a two-run home run against the Stallions. He also pitched one inning of relief with his fastball topping out at 89 mph.

"It's great," Kilby said. "It's definitely a huge relief that I got it all figured out. I takes a lot of stress off my mind."

Navy competes in the Patriot League. Kilby said he was told he will have the chance to compete for playing time in the field and on the mound next season.

"There are great opportunities there," said Kilby, who is interested in mechanical engineering. "It's a great education for me for an unbelievable price. They are strong in math and science. They were the first school to recruit me and they've always been at the top of my list."

Kilby was a first-team All-Northern Region selection as a junior, when he batted .493 and tallied a school record 37 RBIs.

"He will punish a mistake [pitch]," T.C. Williams head coach Andrew Simpson said. "He doesn't get many pitches to [hit], which is a problem for him,



Kilby

but he will kill a mistake. You're not going to get a fastball by him. He's got very quick hands."

— JON ROETMAN

TC's Yates Competes In Capital Classic

T.C. Williams senior basketball player Ryan Yates participated in the 37th Capital Classic All-Star Game on April 15 at American University. Yates' Suburban All-Stars lost to the District All-Stars, 109-100.

Yates was one of five Suburban players to score in double figures, finishing with 11 points. He was 4 of 8 from the field, including 2 of 4 from 3-point range, in 14 minutes.

Yates will also participate in the Northern Region All-Star game on April 24 at Wakefield High School. Players from the Patriot and Liberty districts will face athletes from the National and Concorde districts. There will also be a dunk contest and 3-point shootout, which begins at 6:30 p.m. The games start at 7:30 p.m.

SSSAS Baseball Wins 5 Straight

After starting the season 1-4, including a four-game losing streak, the St. Stephen's & St. Agnes bounced

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Five questions with St. Stephen's/St. Agnes freshman attacker Carly Reed



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Q: What location is the farthest from the Washington D.C. metro area that you've traveled?

A: Ireland, three summers ago. My uncle lives in Dublin. I went to visit him.

Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Britney Spears. I like her music and I think she's fun.

Q: What's the best feeling you can have during a lacrosse game?

A: Assisting the ball to a player. You feel like you really

helped them out. It's a good feeling knowing you gave them opportunities.

Q: What has your freshman year been like?

A: I like it a lot. It was kind of rough in the beginning getting used to the new school, but I like it.

Q: What's your favorite movie?

A: "The Last Song." It's cute. It really gets to you.

— JON ROETMAN

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OBITUARY

Lipnick

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in St. Paul, Minn. 1968-70, and at Family and Children's Service in Stamford, Conn., 1974-78, and she served as coordinator of the Alexandria City Schools Special Education Parent Resource Center, 1989-2010. Anne served as Study Group chair of Children Together, Alexandria, 1999-2009. She was a member of the Executive Committee of the Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council.

For her service to the Alexandria Schools, parents and children, she received the Riggs-ARC Educational Leadership award, from the Association for Retarded Citizens of N. VA in 1991, the John Duty Collins III Outstanding Advocate for Persons with Disabilities Award from the Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities in 1996. In 2007, Anne received the Educational Leadership Award from the Arc of Northern Virginia.

In March 2010, Anne was given the Champion of Families Award by the Parent Educational Advocacy Training Center, and in April 2010, The Parent Resource Center of the Alexandria City Public Schools was named the Anne R.

Lipnick Parent Resource Center by the School Board, Special Education Advisory Committee, and faculty and staff, with love from all the children of the Alexandria City Public Schools. Anne had been vice president for Youth Services at Agudas Achim Congregation in Alexandria, where she was a long time member, and a member of the National Association of Social Workers.

Anne and her husband greatly enjoyed travel with their children, or alone in later years to the U.S., Canada, Mexico, Europe and Israel. In 1973-1974, before children, Anne and her husband traveled overland by local bus, taxi, atop large trucks, back of pickup trucks or whatever was available through Kenya, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Rwanda, the former Zaire, Cameroon, and Ghana. In Ethiopia, Kenya, and Ghana, they did part of their travel by train. They were mostly interested talking to local people and learning about customs, and were invited to weddings in Ethiopia, Kenya, and Tanzania. They went with Belgian conservationist Adrien Deschryver to see gorillas he was studying in Kahuzi-Biega National Park, and climbed the Nyirangongo volcano nearby, which erupted and buried

an adjacent village with lava a few years later. They took an amazing trip on the riverboat pulling barges down the Congo River, and had many more adventures. She and her husband and children spent two summers in 1986 and 1989 in Borstel, Germany, and Lund, Sweden, where she and her children became part of the local community, and her husband worked in a lab. Anne always had a smile on her face, even to the end, and will be missed by many.

