

# Alexandria Gazette Packet



25 CENTS

VOL. CCXXVI, No. 19

SERVING ALEXANDRIA FOR OVER 200 YEARS • A CONNECTION NEWSPAPER

MAY 13, 2010

## Call Off the Fireworks

Tight economy prompts nonprofits to examine their priorities and thin their calendars.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Remember the Waterfront Festival? You know, that annual event that's happened every year since 1981? The one that involves entertainment and fireworks the weekend before Father's Day? The one you're still saving your leftover beer tickets for? Well forget about it. The Red Cross has cancelled the Waterfront Festival this year, and it's doubtful the festival will ever return.

"We had to ask ourselves if putting on a party was the best use of our time and money," said Lissette Bishins, executive director of the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross. "We decided that responding to a fire in the middle of the night was a far better use of our resources."

The Waterfront Festival is the latest casualty of nonprofits across America scaling back black-tie affairs, golf tournaments and catered luncheons. Part of the reduction is tied to the weak economy, which has put a damper on the ability of wealthy benefactors and corporate sponsors. Nonprofit leaders in Alexandria say spending lavish amount of money while investing staff time and volunteer resources doesn't always fit into a nonprofit organization's mission.

"Events are a great way to make money — if they make money," said Karen Hughes, president of the Campagna Center. "We're actually making more money now that we've cancelled some events because the overhead was so high."

**LAST YEAR**, the Campagna Center cancelled the 36-year-old Toast to Alexandria. It also ditched the annual gala formerly known as the Angel Ball.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAEFT/GAZETTE PACKET

**The Red Cross Waterfront Festival, a longtime tradition, has been cancelled.**

Meanwhile, the Waterfront Festival has been struggling for years. It might have a good year here and there, as in 2005 when the Red Cross raked in about \$190,000 in profits. But other years weren't as stellar. The festival made a net profit of \$23,000 in 1998 and \$40,000 in 2003. On a good year, it would bring in 15,000 people. But sometimes rain would keep people away, which is what happened during the last two years of the event.

"It was with a great deal of sadness that we made this decision because we recognize it's become part of the fabric of the city," said Andrew Rosenberg, vice chairman

of the Alexandria Chapter of the American Red Cross. "Ultimately, it was unwise to rely on good weather so the organization could fund a year's worth of services."

Bishins said the Red Cross considered saving money by hosting part of the Waterfront Festival at National Harbor but ultimately abandoned the idea when it became evident that it wouldn't save that much money and it would eat up just as much time. The festival cost about \$250,000 for entertainment, permits, security, fire

SEE NONPROFITS,  
PAGE 32

## Transforming T.C.

High school gets new principal as it creates vision for the future.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

During her second year as principal at Seneca Valley High School in Germantown, Md., Suzanne Maxey decided to do something radical. Instead of segregating all the students with disabilities into special education classes, she decided to integrate them with the general population. The idea was a departure from the "self-contained model" that was currently in place at the school. Soon enough, the school was meeting federal standards under No Child Left Behind and Maxey was receiving recognition for turning around a troubled high school.

"We all have disabilities. I'm terrible at math, but I love the humanities," said Maxey, who was recently named as the next principal of T.C. Williams High School. "I'm a big believer in the inclusion

model, and I'm convinced that's why we made [adequate yearly progress]."

Students with disabilities pose one of the biggest challenges at T.C. Williams, where students in this category consistently have the lowest pass rates of any group. But that's only one of the challenges. Students with economic disadvantages haven't met federal standards in math for the last three years. Pass rates for students with a limited grasp of the English language have been falling for the last three years. And one out of five Hispanic students will drop out before graduating.

Ultimately, the biggest challenge facing T.C. Williams is the unflattering designation it was granted by the Virginia Department of Education in March: "persistently low

SEE HIGH SCHOOL, PAGE 7



Suzanne Maxey

## A Choice for GOP

Two Republicans vying to take on Jim Moran in November.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE GAZETTE

When Republicans in the 8th Congressional District head to the polls next month, they'll face a stark choice for which candidate they want to see take on 10-term incumbent Democrat Jim Moran. Do they want a conservative military veteran with a background in diplomacy? Or do they want a de-

tail-oriented lawyer who helped prosecute the "war on terror" in George W. Bush's Justice Department? Either way, beating Moran would be a very difficult challenge for either Republican who emerges from the June 8 primary.

"For candidates facing an entrenched incumbent like Jim Moran, the easiest path to victory is scandal or retirement," said Isaac Wood, assistant director of

SEE TWO, PAGE 32

VERIFIED MAIL PERMIT #482 ALEXANDRIA, VA PAID U.S. POSTAGE

ATTENTION POSTMASTER: TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED TO: 1604 KING ST., ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314



1980 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE 2010

# McENEARNEY ASSOCIATES, INC. REALTORS®

ALEXANDRIA/ROSEMONT \$1,395,000



### West Coast Chic!

This Rosemont home is the epitome of urban elegance. A fabulous two-story addition boasts exquisite kitchen and baths, floor-to-ceiling windows, spacious family and dining rooms that walk out to yard, incredible master suite with stunning bath and balcony overlooking the fenced in-yard and flagstone patio. Driveway plus walk to two Metros.

**Sue Goodhart**

703.362.3221

[www.suegoodhart.com](http://www.suegoodhart.com)

MLS ID# AX7329647



ALEXANDRIA/DEL RAY \$799,900



### The Best of Mount Ida

Classic, American four square featuring welcoming front porch, updated kitchen, formal dining room, spacious living room with fireplace, four upstairs bedrooms, two full renovated baths, numerous architectural details, and hardwood floors. Situated on a gorgeous 9,775-sf lot with driveway and two-car garage just up the hill from all the fun on "The Avenue."

**Jennifer Walker**

703.675.1566

[www.jenwalker.com](http://www.jenwalker.com)

MLS ID# AX7325695



OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA \$1,100,000



### Your Forever Home

Rarely available Cameron model! Four-level end townhome in sought-after Fords Landing. Open living room and dining room, gourmet kitchen and sunny rear deck. Master bedroom suite with cathedral ceiling, en-suite bath. Fine details include hardwood floors, built-in bookcase, gas fireplace and large walk-in storage closet. Two-car garage. Just steps to the Potomac River!

**Ann Duff**

703.965.8700

[www.annduff.com](http://www.annduff.com)

MLS ID# AX7332977



ALEXANDRIA/DEL RAY \$474,500



### Delightful Beauty

This Del Ray duplex is an ideal starter home. Fully fenced in back yard is landscaped with a deck for relaxing on summer evenings. Two spacious bedrooms upstairs, two bathrooms, and an updated kitchen. Plenty of space to spread out in the lower level family room, and utility room offers space for the handyman.

**Elizabeth Lucchesi**

703.686.5676

[www.lizluke.com](http://www.lizluke.com)

MLS ID# AX7317176



OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA \$789,000



### Elegant By Design

Fabulous end unit townhome with so much to offer - windows galore, rich hardwood floors, a large eat-in kitchen, an elegant dining room and a glorious step-down living room with a wood-burning fireplace flanked by French doors opening to a beautiful private patio. All in a great location, off-street parking spaces for three and room for expansion!

**Robin Arnold**

703.966.5457

[www.robinarnoldsells.com](http://www.robinarnoldsells.com)



ALEXANDRIA/BELLE HAVEN \$1,449,500



### Gracious & Spacious

Gleaming classic Colonial on cul-de-sac. Five to seven bedrooms, five full and one half updated baths, Viking kitchen, large room sizes, extensive landscaping, and fantastic private location!

**Janet Price**

703.960.5858

[www.janetpricehomes.com](http://www.janetpricehomes.com)

MLS ID# FX7317198



N. ARLINGTON \$1,099,000



### Why Look at Four- or Five-Bedroom Homes?

When you can have a SEVEN-bedroom home in North Arlington! Two master suites, teen/in-law suite, gourmet kitchen with hideaway appliances, wet bar, hardwood floors all over. Walk to metro, bike trails. Video walk-thru at [YouTube.com/MovingToNova](http://YouTube.com/MovingToNova).

**Tamara Inzunza**

703.623.8759

[www.MovingToNova.com](http://www.MovingToNova.com)

MLS ID# AR7272063



## OLD TOWN LUXURY

### NEVER LOOKED SO AFFORDABLE.

In Old Town Alexandria at N. Washington and Powhatan St.

Model Now Open:  
Thurs/Fri 12-3 pm • Sat/Sun 1-5 pm

Call 703.851.2255 today  
Or visit [www.900nw.com](http://www.900nw.com)  
Jennifer Halm



  
**900 NORTH WASHINGTON STREET**

### BRAND NEW CONDOMINIUMS

One Bedroom from \$379,900  
Two Bedrooms from \$499,900  
FHA Approved

LEADING REAL ESTATE COMPANIES®  
of THE WORLD

703.549.9292

[www.McEneaney.com](http://www.McEneaney.com)

The BEST address for YOUR address



LUXURY PORTFOLIO®  
FINE PROPERTY COLLECTION

## Going Statewide

Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** has some ideas for saving money in Virginia, and she's about to share them with the Commission on Government Reform and Restructuring. Last week, Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** appointed Hughes as a member of the commission whose members will come up with recommendations to eliminate ineffective services and maximize efficiency in government.

"It seems to me that growth of government is synonymous with excessive growth into the wallets of citizens," said Hughes. "Growth that I'm generally against in the absence of extraordinary need and public benefit."

Hughes said she'll use her position on the commission to advocate for several specific proposals she said will save money and make government more efficient. One would be the privatization of the state-owned liquor stores, a major campaign promise of the Republican governor. Another would be increasing transparency of reporting costs associated with enforcing state and federal mandates. Hughes would also like to see the creation of public-private partnerships to maintain state parks. And then there's the issue of how much money goes to consultants.

"I don't think that will surprise anybody in Alexandria," said Hughes, who led an unsuccessful effort earlier this month to strip \$7.5 million from the city's budget for consultants. "This is money going into a black hole."

## Dogfight Approaching

Everybody knows Alexandria is a dog town. That's why city leaders are bracing for a new round of controversy over a new ordinance introduced by Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** at the request of the Animal Welfare League.

The text of the proposed ordinance would make it unlawful to tether a dog for more than one hour a day. Donley said the purpose of the ordinance was directed at people who chain their dogs outside all day without food or water, and that the language in the ordinance was adapted from similar rules adopted in major cities across America. During a discussion of the ordinance Tuesday night, some of the council members expressed some skepticism.

"If this ends up passing, it's going to put a lot of burden on our animal-control division and maybe our police department," predicted Councilman **Frank Fannon**. "People will all of a sudden become vigilantes for the dogs."

The new controversy joins a long list of red-hot dog debates from the past, one of which administrative aide **Sharon Annear** recalled after the meeting Tuesday night. It involved a "pooper-scooper" ordinance that required dog owners, well, to take care of business.

During one marathon public hearing, Annear recalled, a practical joker entered the name **Alfred Arf** on the list of speakers to weigh in on the issue. When Mayor **Charles Beatley** called the name, a poodle ran up the aisle toward the dais.

"It brought the house down," said Annear.

## Hobgoblins at City Hall

Memoranda from city agencies come in all shapes and sizes, with a wide variety of typefaces and font sizes. Some are bold. Others are in italics. Some have a fanciful script. Others feature sans-serif letters with drop shadows.

"This is something very minor," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**. "But I'm looking at all the memos, and I have five different letterheads."

Smedberg suggested that City Manager **Jim Hartmann** set some time aside this summer to come up with a style guide. Essentially, the councilman said, he'd like to see some consistency in how city government memoranda and official letters.

"It's sort of a pet peeve of mine," explained Smedberg.

"Sure, we can take a look at that," responded Hartmann. "We've got a number of different departments that use different styles, and I think that we've probably gotten better with it. But we're not all the way there, so we'll work on it."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



**Julie Porter, Jim Clark and Rodney Scruggs.**



**CNA staff: Alice Brown, Susan Adams and Laura De Pasquale.**

# Gala for Scholarship Fund

The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria hosted its 24th Annual Anniversary Spring Gala at the mark Hilton Hotel on May 8.



**Stanley Taylor, T.C. Williams principal William Clemdaniels and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.**



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE  
**Libby and Bruce Johnson.**

## Portrait of Success

### Zohra Atmar: Senior Consultant for World Culture

**Z**ohra Atmar's mother carried her into Pakistan as a baby to escape the conflict in Afghanistan. Her family immigrated to the United States in 1983, where Zohra, her brother and sister were raised in Alexandria by their mother.

At T.C. Williams, Zohra, who described herself as the "funny girl with big, curly hair," was in the Color Guard, the Asian Club, and managed the track team her junior and senior years. Zohra became involved with the Peer Mediation program and, in that role, met with President Clinton, who visited T.C. in the wake of the Columbine school shooting. Zohra's training in conflict mediation helped set the stage for her future work in Afghanistan.

With a scholarship from the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, Zohra was able to attend Virginia Tech. There she became more involved with multicultural issues, founding the Virginia Tech Eta chapter of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, Inc. Zohra graduated cum laude, with a major in political science and a triple minor in history, sociology and international studies.

In 2006, Zohra fulfilled a dream when she returned to Afghanistan as a program support officer for an Afghan non-governmental organization. She joined the International Security Assistance Force headquar-

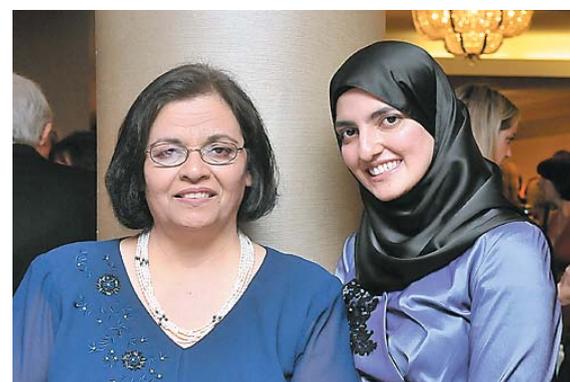


PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE  
**Zohra Atmar, one of the Scholarship Fund's 2010 Portraits of Success, with her mother Jamila Atmar.**

ters in Kabul, and had the opportunity to travel extensively through eastern Afghanistan as a trainer and informal ambassador, forging common understanding between Afghan and Western personnel and citizens.

Committed to a career in diplomacy and building cross-cultural relationships, Zohra later spent time in Jordan to study religion and language. In 2009, Zohra joined Booz-Allen Hamilton as an instructor who trains military and civilian personnel on regional and cultural issues.

She graduated from T.C. Williams, Class of 1999 and earned a B.A., political science, from Virginia Polytechnic and State University, 2003.

— Scholarship Fund of Alexandria

**Some remodelers give out free pens.  
We give out something more valuable. Free knowledge.**



**KITCHEN AND BATH SEMINAR**

Saturday, May 22nd from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm

Ferguson Bath, Kitchen and Lighting Gallery  
5650-D General Washington Drive, Alexandria, VA 22312

or

Case Design/Remodeling, Inc.

4701 Sangamore Road, North Plaza Suite 40, Bethesda, MD 20816.

(Less than 10 minutes from the Chain Bridge)

You will learn the basic building blocks plus tried-and-true advice for preparing you and your family for this important remodeling investment. Learn from the experts about kitchen and bath design, product selection process, latest trends and much more. Educate yourself on how to devise a plan that works and what steps homeowners need to know before spending a dime on their kitchen or bath remodeling project.

Join us for these 2 hour seminars. Plus, lunch will be served. Spaces are limited, so reserve yours today.

To RSVP visit [CaseDesign.com/content/seminar](http://CaseDesign.com/content/seminar) or call 703.667.7397



**THOS. MOSER** SITTING is BELIEVING



For the past 38 years, we have been handcrafting furniture that stands the test of time. Classic design and impeccable quality allow our sustainably harvested American black cherry to grace homes for generations. Visit our showroom to begin your collection today.

Mention this ad and get FREE DELIVERY on your next order.



Handcrafted in Maine since 1972. Guaranteed for a lifetime.

3300 M Street NW | in Cady's Alley | Washington, DC

Call or go online for our free catalog | 202.338.4292 | [thosmoser.com](http://thosmoser.com)

**NEWS**



PHOTOS BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER / GAZETTE PACKET

Face painting artist and Alexandria resident Lynn McWalters of SparkleLynn Designs holds a mirror for 5-year old Eddie Jones of Taylor Run to check out his puppy face.

**Carpenter's Cook-Off Benefit Raises \$82,000**

Record numbers of supporters, including 23 participating restaurants and dozens of volunteers, helped raise \$82,000 for Carpenter's Shelter at the 8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-off aimed at ending homelessness, hosted its 8th Annual Carpenter's Cook-off at The Birchmere on Sunday, April 25. The Cook-Off included food from area restaurants, a children's entertainment area, and a live band.

"Carpenter's Shelter is a wonderful organization, and this is a wonderful event," said Alexandria Resident Jessica Jackson who was there with her husband Kevin and 2-year-old daughter Marley. "We're glad we were able to come out and support it." Jackson works with the Speck-Caudron Investment Group of Old Town, one of this year's supporters.

Local restaurants serving some of their best dishes were A la Lucia, Bittersweet, BRABO, Bread and Chocolate, Columbia Firehouse, Del Merei Grille, Dishes of India, FireFlies, Fish Market, Geranio, Jackson 20, The Light Horse, The Majestic, Misha's, Pork Barrel BBQ, Restaurant Eve, Rustico, Southside 815, Tempo, Union Street Public House, Warehouse Bar and Grill, and The Wharf. Winner of the People's Choice Restaurant Award was Del Merei Grille, and the Kid's



Marcus Stokes, 4, of Landover, Md., gets big Peep hug. Peeps sponsored the Kid's Corner at the 8th Annual Carpenter's Shelter Cook-off.

Choice Award winner was Bread & Chocolate.

Proceeds from Carpenter's Cook-off benefit Carpenter's Transitional Services Program, which supports families as they take steps towards self-reliance and move back into community living. The program includes a temporary residential shelter, four off-site apartments, and an Aftercare program for shelter graduates living in the community.

— SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER

[WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](http://WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

## PEOPLE

# Chaplain Behind Bars

**Hershel Carlson ministers to inmates at the Alexandria's jail.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A** native of Los Angeles, Hershel Carlson was raised in El Monte, Calif. He received a bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies and Psychology from Viola University. He began seminary at Talbot Theological Seminary, ultimately receiving a master of divinity from Temple Baptist Seminary, where he was valedictorian. He began his career as a youth pastor, then served two churches as senior pastor. After graduating from seminary, he taught Biblical Studies and Homiletics for four semesters. For the last 28 years, he's served as the pastor of Calvary Reformed Presbyterian Church. Since April 1, he's also served as pastor at the Alexandria jail.



Hershel Carlson

little word of encouragement will change days and weeks for them. I prayed with an inmate last week after I saw the inmate crying while talking to an attorney. So I prayed with that inmate, and that prayer was answered. That made the inmate's entire month, I think — just to see somebody enter into the burden and help carry it to God in prayer. They just wait so expectantly for something to come along, and here comes the chaplain with some words of encouragement or a smile or a handshake or a Bible, and it just transforms their day.

### How did you get into this line of work?

As long as I've been a pastor, I've always worked in the rescue missions and the jails around whatever church I pastored. I've always wanted to reach out to the people who are either on the streets or incarcerated.

### Why is that something that's important to you?

Those are people who have no pretense of having made it on their own, and that's what the gospel is all about. If you look at the ministry of Jesus, he always went to those who had no pretense of being able to do it themselves because he came to seek and to save those who are lost. So we should go seeking among those who don't make any boast of being able to help themselves — people who are really in distress.

### What kind of challenges are there in ministering to inmates at the jail?

I guess the biggest challenge overall is the challenge of time. We begin working with a certain person, and then that person is transferred suddenly to a state or a federal facility. So the continuity is something hard to maintain. That's part of the challenge. And the other challenge is having to do smaller things than we'd like to do. Time and security and all kinds of things limit what we can really do. So I would say the limitations in what we are able to do for the inmates is the greatest challenge, maybe even more than the time.

### Do you think that people have misconceptions about inmates?

Oh, I think that generally people do. Yes. With rare exceptions — and there are exceptions — inmates are not disingenuous. They are not trying to take advantage. And I think that even jail staff at times become very cynical because a few experiences are generalized into the thought that we should expect disingenuousness from inmates. The ones that I talk to, for the most part, are transparent. They're very human and very aware they've done something shameful. Inmates are just people, and most of them are people who have disobeyed the law. Some of them have ended up here on something that was technical or inadvertent. But that doesn't change the fact that they are people. These are people that are living with a great deal of uncertainty about tomorrow and what their sentence is going to be. They have all the needs that other people have and all the feelings that other people have. But their struggles are intensified by being isolated and not hearing from the outside world.

### So you have two jobs, one at Cavalry Reformed Presbyterian Church and one at the jail?

Yes, that's right. I'm trying to beat both bushes and not lose my head in the process. And it's hard, very hard. This is the hardest thing I've ever done.

### Why do you say that?

It's the greatest blessing, but I always am leaving with the sincere thought that I need to stay and do more. I can never go away without that really terrible sense that there are so many things that still need to be done. I guess every jail chaplain feels it. But here, it's an overwhelming feeling. There's always so much that I want to do that I can't do. So that's a major burden.

### Why do you feel that way?

I'm in love with the inmates. I can't walk into a unit without a desire to stay forever and work with them. They are so eager, and little things mean so much. Just a hand-shake will make the day for a person. A lot of times, we think we have to do something big to change the world. But just a prayer with someone or an encouragement — one

## Lemonade Day

On Saturday afternoon, May 1, St. Stephen St. Agnes students Sarah Wilcox, Cullin Brown, Tyler Epperson, Tom May and Ben Luce sold lemonade in front of Market Square as part of the Spring for Alexandria project week-end.



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE



# Congratulations!

The Board of Trustees  
of Commonwealth Academy

Congratulates

Head of School Dr. Susan Johnson

on receiving the

2009–10 *Washington Post*

Distinguished Educational

Leadership Award

Commonwealth Academy Head of School Susan J. Johnson, PhD was the only person representing an independent school to receive *The Washington Post* Educational Leadership Award on April 29, 2010. Nineteen men and women from DC metropolitan schools were selected for this prestigious award which was presented by *Washington Post* CEO and Chairman of the Board Donald Graham and Publisher Katharine Weymouth. Dr. Johnson was chosen for her exemplary leadership and role of mentor for staff and students, her innovation and creativity in school programs and curriculum for students with AD/HD and learning differences, her dedication to fostering cooperation between the school and the community, and her commitment to professional development. In the words of *The Washington Post*, Dr. Johnson is one of 19 principals of excellence...who day after day goes beyond the demands of their highly challenging professions to create exceptional learning environments for our children."



COMMONWEALTH  
ACADEMY

1321 Leslie Avenue • Alexandria, VA  
703.548.6912  
www.CommonwealthAcademy.org

## BUSINESS MATTERS

### A Public Alley

How public is a public alley? Should it be the setting for tables and chairs at the Union Dublin, a new pub that will take the place of the old Olsson's Bookstore? Or should it be reserved for trailers hauling vessels to the Old Dominion Boat Club? That's the debate at the center of a dispute now erupting in Old Town.

Last week, the Planning Commission approved the restaurant's request to intrude into Wales Alley. The proposal is to develop a 1,000 square foot raised deck with outdoor seating under a new roof that extends from the early 20th-century building. City officials with the Department of Planning and Zoning support the proposal as a lively addition to the fabric of Old Town. Besides, they argued in a staff report, most of the alley will remain open and useable by the public, although traffic will be limited to a one-way direction.

"I'm in a rare position of objecting," said prominent land-use attorney **Harry Hart**, representing the Old Dominion Boat Club. "The Boat Club is business friendly, and takes no pleasure in objecting to this proposal."

Supporters of the proposal say the short-term license agreement could be revoked if access becomes a problem. Detractors say converting all of Old Town's vacant retail properties into restaurants is a bad idea. "A speculative bubble in restaurant usage is not inconceivable. It is likely to be taking place already," wrote Old Town Civic Association President **Poul Hertel**. "Although ultimately it will lead to cannibalism among the group, in the long term, it will also diminish the vitality of the retail segment if it has not already done so by crowding them out both physically and economically."

The City Council is set to consider the proposal during Saturday's public hearing.

### Four Artists

**Marian Van Landingham** didn't really think the Torpedo Factory needed an oversight board. But that debate is over, and the wheels of city government are already grinding toward figuring out how the board should be composed. Even then, Van Landingham has concerns about the city staff recommendations for the establishment of a governance structure at the Torpedo Factory.

"It should be more balanced," said Van Landingham, a former member of the House of Delegates who was part of the team that created the art center in the late 1970s. "I'd like to see at least four artists on the board."

According to the recommendations presented to the City Council this week, the new oversight board would be responsible for setting hours of operations for the building, hiring the staff, marketing the center, negotiating the leases, managing the facility and setting the rules. It would be composed of six business types, three artists, an appointee of the city manager, a representative from the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association and a representative from the Commission on the Arts.

"It should have five business types and four artists," said Van Landingham. "At least four artists."

### Snowblind Sales

The retail sales numbers are in December, January and February, and they ain't pretty. According to a recent financial report compiled by the Office of Management and Budget, the annual change in retail sales shows a dramatic plunge as record snowfall descended on the region. The first snowfall chilled holiday sales at precisely the wrong moment for many retailers, crimping one of the biggest shopping weekends of the year. Then there was another record snowfall. Then another.

