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Jones Point Park is home to the first of 40 boundary markers for the original District of Columbia, which is next to a historic lighthouse.

The Jones Point Dilemma

Park may close for two years while VDOT manages construction.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Jones Point could be closed for two years while the Virginia Department of Transportation manages construction of a new park at the 65-acre site. City Council members said they would like to look into moving the fences around in a way that might allow some of the park to be open while other parts are closed. According to a plan now being considered by council members, the bidders would be given a timetable of when they could carry out certain portions of the project ensuring that some part of the park would always be open to the public.

"Nobody's happy about the fact that there's going to be a planned continuous closing for 18 to 24 months," said Mayor Bill Euille. "But everybody knows this is the federal government's project."

The problem is how to accomplish this game of whack-a-mole without delaying the project even more. According to Parks and Recreation Director Jim Spengler, federal and state officials working on the project say that might end up delaying the project two more years. So here's the dilemma: Allowing the park to be partially open for two years could create a four-year construction

timeline while having the park closed for two years would allow for a quicker ribbon-cutting.

"I would like to see it open fully operational as a park in 18 months as opposed to potentially four years from now," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley. "That is more turmoil and more construction than the Old Town folks should have to endure."

THE LAND IS owned and operated by the National Park Service, but VDOT will be responsible for managing the construction. Back in June 2005, the City Council approved a controversial plan known as "Alternative 4A." Back then, Vice Mayor Del Pepper and Councilman Andrew Macdonald opposed the plan because it had sports fields north of the bridge, a feature that many neighbors in Yates Gardens opposed. That plan replaced a previous plan that was scuttled after post-9/11 security changes forbidding parking under the Woodrow Wilson Bridge.

"Anything that's going to cause the plans and specifications to change will delay the construction," said Spengler. "I can find out relatively quickly from the entities that own and manage the project whether they would consider the fence-moving as an alternative."

Spengler said the current plan calls for renovation of the historic lighthouse, historic preservation of shipbuilding equipment in the park and a plan to replace invasive species with native plants. Plus there's the tot lot, comfort station, play court and 110 parking spaces. The park is home to the first of 40 boundary markers creating the original District of Columbia in 1791.

Six to a Car?

Washington Headquarters Service poses transportation planning riddle.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Here's a riddle: How do you fit 6,000 workers into 1,000 parking spaces. Give up? So does the Alexandria City Council.

On Tuesday night, the council took up the latest round of strategy in the ongoing Battle of the Pentagon Annex. That's the super-mega-giant Army office building now rising over the intersection of

Seminary Road and the Shirley Memorial Highway. It's known, in typically opaque Beltway vocabulary, as the Washington Headquarters Service. Thanks to the Department of Defense, that's at a location with no Metro service, although it's a brisk black sedan ride to the Pentagon. This has been a source of frustration for city officials, who feel the feds are dragging their feet on everything from cost estimates to traffic analysis.

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Big Check, Big News

T.C.'s StudentCam winner honored by Comcast and C-SPAN.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
GAZETTE PACKET

Earlier this month during her physics class, T.C. Williams junior Hana Wuerker got a surprise visit from her dad along with representatives of C-SPAN and Comcast.

Even though Hana already knew about her second place win in the nationwide StudentCam competition, Rachel Katz of C-Span and Marie Schuler of Comcast had some exciting news they wanted to deliver to Hana in person.

The impromptu ceremony included a framed plaque and a jumbo check. But for the budding filmmaker, the best part was learn

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Waiting for Revelation

In the beginning, City Council created work groups and community meetings. The Strategic Plan was without form or metrics. Darkness was upon the face of the city's objectives. And the will of council moved upon more than 40 meetings and seven strategic planning goals.

Council said, "Let there be a Strategic Plan." And there was a Strategic Plan. Members saw a draft Tuesday night, and they thought it was good.

"It's kind of like a Bible for the city," said Councilman **Alicia Hughes**. "It's telling us what we should be doing."

According to the draft received Tuesday, here's what the City Council should be doing: improve air quality, reduce the teen pregnancy rate, expand recycling programs, develop a youth master plan, increase the number of affordable housing units, create a pay-as-you-go system for financing capital projects, approve a transportation-impact analysis for land-use decisions and complete a needs assessment of services needed for those with autism. Goal six, which provides guidance to the Alexandria Police Department, is silent on the issue of providing public access to incident reports. But it does have vague language about providing "objective and accurate information to guide public safety and community expectations."

"This is serious business," said Mayor **Bill Euille**. "We want every department and agency to adhere to it."

Rubber Stamping

In the not too distant past, nonprofit groups would lobby members of City Council for money during the budget season. The pleading would last right up until the last minute, with directors lingering around the dais hoping that council members would fund their programs. But then the council started channeling money through a series of funds, such as the Alexandria Fund for Human Services — an umbrella fund used by the Department of Human Services to the Children's Fund, the Youth Fund and the Community Partnership Fund.

"This is light years away from where it was 15 years ago when it was all a political process, quite frankly," said Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**. "I think we're doing a better job of coordinating services and avoiding duplication of effort, all the things that sound nice and end on a politician's brochure bill."

Donley said the operation is much smoother now that the politics has been subtracted from the equation, at least directly. He said the old process led to council members spending way too much time talking about \$5,000 allocations, and that the process of channeling the money through funds administered by senior city officials was much more efficient. But Councilman **Paul Smedberg** disagreed, questioning why the council didn't have oversight over money going to nonprofits for work the city could be doing.

"If it's that important, it should be part of the regular budget process," said Smedberg. "It shouldn't be part of a process that we have no say in at all other than a rubber stamp here tonight."

Gushing Bills

Is your water bill gushing? You might want to check.

Earlier this week, council members took up the case of the Virginia-American Water Company's customer rates. It seems the company requested a 25 percent increase that went into effect before it was approved by the State Corporation Commission. By the time the regulatory body got involved and decided a 10 percent increase would be more appropriate, the money had already been collected, so refunds were necessary.

The dirty little secret is that refunds don't always make it to where they're supposed to go because most people aren't expecting them in the first place. So council members expressed dismay at water company's billing practices. Why charge a rate before it's been approved? Who's running this show anyhow?