The funeral was held April 1 at Agudas Achim Congregation, and burial was at the Agudas Achim Cemetery in Old Town Alexandria. Those desiring to make memorial contributions can make them to Children Together, 3304 Wooden Valley Ct. Alexandria, VA 22310. Please place The Anne Lipnick Parent Support Fund in the memo line.

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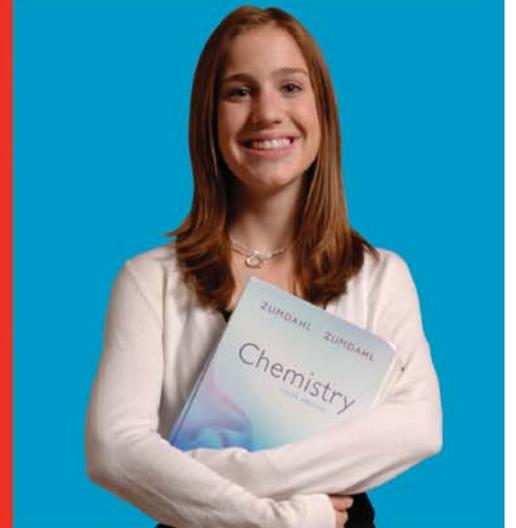
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Setting Sights on Strong Second Half

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five earned runs in six innings, including a pair of home runs. But the right-hander has helped hold things together in the early going, posting a 4-1 record.

"Chris is a location guy, he's got to hit his spots," Simpson said. "If he misses his spots, like he did on the first home run, that can happen. He's got a great curveball. He had the hitters off balance the first two times through. He's the leader of this pitching staff right now. He's 4-1 [and] every time he goes out on the mound I think we're going to win."

Team defense was a concern for Simpson prior to the season, but the coach praised the Titans' effort against the Stallions. TC committed two errors, but Simpson said it was the best the team has played all season.

Cattaneo said a strong defensive effort helps ease his mind on the mound.

"The guys played excellent defense behind me and that's always a plus when you're pitching," he said. "It lets me know that I can afford to make mistakes. ... With them playing defense behind me I know I

can throw a pitch right down the middle by mistake and they're going to catch it or field it."

TC lost to Annandale 7-4 on April 16 and defeated West Potomac on April 20. The Titans (7-5, 2-4) travel to face Lake Braddock at 6:30 p.m. April 23.

"We're right there with [our opponents]," Simpson said. "We've just got to take the next step. The second time through the rotation of the district we've got to take the next step."

"We're not playing with a full deck right now. You take the No. 3 out of any team's lineup and you're going to be one run short in some games. But the thing I love about this team is they never give up, they keep fighting and we are getting production out of 1 through 17."

Kilby said success begins with the Titans believing they can win.

"I think it's all mental," he said. "T.C. Williams never [has] very high expectations. This

year there were some expectations but no one [outside of the program] thinks we're going to beat these teams. We know we can beat these teams. We were beating West Springfield — that game was ours; that game got taken from us. We can beat these teams and we all know it now."

"But the thing I love about this team is they never give up, they keep fighting and we are getting production out of 1 through 17."

— T.C. Williams head baseball coach Andrew Simpson

SPORTS BRIEFS

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back with five consecutive victories.

The Saints defeated Notre Dame (13-6) and twice beat Bullis (9-8, 7-2) and Episcopal (6-3, 6-4). SSSAS then fell to 6-5 with a 9-4 loss to Potomac School on April 17.

During the 6-3 win over Episcopal on April 14, Joe Warren earned his third pitching victory of the season, allowing one hit and one earned run over five innings. Warren struck out six, giving him 40 in 24 1/3 innings.

The Saints beat Episcopal 6-4 the following day, thanks to a go-ahead, two-run home run from Josh Smith. Jason Jamula followed with a solo home run.

SSSAS hosts Landon at 4:30 p.m. April 22.

BI Drops a Pair

The Bishop Ireton baseball team lost to Bishop O'Connell, 11-4 (April 17), and Bishop McNamara, 10-1 (April 15) to fall to 2-15.

The Cardinals will travel to face Good Counsel at 4 p.m. April 22. They host Gonzaga at 11 a.m. April 24.

Episcopal Drops 5 in a Row

After a 3-2 start, the Episcopal baseball team dropped its fifth



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Former and current Alexandria Potomac Little League presidents (from left) Mike Aitken (2008-09), Warren Payne (current) and Pat Malone (2004-05) are seen during opening day on April 17 at Bucknell Elementary School.

straight game, a 5-3 loss to Woodberry Forest on April 17. Head coach Rick Stubbs wrote on the school's Web site that the team has gotten strong pitching performances of late from Lorenzo Chavez, Blake Coolidge and George Reeper.

The Maroon will travel to face Bullis at 4:30 p.m. April 22.

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