By the end of February, retail sales were buried under a mountain of snow. A chart comparing retail sales this year versus last year begins to plunge into negative territory sometime in September and then keeps falling and falling and falling. By February, retail sales tax collection were 7.2 percent less in 2010 than they were in 2009. Meanwhile, national sales figures show February retail sales up 4.3 percent.

"Next year, we'll probably be showing you a chart that looks a lot rosier because we'll be comparing it to this year's numbers," said Budget Director **Bruce Johnson**. "Unless there's a couple big snow storms."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## BUSINESS

### Chamber Gathers at Meeting House

**H**ollin Hall-The Meeting House at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church was the setting for a weekday reception of the Alexandria Chamber.

Unitarian Church members gave guests tours of the historic manor house, boxwood gardens and landscaped grounds. Nina Tisara spoke briefly about the availability of the facility for wedding celebrations and other special occasions.

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church sits on seven acres and is the highest point in southern Fairfax County. Once part of a 2,000-acre plantation owned by Revolutionary War patriot George



**Tom Shaw and Ellen Hamilton welcome new member David Whitehead.**

Mason, Thomson Mason (George Mason's son), built the original Hollin Hall home which burned in 1824.

In 1916, industrialist Harley Wilson built a new Hollin Hall. Many prominent Americans, including Woodrow Wilson, Franklin Roosevelt, and Carl Sandburg, vis-

ited the home and its brick-walled gardens.

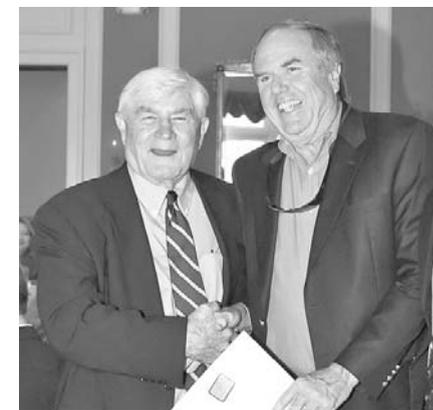
For more information on Chamber programs, visit <http://www.alexchamber.com> For more information about Hollin Hall, visit [www.HollinHallWeddings.com](http://www.HollinHallWeddings.com).

— GALE CURCIO



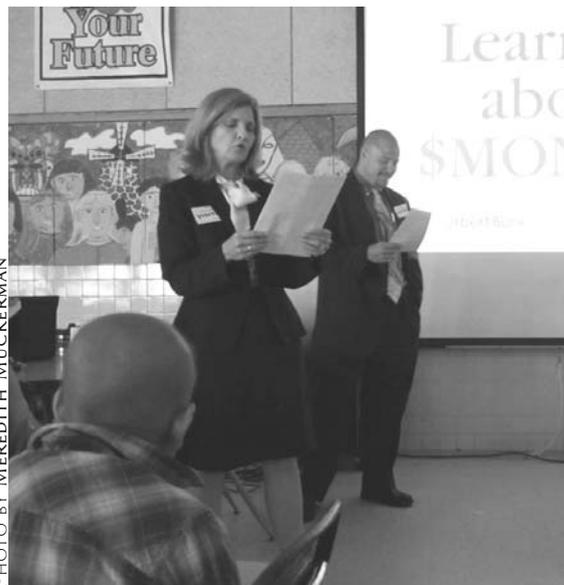
### Discussing Nutrition

**As part of the nutrition education event with local Girl Scouts at Shoppers Potomac Yard on May 3, registered dietitian Jennifer Shea (left) discusses with the girls how to eat and shop in a healthy manner. The event marks the introduction of Shoppers nutrition iQ program, which assists shoppers in finding healthy foods at-a-glance. The Girl Scouts are, from left, Erin Phillips (Alexandria), Hariel King (Upper Marlboro, Md.), Jordan Taylor (Alexandria), Charlotte Fontham (Alexandria).**



### Top Producer

**P. Wesley Foster, Jr., The Long & Foster Companies chairman and chief executive officer congratulates Christopher White of the Old Town Alexandria Historic Office who was honored with the Top Individual Producer Award for 2009. The award is given annually to the top producer among the 2,583 agents who comprise Long and Foster's Virginia/West Virginia region.**



### 'Learning about Money'

**Burke & Herbert Bank "Learning About Money" Team Members Toni Andrews (foreground) and Dan Convery lead a recent financial literacy session at a local elementary school. The bank's new "Learning About Money" program will be recognized by Fairfax County Public Schools on May 13 at FCPS' "Partners in Education & Mentor Works" awards ceremony at Robinson Secondary School. The financial program is designed to introduce personal finance concepts to children in grades K-12. Members of the Burke & Herbert Bank Financial Literacy Team visit schools to support educators in teaching about money, the role of banks and making informed decisions about personal finances, including the use of credit.**

PHOTO BY MEREDITH MUCKERMAN

## A Mixed Report Card for T.C. Williams

Annual Measurable Objectives	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009
English Performance, All Students	yes	yes	yes
English Performance, Black	yes	yes	no
English Performance, Economically Disadvantaged	yes	no	yes
English Performance, Hispanic	no	yes	yes
English Performance, Limited English Proficient	yes	yes	yes
English Performance, Students with Disabilities	no	no	yes
English Performance, White	yes	yes	yes
Mathematics Performance, All Students	yes	yes	no
Mathematics Performance, Black	no	yes	no
Mathematics Performance, Economically Disadvantaged	no	no	no
Mathematics Performance, Hispanic	yes	yes	no
Mathematics Performance, Limited English Proficient	yes	yes	no
Mathematics Performance, Students with Disabilities	no	yes	no
Mathematics Performance, White	yes	yes	yes

SOURCE: Virginia Department of Education

## High School Gets New Principal

FROM PAGE 1

est achieving.” That’s a new classification created by an Obama administration effort to funnel more money to troubled schools with years of poor performance on standardized tests. School administrators will have until June 14 to submit a detailed plan outlining a specific plan of action. Meanwhile, a committee of parents and educators are brainstorming for the long term in a series of meetings to come up with a vision of the school in the future.

“The idea is to create a school that prepares students for work, life and school,” said academy principal Peter Balas, who is chairman of the Vision and Action Committee. “It’s not an either/or proposition. We are talking about creating a school that prepares students for any of these possibilities.”

**IN MANY WAYS**, the transformation of T.C. Williams began when Superintendent Morton Sherman took charge of the school system in August 2008. Inspired by the 2000 Disney movie “Remember the Titans,” he began asking administrators and parents to “imagine the Titans.” Essentially, school officials want to transform the school from a persistently lowest achieving school into one of the nation’s highest performing secondary schools.

“As we move T.C. from being a very good high school to a great one, Mrs. Maxey will be a positive and successful leader as she is extremely qualified and has led transformations of two large high schools in the area with similar demographics,” said Sherman in a written statement.

A native of York, Penn., Maxey attended elementary school and middle school in Silver Spring, Md., before graduating in the class of 1970 at James Madison High School in Vienna. She received a bachelor’s degree in secondary education from the University of Rhode Island and a master’s degree in public administration from the University of Maryland. After completing graduate school, she worked as an investigator for consumer protection in Prince George’s County. But she quickly realized that she wanted to

return to the world of education.

“I hated it,” said Maxey in reference to her government job. “That’s when I realized I had to get back to the classroom.”

**MAXEY SPENT** 26 years in Prince George’s County School and seven years in Montgomery County Schools. She’s been principal at Bowie High School and Seneca Valley High School. When she took the job at Seneca Valley in 2003, the Germantown school was struggling with a perception that it had slipped into mediocrity. She worked with the staff to raise test scores and improve morale, eventually receiving recognition for transforming the school.

“I wouldn’t give myself credit for that,” said Maxey. “I had such a great team.”

Now, Maxey will be playing with a new team — one that’s been struggling for years. Although the “persistently lowest achieving school” designation took many by surprise, it was actually a recognition of years of failure at the school. Since No Child Left Behind was signed into law in 2002, T.C. Williams has never met federal standards. But it was able to avoid negative spotlight because school officials opted against taking federal money, which allowed the school to avoid sanctions.

Until this year.

When the Obama administration took charge last year, Education Secretary Arne Duncan launched a new program to direct more money to schools that are eligible for federal money under Title 1 of the No Child Left Behind Law. Part of the program is focused at schools that have high rates of poverty but decline the federal money. That’s where T.C. Williams enters the scene. Of the 128 Virginia schools in this category, T.C. Williams found itself in the lowest five percent. The school could receive as much as \$500,000 a year.

“Like any school, T.C. has its share of the good, the bad and the ugly,” said Maxey. “The challenge will be to find out what’s working and what’s not, then change the climate to make sure that every student can succeed.”

## WEIGHT LOSS WITH A DEGREE OF DIFFERENCE. A MEDICAL DEGREE.

Lose 10 Pounds in 2 Weeks.\*

Our physician-directed, non-surgical programs offer strategies unavailable to commercial weight loss programs. Only a medical doctor can customize a plan based on your unique metabolism, hormonal disorders, medication and other physical weight loss issues. Find out why thousands are turning to The Center For Medical Weight Loss for fast, safe, affordable weight loss. Call, or go online, to be connected with the doctor near you.



the center for medical weight loss®  
888-515-4269 www.mdbethin.com

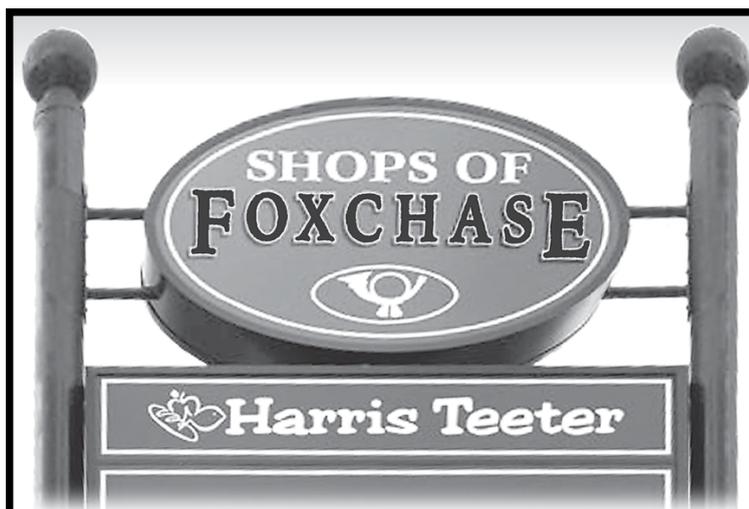


WJLA-Gazette

INITIAL CONSULTATION FROM \$19

Puneet Narayan, MD - 9291 Old Keene Mill Road, Burke, VA 22015

\*Based on a stratified random sample of 223 women and 99 men on a medically prescribed diet.



## Everything You Need... in One Convenient Place

- ABC STORE #297.....703-823-7349
- AUTHENTICALLY AMISH.....703-212-9890
- CHIPOTLE.....703-370-2152
- CURVES FOR WOMEN.....703-751-2500
- DUKE CLEANERS.....703-751-1223
- EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION.....703-751-7778
- FOXCHASE FLORIST.....703-370-3602
- FOXCHASE PHOTO LAB.....703-370-3756
- H & R BLOCK.....703-751-1903
- HANA TOKYO STEAKHOUSE & SUSHI BAR..703-823-3168
- HARRIS TEETER.....703-461-7082
- HONG KONG EXPRESS.....703-823-8808
- Karate/Self Defense.....703-548-1189
- KITCHEN AND GRANITE EXPO.....703-370-0037
- LA CASA RESTAURANT.....703-370-3600
- MY EYE DOCTOR.....703-370-7111
- NAILS Hurricane.....703-739-6245
- NEW LOOK SALON.....703-823-3422
- PAUL GIBBERMAN, DDS.....703-823-6616
- PAUL STASIEWICZ, DDS.....703-751-5052
- PNC BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.....703-504-6234
- RITE AID #3662.....703-751-4901
- SUBWAY SANDWICH SHOP.....703-370-1200
- WACHOVIA BANK, VA 9657.....703-739-3495

Duke Street,  
just west of Jordan Street in Alexandria

# THE BEST GRAND OPENING ON THE AVE

Thurs., May 20th  
7 pm – 9 pm

In the Del Ray Central Courtyard and on the Rooftop Deck

Join us in the courtyard and on the rooftop deck for great food, drinks and live entertainment. Tour our brand new model and enter for a chance to win one of the many amazing prizes.

Featuring: Artfully Chocolate, Artfully Paper, Barkley Square, Caboose Cafe, Cheesetique, Evening Star Cafe, FireFlies and Kiskadee. Live entertainment by Kevin Pace Jazz Trio.

PLEASE RSVP  
866.769.4876 | DelRayApts.com



DEL RAY CENTRAL  
ON MAIN STREET. OFF MAINSTREAM.

KETTLER.com

# OPINION

## 'Let us Hear that Concern'

Citizens have a right to know the details of crimes in their neighborhoods and activities of police.

The first paragraph of Virginia Freedom of Information Act, passed by the General Assembly in the 1968, states that all public records "shall be presumed open."

But the legislation includes an exception that allows police to withhold some information.

Police officials in Fairfax, Arlington and Alexandria have adopted what they call a "blanket" approach to using their exemption. That means they have decided to withhold any information and document they can.

The actual reports filed by police officers about any incident, available to the public and the press in almost every jurisdiction in America, are never released in Northern Virginia.

Leaders in Northern Virginia's police departments continue to assert that most people aren't don't care about the level of secrecy employed by police.

"Let us hear that concern," said a Fairfax County police spokesperson. "We are not hearing it from anybody except the media, except individual reporters."

"I don't think we have to justify it," said Alexandria Police Chief Earl Cook.

It's time to let them hear the concern, and tell them that they do have to justify decisions to withhold public information. Contact your chief of police, along with your state and local elected officials. We'd appreciate receiving a copy of any letter you send.

Police should move to make as much information open to the public as possible. Should they have the right to redact some information, for example, the name of an undercover officer? Certainly. But withholding information should be a rare exception, not a blanket policy. But the

process of repressing critical information undermines the contract of trust between police and community, like the name of the shooter and exact details when police shoot and kill an unarmed civilian, as in the case of David Masters.

"Citizens truly do have a right to know the details of crimes in their neighborhoods, not summary information the police choose to release," wrote Ryan Donmoyer in a letter to the

### See for Yourself

Police departments include a wealth of information online, from statistics to the locations of some incidents. But the information is exactly what police choose to release. Each site includes some disclaimer like this one from the Alexandria Police website: "Detailed information from crime reports, such as victim names, specific addresses, and motive, may be confidential and may not be available to members of the public."

#### ALEXANDRIA

<http://alexandriava.gov/police/>, scroll down for maps.

Alexandria Gazette Packet. "And the press plays a pivotal role in the unfettered dissemination of such essential information."

We continue to be grateful for the service, presence, expertise and judgment of the police officers patrolling our neighborhoods. The misguided decision to abuse the ability to withhold every piece of information possible comes from the leadership level. The police officers you come into contact with in your daily activities are not at fault here.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

### EDITORIAL

### LETTERS

## Train Whistles Destroy Sleep

To the Editor:

Myself and countless thousands of residents of Fairfax and Alexandria have had to put up with the sounds of whistles from trains since October of 2009. I called and was informed by a 'power that be' that there was construction on a new bridge and the engineers were required to toot their

whistles during construction. I was told that the bridge was to be completed sometime in March/April. Not! It is certainly bad enough that the noise is around during the daylight hours. But why are they blowing their train whistles at 11 p.m. .... 1 a.m.... . 2 a.m. and last week it was blown over 18 times at 3:06 a.m. Even during the day I counted one train blowing their whistle over 40 times as it ran through the city itself.

You can't tell me that they are

building the bridge until the wee hours of the morning! I have lived at the same location for some 14 years and have never had this sort of noise before.

During the daylight hours the engineers have really gone off the charts with this noise. After leaving my townhome I am again insulted by the loud and unnecessary noise at my clinic. Ask anyone in this part of town .... The engineers are off the charts with their uncalled-for noise abuse. Af-

ter passing the bridge, why are they still tooting away? The only conclusion one can come to is that these engineers are gleefully doing this on purpose to annoy an entire region. It's a joke to the, Why has no one looked into this noise abuse? It is uncalled for.

Being deprived of sleep manifests itself in many ways. Let's say a teenager (needing more sleep than the average person) is awakened several times a night and cannot study for a test. He gets a B instead of an A; he doesn't make it into any Ivy League college. A policeman doesn't get enough sleep .... Listen, he is carrying a loaded weapon. A nurse at the local hospital is also sleep deprived and now makes a mistake at a hospital that costs a patient his life. How about a pharmacist who has had weeks of sleep patterns disturbed and now dispenses the wrong meds to some unfortunate patient.

Let's talk about loss of sleep. It raises the blood pressure and can cause strokes and heart attacks. OK, how about those people that now need to take prescription meds to sleep. There are side effects to all meds. A mother that has little to no sleep now drives her five-year-old daughter to school and gets into an accident



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE

### Snapshot

8:20 p.m., May 8: Looking east from the garage of the Hilton Mark Center.

## Alexandria Gazette Packet

[www.AlexandriaGazette.com](http://www.AlexandriaGazette.com)

Newspaper of Alexandria

An independent, locally owned weekly newspaper delivered to homes and businesses.  
1606 King Street  
Alexandria, Virginia 22314

**NEWS DEPARTMENT:**  
To discuss ideas and concerns,  
Call: 703-778-9410  
e-mail:  
gazette@connectionnewspapers.com

**Steven Mauren**  
Editor, 703-778-9415  
smauren@connectionnewspapers.com

**Michael Lee Pope**  
Reporter, 703-778-9437  
alexandriagazette@yahoo.com

**Steve Hibbard**  
Associate Editor, 703-778-9412  
shibbard@connectionnewspapers.com

**Jon Roetman**  
Sports Editor, 703-224-3015  
jroetman@connectionnewspapers.com

**ADVERTISING:**  
To place an advertisement, call the ad department between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

Display ads 703-778-9410  
Classified ads 703-778-9411  
Employment ads 703-778-9413

**Julie Ferrill**  
Display Advertising, 703-778-9446  
jferrill@connectionnewspapers.com

**Jane Hughes**  
Display Advertising, 703-778-9448  
jhughes@connectionnewspapers.com

**Tara Lloyd**  
Display Advertising, 703-778-9447  
tlloyd@connectionnewspapers.com

**Andrea Smith**  
Classified Advertising, 703-778-9411  
asmith@connectionnewspapers.com

**Barbara Parkinson**  
Employment Advertising  
703-778-9413  
bparkinson@connectionnewspapers.com

**Publisher**  
Jerry Vernon

**Editor & Publisher**  
Mary Kimm

**Editor in Chief**  
Steven Mauren

**Photography:**  
Louise Kraft, Robbie Hammer  
**Art/Design:**  
Geovani Flores, Laurence Foong,  
John Heinly, Wayne Shipp,  
John Smith

**Production Manager:**  
Jean Card

**Editor Emeritus:**  
Mary Anne Weber

**CIRCULATION: 703-778-9427**  
**Circulation Manager:**  
Ann Oliver

**CONNECTION NEWSPAPERS, L.L.C.**  
**Peter Labovitz**  
President/CEO

**Mary Kimm**  
Publisher/Chief Operating Officer  
703-778-9433  
mkimm@connectionnewspapers.com

**Jerry Vernon**  
Publisher/Executive Vice President  
jvernon@connectionnewspapers.com

**Wesley DeBrosse**  
Controller

**Debbie Funk**  
National Sales, 703-778-9444  
debfunk@connectionnewspapers.com

A Connection Newspaper

The Alexandria Gazette Packet is distributed weekly to selected homes in the City of Alexandria. Any owners or occupants of premises that do not wish to receive the paper can notify the publisher by telephone at 703-917-6480 or by email to circulation@connectionnewspapers.com, and the distributor will be notified to discontinue service.

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 9

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 8

because of the lack of sleep. All right for those of you with pet dogs that are howling throughout the wee hours of the mornings. Need I say more? Let's not even concern ourselves with the decibels emitted by these playful engineers throughout the day and night slowly destroying our VIII Cranial nerves.

So, where is the Alexandria Health Department in all this? The

leaders of this community helped Obama get Virginia in the last election. Where's their pull now?

**Dr. Robert Knapp**  
Chiropractic Physician

## Momentous Decision

To the Editor

The City Council may soon make what could be one of the most

momentous and far-reaching decisions in Alexandria's history: building a Metro station at Potomac Yard.

The risks of building a station are significant for the city, but can be managed. The potential rewards are great: new tax revenue that will eventually far exceed the costs.

The Metro station is integral to a proposed 7.5-million-square-foot

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 10



New,  
**green & sustainable  
cohousing community**  
forming in  
Falls Church, VA

**You're invited!**

Downsizing? Empty-nester? Looking for community?  
**Find out how a strong community makes your life better.**

- warm & inviting sun bathed spaces
- airy, open floor plans w/ tall ceilings
- lush greenery surroundings
- spaces for social gatherings or quiet reflection
- safe • secure • walkable access to all amenities

Contact Ann: 703-663-3911  
ann@cohousingcollaborative.com

**60-75% OFF Pots**

**1 Gallon Tomatoes \$3.99**

**Impatiens**  
Regularly \$1.89  
**Now .97¢**

**Most 2009 Trees & Shrubs 50% OFF**

**Evergreen Screening**

**Patios, Walls Walkways Paver Driveways & So Much More**

**Hanging Baskets \$3 OFF**

**New Shipments of Flowering Tropicals & Citrus Hibiscus Oranges Tangerines Lemons**

**Thousands & Thousands of Perennials Just Arrived!**



Visit Our New Website [www.CravensNursery.com](http://www.CravensNursery.com)

**FREE Landscape & Hardscape Estimates**  
Landscape Design Services Available

**Stone Masons & Bricklayers on Staff**  
No Sub-Contracting  
We're proud of their craftsmanship

**Bulk Mulch Playground Chips Organic Compost Fill Material \$24.99 cu. yd.**

**Herbs Over 100 varieties \$2.49 & up**

**\$2.89** 2 cu. ft.

**\$3.39** 3 cu. ft.

**Shredded Hardwood Mulch**

**Topsoil \$1.89 bag**

**GO GREEN!**

**Benjamin Moore® Paints**

**\$5.00 OFF\* Premium Paint Natura & Aura**  
\*Retail Only.



**Potomac Paint & Design Center**

**Alexandria In-Store Event**  
• 5/15 Faux Finish Techniques Demo

**703-379-5800**

3610 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22302

**Rough Weekend?**



**Drag Yourself to THE BUNGALOW!**  
Burgerita Mondays 5-8 pm

**1/2 Price Burgers & Cold Drink Specials**  
Completely Smoke Free • Pool Tables, Games and Darts

**Weekend Brunch 11am-3pm**

**1 Hour FREE POOL w/lunch**



**"Billiards and Brew & Great Food Too"**  
**Three Convenient Locations**

<p><b>CHANTILLY</b> 13891 Metrotech Dr. Chantilly, VA 20151 <b>(703) 502-3925</b></p>	<p><b>MANCHESTER LAKES</b> 7003-C Manchester Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22310 <b>(703) 924-8730</b></p>	<p><b>SHIRLINGTON</b> 2766 S. Arlington Mill Dr. Arlington, VA 22206 <b>(703) 578-0020</b></p>
---	---	--

Visit our website: [www.bungalow4u.com](http://www.bungalow4u.com)

**Now Open!** Our new concept, The Bungalow AleHouse in Gainesville 571-261-9367

## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 9

multi-use development plan that would replace the current strip mall at Potomac Yard. Along with the 5.4-million-square-foot 1999 Potomac Yard plan, the new project would utterly transform this part of Alexandria.

The Council is expected to vote on the proposed plan, called the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan, on May 15. A vote on rezoning the site, which will not happen unless the current financial negotiations for the Metro station are successful and the Council is comfortable with the risks, is scheduled for June.

The basic financial facts about building a Metro station are mind-boggling. The station will cost \$220 to \$235 million (in 2015 dollars) — about two and one-half times the cost of building the new T.C. Williams High School. The city will float bonds of about \$275 million, and, with interest, the station will end up costing about \$475 million over 30 years. The city's debt burdens would rise by 64 percent.

Much of the risk for the project will be assumed by the city. During the ongoing financing negotiations with the developer and other property owners, the city has taken an exceptionally conservative stance — perhaps excessively so.

The big risk is that the build-out of development at the Yard will occur more slowly than assumed. At a certain point, the city will need revenue from the development to pay the interest on the bonds. If the revenues are insufficient, the city will be forced to raise taxes to compensate.

Somewhat obscured by the discussion about the Metro station has been the North Potomac Yard Small Area Plan itself. It is the most impressive and well-conceived plan in Alexandria's history, except perhaps for the 1749 "plan" that created the basic framework for the beloved Old Town of today.

Among other things, the plan could make Alexandria a leader in the drive toward environmental sustainability.

The plan is not perfect, and in places is somewhat vague. It needs to require, for example, that a variety of civic and cultural uses be incorporated into the project. It also should require that a major performing arts space/theater be accommodated in the development; that is, if Alexandria aspires to become a world-class 21st-century city.

The plan makes major strides in

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 14

WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM



## Every ATM in America is now free!

### Introducing Convenient Checking

Had enough of ATM fees?

Open a Convenient Checking Account at Burke & Herbert Bank! We'll give you free access to any ATM in America, and a debit card with rewards.