"This is a heck of a way to run a water company or any company for that matter," said Councilwoman **Del Pepper**. "How is it that they are able to get away with this?"

"No competition," interjected Councilman **Frank Fannon**.

"They have no shame," responded Pepper.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



Melvin Alvarez speaks to the crowd on Tuesday, May 25. Behind him from left are Margie Obeng, Luisa Burgos, Jennifer Araujo, Carla Benitez, Dora Tweneboa and Ginno Huaroc.

From Individual to Social Change

Community Organizing for Education and Democracy Scholars focus on poverty and justice.

Seven Alexandria juniors signed commitments on Tuesday May 25, to dedicate the next six years of their youth and education to building strong communities.

Family, friends, teachers, school administrators and other supporters attended the afternoon ceremony held behind the Tenants and Workers United Arlandria Community Center. These youth joined the ranks of a national cohort of students to receive academic and technical support throughout the remainder of their education and the beginning of their careers. The local initiative is called Community Organizing for Education and Democracy (COED) and run by Tenants and Workers United.

Alexandria's COED scholars reflect the diversity of the city; their families immigrated to the United States from Ghana, El Salvador, Honduras, Bolivia and Peru. Prior to accepting the COED award, each student spoke to the significance of this program in their life and the vision they have for the future.

"If it hadn't been for this scholarship, I was going to join the Army," said Luisa Burgos COED scholar, "Now, I have a million opportunities."

"My story begins when my family and I migrated from Honduras three years ago. Living in a foreign country is a big challenge, but I always knew that going to college would be my biggest challenge of all," said Melvin Alvarez, one of the COED scholars. "This scholarship means that I have one problem out of my way and I can use my education to help others like me. As the first person in my family to go to college, I am inspiring my little brother and sister who look to me as a role model."

"In the last year, I have gotten to know my community and myself," said Dora Tweneboa, "I never knew I could share my experiences to help others and now I can."

"I've learned that there are other people fighting for solutions to the issues my community and I go through every day of our lives," said Ginno Huaroc, "and that if there is a will, there is a way to help out."

COED is run by Tenants and Workers United with support from the following organizations: New World Foundation, Posse Foundation, Young Elected Officials Network and Social Justice Leadership. Beginning this summer, COED scholars will work in their communities to educate and organize their neighbors around issues of poverty and justice.

Police Arrest Three at DWI Checkpoint

Police conducted a stationary DWI enforcement effort to deter and apprehend intoxicated drivers from 10 p.m. on Saturday, May 22, to 6 a.m. on Sunday, May 23. Vehicles were stopped and drivers were checked to assure that their abilities to drive had not been impaired by alcohol or drugs.

Approximately 151 motorists passed through the checkpoint in the 200 block of West Glebe

Road. Three arrests were made for driving while intoxicated. Seventeen summonses and six violation warnings were issued for miscellaneous traffic offenses.

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By SENITRA MCCOMBS
GAZETTE PACKET

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CURE, based in Alexandria, provides information and resource links to its members through a newsletter called InsideOut and replies to inquiries and requests received via email, letters from prisoners and telephone calls from family members, organizations and the news media.

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Paramedic Richard "Chip" Myers, EMS Supervisor Bryan Meckes, Paramedic Michael Tabb, Deputy Fire/EMS Chief Andrew Snead, Alexandria Medical Director Dr James Vafier, and Alexandria EMS Council Chair Pamela Copley at the "Call of the Quarter" honors on May 20.

EMS Council Honors 'Heroes of Alexandria'

Mayor William Euille, City Councilman Frank Fannon, City Manager Jim Hartmann, Police Chief Earl L. Cook and other city officials joined Inova Alexandria Hospital management and physicians in the Hospital's Atrium in honoring 21 Alexandria medics and firefighters on May 20.

In presenting the "Call of the Quarter" honors, Alexandria Emergency Medical Services Council Chair Pamela Copley said that

the honorees had "demonstrated outstanding knowledge of procedures, skills and assessment; the use of excellent teamwork; showed great 'heart,' judgment and reasoning; and administered exceptional care following the accepted protocols which applied to their situations."

The "Call of the Quarter" honorees were: Paramedic Jason Cage, Paramedic Chad Shade, Paramedic Don Scott, Paramedic Richard "Chip" Myers, Paramedic Michael

Tabb, EMS Supervisor Bryan Meckes, Medic Mark Chronister, Paramedic Seth Bowie, Acting EMS Supervisor Eric Warren, Paramedic Joshua Weissman, Paramedic Johnny McCarther, EMS Supervisor Martie Tuthill, Fire Lt. Eric Whitmore, Firefighter Kenneth Salfelder, Firefighter Wells Wilson, Firefighter Robert Parker, Firefighter Jeffrey Harrison, Firefighter James Jackson, Firefighter John Silverwood, Firefighter Tiffany Matthews, and Fire Capt. Eric Kreisher.



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Adron Krekeler, ChFC with Art League Gallery Director Rose O'Donnell.

Artist Fred Markham with his former student Joanna Chen and her husband James.

Turning to League for Decorating Help

Krekeler Brower Wealth Advisors feature local artists on office walls.

tacted his friend and colleague Rose O'Donnell, director of The Art League Gallery at The Torpedo Factory. Together they came up with an idea that would benefit the gallery, local artists and Krekeler Brower's walls.

The Art League selects an artist or artists and the art. Then they hang the art in Krekeler Brower's offices.

Adron Krekeler says he's always enjoyed art and keeps some pieces of his personal collection in his office. But for the common areas in the new company offices, the arrangement with The Art League is a way to have some variety —

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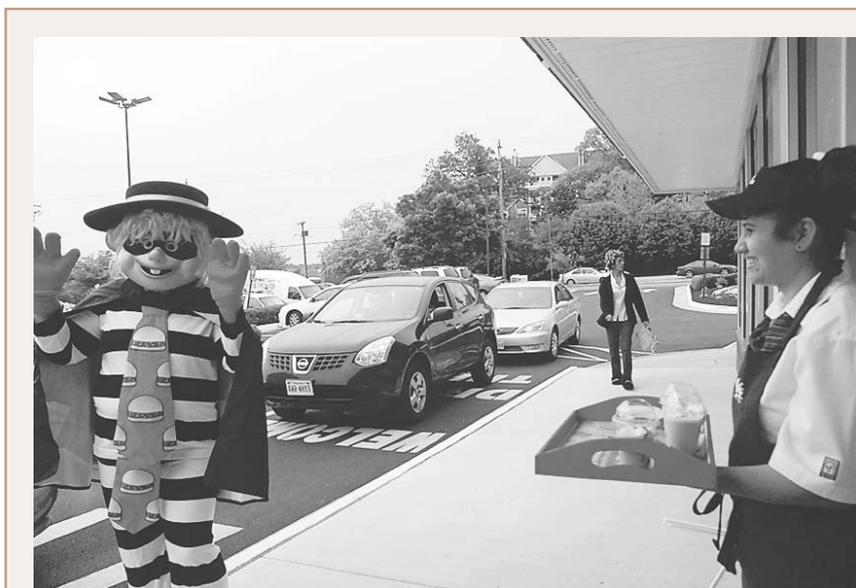
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— SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER

When Krekeler Brower Wealth Advisors opened its new offices on Diagonal Road in Alexandria, a friend made a comment about the bare walls.

That's when Adron Krekeler con-



Grand Re-opening
The Hamburglar and McDonald's staff stood outside the restaurant to hand out free samples of caramel ice lattes for the grand re-opening last month.

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WEDNESDAY/JUNE 2

Alexandria Transportation Commission Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Meets at the Sister Cities Conference Room, 1101, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria. Contact Mr. Abi Lerner at

SATURDAY/JUNE 5

Fort Ward Park History Group Meeting. 10 a.m. to noon. Workgroup related to the history of the site. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848. At Fort Ward Museum, 4301 W. Braddock Rd., Alexandria.

BUSINESS MATTERS

Crafting Alexandria Beer

Remember the great microbrew trend of the 1990s? There was the initial interest in small-scale operations run by local folks and sometimes even enjoyed regionally. Then the trend exploded, and it seemed like microbreweries were everywhere, including the old Founder's on King Street.

Well, the microbrew fad came and went. Founder's closed its doors several years ago, and the location now offers Spanish tapas. People still love the intimacy of the small-scale operation, though. But the industry now calls it "craft beer." Later this year, Alexandria will welcome its newest craft brewery on Wheeler Avenue, site of the old Capital Lighting and Supply. Wine entrepreneur and Alexandrian **Bill Butcher** has decided to ditch the grape biz for now, embrace the craft movement and launch Port City Brewing Company.

"The beer business has evolved over the last decade," said Butcher, a fourth-generation Alexandria resident. "It's become much more complex and sophisticated, more like the wine market."

Butcher, who lives in Rosemont, says his great-grandfather came to Alexandria to live in Del Ray and work at Potomac Yard. Now he plans on opening a business in an industrial stretch of the city, which will include a retail operation selling beer to go and offering regularly scheduled tours. Starting in November, Butcher plans to start offering an India pale ale, a pale ale, a Belgian white and a portner. "We'll also have a seasonal offering," said Butcher. "Something for spring, summer and a harvest brew."

The Three Rs

Fraud is everywhere. Just look at City Hall, where recent months have seen embezzlement at parking enforcement and DASH. But it can happen in the private sector as well. Ask **Andrew Powell**, audit and accounting partner at Halt, Buzas & Powell. According to a presentation for members of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce this week, the problem is often caused by a lack of internal controls.

Frequently, small businesses and nonprofits rely on a small group of people. In some cases, one unscrupulous person can end up receiving cash from customers, writing the checks, making the deposits and wrapping up the heist with a creative accounting ledger. In other words, Powell says, the bad apple does the receiving, the recording and the reconciling.

"I call those the three Rs," said Powell, who was scheduled to appear at an Alexandria Chamber Lunch & Learn program Wednesday. One example Powell was able to uncover involved a national nonprofit organization located in Virginia. He didn't want to give the name or location, but acknowledged it was a six-figure scam. Apparently, the rip-off involved a woman stealing credit-card refunds intended for clients. Instead of going to members or clients of members, the refunds were going into an account used by the woman responsible for balancing the books.

So what did she buy with all that loot? Perhaps it was a mink stole or a luxury car or waterfront real-estate. Powell says he has no clue what she did with the money or what became of the court case. "Once we're done," he explained discreetly, "we let the clients take care of that."

Bad for Business

For years, Virginia has received recognition for being business friendly. The list of accolades includes best managed state, best state for business and best state to raise a child. But something has happened in recent months. Now the recognition seems to be coming for things like targeting university records and declaring Confederate History Month without mentioning slavery.

Democrats in Virginia smell a wedge issue in the making. In a fundraising appeal sent out this week, state party chairman **C. Richard Cranwell** used the recent negative publicity as a call to action against Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** and Attorney General **Ken Cuccinelli**.

"Since the McDonnell/Cuccinelli Administration was sworn in, the Commonwealth hasn't been seen in quite the same light," Cranwell wrote. "It started with a couple of late-night jokes. But now we're seeing journalists and editors disparaging the direction in which Virginia is headed and we're not laughing."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

T.C. Williams Junior Receives Big Check, Big News

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ing that her documentary “Girls Wear Pink, Boys Wear Blue” was going to be shown on cable television.

“I didn’t know it was going to go on Comcast,” the 17-year old junior enthused. “That’s such a big deal!”

StudentCam is an annual documentary competition that encourages students to create a short film about issues affecting their communities and nation. This year’s theme asked middle and high school students to address either a challenge the country is facing or one of our country’s greatest strengths.

Meredith Rapp, vice president of education at C-SPAN, feels this type of activity is important because middle and high school students get to critically analyze a topic and then present it in a medium they’re very familiar with.

“They get to give their opinions, and C-Span viewers get a chance to see what young Americans are thinking about issues or events within our country,” Rapp said during a telephone interview. “When judging, we look at — does the documentary take the viewer through a logical progression. Is it laid out in a way that that the viewer can follow you?” Although the StudentCam competition is not judged on technical merit, Hana’s documentary is seamless,” she added.

Rapp described Hana’s topic as an analysis of how she thinks gender roles are presented in America. She said Hana interviewed peers and a teacher, and she was able to take relevant clips from C-Span programming — one of the requirements of the competition.