Enroll your card in the Burke & Herbert Bank Rewards program by June 18 and we'll even start you off with 5,000 bonus reward points. Plus, you'll never pay a monthly fee – or find a safer, friendlier place to bank.

Stop by your nearest branch, call us at **703-684-1655** or visit **burkeandherbertbank.com**

## Burke & Herbert Bank

At Your Service Since 1852



Minimum balance to open Convenient Checking is \$25. Please review Rewards Program Terms & Conditions when you enroll your card for complete details. 5,000 bonus reward points will be applied by July 15, 2010 for cards enrolled by June 18, 2010.  
© 2010 Burke & Herbert Bank. Member FDIC.



## OLD TOWN COMMONS

AN EYA NEIGHBORHOOD



# ON MAY 15TH, HISTORY WILL BE MADE ONCE AGAIN IN OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

Join us on **Saturday from 11am-6pm**, for the **Grand Opening** of  
the largest new townhome community in the historic district

**Old Town Commons** is a remarkable neighborhood of new townhomes featuring gourmet kitchens, open floorplans, inviting rooftop terraces, garages and an option for enclosed rear yards. All this just steps from King Street & Braddock Metro. Come see why it's Old Town's most exceptional value.

NEW TOWNHOMES from the \$600s ■ SALES OFFICE LOCATED at 808 MADISON STREET, ALEXANDRIA, VA

Visit the Sales Office or call 571-312-8910 ■ [EYA.com](http://EYA.com)

THE NEIGHBORHOODS OF  
**EYA** *life within walking distance®*





For all of your real estate needs,  
go to: [www.CBMove.com/Alexandria](http://www.CBMove.com/Alexandria)

RESIDENTIAL BROKERAGE

**CLASSIC BEAUTY**



**8307 EAST BOULEVARD DRIVE**  
**\$1,800,000 | South Alexandria**  
Elegant 5 BR + 5 ½ + ½ + ½ Georgian colonial with lovely views of the Potomac River.  
**Donnan C. Wintermute | 703.518.6156**

**NEW PRICE, NEW LOOK!**



**3824 JAY AVENUE**  
**\$378,000 | Fairlington Towne**  
Just painted and great reduction. Two level 2 br, 1.5 ba with 2 patios, updated kitchen.  
**Bonnie Rivkin | 703.598.7788**

**CIRCA 1810**



**425-427 NORTH ST ASAPH STREET**  
**\$1,375,000 | Old Town Alexandria**  
Historic brick 3BR + 1 ½ bath townhome plus buildable lot!  
**Donnan C. Wintermute | 703.518.6156**

**JUST LISTED**



**311 BEVERLEY DRIVE**  
**\$685,000 | Alexandria**  
Woodland views are enjoyed from every window of this 4 BR + 2 ½ bath contemporary.  
**Donnan C. Wintermute | 703.518.6156**

**GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW HOME!**



**5644 GLENWOOD DRIVE**  
**\$799,000 | Alexandria / Clermont**  
10 new homes on quiet street, by Morris Construction custom builders. Luxury colonials on large lots.  
**www.PhyllisPatterson.com | 703.518.6158**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 - 4:00!**



**5611 EDMONT DRIVE**  
**\$939,000 | Alexandria / Clermont**  
New Custom home! 5 BR, 4.5 BA, 2 car gar & more! Gorgeous thruout! [www.5611Edgemont.com](http://www.5611Edgemont.com).  
**Rachel Carter | 703.851.4207**

**CLOSE TO THE RIVER**



**1716 W. ABINGDON DRIVE, UNIT 202**  
**\$229,000 | Potowmack Crossing**  
Spacious 1BR, sep DR, updated kitch & abundant storage! Mins to GW Pkwy, Nat Airport, DC and heart of Old Town!  
**Joy Deevy | 703.518.2811**

**UNDER CONTRACT!**



**8620 CONOVER PLACE**  
**\$524,900 | Waynewood**  
4 Bed/2 Bath Saratoga Model with family room addition. Beautifully landscaped.  
**Lyssa Seward | 703.298.0562**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 - 4:00!**



**1250 S WASHINGTON STREET, UNIT 824**  
**\$668,000 | Old Town Alexandria**  
1582 sq ft 2BR 2.5 bath condo w/ river views, fireplace, balcony and garage parking, reserved garage space.  
**Denise Davis | 571.332.8531**

**Congratulations to the following agents  
for receiving the Realtor.com  
Award of Excellence:**

**James Haskins**  
**Phyllis Patterson**  
**Marie Louise Meyer**  
**Gayl Warman**

The Award of Excellence program recognizes top real estate agents who provide great marketing services on behalf of their buyers and sellers. By displaying more photos and/or video and crafting better descriptions, more attention is brought to the unique selling attributes of a home making it stand out and attract more qualified buyers.

**You are truly examples of marketing  
excellence.**

**OPEN SUNDAY 1:00 - 4:00!**



**2107 HUNTINGTON AVENUE**  
**\$424,900 | Berkshire**  
Three bedroom, two full, two half bath townhome, great location, courtyard setting, shows beautifully.  
**Karen Leonard | 703.328.7041**

**JUST LISTED**



**5927 KIRKCALDY LANE**  
**\$439,900 | Kingstowne**  
3 Level Stone Front, 2 Bedroom/2 Full BA/2 Half BA/ 1-car garage town home in Kingstowne  
**Yvonne S. Croft | 703.973.1540**

**REDUCED PRICE!**



**607 VIRGINIA AVENUE**  
**\$525,000 | Alexandria / Wilton Woods**  
One-level living on beautifully landscaped corner lot, 2BR, 1BA, new h/w floors, driveway parking  
**Rita McCauley Redmond | 703.447.9114**

310 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 703.518.8300 Main Office  
Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 9am - 6pm Saturday, 9am - 4pm Sunday, 10am - 4pm



Information is deemed reliable but is not guaranteed. Equal housing opportunity. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is owned and operated by NRT, LLC.

# SELLING THE BEST OF ALEXANDRIA

Winner of the  
2010  
Realtor.com  
Award of  
Excellence!

**PHYLLIS PATTERSON**

Direct: 703.518.6158



## 3 Featured Listings in Wellington Open Sunday 1-4!

### 7613 Woodridge Circle— OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!



Inspiring and idyllic. One level living in country setting on cul-de-sac. Open floor plan 3 bedrooms, hardwood floors, fam rm with vaulted ceiling and soaring windows, skylights and see thru frpl. Enjoy spring on screen porch overlooking private yard. ~\$649,000



George Wash Pkwy South, Right on Morningside lane, Left on Ridgecrest Dr, Right on Lyndale Dr, Left on Woodridge Circle.

### 1203 Essex Manor Court— OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!



STUNNING light-filled beauty on 1/2 acre! Open floor plan on cul-de-sac backing to trees. Sun room, music room, his & her offices! Lower level nanny suite. Large kitchen, island, & breakfast area overlooking deck and private treed yard. 5 bedrooms/ 4.5 baths 2 car gar. Steps to park-way and bike trail. ~\$1,290,000



From Old Town: South along the George Washington Parkway, right on Morningside Lane, left on Admiral, left onto Essex Manor Court.

### 7602 Ridgecrest Drive— OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!



Two master bedrooms. One on main level and suite on upper level. 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 car garage, library, 3 frpls and cooks kitchen which opens to an expansive 2 story great room overlooking pool and private fenced backyard. Completely finish lower level. ~\$1,089,000



George Washington Parkway South, Right on Morningside Lane, left on Ridgecrest Drive, House on the right.

### Glenwood Estates— Only 3 Lots Remain!



Custom built homes by Morris Construction on large lots in Alexandria starting at \$799,000!

#### OPEN SAT & SUN 1-4!

Beltway to Telegraph Road South, turn right on Franconia, right on Clermont Drive, left on UPLAND, TO RIGHT ON Glenwood Drive.

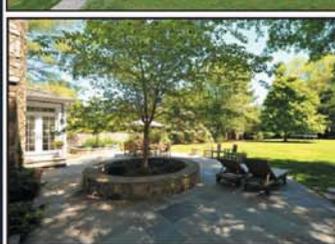


### 8839 Fort Hunt Road – Charleston Colonial



Inviting and refreshing southern style with front and back porches custom built and only 3 years young! 6700 finished sq feet on 1/2 lush acre. Dual staircases, modern open floor plan, easy entertaining flow, 6 BRs, 4.5 baths, 3 car garage, wide wood floors, 3 fireplaces, chefs kitchen Exercise, music and game rooms, walk up attic, study. Steps from Ft. Hunt Park! ~\$1,795,000

### 8733 Plymouth Road— Nantucket Estate



Nantucket style home on private one acre w/pools, mature trees and gardens. Large flowing comfortable rooms, high ceilings, wide hallways, hardwoods throughout, 4 frpls, dual staircases, farm table sized breakfast room, true cooks kitchen w/ comm. Appliances, island & fireplace. Music and entertainment rooms, private study, 2 car garage and oversized driveway in rear. A welcoming home!! ~\$1,899,000

The Market Is Moving...  
Are You?

[www.PhyllisPatterson.com](http://www.PhyllisPatterson.com)

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage  
310 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314





**St. Louis  
Catholic School**  
www.stlouisschool.org

**Visit St. Louis School During Our  
Open House  
Sunday, May 16 • 10 A.M.–2 P.M.  
All are Welcome**



- Kindergarten (Full Day) –8th Grade
- St. Louis students score above average on standardized tests
- Extended Day Program (before and after school)
- Excellent Certified Faculty and Staff
- Caring and Nurturing environment
- Conveniently located off of Route 1 (near Beacon Mall)



2901 Popkins Lane,  
Alexandria, VA 22306

Call: 703-768-7732

## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

reducing auto traffic and promoting mass transit, walking, and biking, but still 47 percent of total trips will be by drivers. To deal with what will surely be an exceptionally traffic-clogged area in the future, the city will need to be aggressive in employing new information technologies and pricing strategies.

Disappointingly, the plan says little about helping pedestrians and bicyclists cross Route 1, a major barrier today and one that will become more difficult with the widening of Route 1 to accommodate lanes for a new transit system.

Finally, the plan is disappointing in not including any multipurpose athletic fields, a serious shortage in the city. Although two multipurpose fields were approved for Potomac Yard in the 1999 plan, they are somewhat in limbo because of the school system's claim on the same land for a possible new school. Some resolution to this situation needs to be found.

**Bill Hendrickson**  
Member, Potomac Yard Planning Advisory Group

## Another Restaurant?

To the Editor:

As a member of the City's Waterfront Committee, I recently submitted to that Committee and to the Planning Commission my minority position against an application to put a restaurant in the vacated building formally occupied by Olson's book store at 106 South Union Street. Unfortunately the Commission, as usual, paid very little attention to my comments and approved the development 6-1. However, the rationale I used to justify my stance follows.

Converting all of our vacant retail properties into restaurants in the Old and Historic District is an extremely bad practice. Currently there are 82 eating establishments along a one mile strip on King Street, running from the Potomac River to the King Street Metro. In other words there is no shortage of restaurants, but there is a shortage of individually owned retail shops. As alluded to in the Old Town Small Area Plan, the Commission must find a reasonable mix of diverse uses when deciding the merits of each Special Use Permit (SUP) request. At one time

Alexandria had a policy to disallow new restaurants east of Washington Street; however this policy has been altered over the years. This might be the time to reinstate that policy. However, the Planning Commission and Council are currently obliged under the amended 1992 Small Area Plan to maintain diversity of occupants. It cites that "The City should do whatever possible to retain a mix of restaurants and shops providing a diversity of goods and services in the King Street area."

All the streets in the Union-Strand-King-Wales Alley traffic hub are a complete traffic disaster especially on the weekends. This is caused by tour buses dropping off sightseers at Union and King; buses dropping boat goers off on the Strand; trolleys trafficking on Union, the Strand and King streets; pedestrians making their way helter-skelter; buses sometimes unloading in the middle of the 100 block of King Street; ODBC members trying to go through Wales Alley in order to get into their parking lot; cyclists continually running through stop signs; produce and beer trucks unloading their goods; not to men

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 15

**WHAT ARE YOUR SUMMER PLANS?**

**FREE ESTIMATES. AND WE KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING. CALL US. 703-684-7702**

**Tech Painting Co.**  
Since 1987  
www.techpainting.com

**ASK ABOUT ENERGY STAR**

**Considering Replacing Your Old, Inefficient Windows?**

Visit one of our Marvin showrooms in your area or call for a **FREE** in home estimate.

Download your **FREE REPLACEMENT GUIDE** at **MARVINREPLACEMENT.com**

**Window and Door SHOWPLACE**  
WindowAndDoorShowplace.com

**Sales - Installation - Service**

**MARVIN**  
Windows and Doors  
Built around you.™

Falls Church, VA (703) 560-6625 | McLean, VA (703) 506-3650 | Rockville, MD (301) 315-8100 | Sterling, VA (703) 736-9600

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 14

tion the hundreds of drivers looking for places to park either on the street or in one of parking lots. In other words it is a traffic nightmare in that part of the city on any Friday or Saturday night. All this is going on while your local police enforcement representatives at the corner of Union and King do very little to alleviate these bad situations. When Olson's bookstore was the tenant at 106 S. Union, they obviously did not generate a lot of car traffic. However, with a 350-seat restaurant (300 inside and 50 in Wales Alley) plus the 130 seats in the other new restaurant Pizza Paradiso in the middle of the 100 block of King Street you will end up with roughly 500 additional people who would in turn generate about 300 cars. In addition, the just released draft For Comment Waterfront Plan eliminates the 90 parking spaces across the street from Chadwicks. There are insufficient places to park all these additional cars. Many of them will exacerbate an already serious overall resident parking problem by parking on streets where tax paying citizens reside.

The city concocting a licensing scheme that allows the potential restaurant tenant to seat 50 patrons in Wales Alley is ludicrous. Taking away half of the alley to further economic development is tantamount to the city using eminent domain. This is really no different than the Kelo verses New London case wherein the Supreme Court allowed the city of New London to take away Ms Susette Kelo's home so that a Pfizer plant could be built. This is considered by many to be the worst Supreme Court decision, ever. Of course, the taking in the Wales Alley case is a taking of public property from the citizen's access. Mayor Riley of Charleston, S.C., would say that it is a City's job to protect the public domain not to give it away.

For the reasons stated above, the application for an SUP for this development should have been disapproved. The overwhelming traffic and lack of sufficient parking spaces alone should have dictated the demise of this request. Add to that the fact that the City intends to invoke eminent domain through a phony-baloney license agreement to skirt a law on the books which disallows the alley or any portion to be shut down should have provided additional ammunition for the defeat of this application. This Commission has got to go; they will approve anything the developers put before them and could care less about our historic district.

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## On Message and Out of Touch

To the Editor:

"Your opportunities and freedoms are being taken away every time government expands."— Councilman Frank Fannon, May 6, 2010

"Whenever government grows, citizens' liberty decreases,"— Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, May 3, 2010

Last week City Council passed a budget that was almost flat, increasing by less than a third of one percent over last year's budget. The budget includes \$17 million in cuts and the slight increase in spending went to improving Emergency Medical Services and addressing rising enrollment in our schools. Despite this, Republicans Frank Fannon and Alicia Hughes voted against the budget.

Fannon claims our freedoms are being taken away and, even though he went against his own campaign pledge and pushed to increase the real estate property

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 17

**LUXURY CRUISE COUNSELORS**

2161 JAMIESON AVENUE  
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22314

1.866.368.7327

Attend our Next Event  
An Evening Reception with  
Azamara Club Cruises

May 20, 2010 7pm  
The Carlyle Club  
411 John Carlyle Street

Kindly RSVP:  
(703) 706-0011 or online at  
www.azamarareception.eventbrite.com

Why Luxury Cruise Counselors?

- Top 50 North American Account for Oceania Cruises
- Top National Account for Silversea Cruises
- Preferred Account for Crystal Cruises, Regent Seven Seas Cruises & Azamara Club Cruises

www.LUXURYCRUISE.COUNSELORS.COM

## Everything You Need...in one Convenient Place.

### Foxy Nails



Bradlee Center  
703-824-9292

ALEXANDRIA Pastry Shop & Cafe..... 703-578-4144  
ATLANTIS PIZZA..... 703-671-0250  
B & C JEWELERS..... 703-379-6010  
BANNERS HALLMARK..... 703-820-4449  
BATTERIES PLUS..... 703-575-7711  
BLOCKBUSTER VIDEO..... 703-820-8820  
BLUE RIBBON DRY CLEANING..... 703-998-5118  
BRADLEE BARBER SHOP..... 703-998-9830  
BRADLEE DENTAL CARE..... 703-820-2273  
BRADLEE FLORIST..... 703-379-6166

BRADLEE SHOE REPAIR..... 703-931-9210  
CAPITAL BAGEL BAKERY..... 703-379-6462  
CHEVY CHASE BANK..... 703-998-6503  
CHICKEN OUT..... 703-998-8802  
DRESS BARN..... 703-379-4462  
FOOT SOLUTIONS..... 703-931-3668  
FOXY NAILS..... 703-824-9292  
GNC..... 703-578-4122  
GIANT..... 703-845-0851  
GOLDEN DRAGON..... 703-575-8079  
HAIR CUTTERY..... 703-998-9387  
HARDWOOD ARTISANS..... 703-379-7299  
KING STREET BACK & NECK..... 703-578-1900  
KYOTO JAPANESE RESTAURANT..... 703-379-8060  
MIXERS'S ICE CREAM..... 703-671-4799  
MCDONALD'S..... 703-379-0441  
National Art & Framing..... 703-998-5888  
PALM BEACH TAN..... 1-800-725-6826  
Potomac Paint & Design Center..... 703-379-5800  
PRO FEED..... 703-820-3888  
RITE AID..... 703-931-7095  
ROBCYNS..... 703-379-7800  
STARBUCKS..... 703-845-9563  
SUBWAY..... 703-931-3700  
SUNTRUST BANK..... 703-838-3280  
TC UNISEX SALON..... 703-379-6397  
U.S. POSTAL SERVICE..... 1-800-275-8777  
UNWINED..... 703-820-8600  
VIRGINIA ABC..... 703-845-6374  
VIRGINIA VACUUMS..... 703-931-6100  
WACHOVIA BANK..... 703-671-7523  
WASHINGTON SPORTS CLUB..... 703-933-3777

**Bradlee Center** King Street, just west of Quaker Lane in Alexandria

Port City Playhouse presents

## Abandonment

by bestselling playwright & author:

Kate Atkinson

Friday and Saturday at 8 P.M. 5/14 & 5/15, 5/21 & 5/22, 5/28 & 5/29;  
Tuesday at 8 P.M. 5/25; plus  
Sunday Matinee at 2 P.M. 5/30/2010

Lee Center for the Performing Arts  
1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria 22314  
Free Parking On-Site!

CALL 703-838-2880

www.portcityplayhouse.com

\$16 Adults, \$14 Seniors & Juniors,  
\$12 Groups of 10 or More



## LIVING LEGENDS

# David Speck: 'Fixing Problems Is in My Wiring'

BY SARAH BECKER

## Living Legends: The Project

“David Speck and I are members of the has-beens club,” laughed Democrat Vice-Mayor Kerry Donley. “We met as political adversaries — he first ran for City Council as a Republican, I a Democrat — and became allies in political service.” Now an Alexandria Democrat, Speck’s former political colleagues describe him as intelligent.

Born in New York City, reared in Alexandria, Speck first successfully ran for political office in 1979. A moderate Republican, Speck, who holds an Ed. D. from George Washington University, was elected to the General Assembly from Virginia’s 21st District. Service included a stint on the Assembly’s education committee. Del. Bernie Cohen (D-46th) was a member of Speck’s 1980 freshman legislative class.

“I remember David as an elegant man, very bright; very knowledgeable in the field of education,” Cohen said.

“We were two freshmen representing the same city, but because we were of different political parties both of us played our cards close to the chest,” Cohen mused. “In 1980 the Democrats were the majority statehouse party: the Byrd organization still had a powerful presence and, like Virginia’s Falwell party of today, the politics partisan.” Speck served from 1980-1982, then lost his Assembly seat.

“In 1981 as a delegate I had the audacity to propose a bill to prohibit smoking in state-owned building elevators,” Speck said. “A senior member pulled me aside and pointed to the gold tobacco leaf atop the Capitol dome. I learned the legislative process is a nibbling, incremental process.”

“Armistead Boothe was my political icon,” Speck smiled. “He left footprints, sacrificing State office to fight for desegregation.”

“If a Living Legend is one who has left a community not just a little, but very significantly better, then David’s legislative legacy is

Now beginning its third year, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photojournalistic project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria’s Living Legends. The project was conceived by artist-photographer Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. Living Legends is supported in part by the Rotary Club of Alexandria.

This is the third in a series of 12 profiles that will appear this year. For more information or to nominate a Legend for next year’s program, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com).

legendary,” said former Alexandria City Attorney and Manager Philip Sunderland. “Councilman Speck was instrumental in bringing the Patent and Trademark Office to Alexandria and, more generally, imparting the view — often disparaged by some — that the growth of local business, the development of real estate are critical to the city’s long term health.”

“Commercial real estate is a net winner for us,” Speck said. “Real estate taxes are getting close to punitive.”

**SPECK FIRST SERVED** on City Council as a Republican from 1991-1994. He changed political parties in March 1995; then served as a Democrat Councilman from 1996-2003.

“I remember when David changed political parties,” Councilman and former Democrat Committee Chairman Paul Smedberg said. “He stood up in front of the ADC and gave a very articulate, heartfelt speech.”

Reported The Washington Post in 1995: “The GOP has changed, which it has every right to do,” said Speck, who on numerous occasions has voiced concerns about the influence of Christian conservatives. But rather than work within the party to try to nudge it back to center, as Sen. John W. Warner (R-VA) has done to great controversy, Speck said he prefers to work constructively with his new political allies.” Speck attends Beth-El Hebrew, a congregation founded in 1859.

Speck’s proudest accomplishment: the city’s residential community policing program. The city’s residential community policing program began in 1992 with ARHA’s James Bland project. In 1993 it expanded to include seven other residential communities.

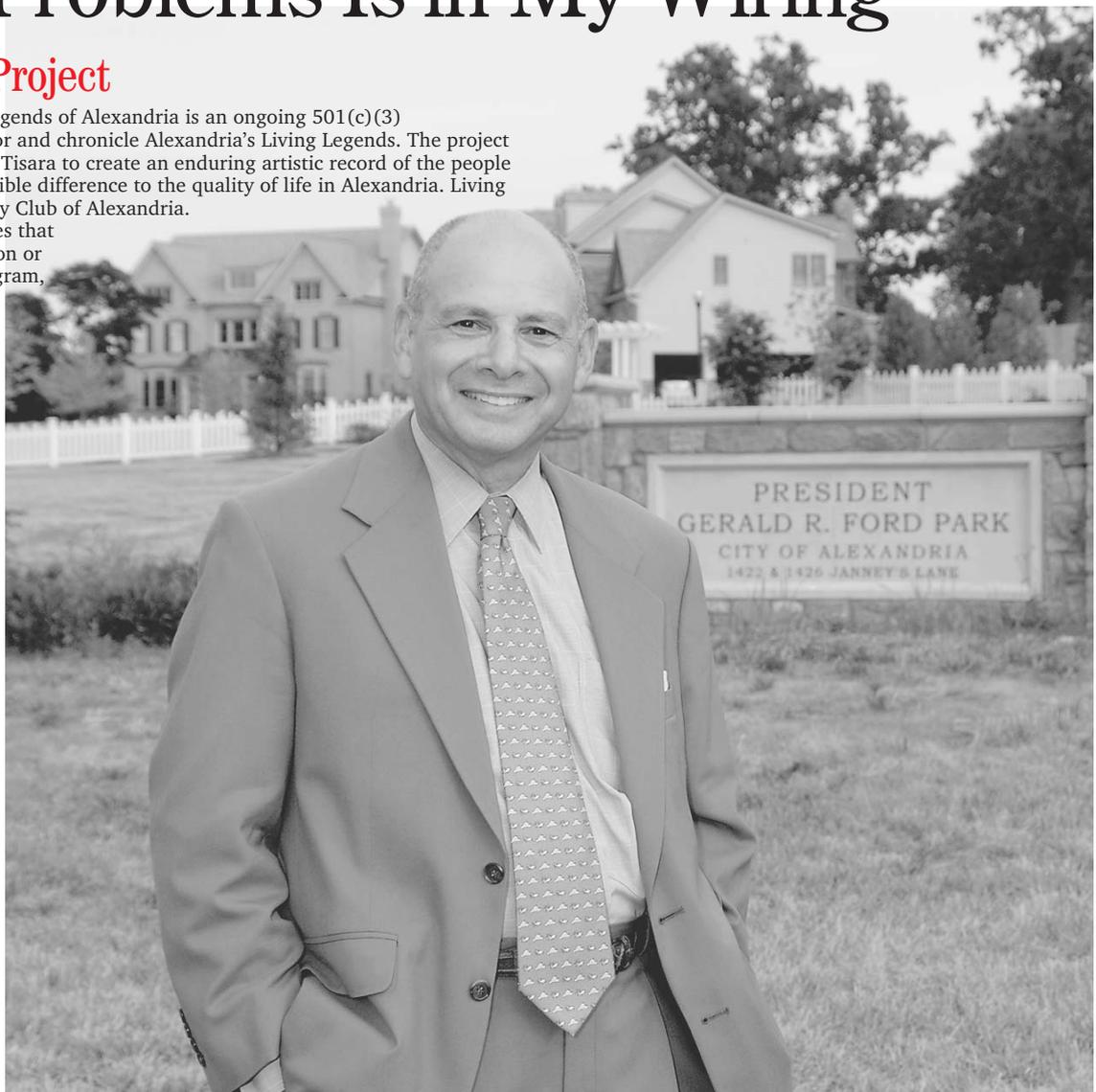


PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

### David Speck

Currently the program operates in Bland, Adkins and Arlandria.