“HER STORYBOARDING clearly takes the viewer through the information she wants to present,” Rapp continued, “and her C-SPAN clips included Sarah Palin at the Republican Convention, Hilary Clinton on the campaign trail, and Justice Sonia Sotomayor af-



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AP Psychology Teacher Steve Miarer, C-SPAN’s Rachel Katz, Hana Wuerker, Christopher Wuerker, and Comcast’s Marie Schuler.

ter her appointment to the Supreme Court.”

Selecting gender roles as the topic of her documentary was an easy choice for Hana because, she says, stereotypes of all kinds have always existed in our society.

“I think a lot of people just accept and go along with them,” she said during an interview outside her physics class. “I wanted to bring this up as an issue because it’s important for people to know they don’t have to be limited by their gender, and they don’t have to follow society’s perceived rules.”

Long before Hana created her award-winning documentary, she says she was like most children who think there are certain things men and women do.

“My step mom is a doctor, and when I was little, I couldn’t wrap my arms around that concept. I thought she had to be a nurse,” Hana shared. “So, for the most part, since I was just a kid, I thought there were stereotypes we had to follow.”

Her father, Christopher Wuerker of

Rosemont, said he didn’t know about the competition or Hana’s choice of topic until the documentary was well underway. He credits her teachers and advisors at the high school for making the most of his daughter’s natural motivation.

“Hana’s achievements speak for themselves, and I think it’s a great reflection on T.C.,” Christopher Wuerker said after the short ceremony and screening of the documentary for her physics class.

AN HONOR STUDENT at T.C. Williams, Hana is in her second year of the three-year TV Production program with teacher Zilma Zefran where, according to Hana, they learn everything about television production — from cameras to directing and editing. She applied all of the skills she’s learned in those classes to her winning documentary.

“I did everything — shooting, editing, producing, writing — everything,” she said. She added that she got some help with interview questions from her AP Psychology

Details

What: Hana Wuerker’s documentary “Girls Wear Pink, Boys Wear Blue” free to Comcast Digital TV customers via Comcast’s On Demand service.

When: Now through the end of July

How: Tune to the “Get Local” folder of Comcast’s main On Demand menu and select “Community Investment” then “C-SPAN StudentCam.”

The documentary can also be viewed on the C-SPAN website at <http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/292400-22>.

teacher Steve Miarer. “We talked about the subject in class, so that also really helped inspire me.”

This year’s StudentCam competition generated a record number of entries. Nearly 2,000 students from 45 states and the District of Columbia submitted 1,003 entries, competing for 75 awards. As a second place winner, Hana is in the top 27 and was awarded \$1,500.

“I really did not expect to win,” Hana said. “I wanted to at least get in the top 75 and when I found out I won a second place, I screamed into the phone.”

Rachel Katz works in the C-SPAN Marketing Department and helps promote the competition to middle and high school teachers nationwide.

But, she says, her favorite part of the job is traveling around the country to present the winners with their prizes.

“It’s just great to meet the students — to honor them in front of their peers, parents and teachers,” she said. “For them to take the time to put together a documentary and enter it in a national contest is just fantastic.”

Comcast’s Marie Schuler said they work closely with C-span on this and other projects. “We have an interest in the local community,” she added, “including producing the T.C. Williams Telethon. In fact, Hana had worked on the production crew for the most recent telethon. When C-Span approached us about making Hana’s documentary and interview available OnDemand, we said absolutely.”

Keller Williams Helps Beautify Jefferson Houston

Keller Williams Realty Alexandria Old Town Market Center team devoted May 13 to the beautification and clean up of the Jefferson-Houston school grounds for its RED Day — short for “Renew, Energize and Donate.” Created by Keller Williams Realty Inc. to give back to its communities across the United States and Canada, the Alexandria Old Town office chose for the second year in a row, to volunteer with the Jefferson-Houston school for their outdoor beautification project including grounds clean up, landscaping, flower planting, and painting of the playground.



Keller Williams broker Shane McCullar and Jamyn Page introduce “Flat Mo” (Mo Anderson, vice-chairman of the board at Keller Williams) to some of the school children observing the day long gardening and painting activities.



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With the help of Bridget Manchke’s kindergarten class, mulch is gently raked by the children over the new flower beds.



Where Academics Meet Architecture

Students from Alexandria Country Day School and Jefferson-Houston Elementary School make beams during a lesson on construction engineering. The SHW Architect Group of Reston created the lesson plans and taught the students that, in designing a new school facility or renovating an existing one, the building itself can be resource for educating students.

OBITUARIES

Virginia Inscoe

Virginia Lucille Berlo Hicks Inscoe died on May 18, 2010 at the Barrington Place Nursing Home, Lacanto, Fla. Virginia was the daughter of George and Lillie Drowns Berlo. She was preceded in death by her husbands Ernest Lawson Hicks and James Inscoe, both of Alexandria. She was the sister of Joseph Berlo of Alexandria who also preceded her in death.

She is survived by a half sister, Jean F. Maffei of Lynn, Mass. Her three surviving children are: James E. Hicks of Pensacola, Fla., Sandra D. Myers Freeman of Moulton, Ala. and Sherrie L. Rawlings Ross of Homosassa, Fla. She is also survived by eight great grandchildren.

Virginia was born in Alexandria on Jan. 26, 1919. She was a long time resident of Alexandria until the summer of 2004 when she moved to Homosassa, Fla., making her home with her youngest daughter, Sherrie. She was a loving wife and mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She will be greatly missed by her family. A visitation and celebration of Virginia's life will be held on Thursday, May 27, 2010 from 10-11 a.m. with a funeral service to follow at 11 a.m. at Cunningham

Funeral Home, 811 Cameron St. Alexandria. The interment will follow at Mount Comfort Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family re-

quests donations be made to the Barrington Place Nursing Home, 2341 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy., Lecanto, FL 34461.

Raymond A. Devers

Raymond A. Devers, "Dr. Ray," age 65, died on Sunday May 16, 2010 at home of natural causes. He is preceded in death by his father Raymond A. Devers Sr. and his mother and step father Dorthy and John H. Bahlman Sr.

He leaves behind a daughter Melissa Phillis (Mike) and a son Raymond Alexander (Michelle) and six grandchildren.

He also leaves behind four sisters Gertrude O'keefe (Tom) Joyce Jackson, Joan Betz (Bill) and Janet Stancil and one brother John H. Bahlman Jr. (Donna) and many nieces and nephews, his Aunt Beatrice S. Keen and numerous friends.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday May 26, at Bethel Cemetery.

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Remembering on Memorial Day 2010

Close to home, many to honor.

On Memorial Day, we remember all of those who have died in military service, nearly 300,000 in World War II, more than 30,000 in Korea, more than 50,000 in Vietnam.

More than 160 U.S. Military service personnel from Virginia have been killed in Iraq and Afghanistan, including several in the last year. Earlier this month, on May 12, 2010, Donald J. Lamar II, 23 of Fredericksburg, was killed in Afghanistan.

Christopher D. Worrell, 35 of Virginia Beach, was killed in Iraq on April 22, 2010. Steven J. Bishop, 29 of Christianburg, was killed March 13, 2010 in Iraq. Kielin T. Dunn, 19 of Chesapeake, was killed Feb. 18, 2010 in Afghanistan. Brandon T. Islip, 23 of Richmond, was killed Nov. 29, 2009, in Afghanistan. Stephan L. Mace, 21 of Lovettsville, died Oct. 3, 2009 in Afghanistan.

Bill Cahir, 40 of Alexandria, died Aug. 13, 2009 of a gunshot wound while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

After 9/11, Cahir decided to leave his career as a journalist and join the Marine Corps. After his

application to become a Marine had originally been denied because of his age, he lobbied members of Congress to get a special exemption.

"We all thought he was crazy," said Brett Lieberman, a former colleague at Newhouse News Service.

Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 29, 2005. Dillon Jutras's younger brother, Hunter Drake Jutras, has helped us remember by submitting drawings every year; this year his portrait of his brother Dillon appeared on the cover of the Burke Children's Connection.

EDITORIAL

Hunter, a sixth grader at White Oaks Elementary, wrote: "My drawing of my brother Dillon who was a Ranger in the U.S. Army. He deployed to Iraq for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was killed in action on Oct. 29, 2005. I miss him very much."

MORE THAN 4,300 U.S. military members have been killed in Iraq and more than 1,000 have been killed in Afghanistan since Sept. 11, 2001. More than 40,000 have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan.

On Memorial Day, we honor and thank all those who have served in the military, in times of war and peace. It is also a time to reinvigorate efforts to provide the best ser-

Paying Respects

❖ "Flags In" at Arlington National Cemetery is scheduled to begin after funerals are complete for the day on Thursday, May 27. Soldiers from the 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) will be joined by other service members in placing small American flags, on the gravesites. Visitors are welcome during this event and are encouraged to arrive at the cemetery after 4 p.m. on Thursday, May 27. It will take approximately three hours to place the more than 250,000 flags.

❖ Fallen Heroes Project, May 29 - The Fallen Heroes Portraits Display will be placed in Section 60, where the majority of the casualties killed in

vices and opportunities to our veterans. The Post-9/11 GI Bill dramatically increases the educational benefits extended to members of the military who have served at least three months of active duty since Sept. 11, 2001. George Mason University has been on the forefront of implementing the GI Bill for veterans locally. Steps to provide better, faster and more responsive health care, including mental health care are underway.

Lance Cpl. Daniel Ryan Bennett, 23 of Clifton died Jan. 11, 2009, in Helmand province, Afghanistan. "He loved his country, and we're so proud of him," said his mother.

2nd Lt. Sean P. O'Connor of Burke died Oct. 19, 2008 while stationed at Hunter Army Air Field, Savannah, Ga. O'Connor was an athlete in soccer, baseball and football who attended Fairfax County Public

Iraq and Afghanistan are buried at Arlington, and will be on display until the cemetery closes on Monday, May 31. Visitors are welcome to come visit the display in Section 60.

❖ Price of Freedom Sculpture, May 29 - The Price of Freedom sculpture will be unveiled on Saturday, May 29 at 2 p.m. in the Visitors Center.

❖ Memorial Day Ceremony, Arlington Cemetery, The annual National Memorial Day Observance to honor America's fallen military service members is scheduled for Monday, May 31 in Memorial Amphitheater. Call the Visitors Center at 703-607-8000.

Schools and was a 1999 graduate of Bishop Denis J. O'Connell High School in Arlington.

Pfc. David Sharrett, 27 of Oakton, died Jan. 16, 2008 in Iraq. On Oct. 24, 2008, his father, David H. Sharrett, was on hand along with former U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R) as the Oakton Post Office on White Granite Drive was renamed to honor his son.

Army 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds.

HERE ARE the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

Sgt. Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund (www.yellowribbonfund.org).

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Spc. Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 when he died. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Pro-

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Remembrance Ceremony

At Arlington National Cemetery, veterans gathered March 16 for the 2010 Remembrance Ceremony — dedicated to fallen military medical personnel who served in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. They included, front row, Ray Lockett, American Legion 17th District Commander, Arlington Post 194, and Larry Rentrop, Vienna Post 180; second row, Joe Payne, Vienna Post 180; Phil Dunn, 17th District Vice Commander, Vienna Post 180; Cordell R. Credditt, Sr., Alexandria Post 129 Commander, and Erick Campbell, Alexandria Post 24.

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LIVING LEGENDS

Walker: Dedicated to City-Wide Transportation System

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It is hard to pinpoint when Living Legend Lois Walker first recognized the importance of good public transportation but talk with her about Alexandria for long and the subject will come up. During her time as an elected official and since, she has been an active advocate for transportation with a visionary's image for what transportation should and could be.

Walker is dedicated to seeing the creation of a city-wide transportation system that blends various modes of public and private transportation into an integrated system. She was an enthusiastic supporter of "Smart shelters" and "Smart stations" that use existing technology to provide up-to-date travel information. In an ideal situation, riders can track the locations of their buses, trolleys or trains to avoid delays and arrive at nearby shelters in adequate time to catch their transportation modes without wasting time. "A rider could know before leaving home if there is a delay so he could finish that second cup of coffee in comfort and still be there when the delay is resolved."