“The residential policing program took real commitment,” Speck said. “Hopefully it has gone from need to value.”

His most ambitious launch: the city’s Open Space Fund. The Open Space Fund was established in 2003 in conjunction with the adoption of the Open Space Master Plan. Using a tax set aside, the city has acquired 66 of the desired 100 acres.

“David is a smart, funny guy who gives thoughtful advice,” former Alexandria City Councilman Justin Wilson said. “I especially like his 20-year Idiot Rule.” Wilson is a Sorenson graduate and Speck served on the Political Leadership Institute’s regional board from 1998-2006.

Speck’s Idiot Rule: “When making decisions, especially land use decisions, there is always pressure to do the politically expedient or popular thing. The real test is to ask will someone 20 years from now drive by a project or look at a decision and say, Jeez, what idiot approved that?”

PTO was first discussed in 1996 as part of the Carlyle Coordinated Development District. Alexandria 2020 began planning for Potomac Yard in 1989; Council approved the Small Area Plan in 1999. The BRAC process (Base Realignment and Closure) is ongoing.

**WITH AGE** comes perspective. Barron’s in 2009 listed the 64 year-old Speck as among the nation’s Top 1000 financial advisers. The Alexandria Convention and Visi-

tors Association’s partnership award carries his name, and the has-beens club is now the grandfathers club.

Speck’s life lesson: “Fixing problems is in my wiring. The essence of local government is to see needs and problems and want to make them better. Doing that well — for me — was to do the best I could, but not forever. City Council was a step in my life; it is not what defined me.”

Last December during the city’s record snowfall Speck was seen “with the pride of his life,” a big snow blower begging neighbors for the chance to clean their driveways. He wanted no votes, only to give.

Writer Sarah Becker was nominated as a Living Legend in 2007.

### PEOPLE NOTES

To have a People Note published in the Gazette-Packet, send an e-mail to [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com) or call Steve Hibbard 703-778-9412. Pictures encouraged.

**Christine M. Candio**, RN, FACHE, CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital, has been elected to serve on the Board of Governors of the American College of Healthcare Executives (ACHE), an international professional society of more than 30,000 healthcare executives.

Candio assumed her role March 20 at the

Council of Regents Meeting during ACHE’s 53rd Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago. She will serve a three-year term representing ACHE affiliates on ACHE’s Board of Governors, the authority that oversees ACHE operations and member services.

The City of Alexandria’s Department of Transportation & Environmental Services, Environmental Policy Commission, and the Alexandria Sanitation Authority has announced **Montie Kust** as the recipient of the second annual

Ellen Pickering Environmental Excellence Award. Kust, a resident of Alexandria since 1957, has always considered her nearly three-acre property a wildlife sanctuary where she not only helped her own children appreciate the natural wonders around them, but opened up her land to educators, environmentalists, birders, and everyday citizens.

In 2006, she created a conservation easement over her property in order to protect it as a nature reserve. For this contribution to Alexandria’s environmental sustainability, Kust was awarded the 2006 Alexandria Conservationist of the Year by the

Northern Virginia Conservation Trust.

In addition, Kust hosts several public-outreach events on her property every year. These events include invasive plant-pull parties and garden tours. The tours highlight her niche gardens, which include a re-created Sweet Bay Magnolia bog, organic fruit and vegetable gardens, fern and meadow gardens, and woodland wildflower patches. Box turtles, whose numbers continue to fall throughout Virginia, thrive on Kust’s land that is supported by the wild May Apples.

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 15

tax from 90.3 cents to 95 cents, when it came time for a final vote he opted to “retain his freedom” rather than fully fund our schools, police officers, and firefighters.

This is not dissimilar from the rhetoric coming out of Richmond, where Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli recently lamented our decreasing liberty as he discussed his taxpayer-funded lawsuits against the federal government over healthcare and the Environmental Protection Agency’s finding that climate change poses a threat to people. In fact, during the height of budget season in April, Fannon went out of his way to promote Cuccinelli when he visited Alexandria. On frankfannon.com, he encourages all to attend the Attorney General’s speech in Old Town where he will discuss his lawsuit over healthcare reform.

Fresh off of her vote in November to reject Federal stimulus dollars to expand Head Start, provide job training to displaced workers, and provide emergency rent relief to residents in danger of becoming homeless, Alicia Hughes continued down this same path during the budget deliberations and proposed slashing funding to the city’s affordable home ownership program.

Hughes, too, is receiving attention from Richmond, having just been named to Governor McDonnell’s Government Reform Commission. The commission is tasked with finding ways to streamline and restructure our state government.

McDonnell’s choice of Hughes is a curious one, considering that Hughes has lived in Virginia for less than two years and during that time has been served with an eviction notice for failure to pay rent, failed to properly register her vehicle and pay taxes as required by State Code, and has had to pay back taxes to the State of Maryland as a result of improperly receiving tax credits on a property she owns there. These are not exactly the kind of credentials that evoke confidence in the Governor’s commission.

At the end of the day, though, both Fannon and Hughes will claim the mantle of “fiscal conservatism.” After all, it is that kind of rhetoric that fits on bumper stickers and makes for good campaign promises.

**Clark Mercer**  
Chair, Alexandria Democratic  
Committee

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 30

JUST BECAUSE  
JESUS ROSE BEFORE DAWN  
DOESN'T MEAN THAT  
YOU HAVE TO . . .

St. Paul's Episcopal Church has *two* weekly services at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday at 5:00 p.m. | Sunday at 5:00 p.m.

Informal, inspiring service	Candlelit, transcendent
Casual attire	Ancient practice in modern context
Paperless	Timeless music

**ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
228 S. Pitt Street  
(at the corner of Duke and Pitt Streets)  
*Hospitality After The Service*  
www.stpaulsalexandria.com

**FREE NUTRITION SEMINAR!!**

Have you or a loved one suffered from **Diabetes, Heart Disease, Obesity or Asthma/Allergies?**  
Find out how our new Nutrition Program can help! Call to reserve your seat at our FREE seminar on

**Saturday, May 15, 2010, 10:00am**

THE CHIROPRACTIC ASSOCIATES  
& ELITE SPORTS REHAB  
1240 N. Pitt St. Alexandria, VA 22314  
**(703) 739-0456**



FROM LITTLE LEAGUE TO THE BIG LEAGUES,  
EVERY DAY IS GAME DAY AT SAINT CHARLES.

Baseball is always a part of the place we want to call home. From the Maryland Blue Crabs Stadium to the Little League diamonds, it's all part of living well in Saint Charles. You'll find beautiful homes, beautifully priced in a place whose time has come. Saint Charles is an exquisitely designed community located in the heart of Charles County just eleven miles south of the Beltway. Swimming, tennis, golf,

first-rate public and private schools, the Saint Charles Towne Center, miles of hiking and biking trails, and even a weekly farmer's market are all a part of your new community. There are twelve apartment communities to rent and townhomes and single-family homes by three of the finest national home builders—Lennar, Ryan Homes and Richmond American—all beautifully designed and beautifully close to D.C.

**TOWNHOMES FROM THE \$230's, SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES FROM THE \$260's.**



A PLACE WHOSE TIME HAS COME

[www.stcharlesmd.com](http://www.stcharlesmd.com) Model homes now open.





# CHRIS WHITE



# LONG & FOSTER

## ALEXANDRIA/OLD TOWN HISTORIC

### #1 Office in the State of Virginia



Managing Brokers  
Anne Rector & Bill Jourdan



**4710 Richmarr Pl**  
\$474,000  
*Prime Location—Stunning Value!*  
Rare opportunity—single family home on large lot in prime City of Alexandria

location for under \$500,000! Home is in excellent condition and features bright open floor plan, 4 levels, hardwoods on 2 levels, updated throughout and off street parking. Premier setting on fenced lot fronting quiet Cul De Sac near large park. New Priced OPEN SUN, 5/16, 1-4. From 395: E-Seminary Rd, R-N, Jordan, R-Peacock, L-Latham, R-Richmarr to end of cul-de-sac.



**1139 Cedar Dale Ln**  
\$769,000  
*Character Abounds!*  
Exceptionally attractive Classic Cape in prime location on gorgeous .60 acre lot mins from OT, just off GW Parkway. Tastefully expanded and updated to preserve the integrity of original home. Fabulous features include stunning family room, spacious first floor master suite, upgraded kit and more! Custom in ground pool. Great New Priced OPEN SUN 5/16, 1-4. GW Pky S, R-Collingwood, R-Cedar Dale.

Fabulous custom deck overlooks magnificent level grounds. Covered parking and extra driveway space. Rare opportunity to find a well maintained Mount Vernon home for under \$500,000! OPEN SUN 5/16, 1-4. GW Pky S, past estate, R-Old Mt Vernon Rd, L-Woodley, R-Washington Ave, L-Jackson Pl.



**4401 Jackson Place**  
\$448,000  
*Special Value!*  
Spacious brick home on gorgeous half acre lot in heart of Mt Vernon with open floor plan, hardwood floors, family room with fireplace.

Fabulous custom deck overlooks magnificent level grounds. Covered parking and extra driveway space. Rare opportunity to find a well maintained Mount Vernon home for under \$500,000! OPEN SUN 5/16, 1-4. GW Pky S, past estate, R-Old Mt Vernon Rd, L-Woodley, R-Washington Ave, L-Jackson Pl.



**801 N PITT ST #414**  
Alexandria  
\$184,900  
Seller to pay 6 months condo fees! Sunny charming Old Town Port Royal studio completely remodeled. Private balcony with river views.

Fresh, clean, bright, delightful!  
**Martha Deal 703.622.6797**



**2 POTOMAC CT**  
Alexandria  
\$1,500,000  
A rare opportunity less than 2 blocks from the Potomac, circa 1830s stand alone home awaiting your special finish. 4/5BR, 3 levels

and formal garden. Wolfe St between Union and Lee to Potomac Court.  
**Virginia Jacob 703.836.7210**  
**Bonnie Clark 703.725.9449**



**3 RUSSELL ROAD**  
Unit D / Alexandria  
\$ 349,000  
RARELY AVAILABLE 2 bedroom, top floor Station Place Condo located at the foot of the Masonic Temple just steps to the King Street

METRO. Hardwood floors, 3 sides of window, off street parking, close to everything & priced to sell.  
**Michael Manuel 703.615.6317**



**We're Underway!**  
8826 Camden St \$899,000

Ground floor opportunity to add your personal touches to this new creekside home in Stratford Landing. Custom Wakefield home loaded with upgrades! Call for details.



**4404 Ferry Landing**  
\$598,500  
*Absolutely Stunning!*

What a value. Huge 3 level colonial on spectacular, fenced half acre lot with trees. Four huge bedrooms, three full baths, family room, rec room, large eat-in kit featuring stainless steel, granite and ceramic tile, refinished wood floors on main level and upstairs hallway, three fireplaces, sun room, deck and lots of storage areas. Balcony off master suite. Truly a Must See! OPEN SUN 5/16, 1-4. GW Pky S, past estate, L-Forest Haven Rd, L-Ferry Landing Rd.



**9316 Allwood Dr**  
\$535,000  
*Absolutely Impeccable!*

This fabulous property has been substantially updated and is in absolutely impeccable condition. Bright open floor plan, gleaming hardwood floors, track lighting, finished lower level, garage soaring cathedral ceilings on main living area and much more! Gorgeous setting on half acre tract fronting a quiet street in the heart of Mt. Vernon. OPEN SUN 5/16, 1-4. GW Pky S, past estate, L-Ferry Landing Rd, L-Allwood.



**4126 N 11TH PL**  
Arlington / \$529,900  
2 BLOCKS TO METRO! 3 level TH has been completely renovated. Spacious kitchen w/breakfast bar, custom cabinets, all new SS appliances, Brazilian hardwoods, brand new elegant baths. Full staircase to 3rd level bonus room. UP TO 3 pkg spaces available.

**THE CAREY TEAM**  
**Tricia Wikert 571.213.0187**  
**Tim Driscoll 703.470.4304**



**1675 HUNTING CREEK DR**  
Alexandria / \$825,000  
GREAT SPACE - GREAT PRICE

Elegant open floor plan, beautiful crown molding, large cooks kit opens to family room & deck. Lovely patio is an oasis in the city. Spacious rooms w/large master suite, loft w/private bath is perfect for guests, good sized rec room on LL. 1 mile to METRO, 2 lights to DC.  
**Laura Blederman 202.309.1350**



**2711 ARLINGTON BLVD #102**  
Arlington / \$275,000  
STUNNING 1 BR LESS THAN 1mi TO METRO!

New hardwds thru-out, updated kit w/granite & new appl included. Master BR w/walk-in closet. Custom frpl, plantation shutters, W/D, sep storage unit, easy parking.  
**THE CAREY TEAM**  
**Tricia Wikert 571.213.0187**  
**Tim Driscoll 703.470.4304**



**Field of Dreams!**  
Lofty Oaks \$755,900

Build your Wakefield dream home on fabulous 3/4 acre estate site in the heart of Mt. Vernon. New low priced! Pre-Construction opportunity allows for maximum customization. Call for details.



**9124 Volunteer Dr**  
\$590,000  
*Stunning Value!*

Large Home—Great Price! Impeccably maintained on half acre corner lot in the heart of Mt. Vernon's finest neighborhood. Numerous special features include: sunroom, 2 fireplaces, large room sizes, 3 baths, table space kitchen, fabulous custom built three car garage and gorgeous grounds. Columned Front Veranda with Brick Floor. Could use a little updating as price reflects, however home is in immaculate "move-in" condition. What a buy!



**805 N. Howard St #128**  
\$250,000  
*Bank Owned Opportunity!*

Just Reduced! Great Value! Lowest priced 2 bedroom unit in The Plaza. Capitalize on this bank owned property! Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit with deck and garage parking! Large closets plus extra storage area for unit. Great location in park like setting in City of Alexandria prime area. Many amenities include pool, exercise room, tennis courts and secure building.



**529 E BELLEFONTE AVE**  
Del Ray  
\$475,000  
JUST LISTED! Renovated 2BR, 1BA 3 level townhome in Del Ray. Features include an expanded kitchen with granite counters, hardwood floors, renovated bathroom, fully finished basement and more.

**Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams**  
**703.597.2252**



**808 S FAIRFAX ST**  
Yates Gardens / Old Town  
\$600,000  
A DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH!

Estate sale of a large Yates Gardens model! 3BR, 1.5BA, hdwd, wood burning frpl, 3 lvls including walk-out LL w/high ceilings, & brick patio. Rare opportunity to remodel w/your tastes in SE quadrant of Old Town.  
**Ann Z. Logsdon 703.568.8433**  
**Emily Capelli 703.472.1282**



**1214 POWHATAN ST**  
North Old Town  
\$509,000  
2BR, 1.5BA with a family room addition! Hardwoods throughout, updated kitchen, fenced backyard with slate patio, and more. Walk to METRO, shops, restaurants, easy commute to DC!

**Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams**  
**703.597.2252**



**3863 Eisenhower Ave**



**3807 Courtland Cir**



**7501 Park Terrace**



**1208 Tatum Dr**



**4706 Tarpon Ln**



**9110 Chickawane**

Your Neighbors select Chris and Peggy White to sell their homes by overwhelming numbers!

**CHRIS WHITE 703.283.9028**

www.chrisandpeggywhite.com  
chris.white@longandfoster.com



**809 HOLLAND LA #214**  
Alexandria  
\$499,000  
2 MASTER SUITES and 1 BLOCK TO KING ST METRO! Includes-gourmet kit w/granite & stainless, W/D in unit, balcony, parking for 2 cars, exercise room and serene courtyard. Located above Whole Foods. Close to restaurants, theaters and the best of OT. Condo fee inc most utilities.

**Norma Stratton 703.966.0756**



**1901 ARLINGTON RIDGE RD**  
Arlington / \$999,000  
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION! Walk to subway, Pentagon, Pentagon City Mall, restaurants, National Airport, Capitol Hill, 5 minutes to DC.

Large lot in Arlington w/expansive hilltop city view. Older, established neighborhood with many remodeled upgrades.  
**The Kohler Team**  
**Heidi 703.609.7367 or Elke 703.967.7633**



**705 CHETWORTH PL**  
Alexandria  
\$489,000  
ESTATE SALE! Home features stone & slate, 3 fin levels, 2BR, 1.5BA, 2 fireplaces, warm wood floors w/in-lay. Newer windows, gutters and waterproofing. Enclosed patio plus deck. A real bargain in the neighborhood. North Old Town. 2 lights to DC.

**Norma Stratton 703.966.0756**

400 KING STREET, ALEXANDRIA 22314  
703.683.0400 ~ FAX 703.683.1303  
www.OldTownAlexandria.com





ARTS ♦ ENTERTAINMENT ♦ LEISURE

## THEATER

### MAY 14-30

**“Abandonment.”** By Kate Atkinson. Directed by Susie Poole and Genie Baskir. Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Tuesday at 8 p.m.; Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$16/general, \$14/seniors and students, \$12/groups of 10. At Alexandria’s Port City Playhouse, 1108 Jefferson Street in Old Town, Alexandria. Call 703-838-2880 or visit [www.PortCityPlayhouse.com](http://www.PortCityPlayhouse.com).

### NOW THROUGH MAY 29

“Rifar el Corazón” (“Heartstrings”) At Teatro de la Luna. By Dino Armas (Uruguay). Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m. Saturday matinees at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25/regular, \$20/students and seniors. At Gunston Arts Center, Theater Two, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington.

### MAY 18 THROUGH JUNE 13

**“Sycamore Trees.”** “Sycamore Trees” is the second part of Signature’s “American Musical Voices Project” sponsored by The Shen Family Foundation. Show times are Tuesday and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets range from \$52 to \$76. Call Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or go to [www.signature-theatre.org](http://www.signature-theatre.org). At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington.

### NOW THROUGH MAY 30

**“Sophisticated Ladies.”** Starring Maurice Hines. At Arena Stage at the Lincoln Theatre. Show times are Tuesday, Wednesday and Sunday at 7:30 p.m. (6 p.m. curtain on 4/25); Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. (1 p.m. curtain on 4/25); Weekday matinees at noon on 4/21, 4/27 & 5/5. Tickets range from \$25 to \$74. For tickets, call 202-488-3300. At Arena Stage, 1800 S. Bell Street, Arlington.

# Teatro Delivers a Gentle Treat

## Uruguayan play “Rifar el Corazón” (“Heartstrings”)

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE CONNECTION

Arlington’s Teatro de la Luna is offering a gentle comedy/drama from Uruguay at the Gunston Arts Center’s Theatre Two. It is presented, as most of Teatro’s plays are, in Spanish with English surtitles projected above the playing space.

This means that the show is instantly accessible for the Spanish speaking portion of our community. That is a community which is served by two professional Spanish language companies (the other being GALA Hispanic Theatre in Washington).

It also makes the theatrical literature of the majority of the Americas accessible to our English speakers who can read along with only slightly more effort than watching and listening to a play in their native tongue.

“Rifar el Corazón” (“Heartstrings” in English) is a warm drama with plenty of humor by Dino Armas, an award-winning and highly prolific playwright from Montevideo. It is directed with simple, straightforward honesty by Teatro de la Luna’s Artistic Director, Mario Marcel on a simple but efficient set of his own design.

Most of the play takes place center-stage at a dining room table where two sisters share thoughts, memories and barbs over tea or the ubiquitous South American beverage mate, which is sipped through a metal straw from a gourd. Two spaces to the sides are draped with thin fabric which lets the audience see flashback scenes that fill out the plot between sisterly reminiscences.

These reminiscences bring to light the reasons that underlie the tensions between the sisters, the near catatonic state of the daughter of the older sister. She has neither spoken nor stood since she underwent an abortion following an affair her mother may well have opposed. The story of the affair, the abortion and the reaction comes out in a cascade of details as the sisters re-

Daughter.” It has also been used by many pop musicians, including Michael Jackson.

Just what is Carmina Burana’s appeal? The poetry deals with timeless subjects of life, love and loss. Although written in 13th century Latin it has a surprisingly modern sensibility. The Latin language gives the poetry an extra punch and is ultra-expressive and descriptive — sometimes shockingly so.

But it is the music — the unforgettable rhythms, pounding and hypnotic — that gets under your skin and makes your hairs stand on end. The music sounds contemporary and relevant. Even hip-hop music seems to pale in comparison to the primitive and expressive power of Orff’s music.

So it’s the combination of compelling and graphic poetry with this hyper-propulsive music that give “Carmina Burana” its unique appeal — to both classical music lovers and popular culture.

So electrifying is “Carmina Burana” that is



PHOTO BY CESAR RECALDE

### Mate or Tea? Nucky Walder and Marycarmen Wila in Teatro de la Luna’s production of “Rifar el Corazon” (“Heartstrings”).

call bits and pieces of their past.

While it is a three-woman show, one woman sets the tone. She’s Nucky Walder, a Teatro de la Luna regular and its producer. Her comfort level on stage is such that she carries the evening on her shoulders. As the older sister, the one who has spent her later life caring for her wheelchair-bound daughter, she sets the pace of the conversation and it is her transitions from lighthearted banter to defensive retorts and from exasperated rejoinders to reluctant regrets that make the show much more than just a verbal contest between sisters.

The other sister is played by Marycarmen Wila with a smooth, pleasant presence. Yovincia Arredondo Justiniano is fully up to the more challenging task of portraying the daughter both in the current moment in her wheelchair, and in the flashbacks, as a love-struck and vital young girl.

A very important element in Marcel’s staging is the presence of a fourth performer, Alex Alburqueque who sits at a piano on one side of the stage and sings soulful songs before each act and between each scene. His smooth delivery is appropriately devoid of flashy embellishments, allowing the simple beauty of the songs to linger in the hall. Unfortunately, the lyrics of the songs are not translated into English for display on the surtitle screen.

Reading and following simultaneously does take a bit more concentration than simply watching, but the experience soon becomes nearly second nature. The English translations of the Spanish text of the play are best viewed from the seats higher up in the rows where the eyes can follow both text and action without English speakers having to keep moving their heads up and down with each line of dialogue. Spanish speaking audience members, on the other hand, would do better to sit lower down where they may not even notice the surtitle board once the action gets going. Either way, the play provides a gentle pleasure.



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](mailto:Brad@PotomacStages.com).

## Where and When

Teatro de la Luna’s production of “Rifar el Corazón” (“Heartstrings”) plays through May 29 in Theatre Two of the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 South Lang Street, Arlington. Performances are Thursday - Saturday at 8 p.m. with matinees on Saturday at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$20-\$30. Call 703-548-3092 or log on to [www.teatrodelaLuna.org](http://www.teatrodelaLuna.org)

# Musings from the Maestro

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra’s popular 2009-2010 season, entitled “Inspired by Nature” comes to an ecstatic conclusion in its Grand Finale concerts on May 22-23. The centerpiece will be Carl Orff’s timeless masterpiece, “Carmina Burana,” which has reached far into popular culture, making it into the soundtracks for the films “Excalibur,” “The Hunt for Red October,” and “The General’s

20 ♦ ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE PACKET ♦ MAY 13-19, 2010

practically impossible for me to sleep after performances! Sharing the stage with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra will be The Metropolitan Chorus, Heritage Signature Chorale, NOVA Chorus and Alexandria Choral Society.

Also on the program are guest flute soloists Josue Casillas and Sara Stern playing music by Telemann and a fascinating work by Libby Larsen, entitled “Atmosphere of a Fluid System.”

Our “Inspired by Nature” theme this season was so popular that we are extending it into an exciting new direction for our 2010-2011 season, entitled “Symphonic Vistas!” Headliners will be Garrick Ohlsson, Jenny Oaks Baker and Steffen Horn in a season featuring many of music’s greatest evocations of nature ... and of man’s endless fascination and love of nature.

See you at the concert!

— KIM ALLEN KLUGE

*O Fortune,  
like the moon  
you are changeable,  
ever waxing  
and waning;  
hateful life  
first oppresses  
and then soothes  
as fancy takes it;  
poverty  
and power,  
it melts them like ice.*

— CARMINA BURANA

## Where and When

The ASO performs “Carmina Burana” on May 22 at 8 p.m. and May 23 at 3 p.m. at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center. Tickets are available at 703-548-0885 or [www.alexsym.org](http://www.alexsym.org). \$5 youth tickets (8-18) on either day.

WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

# CALENDAR



**A Packard from last year's show.**

## SATURDAY/MAY 15

**Old Cars in Alexandria.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free. Longtime locals may remember "Chevy Corner" at King and Henry streets, Bendall Pontiac, Herby's Ford, or Old Dominion Motors, which was once the second largest Hudson dealer in the country. At the Lyceum parking lot, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Those who wish to exhibit vintage cars (model year 1980 or earlier) are asked to contact Jim Mackay at 703-746-4725. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or call 703-746-4994.