"It's not about new technology," Walker said, "as much as it is about looking at things differently and using technology in better ways. Planning and land use go together and we can't have walkable communities without public transportation. Everyone, young and old, fit and impaired, needs access. Transportation must be easy, usable, and available. Thank goodness former City Council member Tim Lovain is carrying on the fight for a street car system. It is ironic that we are going back to the past to come up with a solution to modern transportation problems."

Transportation may be in her

genes because her grandfather was a railroad engineer. It may have been her early experience with trains when she lived in Japan as a youngster, but later she certainly used public transportation to get to and from high school. While she is a fan of Metro and believes it has its place in a cohesive transportation system, she reminds us that public transit is more than the subway. "It's not all Metro. We need, dare I say it, light rail and street cars. The key is modes of transportation that people are willing to use and that provide frequent, easy to use transportation at street level."

As a city, state and regionally recognized authority on transportation issues, Walker served on the City's Ad Hoc Alexandria Transportation Committee where she advocated a system that is not only efficient and economical to operate but that will be safe and attractive for everyone to use. For two years, she chaired Virginians for High Speed Rail, working at the state, regional, and national level to support passenger and freight rail as an alternative to vehicles. She continues as an active member of its board of directors. At Mark Warner's request, she served on the Governor's Ad Hoc Commission on Transportation and Urban Growth Policies.

DURING THE TWO TERMS she served on Alexandria's City Council, Walker significantly influenced transportation policy as Alexandria's representative on the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors and while serving on the boards of the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, Virginia Railway Express, and the Northern Virginia Transportation Coordinating Council. Walker was a member of the Virginia Municipal League's (VML) Transportation Policy Committee and served as

Living Legends: The Project

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 a generous donation from the Rotary Club of Alexandria.

This is the fourth 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.

chair of VML's Urban Section. In addition, she was an active member of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments' Transportation and Planning Board. It was her courageous and determined action that assured that there would be space for public transportation on the new Wilson Bridge.

Transportation is just one of the areas in which Lois has been active in Alexandria. She was a founder and first president of Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center, a co-founder of the Alexandria Commission on Information Technology, a co-founder of the Potomac West Business Alliance, chair of the Washington Street Task Force, a member of the Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee and a member of the King Street Task Force, Waterfront Committee, and Braddock Area Team. Additionally, Walker served on the National League of Cities' Leadership Training Council. Walker managed a number of Marian Van Landingham's early political campaigns including her first election to the Virginia House of Delegates.

MORE RECENTLY, Walker has been president of KSMET, the association representing Old Town Businesses; chair of Agenda: Alex-



PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

Lois Walker

andria; chair of the 2005 Alexandria United Way Campaign; vice chair of the Old Town BID Committee, a member of the Advisory Board of Healthy Families Alexandria, secretary of the King Street Gardens Park Foundation, and treasurer of GWEN (Getting Women Elected Now). She is a founder of Vital Public Spaces and president of Walker Real Estate. She is an active member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She received the Marian Van Landingham Legislation and Public Policy Award from the Alexandria Commission on Women.

Does Walker have any regrets about Alexandria? "It seems that we really don't care about how Alexandria looks, how Alexandria appears to those who live here or visit. I chaired the Washington Street Task Force hoping that this would not turn out to be an architectural debate but a movement toward creating a great street. I could imagine driving down the George Washington Parkway and entering the City of Alexandria. There would be a nice sign saying 'Welcome. This is the home of George Washington, Robert E. Lee, etc., founded in 1774.' And then there would be a grand, tree-lined avenue with uniform trees, trash

planters, and a median strip."

"The debate in Alexandria often comes to real nitpicking like the width of sidewalks or building heights and that does not allow the creation of simple solutions. I co-chaired the King Street Business Improvement District task force and felt that appearance was the most important thing we could do — keeping sidewalks clean, installing hanging baskets of flowers and doing cornice lighting rather than tree lights. These are the kind of things that could be done without a great deal of money. We have lived here long enough to know that many things can be done by moving in a direction. When money is spent, spend it toward a goal."

DESPITE HER BUSY public life, Walker has an equally busy private life. She continues to run her late husband John Walker's real estate business. Her daughter Donna Walker James and son Boyd are closely associated with her in the family business where it's not unusual for Walker's dog, the unsinkable Molly Brown, and her daughter's dog, Smoky, to be on hand. Walker is a proud grandmother to her three grandchildren, Boyd's daughter, Alo Lenk-Walker, a budding musician, and Donna's artistic sons Tobin and Tyler.

Walker is a wonderful example of the involved citizen, sometimes as a public official, and sometimes as an individual who continues to give time and effort to a community she loves and to causes in which she believes. The key to her success? "You just do it. Sometimes it is almost civil disobedience. Sometimes you have to nag, well, more politely, 'remind' a lot so you don't get lost in the shuffle. You just have to stay focused on what you are trying to achieve and keep pushing. If you are not willing to nag a little, I just don't think you care enough."

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Working on T.C.'s Transformation

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



T.C. Williams is a remarkable school.

On Thursday, June 17, the T.C. Williams Class of 2010 will celebrate the graduation of over 600 students. These students were able to choose from 26 Advanced Placement courses (among the top in all of Northern Virginia), from arts courses, honors programs and comprehensive career and technical courses. Well over 80 percent of our graduates will continue their education at some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in this country. Some will travel. Some will join the military. Some will join the workforce with the knowledge and skills necessary to get a great start in life.

All will have graduated from a high school which reflects the world around us, with diversity of student body, soaring intellects and great needs.

Even as we know that T.C. Williams has given a terrific start to many of our students, we accept the responsibility to do even better so that each student achieves at levels necessary to be successful in this 21st Century.

Our drop out rates are decreasing; yet, too many students will not walk across that stage on June 17, and there are others who could have achieved at even higher levels if they had been supported or encouraged more. The T.C. Transformation that is now in progress provides the resources and the opportunity for us to do our work differently, think creatively and transform T.C. into a great school that provides an outstanding education to each and every student.

In my column last month about the T.C. Williams High School transformation process, I noted that there were many unknowns involving the state and federal requirements. We still don't have all the answers, but we won't let a little red tape keep us from moving forward. The T.C. transformation began long before it became a requirement, and the state and federal models happen to coincide nicely with our Strategic Plan goals and the direction in which our T.C. Vision and Action Committee is heading with

their long-range recommendations. In April, I was able to summarize our general strategies. Below is an updated list of some of the proposed initiatives (funded through the federal grant) for the 2010-11 school year:

- ❖ Every student in grades 6-12 will have an individualized achievement plan (IAP) in English and math.