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, [gazette@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:gazette@connectionnewspapers.com). Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

## ONGOING

**Operation Prom Dress** is a program that collects prom gowns, shoes, purses, tuxedo shirts and jewelry to donate to people who could not afford to attend their proms. This year, the Nannie J. Lee Memorial Recreation Center will be organizing the prom gown drive and serving as a collection site. If you are interested in volunteering and/or donating gently used or new goods to the cause, call McKenya Dilworth-Abdalla at 703-746-5533.

While the bigger youth are going to their Proms, a Kiddie Prom is underway at the Mt. Vernon Recreation Center. For more information on the Kiddie Prom, contact Center Director, Elsie Akinbobola at 703-746-5475.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

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

## THURSDAY/MAY 13

**"Sail into Service" Boomer &**

**Senior Volunteer Fair.** 10 a.m. to noon. Baby boomers, retirees or semi-retirees, empty nesters and seniors who are looking for new and exciting things to do in and around the Alexandria area are invited to attend. More than 20 area non-profit groups and city agencies will exhibit at the fair to discuss their current volunteer needs. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Contact Jeannine Purdy at 703-841-3834 or via email: [jpurdy@ccda.net](mailto:jpurdy@ccda.net)

**Mateo Monk.** 7 p.m. Performs on acoustic guitar and flute, as well as vocals. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit [myspace.com/mateomonk](http://myspace.com/mateomonk).

**Second Thursday Art Night.** 6 - 9 p.m. At the Torpedo Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Visit the studios, meet the artists, and enjoy the Karen Reddy Dance Performance. Free. Contact 703-838-4564 or [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

**Urban Garden Workshop.** 10 a.m. to noon. Jeremy Hager of Bartlett Tree Experts will discuss the components of successful soil. At the Carlyle House Historic Site gardens, Old Town Alexandria. Admission is \$20. Call 703-549-2997 to register.

**Lunch Bunch Concert.** 12:15 p.m. At Market Square, 301 King St., Alexandria. Features St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School 5th Grade Saints Choir. Concerts are cancelled in the event of inclement weather and

SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 22

# Join Us.

Honor the sacrifices and success of the City of Alexandria's Police Department, Fire Department, and Sheriff's Office.

The Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Cordially Invites you to the 24th Annual Valor Awards Presented by Inova Hospital Alexandria

## Event Details

May 18, 2010  
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  
Hilton Mark Center  
Register at [www.AlexChamber.com](http://www.AlexChamber.com)

## Admission

Award Winner and One Guest Ticket -	Free
Public Safety -	\$45.00
General Public -	\$60.00
Kids Under Age 12 -	\$25.00



# Alexandria Symphony Orchestra

Kim Allen Kluge, Music Director

Inspired by  
**NATURE**  
**CARMINA BURANA!**

SAT. EVENING  
MAY 22  
8:00 PM

SUN. MATINEE  
MAY 23  
3:00 PM

Sara Stern, flute



**Telemann**

*Double Flute Concerto*  
with Josué Casillas & Sara Stern, flutes

**Larsen**

*Atmosphere as a Fluid System*  
with Josué Casillas, flute



Josué Casillas, flute

**Orff**

*Carmina Burana*  
with Alexandria Choral Society & Children's Chorus  
Heritage Signature Chorale  
NOVA Community Chorus  
The Metropolitan Chorus

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT [WWW.ALEXSYM.ORG](http://WWW.ALEXSYM.ORG)  
OR BY CALLING **703-548-0885.**

## TICKET PRICES:

<b>YOUTH (18 &amp; UNDER) .. \$ 5</b>	
STUDENTS .....	\$ 20-\$ 70
SENIORS .....	\$ 35-\$ 70
ADULTS .....	\$ 40-\$ 70

RACHEL M. SCHLESINGER CONCERT HALL & ARTS CENTER  
3001 N. BEAUREGARD ST., ALEXANDRIA - **FREE PARKING!**



**The United States  
AIR FORCE BAND  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  
AMERICA'S INTERNATIONAL MUSICAL AMBASSADORS**

## Chamber Players Series

### "An Evening of English Song"

Friday, May 21 at 8 p.m.

George Washington Masonic Memorial  
101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22301

Upcoming recitals at GW Masonic Memorial:  
Friday, May 28 at 8 p.m. ~ "An Evening of Music for French Horn"

**FREE** and open to the public; no tickets needed

★ [www.USAFBand.af.mil](http://www.USAFBand.af.mil) ★

# CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 21

subject to change without notice. Call 703-746-5592.

## FRIDAY/MAY 14

**Ballroom Dancing for Couples.** 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Cost is \$15. Join the Friday Nighters at their "Spring Fling." Enjoy waltz, fox trot, cha cha, swing and more to live music on large wooden dance floor in Mount Vernon area; Private club; reservations required [www.fridaynightersdancingclub.com](http://www.fridaynightersdancingclub.com)  
**Jazz Concert.** 4 p.m. Students from Hammond Middle School play an ensemble of jazz pieces. At the Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road.

## MAY 14, 15, 16

**Mount Vernon's Wine Festival & Sunset Tour.** 6-9 p.m. Sample wines from 16 Virginia wineries and live jazz on the east lawn overlooking the Potomac River. Fruit and Cheese boxes are \$24/each. Tickets are \$30/person. Private reserved tables featuring a fruit and cheese platter, three bottles of house wine and VIP table service is \$1,000. Go to [MountVernon.org](http://MountVernon.org).

## SATURDAY/MAY 15

**Flea Market.** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the main fundraising event of the year. At Lincolnia Senior Center, 4710 North Chambliss Street, Alexandria. Call 703-914-0223.

**Taste of India.** 2 to 3 p.m. (for all ages): Sample the aromatic cuisine of India with food from Bombay Curry Company and Nirallas Sweets. At the Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road.

**Stories from India through Dances.** 3 p.m. (for all ages): Feast your eyes with classical dances presented by the Kalanidhi Dance Company. At the Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road.

**Meditation Basics with Art of Living.** 10 a.m. Learn basic exercises for clearing your mind, gaining focus, and minimizing stress. At the Beatley Central, 5005 Duke Street.

**May Fest Play Fest.** 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Free. A 10-minute play festival that will give 10 middle schools a chance to perform and be judged theatrically. At Carl Sandburg Middle School, 8428 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Visit [FCPSDrama.com](http://FCPSDrama.com).

**Community Service Sewing Day.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Event hosted by the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Sewing Guild. Free and open to public. Fabric and supplies will be provided free of charge. RSVP by sending an E-mail to [novaasgrsvp@yahoo.com](mailto:novaasgrsvp@yahoo.com) or calling 703-354-9467. At the upper level of the Cameron United Methodist Church, 3130 Franconia Rd, Alexandria.

**Armed Forces Day Tours.** 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m. Admission is free to veterans and military personnel. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children over 11. Children under 11 are admitted free. For more information, visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org).

**Titan Aid Live.** 7:30 p.m. Benefit concert organized by T.C. Williams High School's Titan Aid Club to raise money for the victims of the Haiti earthquake. At the Birchmere, 3201 Mt. Vernon Ave. Tickets are \$20. See [www.birchmere.com](http://www.birchmere.com), click on Order Tickets and then "Virginia Coalition." Proceeds raised will be donated to Architecture for Humanity.

**Blood Drive.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by the Mount Vernon Knights of Columbus. At 8592 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE [www.my-redcross.org](http://www.my-redcross.org).

**Chrysanthemum Sale and Native Plant Sale.** New cultivars plus old



## SUNDAY/MAY 16

**Douglas Buchanan.** 4 p.m. Free. To perform latest composition, "Colonnades." At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Old Town Alexandria.

favorites. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sponsored by the Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society. At Green Spring Gardens Park, 4603 Green Springs Road, Alexandria. Next to the Salvation Army location on Little River Tpk. Call 703-642-5173. Visit the web site, [www.odcsmums.org](http://www.odcsmums.org)

**Benefit Concert.** 7:30 p.m. The band featured is Virginia Coalition, several members of which are T.C. Williams alumni. Fund-raiser for earthquake victims sponsored by the Titan Aid Club at T.C. Williams. Tickets are \$20. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Buy tickets at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

**Riverfront Revolution Run/Walk and Wellnessfest Event.** At the National Harbor. The conference will offer expert speakers addressing holistic health strategies and practices for preventing unnecessary diseases and illnesses. Visit [www.riverfrontrevolution.com](http://www.riverfrontrevolution.com). Contact Race Director and Organizer Mr. Gregory Taylor, 240-462-7983, [taylor4life@mindspring.com](mailto:taylor4life@mindspring.com).

**The Cotton Ball.** 7 p.m. to midnight. The evening will feature a musical revue of local talent performing oldies hits, and will include door prizes, a tasty buffet, and dancing. No ticket sales at the door. Sponsored by St. Joseph Church, Knights of Columbus Hall, 8592 Richmond Hwy., Alexandria. For ticket information, email [StJoCottonBall@aol.com](mailto:StJoCottonBall@aol.com) or call 703-768-2819.

**Fencing and Martial Arts in Colonial times.** 2-4 p.m. Tom Leoni and Steve Huff show 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century fighting arts as practiced by officers, gentlemen and frontiersmen. Cost is \$10/adults, \$5/children. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 for reservations.

**The Soloists of Spring.** 7:30 p.m. Performed by the American Balalaika Symphony, under the direction of Peter Trofimenko. Tickets are \$20/advance, \$25/door, seniors and students/\$15. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. For tickets, call 703-751-1331 or visit [www.ABSorchestra.org](http://www.ABSorchestra.org).

**Respite Day.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For Grandparents and other relatives raising children. At Gum Springs Community Center, 8100 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Preregistration is required by Tuesday, May 11. Call 703-324-3517 (TTY 703-449-1186) to register.

**Gospel Music with Ec-Nova Choir.** 4 p.m. Under the direction of Sharon Young. At Third Baptist Church, 917 Princess Street, Alexandria. Call 703-751-2942

**Spring Plant Sale.** 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia (MGNV), in cooperation with Virginia Cooperative Extension, will be one of the vendors at the annual Spring Garden Day at Green Spring Gardens Park. Visit Booth 13 for a wide selection of perennials, annuals, native plants and herbs, all grown by Master Gardeners. Proceeds support MGNV's horticultural education projects. Location: 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria.

**Community Day Event.** Hosted by UCM Creekside Village Center. The goal is to build a strong sense of community within the Creekside Village neighborhood. Highlights will include health screenings from AmeriGroup, lunch donated by JLV Partners, a bike

rodeo presented by the police, face painting, games, musical performances and informational tables from UCM Workforce Development Center, Fairfax County Department of Systems Management for Human Services, Mount Vernon Police Department, West Potomac High School, Fort Hunt Elementary School and AmeriGroup.

**Frog Pond Early Learning Center Open House.** 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Frog Pond, an inclusive non-profit early learning center for children from toddlerhood to pre-kindergarten that's dedicated to working families, offers a curriculum rich in science and nature (with a dedicated science teacher). At 7204 Harrison Lane Alexandria. Visit <http://frogpondkids.org>.

**Peter McCory — One Man Band.** 2 p.m. (for all ages): A musical romp around the world—fun for the family! No registration required, but limited to the first 50 people. At the Duncan Branch, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue.

## MAY 15-16

**Garage Sale to Benefit St. Jude's.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Household items, pictures, toys, collectibles, furniture, clothing. At 4644 Kirkland Place, Alexandria. Call 703-408-4747.

## SUNDAY/MAY 16

**Tulip Mania.** 2 p.m. (for all ages): Did you know that tulips created an economic crisis in the 17<sup>th</sup> century? Learn more about this coveted flower from the local company Fresh Tulips USA. At the Beatley Central, 5005 Duke Street.

**Empowerment Sunday.** 2-4 p.m. Join the Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals Network and Guild Auxiliary for an afternoon of Empowerment. At Charles Houston Community Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria. RSVP by May 14 to [rsvp@nvulypn.org](mailto:rsvp@nvulypn.org) or call 703-836-2858

**Spring Fling.** 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. St. Mary's Catholic School 20<sup>th</sup> annual Spring Fling (rain or shine). Rides, games, shopping, food, children's raffle and more. 400 Green Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-1646.

**Spring Open House.** 2-4 p.m. Free. At Historic Huntley, a Federal-style villa built in 1825 for Thomson F. Mason. Features guided tours, a scavenger hunt and refreshments. At Huntley Historic Site. Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/histhunt/](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/histhunt/)

**Colin Casey 3K Run.** 7:45 to 8:45 a.m. registration. Run, walk or jog the 3K course across the street from St. Mary's

SEE CALENDAR, PAGE 23

[WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM](http://WWW.CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM)

Old Town's most authentic country French restaurant since 1983

# Le Refuge

## Spring Specials

Cold Soup Trio  
Cold Salmon Platter  
Dover Sole  
Frog Legs  
Rack of Lamb

127 N. Washington St., Old Town • 703-548-4661  
Smoke Free Restaurant  
[www.lerefugealexandria.com](http://www.lerefugealexandria.com)

# The Royal Restaurant

(now smoke free)

## "What's for Dinner?!"

You don't have to think too hard, let us solve this classic question.

In addition to our award winning menu, we have added some popular specials that add variety for everybody taste. Real food, for real people at reasonable prices.

**Monday - Kids Night**  
Burger Night (Kids eat 1/2 price) Each child must be accompanied by adult having entree.

**Tuesday - Greek Night**  
Lamb Marinated and Roasted for 3 hours, Athenian Roast Chicken, Moussaka!

**Wednesday - All American Night**  
Meatloaf, Chicken Fried Chicken. Va. Ham

**Thursday - Italian Night**  
Lasagna, Chicken Alfredo, Calamari

**Friday - Fish Night**  
Crab Cakes, Shrimp & Scallops over penne pasta with white sauce

**Saturday - Steak and Chop Night**  
Prime Rib, Lamb, Surf and Turf, Pork Chops, and Moussaka

**Sunday**  
Brunch served 7am - 2pm

Dine in or call ahead and your dinner will be ready for pick up.  
Dinner hours 2:30-9:30pm  
730 North Saint Asaph Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
(703) 548-1616  
Ample Free Parking

# CALENDAR

FROM PAGE 22

Catholic School. Awards ceremony: 10 a.m. Prizes and medals will be awarded to the top finishers in each age category. At 400 Green Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-1646.

**Douglas Buchanan.** 4 p.m. Free. To perform latest composition, "Colonnades." At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street in Old Town Alexandria.

**Titan Expo.** 1-5 p.m. There is a Dog Show sponsored by Your Dog's Best Friend and a Battle of the Bands. Games include Rat Race, Moon Bounce, Dunk Tank and car-bash. All the profits benefit the Larry Trice Scholarship for students attending vocational schools. At T.C. Williams High School, 3330 King Street, Alexandria.

**Music to Raise the Spirit.** 7 p.m. Wakefield Chorale presents its annual spring concert. At Annandale High School, 4700 Medford Drive, Annandale. Call 703-451-7917.

**Minds Wide Open.** 7 p.m. Folk/pop singer Lindsay Mac with special guest Margot MacDonald. Tickets are \$18/general, \$15/advance at FocusMusic.org. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria.

**Beveridge and Bernstein.** 4 p.m. The 240-voice New Dominion Chorale conducted by Artistic Director Thomas Beveridge. The work will be "Symphony of Peace" for chorus, soloists and large orchestra, and Leonard Bernstein's "Chichester Psalms." Tickets are \$25/general, \$20/seniors, \$5/students. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Alexandria Campus of NVCC, 3001 N. Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.newdominion.org](http://www.newdominion.org) or call 703-442-9404.

**Visit Historic Huntley.** 2-4 p.m. Enjoy this twice-a-year opportunity to visit Historic Huntley, a Federal-style

unrestored villa built in 1825 for Thomson Francis Mason, a grandson of George Mason. At 6918 Harrison Lane, Alexandria.

**Container Gardening in an Urban Environment.** 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Fee is \$5/per workshop; advance registration required. At Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit [www.leafendallhouse.org](http://www.leafendallhouse.org).

**Al Williams and Friends.** 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Committee for Jazz at Meade. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria. Donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available in the church's lot and on the street.

## MONDAY/MAY 17

**Book Discussion.** 7 p.m. All Alexandria Reads The Geography of Bliss by Eric Weiner at the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Weiner researched countries around the world for their secrets of happiness. Call 703-838-4566.

## TUESDAY/MAY 18

**Jazz Beginnings with Project Natale.** 7 p.m. (for all ages): Learn about the history of jazz, while listening to an engaging musical performance. At the Duncan Branch, 2501 Commonwealth Avenue.

**Colonial Connections Historical Lecture.** 7 p.m. James C. Thompson, II of Barboursville, Va., will give a presentation about the remarkable transformation of Virginia society between 1607 and 1776. By 1776, the leading Virginia families had become "an aristocracy" and society had evolved around them. At St. Andrew & St. Margaret of Scotland Anglican Catholic Church, Fellowship Hall, Monroe Avenue, at the corner of Dewitt Avenue in Del Ray. Visit

[www.standrewandstmargaret.org](http://www.standrewandstmargaret.org).  
**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. Features a presentation entitled "Leaping to Erroneous Conclusions" by Christine Rose. Meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road in Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or [haroldm@erols.com](mailto:haroldm@erols.com).

## WEDNESDAY/MAY 19

**Swing Dancing.** 9-11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Hangover Royale. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

**Appreciation Celebration.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Food, fun, prizes, NASCAR simulator games, technology demos. At ServiceMaster Clean of Alexandria, 7551 Fordson Road, Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/MAY 20

**Ms. Virginia Senior America Pageant.** 2-4 p.m. Free admission. Suggested donation \$10. At Lee Kauffman Senior Center, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria. For directions, call 703-838-4343. For information, call 703-425-7258.

**Kate Waller Barrett Day.** 11 a.m. Dedication of commemorative plaque at the Kate Waller Barrett Library. Sponsored by Kate Waller Barrett Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Alexandria. At 717 Queen Street, Alexandria. Call 703-836-8260.

**Wind Energy.** 7-9 p.m. Free. Wind Energy plays music for dancing, listening and enjoying, from the folk traditions of England, Ireland, Scotland. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565 or go to [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

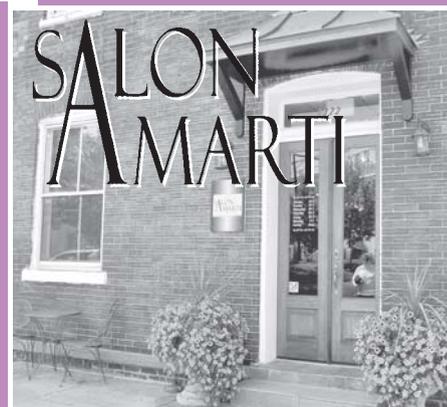
New Bistro Serving Affordable Fine French Cuisine



Pre-Dinner Special  
Buy One Entrée,  
Get a Second Entrée Free  
4:30 to 6:30 pm Daily  
Saturday and Sunday Brunch  
10:00am to 4:00 pm

# Yves' Bistro

235 Swamp Fox Road, Alexandria, VA  
703-329-1010 ~ Open 6:00 am until Midnight  
Across from Eisenhower Metro and the AMC Movie Theater



1322 Prince Street, Alexandria, VA 22314  
**703.535.8100**  
[www.salonamarti.com](http://www.salonamarti.com)

## Botox Party

**Dr. Paul Ruff**  
of Metropolitan  
Institute for  
Plastic Surgery  
**Tuesday, May 25**  
6:00-8:30 pm  
\$15.00 per unit  
**Call now for an  
appointment**  
Limited walk-in  
available

**Now Open  
Sundays 11-5  
20% Off All  
Services**

# TASTE of ARLINGTON

in front of



BALLSTON  
COMMON  
MALL



GATES & HUDSON  
COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE



specialicious.com



PURCHASE  
TICKETS  
ONLINE FOR  
20% OFF

MAY 16<sup>th</sup> 12-5PM

[www.tasteofarlington.com](http://www.tasteofarlington.com)

**unwined**  
gourmet wine · cigars



**Put Us to  
The Test**

- ♥ Selection
- ♥ Service
- ♥ Price

**Come Taste the Difference**

Two Convenient Alexandria Locations  
Open 7 days a week

**Bradlee**  
3690J King Street  
703.820.8600

**Belle View**  
1600A Belle View Blvd.  
571.384.6880

[www.unwinedva.com](http://www.unwinedva.com)

# Spring for Alexandria Achieves Its Goal

Volunteers log thousands of hours.

BY GALE CURCIO  
GAZETTE PACKET

**M**elinda Patrician, executive director, Volunteer Alexandria, is pleased with the results of the weekend as another Spring for Alexandria goes into the record books. Now in its third year, Spring for Alexandria was jointly presented by ACT for Alexandria, the City of Alexandria, and Volunteer Alexandria. Spring for Alexandria 2010 included the Generations of Giving Gala on April 29, the Business Philanthropy Summit, Community Service Day and Celebration on Market Square on April 30, and Kids Helping Kids' Lemonade Day on May 1.

The 12th Annual Business Philanthropy Summit was emceed by Rebecca Cooper, WJLA's "Washington Business Tonight" and the featured speaker was Earl W. Stafford, CEO Wentworth Group LLC, and president, Stafford Foundation. Mayor William D. Euille gave the opening address and U.S. Rep. Jim Moran closed with the send-off for the volunteers.

The Business Philanthropists of the Year Awards were presented to The Motley Fool and A Show of Hands; The 2010 Outstanding Nonprofit Leader of the Year Award was given to Ken Naser, Executive Director of ALIVE!; and Lee Fifer received the Nonprofit Board Leader of the Year.

This year, a new event was added to the third day of Spring for Alexandria, "Alexandria Gives: Community Contributions Day," coordinated by the Alexandria Jaycees.

"It was impossible not to be inspired by these events," said Patrician. "From the awards to the Guiffre family at ACT's Gala; to the Business Philanthropy Awards received by The Motley Fool and A Show of Hands at Volunteer Alexandria's breakfast



COURTESY PHOTO

**Joe Guiffre' speaks to the 250 people who attended ACT for Alexandria's Generations of Giving Gala on April 29 at the US Patent and Trademark Office.**

Friday morning; to the work offered so willingly by hundreds of volunteers and received so gratefully by the nonprofit and government agencies; to the generous contributions by Alexandrians on Saturday morning and the purchase of hundreds of cups of Lemonade, it was an inspiration to be a part of this effort. It just keeps getting better."

Patrician estimates that adults volunteered 3,000 hours; they didn't have totals from the schools, but she estimated that the students volunteered another 2,500 hours.

Some of the bigger projects completed were:

- ❖ Ben Brenman Park: 30 volunteers, 15 bags of trash collected, 60 bags of mulch used.
- ❖ Animal Shelter: 8 volunteers, 16 walls painted, 9 bags of trash collected.
- ❖ Hopkins House: 9 volunteers, 8 windows painted, 10 plants/trees planted, 5 bags of mulch used.
- ❖ Del Ray Artisans: 10 volunteers, 10 plants/trees planted, 4 shovels used, 12 bags of mulch used.



PHOTO BY GALE CURCIO/GAZETTE PACKET

**U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, David Speck and others listen to the presentations.**

❖ GW Middle School: 7 volunteers, 30 plants/trees planted, 10 shovels used, 4 bags of mulch.

"One of the main differences is the increased participation of the business community," said Patrician. "Particularly Alexandria's professional associations, 12 of which had teams this year. We ran a promotion in March and early April, during which we delivered pastries and coffee to 20 associations if they would allow us to either talk to them or bring materials about Spring for Alexandria.

"The return on that effort was very good, and we expect that we will incrementally increase the number of businesses and associations involved. That was definitely the case this year. We had many new businesses and several of those that have participated in the past had larger teams this year. Bittersweet and Panera donated the pastries and coffee for this promotion. Each donated coffee and pastries for up to 10 people at 10 separate organizations."

John Porter, executive director, ACT, and Sharon Block, development director, ACT, were equally as pleased with the results.

ACT for Alexandria held their third annual "Generations of Giving Gala" at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on Thursday, April 29.

About 250 people attended; the Guiffre family was honored; people had a lot of fun. The theme was geek chic, and they gave out pairs of thick-rimmed "nerdy" glasses and pocket protectors. The evening's message was "Innovation, Reinventing Community."

"A wonderful evening honoring a wonderful family for all they've done for others in our community," said Porter.

David Markley, gala co-chair, welcomed folks to the Gala. His company, Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, was the overall sponsor of Spring for Alexandria and the Gala. Other major sponsors of Spring for Alexandria were GEICO and SunTrust.

"The Gala was a great opportunity to honor a family who has given so much to the community," said Markley. "Even in a recovering economy, we were able to increase our revenues over last year, which

SEE VOLUNTEERS. PAGE 25



**Lee Fifer receives the 2010 Outstanding Nonprofit Leadership Award from Laurie Blackburn.**



**Volunteers from T.C. Williams High School are ready to go.**

# COMMUNITY

## Volunteers Log Thousands of Hours

FROM PAGE 24

speaks to the charitable spirit of Alexandrians.

“The Generations of Giving Gala is quickly getting a reputation as the Gala to attend in town because of its fun theme and great attendance. It’s so fortunate to have been able to co-chair the Generations of Giving Gala, not only is it my favorite, but it’s the most fun, of any event, in the area.”

Block said that there were more than 30 sponsors of the Gala, including local individuals and families, Burke & Herbert Bank & Trust Company, Carroll Wireless, LP, Capital One, EMSolutions, Inc.

Two of the past honorees attended and sponsored the Gala: Lindsay family and Simpson Family. Dignitaries included: Patsy Ticer, Del Pepper, Rob Krupicka, Frank Fannon, Paul Smedberg, Mayor Bill Euille, Kerry Donley, Mort Sherman Arthur Peabody, Jr., Jim Hartmann and Debra Collins.

Andrew Blair, gala co-chair, said, “The gala was a great success on several fronts, from having all the right people in the room to hon-



PHOTO BY GALE CURCIO/GAZETTE PACKET

**Earl W. Stafford, keynote speaker, talks to some of the students after the presentation.**

oring and learning from the Guiffre’ family. The funds contributed will allow ACT to continue to quickly identify and address critical needs in the Alexandria community.”

Allison Cryor DiNardo, president, ACT for Alexandria, said, “At ACT for Alexandria, we focus our efforts on raising the effectiveness of community engagement while

also raising the level of philanthropy. That’s a mouthful, but what it really means is that we are devoted to giving back to our community. ACT’s Community Foundation grants help make good nonprofits great.”

*Gale Curcio is an independent writer and public relations consultant in Mount Vernon.*

MAY IS NATIONAL TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION MONTH

**Protect their future.**

**Talk to your kids about sex.**

### Ten Tips For Parents To Help Their Children Avoid Teen Pregnancy

- 1 Be clear about your own sexual values and attitudes.
- 2 Talk with your children early and often about sex, and be specific.
- 3 Supervise and monitor your children and adolescents.
- 4 Know your children’s friends and their families.
- 5 Discourage early, frequent, and steady dating.
- 6 Take a strong stand against your daughter dating a boy significantly older than she is. And don’t allow your son to develop an intense relationship with a girl much younger than he is.
- 7 Help your teenagers to have options for the future that are more attractive than early pregnancy and parenthood.
- 8 Let your kids know that you value education highly.
- 9 Know what your kids are watching, reading, and listening to.
- 10 These first nine tips for helping your children avoid teen pregnancy work best when they occur as part of strong, close relationships with your children that are built from an early age.



**703.746.5030**

[www.alexgetreal.com](http://www.alexgetreal.com)

\*The Ten Tips for Parents\* are courtesy of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy [www.teenpregnancy.org](http://www.teenpregnancy.org).



## Potomac River Generating Station Community Open House

**Saturday, May 22 | 10 a.m. to noon**

Learn how electricity is made, take a guided tour, and meet our management team! Mirant’s Potomac River plant produces reliable, affordable electricity safely for the greater Washington area.

### Reservations Required

To RSVP, call 301 601 6532 or e-mail [linda.wells@mirant.com](mailto:linda.wells@mirant.com) by Wednesday, May 19, at 5 p.m.

Space is limited to the first 80 registrants and a waiver release form and photo ID will be required for entry into the program.



For more information about the event, please visit our website at <http://potomac.mirant.com>.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

1400 N. Royal Street | Alexandria, VA 22314



### Event Schedule

- **10:00 a.m. – noon** Program (includes discussion with plant management team, tour of plant and aquaculture center)

Children under 8 years of age are not permitted on the plant tour

### Required Attire

- Closed-toe shoes (no sandals)
- Long pants
- Long sleeve shirt
- Hard hat, goggles, earplugs (provided by Mirant)

0510-CR001-B

# Smith's Clutch Hit, Warren's 14 Ks Lead Saints

**SSSAS beats Episcopal in first round of IAC baseball tournament.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**K**endall Smith stood around in cold, damp conditions for five innings on May 11 before St. Stephen's & St. Agnes baseball coach Jim Supple told the Saints senior to loosen up and get ready. In the bottom of the sixth, Smith was asked to produce.

SSSAS and Episcopal were tied at 3 and the Saints had a runner on third with two outs when Supple called on Smith to pinch hit. While extended inactivity and temperatures in the 50s provided No. 15 with reasonable excuses, Smith opted for the clutch alternative.

Smith lined a 2-2 pitch past the first-base bag, driving in the go-ahead run during a 6-4 victory over Episcopal in the opening round of the IAC Tournament at SSSAS. The Saints added two more insurance runs to complement a strong pitching performance from starter Joe Warren.

"My coach told me to get loose," Smith said. "I took a few swings and I just did my job."

The Saints, last season's IAC Tournament champions, advanced to the semifinals at 4:30 p.m. May 13.

"[Smith] had a great day in practice the other day swinging the bat," Supple said. "He's a good contact hitter and that's what we needed in that situation. He came in and did an outstanding job. I can't ask for anything more out of him."

Episcopal jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first when leadoff hitter Fielding Harrison drew a walk and cleanup hitter Lorenzo Chavez belted an opposite-field home run to right.

"We were pretty confident," Chavez said.

But the Saints sophomore settled down after the rocky start and did not allow another runner to reach second base until the sixth inning. After getting out of the opening frame, Warren struck out the side in the second, third and fifth innings on his way to a 14-strikeout performance. The right-hander allowed four earned runs on five hits while walking two and hitting a batter in seven innings.

"I made a couple mistakes, it's just they capitalized on the one in the first inning," Warren said. "I was lucky enough that they weren't able to do that in the later innings."

Warren's most effective pitch against the Maroon — the slider — wasn't in his repertoire prior to the game, according to sophomore. Warren usually throws a curveball, but struggled with his release. Instead of getting the drop action of a curveball, Warren's breaking pitch had the sideways movement of a slider.

"I just couldn't get on top of it," Warren said of how he released his breaking pitch, "and that seemed to work great."

Jason Jamula had three hits, including a pair of doubles, and an RBI for the Saints. Doc Jacobsen had two hits and Pat Daly added a two-run double.

Chavez suffered the loss for Episcopal, allowing six runs — four earned — on nine hits while hitting a batter and striking out three.

Chavez balked home the Saints' first run after Jamula reached on a bloop double. SSSAS took a 3-2 lead when Jamula's ground ball bounced over the head of the Episcopal third baseman, scoring Josh Smith. Kendall Smith's game-winning hit rolled just fair past first base.

"I thought our pitcher pitched really well," Episcopal coach Rick Stubbs said. "I don't want to take anything away from St. Stephen's, but we got a couple of balls that [were barely] fair down third base and a couple of things off the fist that rolled right over our infielders' gloves. Get breaks that go the other way and we win this game."

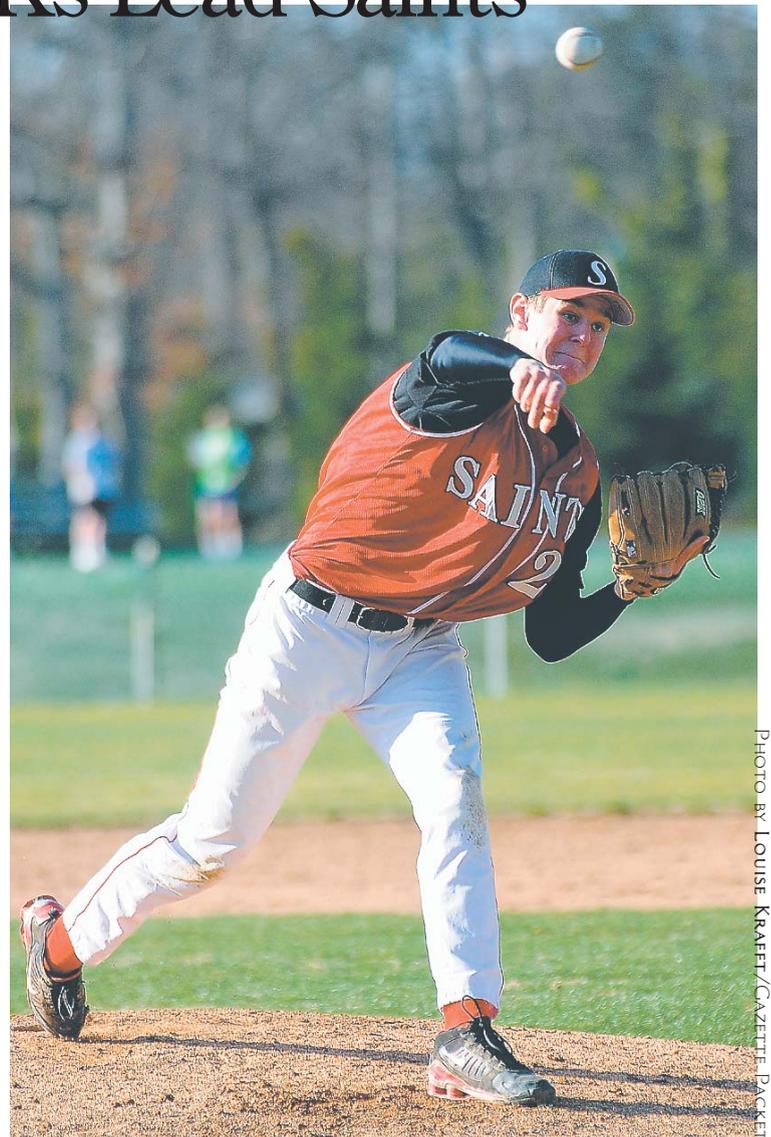


PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

**St. Stephen's & St. Agnes pitcher Joe Warren, seen earlier this season, struck out 14 on May 11 during a win over Episcopal.**

## Vigotsky Wins Senior Golf Tourney

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**lexandria businessman Tim Vigotsky teamed with Richmond's Glenn Mullian to win the 55-and-over senior division at the 61st annual Bell Haven Four-Ball on May 2. They shot a smooth six-under 66 on the first day, and then rode timely birdies in the final round to gain a one-stroke victory.

Two young Maryland players won the Bell Haven Four-Ball. Chris Baloga of Towson teamed with Ray Sheedy of Mount Airy to beat a full field of top-flight players. They shot a 10-under, better-ball score of 69-70-67 — 208 to win by one stroke.

Almost 100 two-man teams competed in the traditional opening event of the Washington-area amateur golf season. Each golfer plays his own ball, and two teams play in groups of four, hence the term "four ball."

Baloga, who won the 2008 Middle Atlantic Amateur at Belle Haven, produced the most sparks in the final day by birdying five holes, including 17 and 18 to seal the win.

"Ray had sure pars on the last two holes, so I was able to hit aggressive putts," Baloga said afterward.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL K. BOHN

**Alexandria native Tim Vigotsky, left, teamed with Richmond's Glenn Mullian to win the senior division of the Four-Ball.**

At the awards ceremony, Sheedy explained the team's success: "I just kept saying 'Good putt, Chris' over and over again."

Two players from Alexandria's Episcopal High School — Patrick Bailey and Adam Stowe — won the junior division. Eight high school teams participated.

## 5Qs Five questions with T.C. Williams senior Chelo Abbe



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

A: Hawaii [for] vacation. [I] went to the Pro Bowl in 2006.

**Q: What are your plans for after high school?**

A: I'm going to be attending West Virginia Wesleyan College next year and I'll be running for them.

**Q: Who is your favorite music artist?**

A: Wiz Khalifa or Eminem because of their lyrics.

**Q: What is the best feeling you can have**

**during a track meet?**

A: Definitely winning as a team, getting the team trophy at the end of the meet.

**Q: You played football for the Titans, who almost ended an 18-year playoff drought in the fall. What will you remember most about playing football?**

A: Definitely the Oakton game [the Titans upset the Cougars and Abbe returned a fumble for the game-winning touchdown]. That was definitely the highlight of my season.

— JON ROETMAN

# SPORTS



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/CAZETTE PACKET

The T.C. Williams crew performed well during the heats of the Virginia rowing championships before inclement weather postponed the finals until May 22.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### T.C. Crew Thrives in Championship Heats

The T.C. Williams crew thrived during their heats at the Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships before competition ended early due to inclement weather. The finals will be completed on May 22 on the Occoquan River.

The T.C. women's first eight won its heat with a time of 6 minutes, 7.7 seconds. The women's second varsity eight won its heat (5:38), as did the men's junior four (6:09.3). The men's first varsity four finished second (5:50.5) in its heat, advancing to petite.

### TC Boys Lax Players, Coach Earn District Honors

The Patriot District recently honored seven T.C. Williams boys lacrosse players and head coach Mike Mulherin. Junior midfielder Ben Goodwin and junior attack Ben Bilodeau earned second-team all-district honors. Junior midfielders Jimmy Carragher and Qwante Cherry, junior attack Robin Bomberger, senior defender Oscar Bermudez and junior defender Deontre Sanders received honorable mention.

Mulherin was chosen Coach of the Year.

T.C. Williams ended its season with a 15-5 loss to Annandale on May 6 in the opening round of the Patriot District Tournament.

### Mark Vincent Basketball Camp

The Mark Vincent basketball camp will be held at Walt Whitman Middle School. First session will be held from July 12-16. Second session will be held from July 19-23. Tuition is \$200 per camper. Camp hours are from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day except on the last day; it will end at noon. Boys and girls ages 7-15 are welcomed to attend.

For information regarding summer basketball camp, contact us via e-mail at [markvincentbasketballcamps@gmail.com](mailto:markvincentbasketballcamps@gmail.com)

### Legion Baseball Tryouts

The Alexandria American Legion Post 129 baseball team will hold tryouts on May 16 from 4-7 p.m. at Cora Kelly Field, May 17 from 6-9 p.m. at Simpson Field, May 22 from 6-9 p.m. at Kelly Field and May 23 from 6-9 p.m. at Kelly Field. Players born on or after Jan. 1, 1991, and who live in the City of Alexandria or the Edison High School District are eligible. Call coach Bob Mannel at 703-582-3902 or e-mail him at [Manncustb@comcast.net](mailto:Manncustb@comcast.net) for more information.

### Aces Looking for Host Families

The Alexandria Aces Collegiate Summer Baseball Club of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League is looking for host families for the upcoming 2010 season. All players need is a place to sleep and access to a washer and dryer, the Aces take care of everything else. To volunteer as a host family, contact Aces Host Family Coordinator, Hilary Garner, at 202-216-8304, or e-mail Hilary at [hilary@alexandriaaces.org](mailto:hilary@alexandriaaces.org).

### Awards Banquet

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club will hold its 55th annual awards banquet May 18 at the Westin Hotel at 400 Courthouse Square. The silent auction and cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. The awards program will begin at 8 p.m. Sal Sunseri, assistant head coach of the national champion University of Alabama football team, will be the guest speaker.

Tickets are \$60 per person. To purchase tickets or for more information call Richard Downs at 703-647-1205 or 703-677-1266 or e-mail him at [RDowns@lindsaycollision.com](mailto:RDowns@lindsaycollision.com).

## ALEXANDRIA BASEBALL IS BACK!

**'MEET THE ACES NIGHT'**  
Thursday, June 3rd, @ 7:00 pm  
**The Dairy Godmother**

2310 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301  
**703-683-7767**

Meet Aces staff, coaches and players to get autographs, pictures and talk about the upcoming 2010 season at Frank Mann Field!

**ACES OPENING NIGHT**  
Friday, June 4th, @ 7:00 pm

**Aces vs. Herndon Braves**

Join the team at Frank Mann Field in helping the Aces kick off their 2010 summer season! Meet local noted baseball author Tim Wendel who will be on hand to sell and sign his new book: 'High Heat'.

**JACKSON DUNDON NIGHT**  
Saturday, June 5th, @ 7:00 pm

**Aces vs. Rockville Express**

Game Night Sponsor

**State Farm Insurance/Lisa Miller**

Support 2 1/2 year old Jackson Dundon as he battles a brain tumor and help him beat it! Join the Aces and our loving community as we help Jackson to 'Bang the Blue' for his speedy recovery. Silent auctions will be held before the game.

Jackson's 'Bang the Blue' Hit-A-Thon begins at 5:45 pm! Meet former Washington Times reporter David Elfin who will be on hand to sell and sign his book: 'The Ultimate Washington Baseball Trivia Book'.

**SIGN UP FOR ACES**

**2010 GAME DAY CLINICS!**

Players ages 5-to-18 can join Aces coaches and players for instructional game day clinics featuring pitching, catching and fielding. Clinics will run from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm and include lunch, an Aces game day clinic tee shirt and a free ticket for that night's game. For more information on how you can sign your child up for our game day clinics, please e-mail [pat@alexandriaaces.org](mailto:pat@alexandriaaces.org).

**HOST FAMILIES NEEDED**

The Alexandria Aces are seeking host families for the upcoming 2010 season in the Cal Ripken Sr. Collegiate Baseball League. The players, who arrive Memorial Day Weekend, will need a place to sleep and access to a washer and dryer — the Aces take care of everything else.

The Alexandria Aces field amateur players from a wide variety of colleges and universities around the United States who are looking to get drafted by scouts from Major League Baseball. You could potentially host a future major leaguer!

To volunteer as a host family, contact our Aces host family coordinator, Hilary Garner, at 202-216-8304, or email Hilary at [hilary@alexandriaaces.org](mailto:hilary@alexandriaaces.org).



*Alexandria Aces*

Collegiate Summer Baseball  
[www.AlexandriaAces.org](http://www.AlexandriaAces.org)

**\$149 OFF**  
Your Summer Kick Start Program  
new clients only. limited time offer.

“Swimming, biking, hiking—my trainer is putting the fun back in my summer.”

FORGET THE FAD DIETS. FORGET THE GIMMICKS.

Fitness Together combines one-on-one training and our nutrition program, Nutrition Together, to help you reach your health and fitness goals.



**Old Town Alexandria**  
300 N. Washington St. Ste 106  
**877.345.FTFT(3838)**  
FitnessTogether.com/alexandria

PRIVATE TRAINING GETS RESULTS.

## RECREATION

# Horsing Around at Charles Houston

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA  
ACTING CENTER DIRECTOR  
NANNIE J. LEE MEMORIAL RECREATION CENTER

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is all about marrying innovation with functionality. We like to simply call it innovative programming. There are many such programs that deserve the adjective of innovation before, but we can only highlight one at a time and this time the Equestrian Program at Charles Houston wins.

The Department in partnership with Alexandria Redevelopment & Housing Authority and Hide Away Horse Farm in Brandywine, Md. produce the equestrian program, a curriculum based endeavor that, as the director of Charles Houston, Sheila Whiting puts it, “helps to modify behaviors and improve social skills for school aged youth to middle schoolers.” The program started in October of last year and was designed as a 12-week program. The spring session began in February and just ended this past April 2010.

The program has been well received by both the participants and the public. Participants get the chance to learn more about horses, their upkeep, how to ride and why horses must be respected for overall safety. But, there is more than the mucking of stalls, caring for and feeding the horses. It is the development of compassion for animals which is something that can only become a good behavior.

As each neighborhood center, fee based class and sports program continue to offer opportunities for social development and interaction, we are also keenly aware of the need to nurture the healthy development of one’s character.

The Equestrian program is one of many such programs that uses untraditional methods to get to the same point and that is bridging the gap from theory to practice.

We provide the types of opportunities that equip youth and adults with information that they can readily use in their daily lives. And that’s no horsing around ...

For more information on the Equestrian Program call Sheila Whiting, Center Director at 703-746-5448.

## BULLETIN BOARD

### THURSDAY/MAY 13

**8<sup>th</sup> District Congressional Debate. 7 p.m.** Incumbent U.S. Rep. James Moran (D) and candidates Matthew Berry (R), Chris Hubbard (R), Ron Mitchell (D), Patrick Murray (R) have confirmed that they will participate. Moderated by Alexandria Chamber of Commerce President Tina Leone. At

the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City, 1250 South Hayes Street, Arlington. Visit [www.AlexChamber.com](http://www.AlexChamber.com).

**Ad Hoc Fort Ward Park and Museum Area Stockholder Advisory Group Meeting. 7 p.m.** At the Fort Ward Park Museum Library, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Contact Laura Durham at 703-746-5493.

### SATURDAY/MAY 15

**Alexandria City Council Public Hearing. 9:30 a.m.** At Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Contact Jackie Henderson at 703-746-4550.

**YMCA of Metropolitan Washington**  
**SUMMER SIZZLE 2010**  
Sign Up Today!  
**SUMMER DAY AND RESIDENT CAMP**  
Over 70 Different Programs and Locations  
Sessions June 7–September 3  
(One and two week options available)  
Ages 3–17\*

**The YMCA Difference** — Camps emphasizing the values of **Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility.**  
YMCA camps help build self esteem, teach life skills, promote leadership skills, instill values and stretch imaginations. They provide children with a lifetime of memories.  
Camps include cooking, dance, science, arts and crafts, sports, environmental programs, archery and more!  
\*Programs, session dates and ages vary by branch and location.

**BEFORE AND AFTER CARE AVAILABLE.**  
Detailed summer camp guides are available at each branch or at [www.ymcadc.org](http://www.ymcadc.org)

**See you at the Y this summer!**

**WE BUILD STRONG KIDS, STRONG FAMILIES, STRONG COMMUNITIES.**  
The YMCA is a not-for-profit association. Scholarships are available. All are welcome.

**YMCA Arlington**  
3422 North 13th St.  
Arlington, VA 22201  
703-525-5420

**YMCA Alexandria**  
420 East Monroe Ave.  
Alexandria, VA 22301  
703-838-8085

**YMCA Fairfax County Reston**  
12196 Sunset Hills Road  
Reston, VA 20190  
703-742-8800

**Y**  
of Metropolitan Washington

**Impact. Make One.™**  
Whether you run, walk or stroll, discover with every step your power to change the world. Join the Susan G. Komen Global Race for the Cure® and the movement that started it all. Together, we promise to end breast cancer forever.  
Register today at [GlobalRacefortheCure.org](http://GlobalRacefortheCure.org)

**THE NATIONAL MALL, WASHINGTON, D.C.**  
JUNE 5, 2010

Presented by

©2010 Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. The Running Ribbon is a registered trademark of Susan G. Komen for the Cure®. Photography: ©2010 Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

## CONNECTION

### Photo Galleries

Now! Thousands of pictures of sports, graduations, current events and more—never published, but posted on the Web. Free for evaluation, available for prints.



Connection Newspapers.com  
Click on “Photo Gallery”



## ME & MY MOM

**Mom Jeannie White with children (from left) Ella, 5 1/2, Jack, 7, and Cecilia, 7, photographed on Easter Sunday, 2010.**



**ALEXANDRIA COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL**  
**Summer Camps**

Combining New Ideas With Old-Fashioned Fun!



**One Week Sessions From:**  
June 2 - August 6

**All Students K-8**

**Sign Up Now:**  
703-548-4804



2400 Russell Road, Alexandria, VA [www.acdsnet.org](http://www.acdsnet.org)

**Makayla Jalloh, 5, and mom Angela Barbour of the William Ramsey area of Alexandria love spending time with each other.**



**As your jeweler, we cater to all your jewelry design and repair needs. We set stones and have a great selection from ideas to gems!**



- ◆ Custom Designs
- ◆ Wholesale Diamonds & Stones
- ◆ Repairing the Impossible!

**GOLD WORKS**  
by David Martin  
*Where the designs are*

1400 King St., Alexandria, VA  
**703-683-0333**  
[goldworksUSA.com](http://goldworksUSA.com)

*Store Hours*  
Mon-Fri - 10:30-6:00 pm  
Sat - 11:00-5:00 pm  
Sun - 12:00-4:00 pm



**Lyndsay Austin and daughter Caroline Austin, 13, at Shambles in York, England, April 2010.**

**Usah Wallace with her girls.**



# Say Grace

For half a century, families have said "Grace is the place for my child."

## Grace Episcopal School

Alexandria, Virginia  
Preschool - Grade 5

- Challenging Academic Curriculum
- 6:1 Student-Teacher Ratio
- Phonics-based Language Arts
- Spanish in Jr. K - Grade 5
- Integrated Technology
- Music, Drama & Studio Art
- Before & After School Programs
- Character Development
- Community Service
- Summer Camp
- Middle School Placement
- Affordable Tuition & Financial Aid



### LIMITED FALL OPENINGS

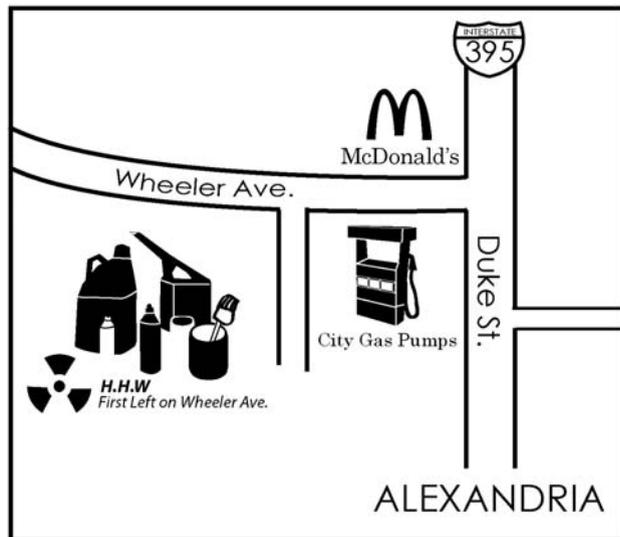
Please call 703-549-5067 to schedule a tour  
[www.graceschoolalex.org](http://www.graceschoolalex.org)

Check out our new location!

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Site

3540 Wheeler Avenue  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Monday & Saturday (except holidays)  
7:30 AM to 3:30 PM



### More Information

[www.alexandriava.gov/solidwaste](http://www.alexandriava.gov/solidwaste)  
Solid Waste Division: (703) 746 - 4410

ECO-CITY ALEXANDRIA



## LETTERS

FROM PAGE 17

### Proactive Health Care

To the Editor:

Has the public reached their limit of discussing health care reform yet? I for one am ready to hear people talking more about proactive health care. In the current medical model people readily go to see their primary care physicians to manage symptoms once they become intolerable (I confess I am one of them). A smaller percentage of the public embrace preventative medicine: to maximize their function and health in the present moment, and invest in the future. Most of these services are out of pocket expenses and take more effort and lifestyle modification on part of the individual. I see it is money now, or money later. The same goes for effort: do it now, use it or lose it. Bonus: much of this out of pocket medical expense can be written off at tax time.