- ❖ Counselors' responsibilities will include serving as case managers for the IAPs. Additional staffing will assure a reduced counselor/student ratio below 200 students.

- ❖ English and math teachers' responsibilities will include implementing and monitoring the IAPs as they encourage all students to achieve at the highest possible levels. Additional staffing will assure a reduced English and math teacher class load of four sections.

- ❖ Writing and math centers will be established.

- ❖ Online learning and extended learning opportunities will be enhanced.

- ❖ Grade level deans will be added to the staffing. Each dean will be assigned a grade level, and will stay with that group of students until graduation. The deans' responsibilities will include personalization, student support, parent outreach, discipline and general support of a positive school learning environment.

- ❖ Professional learning and student outcomes will be tied to evaluations.

- ❖ Student outcomes will be measured by a growth model that will include college-readiness skills, standardized tests and other indicators such as attendance, participation in activities, graduation rates and more.

Complementing these initial transformation efforts, the work of the Vision and Action Committee will be ongoing as recommendations are developed to address increasing enrollments, changing programs and ongoing high levels of expectations for all students. The first set of these formal recommendations are due June 2011.

This year's graduates inspire us through their many accomplishments and bright futures. With Titan Pride our community wishes them well.

Open Up Field For Public Use

To the Editor:

I am Alex Wolz, and I am a ninth grader in ACPS schools, and when I arrive at Minnie Howard each day, I always wonder, "Why is this turf field closed to the public?"

I understand the city's concerns that the field may get torn-up, but I believe the beneficial outcome of an open field would surpass the negative. Take Arlington for example. In Arlington, there are several turf fields open to the public, and whenever I drive by these fields, I see people playing on the field, and many spectators, gathered around to watch. All this activity is created because the fields are always open. And even greater is the incentive to get out of the house, and play sports with your friends, or meet new people, when there is an open field.

ACPS schools call their meal plan nutritious, and is said to promote healthy living, as to fight obesity. I believe an open turf field will supplement this plan's goal to fight obesity. A turf field with goals is a great place to get active and have fun. Thus, obesity and sedentary lifestyles will be reduced. And if this field was open, I am sure that it would get a lot of good use. I believe many Alexandrians would love to have a great, weatherproof field to play on. For these reasons, I believe the turf field at Minnie Howard should be open to all.

Alex Wolz

Fiscal Example Not Followed

To the Editor:

I write in response to last week's coverage of the Alexandria Budget ("A Partisan Budget," May 6), which continues the Gazette Packet's excellent tradition of thorough coverage of local government.

The two "no" votes on the budget — Frank Fannon and Alicia Hughes — cast responsible votes and stood up for important principles. Their colleagues should take note because many Alexandrians share these important principles of fiscal restraint and transparency.

Fannon set out three principles for the budget: (1) no increase in spending from last year, (2) no increase in the average tax bill, and (3) some action to address the rapid growth of personnel compensation. All three are prudent as Alexandrians recover from an economic recession. Unfortunately, the majority on Council couldn't

even meet one of these goals. Fannon's position set him out as a real leader for a sustainable future for this City.

Hughes, while sharing Fannon's interest in fiscal restraint, pursued another critical goal — transparency. For six months, Hughes sought information about a single line item that accounts for 10 percent of the City's operating budget — consulting and contractual services. Despite being on notice for six months, the City could not produce complete supporting details for this line item. The budget groups costs from many departments and programs into this one line, but doesn't provide information to tell taxpayers, not to mention Council members, on what these funds are spent. Hughes refused to vote for a budget that authorized expenditures for services that could not be identified.

Fannon and Hughes leadership offers hope for a City that has seen its average tax bill more than double in a decade (\$2,156.73 in 2000 to \$4380.20 in 2010) and its general fund budget grow by \$210 million, increasing by two-thirds in the same time (\$320.8M in FY01 to \$531.6M in FY11).

Let's hope their colleagues follow their example.

Chris Marston
Alexandria

Unnecessary Shooting Death

To the Editor:

Re: Police Power Demands Transparency.

Your editorial of May 6-12 asks me to "join the debate."

A few years ago the police shot and killed a member of Immanuel Church. I knew him fairly well. He had worked at his trade as a carpenter at our house.

He stood on his front porch with a gun. It may have been "justifiable murder," if there is such a thing.

But it was not necessary! His parents told me that the police refused to talk to them. Why?

Transparency "trumps" silence and mystery.

The Rev. Mr. John R. Smucker

Right Job for Superintendent?

To the Editor:

Last Saturday, May 15, I attended the City Council's public hearing meeting. I listened to four

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Under Sunny Skies The herb and wildflower sale at Carlyle House Historic Park last month attracted shoppers.

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former School Board Chairs address the Mayor and Council regarding the recent troubles at T.C. Williams and the school's poor academic performance. Now, I will admit that these problems didn't just start a year ago and probably have been building up for several years and going unnoticed by former school board members, former superintendent, former principals at T.C. and now current Superintendent Sherman. The plea from the former School Board Chairs to the Mayor and Council is that the community needs to get involved with those students at T.C. Williams to help mentor and work with these students in order to achieve academic success.

However, I have recently learned that Superintendent Sherman has established a 167-member visionary committee! What in the world is Dr. Sherman thinking? Superintendent Sherman has a doctorate, but this clearly indicates that he believes the only way to resolve academic problems with students is to establish another "visionary committee." I know that Dr. Sherman is a fan of Margaret Mead, a well-recognized anthro-

pologist and philosopher, and probably studied anthropology in college as I did. However, I suspect that Margaret Mead would be looking to take every member of this 167-member committee and assign them to one or two students in order to help them academically. But no, Dr. Sherman prefers to assemble a group to set out visionary standards and waste precious time for students at T.C. Williams. And where did he find 167 adult Alexandrians who agreed to participate in this "dog 'n pony" show?

It is time for the School Board to take a serious look at Superintendent Sherman's leadership skills and ability to run the Alexandria School district. This is not a "big school district" to manage. Will someone on the School Board finally "stand up and be counted" and start asking Superintendent Sherman if this is the right job for him? I suspect many Alexandria residents have the courage to do so and would take the necessary action.