It is a choice to keep your "engines" (body systems) running efficiently and effectively ... or pay for the "repairs" later, when they may be far beyond recovery.

One untapped resource for wellness in the United States in particular is Physical Therapy. Throughout Europe, Doctors of Physical Therapy are seen as "body mechanics" of sorts. They are called upon for prevention, performance, rehabilitation, acute and chronic pain. Per conversations with my international friends it is common for people to have a "family PT" much like we have "fam-

ily doctors. More often than not folks can't tell you what physical therapy is, unless they have had the fortunate experience of working with one. Additionally, most locals in the state of Virginia, do not know that you have the right to see a physical therapist without a prescription from your MD, DO, DC.

In an effort to educate the public of their rights, their resources, and their personal accountability to live a healthy and high functioning lifestyle: the following information is beneficial:

1. You have the right to see a physical therapist without a doctor's prescription. Sorry Medicare policy-holders, you aren't included just yet.

2. The physical therapist must hold a certification of authorization to evaluate treat via Direct Access by the State of Virginia in addition to their degree, to treat you beyond the initial evaluation. There are over 200 certified practitioners in Virginia.

3. If you have an acute ache/pain/injury, your physical therapist will more than likely be able to see you the same day or within 24 hours. This will generate a comprehensive examination that can be sent to your primary care practitioner for your follow up appointment. This is required of your physical therapist to complete within three days of your evaluation. Bonus: This will save you a co-pay, and perhaps make productive use of the waiting time before you can get in to see your doc.

SEE LETTERS, PAGE 31

# Visit These Houses of Worship

Join A Club, Make New Friends, or Expand Your Horizons...

### Christ the Saviour Anglican Church

"To Love & Serve the Lord with Gladness & Singleness of Heart"

Location - Washington Mill ES  
9100 Cherrytree Drive

Worship Service - 10 a.m.  
Inter-generational Sunday School - after service  
Vicar, The Rev. Huey J Sevier

[www.christthesaviouranglican.org](http://www.christthesaviouranglican.org)

703-953-2854

### And the winner is...

10 am Sunday Worship Service  
Sunday School classes (child to adult)  
and youth group (7th to 12th grade)  
9 am to noon Monday through Friday Pre-School

### Wesley United Methodist Church

8412 Richmond Ave, Alexandria, VA 22309  
(just off Richmond Highway, near Fort Belvoir & Mount Vernon)  
703-780-5019 • [www.wesleyva.org](http://www.wesleyva.org)

### Good Shepherd Catholic Church

#### Mass Schedule

**Saturday Evening**  
5:00 pm; 6:30 pm (en Español)

**Sunday**  
7:30; 9:00; 10:30 am; 12:00 Noon  
2:00 pm (en Español)  
6:30 pm Mass (Starts Sept. 13)

#### Weekdays

(Mass or Communion Service)  
9:00 am (followed by Rosary)  
**Children's Liturgy of the Word**  
Sundays (Sept.-July) during 9:00 am  
Mass (English)  
**Sign Language Interpreter**  
Sunday at 9:00 am Mass

8710 Mount Vernon Highway, Alexandria VA, 22309  
Tel: 703-780-4055 Fax: 703-360-5385 [www.gs-cc.org](http://www.gs-cc.org)

Loving as Christ loves, serving as Christ serves



**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
HOPE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST...703-960-8772

**CHURCHES—AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION**  
ALLEYNE AME ZION CHURCH...703-548-3888

**CHURCHES—ANGLICAN**  
CHRIST THE SAVIOR...703-953-2854  
ST. ANDREW & ST. MARGARET OF SCOTLAND...703-683-3343

**CHURCHES—APOSTOLIC**  
LOVE OF CHRIST CHURCH...703-518-4404

**CHURCHES—BAPTIST**  
ALFRED STREET BAPTIST CHURCH...703-683-2222  
COMMONWEALTH BAPTIST CHURCH...703-548-8000  
DEL RAY BAPTIST CHURCH...703-549-8116  
DOWNTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH...703-549-5544

**FIRST AGAPE BAPTIST COMMUNITY OF FAITH**...703-519-9100  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALEXANDRIA**...703-684-3720  
**PROVIDENCE-ST. JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH**...703-683-2565  
**SHILOH BAPTIST**...703-683-4573  
**MT. PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH**...703-256-1239  
**VICTORY TEMPLE**...703-370-2233  
**PLYMOUTH HAVEN BAPTIST**...703-360-4370  
**CONVERGENCE-A CREATIVE COMMUNITY OF FAITH**...703-998-6260

**CHURCHES—BRETHREN**  
GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH...703-548-1808  
ALEXANDRIA CHURCH OF GOD...703-548-5084

**BUDDHISM**  
THE VAJRAYOGINI BUDDHIST CENTER...202-331-2122

**CHURCHES—ROMAN CATHOLIC**  
GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-780-4055  
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-836-3725  
ST. LOUIS CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-765-4421  
ST. MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH...703-836-4100

**CHURCHES—CHRISTIAN**  
HIS KINGDOM MINISTRIES...703-313-5029  
FIRST CHRISTIAN OF ALEXANDRIA CHURCH...703-549-3911

**CHURCHES—CHRISTIAN SCIENCE**  
FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST ALEXANDRIA...703-549-7973  
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE CHURCH MT. VERNON...703-768-2494

**CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
ALEXANDRIA CHURCH OF CHRIST...703-836-3083

**CHURCHES—EPISCOPAL**  
EMMANUEL EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-683-0798  
ST. AIDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-360-4220  
ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-780-3081  
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-765-4342  
ST. MARK EPISCOPAL CHURCH...703-765-3949

**CHURCHES—LUTHERAN**  
EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA...703-780-5077  
BETHANY LUTHERAN...703-765-8255

**EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**...703-765-5003  
**GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH-ELCA**...703-548-8608  
**IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH, MISSOURI SYNOD**...703-549-0155  
**MESSIAH EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**...703-765-5003  
**NATIVITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA**...703-768-1112

**ORTHODOX**  
SAINT APHRAIM SYRIAC...201-312-7678  
ALL SAINTS OF AMERICA...703-417-9665

**CHURCHES—PRESBYTERIAN**  
CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-768-8510  
ALEXANDRIA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-683-3348  
OLD PRESBYTERIAN MEETING HOUSE...703-549-6670  
HERITAGE PRESBYTERIAN...703-360-9546  
MT. VERNON PRESBYTERIAN...703-765-6118  
WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH...703-549-4766

**CHURCHES—UNITED METHODIST**  
ALDERSGATE UNITED METHODIST...703-765-6555  
BEVERLY HILLS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST...703-836-2406  
DEL RAY UNITED METHODIST

CHURCH...703-549-2088  
FAIRLINGTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-671-8557  
ROBERTS MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-836-7332  
ST. ANDREW'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-751-4666  
TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-549-5500  
WASHINGTON FARM UNITED METHODIST...703-780-4696  
WASHINGTON STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH...703-836-4324

**CHURCHES—UNITARIAN**  
MT. VERNON UNITARIAN...703-765-5950

**CHURCHES—UNITY**  
UNITY IN ALEXANDRIA...703-931-8507

**SYNAGOGUES**  
AGUDAS ACHIM CONGREGATION...703-998-6460  
**SYNAGOGUES—ORTHODOX**  
CHABAD LUVAVITCH OF

ALEXANDRIA-ARLINGTON...703-370-2774

**SYNAGOGUES—REFORM**  
BETH EL HEBREW CONGREGATION...703-370-9400

**THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**  
ALEXANDRIA I WARD...703-683-7577  
ALEXANDRIA II WARD...703-549-9891  
COLONIAL II SINGLES WARD...703-313-6249  
OLD TOWN SPANISH WARD...703-519-9545  
BELLE HAVEN WARD...703-780-4789  
KINGTOWNE WARD...703-313-6140  
FRANCONIA WARD...703-313-6147  
MT. VERNON WARD...703-780-9577

**SALVATION ARMY**  
ALEXANDRIA CITADEL...703-836-2427

To Advertise Your Faith Community, call Karen at 703-917-6468

# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 30

4. Your treatments can begin right away. You may be well on your way to pain-free function before you even get into your doctor's office. Your therapist has 14 consecutive business days to treat you before a doctor's signature is required to continue.

This is certainly not a comprehensive list of how to use this readily available and beneficial resource. I encourage my patients to embrace preventative medicine and holistic health as much as they can, before things begin to head south. You can work with a physical therapist, a chiropractor, acu-

puncturist, a DO, an MD, a naturopathic physician, a massage therapist, a life coach, a nutritionist, energy healers and body workers, to name a few. The spectrum of options is vast, and the best part is that you can tailor your wellness program as you please. If you are already on the path of wellness, kudos! Please recruit your friends, family, and colleagues to get on the train. It's a wonderful investment for yourself and the community.

Thank you for listening!  
Here's to your health,

**Elizabeth L. Polis PT, MPT**  
Owner of Core Wellness & Physical Therapy, LLC

## State Taxes Have Increased

To the Editor:

Governor McDonnell's contention that he passed a budget without tax increases is just not true! In fact, he and the General Assembly passed a budget that decouples the state Earned Income Credit from the federal Earned Income Tax Credit in 2010, an action that will raise about \$6 million by increasing the income tax on about 114,000 working Virginia families earning less than \$49,000 a year! It is es-

timated that the average tax increase is about \$205 for a married family of three and about \$125 for single parents with three children. So much for supporting struggling working families! It is disheartening that reporters are still buying hook line and sinker the talking point that the budget didn't raise taxes. It did. And reporters should report the facts.

**Mrs. Bonnie Lowrey**  
Alexandria

**Mount Vernon  
Paint Company**  
(703) 768-1975



**\$4.00 OFF**  
Per gallon of any  
Regal Product

Must be presented at time of purchase.

**FREE**  
Drop Cloth and  
Sanding Sponge

6229 Richmond Hwy  
Must be presented at time of purchase.

**THE BOARD OF  
LADY MANAGERS OF  
INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL**

**12th ANNUAL BRUNCH  
SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

HOSTED BY



121 SOUTH UNION STREET, OLD TOWN, ALEXANDRIA

**\$25, \$35, \$50 PER PERSON DONATION**

All Proceeds Support The Board of Lady Managers Pledge to Purchase  
New Anesthesia Machines for INOVA Alexandria Hospital

**RESERVATIONS REQUIRED**

CALL (703) 919-1149

An  
Alexandria  
**Gazette Packet**

Community Project Partnership

*Weddings by  
Tisara*

*Classic portraiture with an  
Unobtrusive storytelling approach*



*Tisara Photography  
Creating Tomorrow's Heirlooms Today*

www.tisaraphoto.com  
703-838-8098

**Building or Remodeling?**

**Our experts can help you  
make the right choices for  
your Lighting needs**

Featuring **LIGHTOLIER** Lighting

Fans by **CASABIANCA  
FAN COMPANY**

Dimming Controls by **LUTRON**

We answer your questions  
so you get the job done right!

**Open Late Every Wednesday!**  
**7:30AM - 7:00PM**



**ALEXANDRIA LIGHTING & SUPPLY**  
701 No. Henry St., Alexandria, VA  
**703-548-2320**  
www.alexandrialighting.com  
Ample Free Parking

# Two Vying To Take on Moran

FROM PAGE 1

communications for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "Neither of those appears to be in the cards this year, but politics always has the capacity to surprise."

In 2008, Moran won the largest margin of victory among Virginia's congressional candidates. And a whopping 70 percent of voters in the 8th Congressional District compared to 30 percent support

Republicans hoping to choose the right candidate to take on Moran, the demographics of the district present a difficult challenge — even in a Republican-friendly year, which seems to be the consensus about 2010.

"This is a difficult district for us to win, but we have a chance," said Brenda Hankins, chairwoman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. "But we've got two great candidates, and both of them

November."

The candidates differ on key economic issues, allowing voters a clear choice what kind of tax policy they would like to support during the general campaign. Berry supports price-indexing Social Security benefits for inflation to help stem the rising cost of the entitlement program, a plan that Murray opposes because he says it would reduce benefits. And during a debate last week hosted by the Alexandria Tea Party, Berry and Murray clashed repeatedly on the "fair tax" — a proposal to replace all federal income taxes with a consumption tax on retail sales. Murray said he supports scrapping the existing tax code and implementing a "fair tax."

"Our tax code is seven times the size of the Bible," said Murray. "It just doesn't have the same truths."

Berry said implementing the "fair tax" would be a "terrible mistake" because the national sales tax would add to the existing tax burden. Murray responded that he would only support implementing the "fair tax" after the 16th Amendment has been repealed and the income tax had been discontinued. Berry shot back that the odds of the 16th Amendment being repealed are about the same as Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny arriving at an Alexandria Tea Party event.

"At a time when Obama is advocating for a value-added tax, the last thing we should do is advocate for a national sales tax," said Berry. "I want fewer taxes, not more."

The key question on the minds of Republicans is which candidate will be stronger against Moran. Berry said he would be a better candidate because he's been involved in Arlington politics since the late 1990s, and he said it would be a mistake for the Republicans to nominate a candidate that moved to the 8th Congressional District last year. Murray



PHOTO BY MICHAEL LEE PEREIRA/THE GAZETTE

**A.J. Kearney of the Alexandria Tea Party hosts a debate between Republican candidates for the 8th Congressional District. Matthew Berry is on the left, and Patrick Murray is on the right.**

## Berry

❖ **Matthew Berry, 37:** A native of Detroit, Berry received a bachelor's degree in government and economics from Dartmouth College and a juris doctorate from Yale Law School. His last job was general counsel for the Federal Communications Commission, and he is now campaigning full time. So far, he's raised \$124,000. He has lived in the 8th Congressional District since 1997, and he votes at the Woodlawn Precinct in Arlington.

responded by casting himself as the outsider, adding that voters might not like Berry's background as someone who worked for former President George W. Bush. "He is the insider candidate," Murray said, pointing toward Berry. "There's no question about that."

Berry doesn't characterize himself as an insider. But he does trumpet his fundraising ability, and campaign finance records show he's been able to raise more than twice as much money as Murray. Berry said that Murray should be careful about denigrating the "inside the Beltway" mentality because most of the voters in the 8th Congressional District live inside the Beltway.

"Insulting the voters is not a great way to get elected," said Berry. "That strategy is a recipe for disaster."

The candidates agree on many issues. Both would work to repeal President Barack Obama's health-care initiative, or at least try to defund it if elected to Congress. But they differ slightly on some social issues, including gay mar-

## Murray

❖ **Patrick Murray, 51:** A native of Oklahoma City, Murray received a bachelor's degree in economics from Oklahoma State University, a master's degree in history from Oklahoma State University and a master's degree in Russian studies from Ohio State. His last job was United States military representative to the United Nations Security Council, and he is now campaigning full time. So far, he's raised \$47,000. He lived in the 8th Congressional District from 1997 to 2005 before moving to New York. He has lived in Alexandria since 2009, and he votes at the Lee Precinct.

riage. Although both candidates said they consider gay marriage a state issue, Murray took a harder line against extending civil rights to homosexuals. "I believe a marriage is between a man and a woman," said Murray. "I don't support gay marriage."

On the issue of the military's policy of don't-ask-don't-tell, Murray said he supports the policy — especially at a time when America is fighting two wars. He said that now was not the time to engage in a "social experiment" by allowing openly gay men and woman to serve in the armed forces. Berry said he supports the current review being conducted by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, although he added that other countries don't seem to have a problem with gays serving in the military. "I don't believe it helps our national security to fire Arab linguists who are gay," said Berry. "There are plenty of countries with fearsome war machines that allow openly gay men and women to serve."

# Nonprofits Re-examine Their Priorities

FROM PAGE 1

works and rides. If the Red Cross merely broke even, they had essentially wasted a year of time spent planning. Ultimately, it was something that ended up taking away too much time and attention from the mission of the Red Cross while delivering minimal profits and questionable visibility.

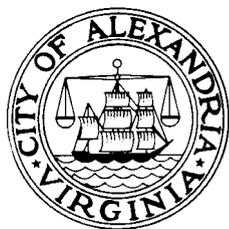
"A lot of people didn't even realize this was a Red Cross event," said Bishins. "They thought it was a city event."

**THE TREND** of nonprofits paring down extraneous events has taken a firm hold since the downturn crimped charitable giving. Last year, the Na-

tional Aquarium cancelled a gala to save money. This year, the Red Cross cancelled its local galas in favor of having one large regional gala. Experts say the down economy is a mixed blessing — creating a sense of economic distress while at the same time offering an ideal time to examine whether longtime traditions adhere to the mission nonprofit leaders are charged to execute.

"This is something that's certainly in the air right now in the nonprofit community," said Alan Abramson, professor of nonprofit management at George Mason University. "A lot of organizations are scaling back and canceling their large events in order to focus on smaller events that can have a higher rate of return."

## Legal Notices



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, May 15, 2010, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to repeal and reordain Title 8 (BUILDING CODE REGULATIONS), to establish and ordain Chapter 6 (Burglary Prevention Devices), of Title 4 (PUBLIC SAFETY), to establish and ordain Sec. 5-2-30 of Article A (General Provisions) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services), to establish and ordain Section 5-2-128 of Article E (Excavation) of Chapter 2 (Streets and Sidewalks) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services), to establish and ordain Sec. 5-3-44 of Division 1 (General Provisions) of Article C (Excavation and Utility Line Installation) of Chapter 3 (Underground Utilities) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services), to establish and ordain Sec. 5-6-25 of Division 1 (General Provision) of Article B (Sewage Disposal and Drains) of Chapter 6 (Water and Sewer) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services), to establish and ordain Article C (Storm Water Disposal) of Chapter 6 (Water and Sewer) of Title 5 (Transportation and Environmental Services) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance would update Title 8, Building Code Regulations. To reflect current state law, move certain sections to more appropriate areas of the Code of the City Alexandria, and add provisions to address the correction of nuisance or vacant and dangerous properties.

AN ORDINANCE to vacate a portion of the public right-of-way at the terminus of Uhler Terrace (VAC No. 2006-0001).

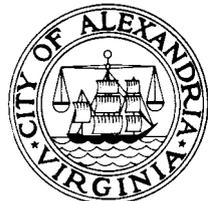
The proposed ordinance vacates a 692 square foot portion of the right-of-way at the terminus of Uhler Terrace, adjacent to the property at 100 Uhler Terrace (and currently maintained by the owner of 100 Uhler Terrace), subject to payment to the City of \$5,100.00, and restrictions on the use and development of the vacated land and adjacent lot. The vacation of this small area of public right-of-way results in a more regularly shaped lot. This ordinance was previously approved by Council on March 13, 2008, but requires reenactment. A condition of the prior ordinance required that a deed be recorded within 18 months of passage, or else the ordinance would be null and void. Unfortunately, due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, the deed was not recorded within the 18 month time frame. Although the failure to record a deed within the 18 month time frame voids the prior ordinance, the passage of time does not void the underlying action approving the vacation. A building permit allowing construction of an addition to the owner's residence has previously been authorized by the City.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Section 5-7-31 (DEFINITIONS), and to add new Section 5-7-36.1 (PROVISION OF ADEQUATE SHELTER AND SPACE, TETHERING OF DOGS), all of Article C (DOGS AND OTHER ANIMALS), Chapter 7 (ANIMALS AND FOWL), Title 5 (TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES), of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

## Legal Notices

The proposed ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to fail to provide any dog with adequate space and shelter, or to tether a dog for more than one hour cumulatively within any twenty-four period, whether or not the tethered dog has been provided adequate space.

\*\*\*\*\*  
THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK



Alexandria Board of Architectural Review  
Parker-Gray District

## LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2010 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

**CASE BAR2010-0070**  
Request for approval of new construction and approval of a waiver of HVAC screening requirement at

**801 Madison St**, zoned CDD #16 Commercial.  
APPLICANT: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority

**CASE BAR2010-0074**  
Request for approval of alterations at **317 N West St**, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Julia Nierad

**CASE BAR2010-0097**  
Request for approval of new construction at **804 Pendleton St**, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Alabama Ave. LLC by Steve Kulinski for Kulinski Group Architects.

**CASE BAR2010-0098**  
Request for approval of alterations at **308 N Patrick St**, zoned CL Commercial.  
APPLICANT: Lorena Alvarez

**CASE BAR2010-0073**  
Request for approval of alterations at **320 N Patrick St**, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Arther Garden & Maribeth Monti

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

## ABC LICENSE

Rocklands Barbeque and Grilling Company, 25 S. Quaker Ln, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Mixed Beverage Caterer Limited license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. John B. Snedden, President

ZONE 3: • ALEXANDRIA  
• MOUNT VERNON

# EMPLOYMENT

703-917-6464

ZONE 3 Ad DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY 4 P.M.

# HOME & GARDEN

CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM CONTRACTORS.com

703-917-6400

ZONE 3 Ad DEADLINE:  
TUESDAY NOON

**FULL TIME ENTRY LEVEL**  
Position for Purchasing Dept. Candidate must be well organized and self-driven. No experience necessary. Hours 10:00am to 6:30 pm. Please call (703) 370-5790.

**LIFEGUARDS NEEDED**  
Alexandria area, AM & PM shifts. Must be ARC lifeguard certified and have pool operators license. Call VAPS @ 571-248-4400 or Email [vaps@comcast.net](mailto:vaps@comcast.net)

**MAINTENANCE ENGINEER**  
We are looking for qualified Maintenance engineer for High-rise Condominium in Alexandria Virginia. Candidates must have experience in all aspects of apartment maintenance; the shift is Mon thru Fri and requires on-call responsibilities. Please send your resume to [maurice@huntingcreekclub.com](mailto:maurice@huntingcreekclub.com).

**Auditors – Retail**  
**RGIS Inventory Specialists**  
Work for the largest Inventory Service in the world. Work for people who care!!! We offer \* Great Starting Wage \$9/hr, No Exp. Nec. \* Day/evening and weekend shifts available \* Paid Training, Flexible Schedules \* Advancement opporrtys, fun environment Must be dependable, and have access to reliable transportation. Or visit us online at [www.rgisinv.com](http://www.rgisinv.com) EEO

**OFFICE ASSISTANT**  
Venture capital firm in Alexandria seeks PT Office Assistant to support day-to-day office operations. Duties include answering phones, ordering/maintaining supplies, sorting/distributing mail, filing and general office support. Fax resume & cover letter to Columbia Capital at (703) 519-7996, or mail to 201 N. Union Street, Suite 300, Alexandria, VA 22314. Attn:Human Resources. No calls.

**SALES REP**  
EXP'D Commercial Sheetfed Printing Sales Rep for DC/MD/NORTHERN VA. \*3-5 yrs of sales exp in printing industry \*Self motivated with past successful sales \*good oral/written skills w/atten to detail \*desire to succeed in challenging economy. Excellent Benefits EOE Good Printers, Inc., HR. Dept. 213 Dry River Rd, Bridgewater, VA 22812 1-800-296-3731 (F) 540-828-4862 E-Mail: [humanresources@goodprinters.com](mailto:humanresources@goodprinters.com)

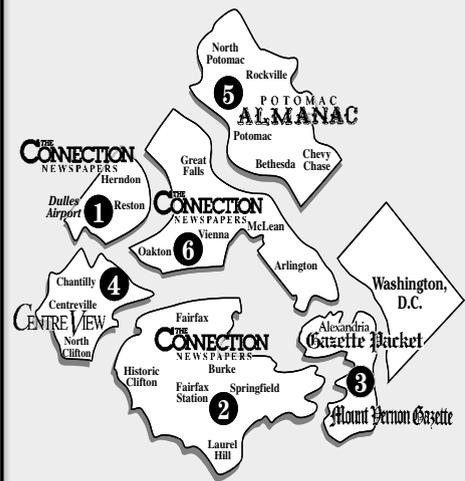
**COLLEGE STUDENTS & 2010 H.S. GRADS SUMMER WORK!**  
\$17.00 Base-Appt, FT/PT, Sales/Svc, No Exp Nec, All Ages 17+, Conditions Apply **703-359-7600**

**Home Instead SENIOR CARE COMPANIONS & CNA'S NEEDED**  
Enable seniors to live independently in their own homes with our non-medical companionship and home care services. Rewarding P/T days, evenings, weekends, live-ins, medical benefits offered. Home Instead Senior Care. Call Today: 703-750-6665

**Educational Internships**  
Unusual opportunity to learn many aspects of the newspaper business. Internships available in reporting, photography, research, graphics. Opportunities for students, and for adults considering change of career. Unpaid. E-mail [internship@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:internship@connectionnewspapers.com)

**THE CONNECTION NEWSAPERS**

**Employers:**  
**Are your recruiting ads not working in other papers?**  
**Try a better way to fill your employment openings**



- Target your best job candidates where they live.
- Reach readers in addition to those who are currently looking for a job.
- Proven readership.
- Proven results.

**THE CONNECTION**  
to your community  
**703-917-6464**  
[classified@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:classified@connectionnewspapers.com)  
Great Papers • Great Readers • Great Results!

**CLEANING**  
**Housecleaning**  
\$75 & up. Excellent refs & Transportation  
703-629-2095  
571-214-0304

**DECKS**  
**High Pressure Cleaning & Sealing**  
•Decks  
•Fencing •Siding  
For Free Estimate call Bill  
**703-944-1440**

**GUTTER**  
**PINNACLE SERVICES,**  
•GUTTER CLEANING  
•SMALL REPAIRS  
•SCREENING  
•POWER WASHING  
703-802-0483  
GROUP RATES AVAILABLE  
FREE EST

**HAULING**  
**AL'S HAULING**  
Junk & Rubbish  
Concrete, furn., office, yard, construction debris  
Low Rates NOVA  
703-360-4364  
703-304-4798 cell  
**7 DAYS A WEEK**

**CLEANING**  
**A CLEANING SERVICE**  
Since 1985/Ins & Bonded  
Quality Service at a Fair Price  
Satisfaction Guaranteed  
Comm/Res. MD VA DC  
[acleaningserviceinc.com](http://acleaningserviceinc.com)  
**703-892-8648**

**CARE MORE CLEANING SOLUTIONS**  
Residential & Commercial  
10% Senior Citizen Discount  
**703-862-5904**  
OR  
**703-780-6749**  
[caremorecleaning.com](http://caremorecleaning.com)

**DECKS**  
**Enjoy Your Deck This Spring**  
Revitalize, Restore, & Preserve Your Decks Natural Luster  
• FREE Handrail Sanding with Deck Seal / Stain Purchase  
• FREE Deck Brightener with Deck Washing Service  
• 16 Years Experience  
• Contracts with Arlington National Cemetery  
**Elite Pressure Cleaning**  
703.583.9274  
[www.washmydeck.com](http://www.washmydeck.com)

**\$20 OFF**  
ANY PRESSURE WASHING SERVICE  
Elite Pressure Cleaning  
703.583.9274

**ELECTRICAL**  
**K & D ELECTRIC**  
COMMERCIAL / RESIDENTIAL SERVICE  
Family Owned & Operated  
Recessed Lighting Ceiling Fans Phone/CATV Computer Network Cabeling Service Upgrades Hot Tubs, etc...  
Licensed/Bonded/Insured  
Office 703-335-0654  
Mobile 703-499-0522

**GUTTER**  
**Metro Gutter**  
Clean/Install/Repair  
• Wood Replace & Wrapping • Pressure Washing  
• Chimney Sweeping & Repair  
20 YEARS EXP.  
**703-354-4333**  
[metrogutter.com](http://metrogutter.com)

**PINNACLE SERVICES, INC. LAWN SERVICE**  
MOWING, TRIMMING, EDGING, MULCHING & TRIM HEDGES  
Group Rates Avail.!  
**703-802-0483**

**HANDYMAN**  
**THE #1 HANDYMAN**  
Services  
LICENSED • INSURED • RELIABLE  
• BATHROOMS • DECK REPAIR  
• KITCHENS • STORM DOORS  
• CAULKING • ELECTRICAL  
• PLUMBING • PAINTING  
No JOB TOO SMALL • LOW PRICES • ON TIME  
[www.the1handyman.com](http://www.the1handyman.com)  
**CALL: 703-444-0806**

**Hand and Hand Handyman**  
**General Remodeling Residential & Commercial**  
Specializing in:  
Kitchen/Bathroom/Basement Remodeling  
Plumbing • Electrical • Custom Carpentry  
Doors Windows • Hardwood Floors  
Crown Molding • House Cleaning  
Interior/Exterior Painting • Brick/Stone Work  
Ceramic Tile • Decks, Fences, Patios  
HOA Maintenance, Granite Counter Tops  
Realtors Work and Much More  
Licensed and Insured Serving Northern Virginia  
**703-296-6409**

**IMPROVEMENTS**  
**R&N Carpentry**  
♦BASEMENTS ♦BATHS ♦KITCHENS  
Foreclosure specialist/Power washing  
♦Exterior Wood Rot More!  
Deck & Fence repair, Screen Porches  
No jobs too large or small  
Free est. 37 yrs exp. Licensed, Insured  
**703-987-5096**

**M. C. Lynch Home Improvement**  
Family Owned & Operated  
Rotten Wood, Wind Damage, Trims, Windows, Doors, Deck, Stairs, Vanity, Basement Framing, Garbage Disposal, Painting, Power Wash, Siding Repairs.  
Licensed, Bonded, Insured  
**703-266-1233**

**A&S Landscaping**  
• All Concrete work  
• Retaining Walls • Patios  
• Decks • Porches (incl. screened) • Erosion & Grading Solutions  
• French Drains • Sump Pumps  
• Driveway Asphalt Sealing  
**703-863-7465**  
LICENSED  
Serving All of N. Virginia

**HAULING**

**ANGEL'S TRASH HAULING**  
Construction Debris,  
Residential, Office  
& Tree Removal  
**703-863-1086**  
New# - 571-312-7227

**RICK'S**

HAULING POWERWASHING PAINTING  
Yard Debris Decks Interior-Exterior  
Furniture Sidewalks Deck Staining  
Appliances Houses Gutter Cleaning  
Concrete etc. Mobile Homes etc. Gutter Guards

FREE ESTIMATES  
**703-360-5252**  
Rickshauling1@aol.com

**IMPROVEMENTS**

**The HANDYMAN**  
A DIVISION OF NURSE CONSTRUCTION

BATHROOM REMODELING  
REPAIRS, CERAMIC TILE,  
PAINTING, DRYWALL,  
CARPENTRY, CUSTOM  
WOOD REPAIR, LT. PLUMBING &  
ELECTRICAL, POWER WASHING  
Since 1964  
We Accept VISA/MC  
**703-441-8811**

**LANDSCAPING**

**ANGEL'S LAWN MOWING**  
• Trimming • Edging  
• Mulching • Yard Cleaning  
• Hauling • Tree Work  
**703-863-1086**  
New# 571-312-7227

**A&S LANDSCAPING**  
Spring Clean-up • Planting  
Mulching • Sodding • Patios  
Decks • Retaining Walls  
Drainage Solutions  
**703-863-7465**

**TREE SERVICE**

**ANGEL'S TREE & HEAVY TRASH HAULING**  
• Mulch  
• Clean-up Grounds  
• Spring Clean-up  
**703-863-1086**  
New# - 571-312-7227

**LAWN SERVICE**

**The Yard Man**  
LAWN SERVICE

• Mowing • Trim • Edging • Mulching  
• General Clean-Up • Hauling  
• Tree Work • Leaf Removal  
**703-660-1666**

**J.E.S Services**  
LANDSCAPE & CONSTRUCTION

• Patios • Walkways  
• Retaining Walls  
• Drainage Problems  
• Landscape Makeovers  
Call: **703-912-6886**  
Free Estimates

**LAWN SERVICE**

**Aeration, Fertilizing, Sod, Spring Clean-up, Mulching, Tree Cutting, Handyman work**  
Licensed Insured  
**THE MAGIC GARDENER**  
703-780-2272 or  
703-328-2270

**PAINTING**

**PATRIOT PAINTING**  
www.PatriotPainting.net

Wallpaper Removal,  
Carpentry,  
Power Washing,  
Int/Ext Painting

Free Est. • Satisfaction Guar!  
Lic./Ins. Int./Ext.

**703-502-7840**  
Cell  
**571-283-4883**

**PAVING**

**Joseph Sealcoating Specialist**

**PAVING**  
35 Years Experience! Free Estimates!  
**703-494-5443**

**ROOFING**

**Roofing & Siding**  
(All Types)  
Soffit & Fascia Wrapping  
New Gutters  
Chimney Crowns  
Leaks Repaired  
No job too small  
**703-975-2375**

I'm a slow walker, but I never walk back.  
-Abraham Lincoln

**LAWN SERVICE**

**28 Yard Sales**

**Huge Yard Sale.**  
Saturday, May 15 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Home decor, jewelry women's suit jackets, kids games, video games, sporting equipment, CM supplies, books, furniture. At 4909 Silo Road, Alexandria, in the Rose Hill subdivision. Contact Susan: 703-922-9074.

**28 Yard Sales**

**YARD SALE Sat May 15, 8am-1pm**  
8135 Norwood Dr, Alex, VA 22309 (Richmond Hwy to Russell Rd. to Buckman Rd to Norwood Dr)  
Antiques, collectibles, designer purses, jewelry, shoes and clothes, silver, china and crystal, linens, decorator items, floral arrangements and Christmas items.

**Mt Zephyr/Mt Vernon Manor**  
Multi-Community Yard Sale. 350+ Homes. Sat, 15 May, 8 till Sold. Dir: South on GW Pkwy, R on Old Mill Road, R on Gateshead Road.

**Yard & moving sale**  
Sat, May 15, 9AM-1PM  
1111 Waywood Blvd, 22308  
Young adult men's and women's clothing and shoes, books, working tv and dvd player, dvd's, other household items.

**Multi-family yard sale**  
Saturday, May 15  
8 a.m. - noon  
Mt. Vernon Terrace (corner of Patton Blvd & Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy.)  
5124 Remington Drive Alexandria, Va. 22309

**26 Antiques**

We consign/pay top \$ for antique/semi antique furn. including mid century & danish modern Teak furniture, sterling, mens watches, painting/art glass, clocks, jewelry, costume jewelry, etc. Call Schefer Antiques @ 703-241-0790.

**21 Announcements**

Equal-Parenting State-wide Meeting May 15, 2010, go to fathersforvirginia.org

**25 Sales & Auctions**

**25 Sales & Auctions**

**Need an Estate Sale?**  
CALL "THE" ESTATE SPECIALIST  
**703-494-5062**  
We don't do yard or garage sales. Those sales are prepriced. All merchandise is sold same day. We do professional estate sales. Obtain highest dollar for your estate.  
State Licensed & Bonded

ALEXANDRIA  
**Gazette Packet CLASSIFIED**

Classified or Home • Lawn • Garden:  
**703-917-6400**  
Employment: 703-917-6464  
E-mail: classified@connectionnewspapers.com

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**THE SALVATION ARMY... A STALWART FRIEND IN TIMES OF NEED**

Natural disasters like the earthquake in Haiti bring The Salvation Army into the news, but the real heart of the Army's mission is to serve every day in local communities quietly meeting the most basic needs... for food, shelter, energy, and perhaps most important of all, HOPE.

Your gift to create a Charitable Gift Annuity can help us continue this mission while also providing you with many benefits, including:

- Secure fixed income for you and/or loved one
- Annuity rates from 4.8% to 9.5% based on the annuitants age
- Preferential tax treatment

And it's backed by The Salvation Army, an organization you can trust!

For more information, call toll free, 1-800-824-3150 or send this coupon to: The Salvation Army, Planned Giving Dept., 2626 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20037

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

**4 RE for Sale**

**CONDO, FOR SALE**  
Upscale 1-bedroom condo, prime Alexandria location near King St. and I-395. Scenic Washington view. Neutral décor, crown moulding, custom built-in's for design and storage, Karastan carpet, California closet. New kitchen with lovely granite countertops, ivory white cabinetry, stainless steel appliances, walnut floor. Shows like a model, only \$154,900. Call: 571-264-5801

**29 Misc. for Sale**

**KITCHEN CABINETS Warehouse Clearance Sale**  
Miscellaneous kitchen cabinets: maple, oak, cherry vanities and sink tops, some appliances Saturday May 15th. 8am-5pm  
**ST. CLAIR APPLIANCE DISTRIBUTORS**  
6239 Shields Avenue (Corner With Route 1) Alexandria, VA 22303, 703-765-0020

**101 Computers**

**HDI EASY COMPUTER SOLUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS & SMALL BUSINESSES**  
JENNIFER O. SMITH • COMPUTER CONSULTANT

> TRAINING > INSTALLATION > TROUBLE-SHOOTING  
> LET US TAME THAT BEAST FOR YOU  
Serving the Area Since 1995  
**(703) 765-2222**  
JSMITHHDI@aol.com

**3 RE for Rent**

**For Rent: Alexandria/Mt. Vernon \$2500.00**  
Large SFH 4br 3 1/2 ba. Updated kitchen, Hardwood floors. Fin Bsmt w/ huge rec room w/ gas fp. MBR w/ ensuite br and private deck. Screened in porch off of kitchen. Backs to the woods on 1.5 acre wooded lot. 2 car osp. Close to schools, Rte1, beltway. Clean and move in ready. Call Mr. Newsome (202) 498-2765

**21 Announcements**

**21 Announcements**

**Buildings for Every Project ~ Solutions for Every Budget**

ECONOMICAL AFFORDABLE QUALITY

...and everything in between... Financing Available!

Building Specials!

24 x 32 x 10	\$7,399	40 x 60 x 14	\$18,999
30 x 40 x 10	\$9,399	40 x 80 x 12	\$22,999
30 x 50 x 12	\$12,999	60 x 120 x 16	\$83,999

Specials include: 15 year warranty on vinyl siding, 10 year warranty on roof.

**Dutchway Pole Barns** **CONESTOGA Buildings**

1-877-434-3133 www.cbstructuresinc.com

**MINING ENGINEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TOP TALENT**

Take your career to a new level with Western Coal

Our client, Western Coal, produces high quality metallurgical and thermal coals from mines in Canada, the U.S. and the United Kingdom.

Western Coal is making significant capital investments to their operations and is poised for strong growth. This is your opportunity to join this rising star in the mining sector. We are seeking the following qualified candidates for their operations in NE British Columbia, Canada:

- Senior Mine Engineer
- Long Range Planning Engineer
- Manager of Technical Services
- Production Engineer

You will join a team obsessed with the highest levels of safety, quality and productivity. But it's not all work and no play. Here, you'll experience a culture that knows how to get along and have a good time, too. Western Coal is committed to its employees, fostering a positive working environment and supporting staff with competitive compensation packages that include housing and living allowances, benefits, including extended health coverage, dental, long- and short-term disability, group RRSP plan, employee share purchase plan, life insurance, and an employee and family assistance program.

**HAYS**  
Recruiting experts worldwide

To apply, visit [www.hays.com/jobs/westerncoal](http://www.hays.com/jobs/westerncoal) or [www.hays.ca](http://www.hays.ca) or email [westerncoal@hays.ca](mailto:westerncoal@hays.ca). We thank all applicants for their interest, but only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

**Woman Plants Spring Flowers on 18th Green After Using Thera-Gesic®**

BEXAR COUNTY – Apparently inspired by Earth Day, Mary W. applied Thera-Gesic® to her sore lower back and proceeded to plant 55 beautiful petunias on the 18th green of the local golf course during the night. When asked why she chose a busy putting green, she painlessly replied: "None of your dang business!"

**Go painlessly with Thera-Gesic®**

**Employers: Are your recruiting ads not working in other papers?**

Try a better way to fill your employment openings

**SUMMER 2010 WORKSHOPS FOR MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATORS AND EDUCATIONAL LEADERS**

Presented by the Urban School of San Francisco's Center for Innovative Teaching. CIT offers workshops for educators in key academic, co-curricular and leadership areas, plus an Integrated Technology Symposium for school leaders and educational technologists. CIT sessions are hands-on and designed to share classroom-tested activities and approaches that will enhance the program at any middle or high school. Please join us at CIT 2010!

**Workshops will be held at the Flint Hill School June 21-25, 2010. Featured workshops include:**

- Technology Symposium for School Leaders
- Moving 1:1 – Building a Vision and Making Plans for Your School
- Visual Algebra
- Beyond the Textbook: Tech Resources for Foreign Language Teachers
- Digital Tools to Enhance the Teaching of Physical Science

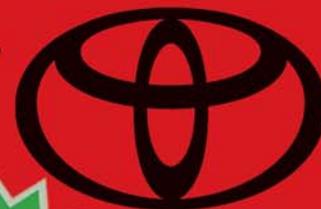
For complete class descriptions and registration information, visit [www.CenterForInnovativeTeaching.org](http://www.CenterForInnovativeTeaching.org)

Target your best job candidates where they live. Reach readers in addition to those who are currently looking for a job. Proven readership. Proven results.

**THE CONNECTION**  
to your community  
**703-917-6464**  
classified@connectionnewspapers.com  
Great Papers • Great Readers • Great Results!

# JACK TAYLOR'S ALEXANDRIA TOYOTA

**FANTASTIC DEALS!**



**CELEBRATING OVER 35 YEARS OF BUSINESS!**



**WWW.ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM**



**CHECK OUT THESE GREAT DEALS!**

**GREAT DEALS ON ALL HYBRIDS!**

**0% FINANCING\***

**NEW '10 PRIUS**



**NEW '10 CAMRY**



**0% APR FINANCING FOR UP TO 5 YEARS ON 7 NEW 2010 TOYOTA MODELS\***

**0% APR FINANCING FOR UP TO 5 YEARS ON 7 NEW 2010 TOYOTA MODELS\***



**Camry** (excludes hybrids)



**Corolla**



**Yaris**



**RECEIVE 2 YEARS TOYOTA AUTO CARE WITH THE PURCHASE OF ANY NEW VEHICLE!**



**Tundra**



**Rav4**

\*0% APR FINANCING UP TO 60 MONTHS AVAILABLE ON APPROVED CREDIT ON CAMRY, CAMRY HYBRID, COROLLA, YARIS, AND TUNDRA. TOTAL FINANCED CANNOT EXCEED MSRP PLUS OPTIONS, TAX & LICENSE FEES. 60 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$16.67 FOR EACH \$1000 BORROWED. 0% APR FINANCING FOR 36 MONTHS ON PRIUS AND RAV4. 36 MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$27.78 FOR EACH \$1000 BORROWED. NOT ALL BUYERS WILL QUALIFY. OFFER ENDS 05/19/10.

**(703) 684-0700 WWW.ALEXANDRIATOYOTA.COM OPEN SUNDAY 12-5**

**3750 Jefferson Davis HWY Alexandria, VA South of Reagan National on Rt. 1**

PRICES PLUS TAX, TAGS, FREIGHT OF \$750 FOR CARS, \$800 FOR VANS, SUV'S, AND TRUCKS, PROCESSING FEE OF \$379 & ACQUISITION FEE OF \$650 ARE EXTRA. NO SECURITY DEPOSIT. APR FINANCING ON APPROVED CREDIT. INCLUDES ALL INCENTIVES. \*\*EPA HIGHWAY FUEL ESTIMATE. OFFER ENDS 05/19/10.

**CHECK OUT OUR PRE-OWNED VEHICLES ONLINE!**



The Best New Cars Make The Best Used Cars

The Toyota Certified Used Vehicles Advantage  
 3 month / 3,000 mile Comprehensive Warranty  
 7 year / 100,000 mile Limited Powertrain Warranty  
 7 year / 100,000 mile Roadside Assistance Plan  
 160 Point Quality Assurance Inspection  
 CARFAX Vehicle History Report  
 Certified customers are eligible for standard new car financing rates



**XD**



**TC**



**XB**





1980 30 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE 2010

# McENEARNEY ASSOCIATES, INC. REALTORS®

ALEXANDRIA/ROSEMONT \$775,000



### Parking + Walk to Two Metros!

Plenty of space! Beautiful hardwoods, charming moldings and fireplace highlight the large, sunny rooms in this delightful Rosemont home. A spacious, bright kitchen with breakfast bar opens to a family room and the finished lower level boasts a den and rec room. Relax on the adorable front porch, back deck, and play in the fenced backyard.

**Sue Goodhart**  
703.362.3221  
www.suegoodhart.com  
MLS ID# AX7332282



ALEXANDRIA/BELLE HAVEN \$899,500



OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY 1-4 pm  
6208 Foxcroft Rd - 22307

### Lovely Update

Located in the lovely neighborhood of Belle Haven, this bi-level home features four bedrooms and three full baths. Fantastic custom stone screened porch, granite kitchen, and updated baths!

**Janet Price**  
703.960.5858  
www.janetpricehomes.com  
MLS ID# FX7330353



ALEXANDRIA \$1,950,000



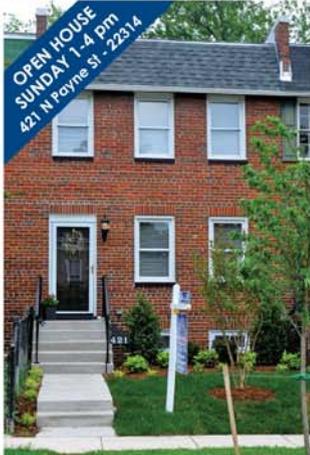
### Elegance Meets Comfort!

Four bedrooms, four full baths, four fireplaces, pool, hot tub, hardwoods throughout, what is there not to love! Master suite and master bedroom accented by two additional large bedrooms. A family room with pass-through to kitchen at rear of home. Entertain in the front in a spacious living room with fireplace and dining room with large windows to back yard.

**Elizabeth Lucchesi**  
703.686.5676  
www.lizluke.com  
MLS ID# AX7326848



ALEX/PARKER GRAY DISTRICT \$628,913



OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY 1-4 pm  
421 N Payne St - 22314

### Amazing Renovation

2010 living in 1942, solid-built, brick townhouse. State-of-the-art kitchen featuring 42" cabinets, granite, hi-end appliances, work/breakfast bar island plus extra eating area. The addition of sitting room area has a new half bath. Two spacious bedrooms with enlarged closets. Updated full bath and deep linen closet. Full unfinished basement for storage and/or other creative uses. Lovely, manicured, large back yard with privacy fence, deck, and two off-street parking spaces. Minutes to Metro.

**Pat Smith**  
703.728.4728  
www.pat4pat.com  
MLS ID# AX7329036



ALEXANDRIA/FORT HUNT \$875,000



OPEN HOUSE  
SUNDAY 1-4 pm  
9021 Charles Augustine Dr

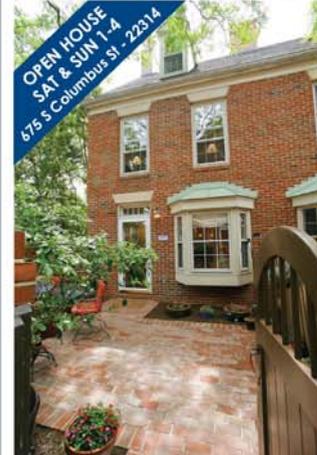
### Park Setting Along the River

River Bend Estates is a lovely neighborhood situated between the Potomac River and Fort Hunt Park. This large custom home has seven bedrooms, five and a half baths, full half acre boasting views down to the river and a private gate to Fort Hunt Park. Space and privacy never felt so good.

**Chris Robinson** 703.286.1202  
**Sally Z. Harper** 703.517.2849  
www.sallyzharper.com  
MLS ID# FX166843



OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA \$459,000



OPEN HOUSE  
SAT & SUN 1-4  
875 S Columbus St - 22314

### Picture Perfect

JUST LISTED at ARCH HALL. Extraordinary, two-bedroom, one-bath, townhouse-style condo with large private garden has been stylishly renovated and is like new. End unit with two exposures and bay window, this gorgeous home features hardwood floors, central air, and washer/dryer. Enjoy it all...from lazy summer barbecues to cozy nights beside your wood burning fireplace. Just one block to Balducci's. SIMPLY NOT TO BE MISSED! See Virtual Tour at: www.czubagroup.com.

**Catherine Czuba**  
202.549.6819  
www.czubagroup.com



ALEXANDRIA/DEL RAY \$685,900



### Always Wanted to Grow Your Own Garden?

Fantastic bungalow on huge double lot has been tastefully renovated offering enclosed front porch, kitchen with granite counters, maple cabinetry and stainless appliances opening to comfy family room addition, three bedrooms, two full baths, hardwood flooring, decorator touches and a garage. Stroll down the block for fun on "The Avenue."

**Jennifer Walker**  
703.675.1566  
www.jenwalker.com



### ALEXANDRIA RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

Hunting Creek Club	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,150	MLS# FX7330061
Wapleton	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,350	MLS# AX7304808
Old Town	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,495	MLS# AX7331869
Carriage Works	2 BR/1 BA	\$1,595	MLS# AX7330717
Marina Towers	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,650	MLS# AX7331973
Old Town	1 BR/1 BA	\$1,900	MLS# AX7328398
Cameron Station	2 BR/2 BA	\$1,925	MLS# AX7333759
St Asaph Square	2 BR/2 BA	\$2,000	MLS# AX7323969
Portner House	2 BR/1.5 BA	\$2,100	MLS# AX7329730
Carlyle Towers	2 BR/2 BA	\$2,300	MLS# AX7317306
Olde Belhaven Towne	3 BR/3.5 BA	\$2,650	MLS# AX7330661
Old Town	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$3,300	MLS# AX7326800
Old Town	3 BR/2.5 BA	\$3,800	MLS# AX7301997
Fords Landing	3 BR/3.5 BA	\$4,250	MLS# AX7332833
Fords Landing	4 BR/3.55 BA	\$7,000	MLS# AX7330209

View photos and more information at [www.McEneaney.com](http://www.McEneaney.com) or call 703.549.9292 for an appointment.

ALEXANDRIA \$1,299,000



### Current Living at its Finest

Fantastic renovation with five bedrooms and four full baths. Great room with exquisite kitchen adjacent; custom window treatments; three finished levels; central Alexandria location close to 395 and DC access.

**Janet Price**  
703.960.5858  
www.janetpricehomes.com  
MLS ID# FX7178011



LEADING  
REAL ESTATE  
COMPANIES®  
of THE WORLD

703.549.9292  
[www.McEneaney.com](http://www.McEneaney.com)  
The BEST address for YOUR address



LUXURY  
PORTFOLIO®  
FINE PROPERTY COLLECTION