Annabelle Fisher
Alexandria

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Keeping with Constitution

To the Editor:

I write in support of Patrick Murray, who is running for the Republication nomination for the 8th Congressional District of Virginia in the primary to be held June 8. I have met with Col. Murray on several occasions and am impressed by both his compelling belief in the greatness of America and his desire to reestablish the Federal Government's focus on its constitutionally defined duties.

He does not waste time coming up with complex, overly specific proposals to micromanage our lives, as does his opponent. Instead he emphasizes the government's role in protecting us, not just from foreign enemies, but from those here in America who would restrict our liberties and regulate us to death.

I believe his combined military and diplomatic experience give him a clarity of purpose when presented with threats to our country that will enable him to work with others to arrive at peaceful resolutions without sacrificing our country's vital interests.

Lastly, Col. Murray understands that the first job of my congressman is to represent us. He has made it clear that the needs and desires of the citizens of the 8th Congressional District come before, not after, the sound bite with the reporter or the handshake with the Speaker.

Meredith Ellsworth
Alexandria

Expand Tax Base At Any Cost?

To the Editor:

After viewing the City's Waterfront Plan for the third time I must admit that it doesn't get any better with age. This plan's goal is to attract more tourists to the city. Surprise, surprise — increase the tax base at any cost. The Council using the guise of adding vibrancy to the waterfront will instead create one large mega-traffic jam where King Street meets the water. The plan's main focus is the creation of a 300-foot pier at the end of King Street so arriving tourists will be able to easily find King Street. The city considers this a major difficulty for tourists. Alternatively the plan has miserably failed to provide any benefits to the Old Town tax-paying residents. Commercial intensification for lower King Street will cause many problems for residents and less use of the businesses of upper King

Street west of Washington Street.

There are presently at least 3,000 restaurant seats on King Street (two blocks north and south) from Lee Street to the water. These seats plus the voluminous number of other eating establishments on King Street just doesn't produce a need to have one more restaurant on the waterfront. If we can't handle the tourist load as currently configured then send the overflow to National Harbor. Turning the Old Dominion Boat Club's parking lot 90 degrees and moving it to Waterfront Park bordering on the Strand is not a bad idea. However, putting a restaurant on top of that parking lot just for the water view is ludicrous. If I were the American Medical Group Association who just purchased the building behind this projected folly I would take legal action against the city for not informing me that my view to the water will now be totally obstructed. Although a member, I do not speak for the Boat Club; however, I would bet that not more than 10 out of the 700 members would vote to move the parking lot and put a restaurant on top of it. In addition, they would vote against taking away about half their boat slips and moving their boat ramp to Prince Street.

Of course parking is the focal point of any waterfront planning discussion, and if you think parking is a problem now just wait and you will see that it hasn't gotten any better with this new plan. In fact, the plan reduces the number of parking spaces by 150 spaces and does not create one single new one. Our residents residing close to the waterfront will have to fight tooth and nail to use our limited on-street parking spaces. In addition, visitors to Old Town will be tough pressed to find parking on the streets, without taking those historically used by the residents. It may be time to invoke "residential only parking" on all our Old Town streets!

With all the new boat slips created by the planners they have really opened Pandora's Box as there will have to be a massive increase in security to protect those properties. Every Waterfront Committee meeting I have attended in the past 10 years has been consumed by security issues. What new secure facilities will have to be constructed and who will pay for them? Right now each individual slip on the city dock costs the taxpayers \$18,000 annually above and beyond what the slip owners pay in dock fees. When does this give-away program end?

By the way who is going to pay for this plan? Some of the costs will be borne by developers but the



The Hanseatic docks at 1 Wolfe Street. The 5-star expedition cruise ship in the Hapag-Lloyd cruise ship line docked in Alexandria as part of an expedition cruise on immigration reform in the U.S. last Wednesday. Journalists, diplomats and professors provided lectures to the 184 guests highlighting the political landscape on the current issue. The Hanseatic started this cruise in Florida and is bound north with docking in Baltimore, New York, Boston and finally stopping in Bar Harbor, Maine before going on to Nova Scotia for the beginning of another tour of the Northwest Passage and later the Arctic Circle. The cruise line is based in Hamburg, Germany. For more information on the cruises visit www.hl-cruises.com

residents will have to pay the preponderance of the costs over a long time. For openers, the city is essentially broke as this next fiscal year the taxpayers will finance the \$2.8 million in merit increases to everyone in the city's workforce. Residents will be taxed an additional 7.5 cents on our properties. What most people don't know is that we have a debt service of \$38 million annually. By floating \$275 million in bonds to fund the new Metro Station in Potomac Yard that debt service will increase \$20 million bringing the total up to \$58 million annually. We don't want to jeopardize our triple A bond rating so that means that we the citizens will have to pay for most of the improvements to the waterfront out of our pockets. The city can't even provide the funds to replace the deteriorating bulkhead in Windmill Hill Park. The plan to do that was formulated in 2001 yet the funding for that project keeps being deferred into the out-years. At this juncture those funds are programmed in the CIP for 2017.

There are a number of environmental concerns that need to be answered before attempting to extend the city docks into the Potomac River. What happens to the wildlife, the flora and the fauna? How much debris and silt would collect there? I seriously doubt that the District of Colum-

bia, the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Park Service are going to approve extending the King Street docks some 300 feet into the Potomac River.

There is no mention in the plan regarding the historical significance of Alexandria. Since the waterfront resides within the Old and Historic District you would expect that some mention of historic preservation would have been worked into the plan. Just the opposite has occurred. The planners have failed to realize that tourists come to Old Town for its historic significance rather than to dine in its 82 restaurants on King Street that run from the river to the rails. We are the third oldest historic district in the country and its about time that the planners start paying attention to that. Very few other historic communities have the number of 18th and 19th century structures that Alexandria possesses. Failure to recognize this fact is a significant shortcoming of the plan. We surely don't need to mirror the Council's comment that "old town is getting old."

Adaptive reuse should be used to rehab the former Potomac Arms building, also known as the Beachcomber Restaurant located on the Strand. That structure can be turned back into a restaurant as it was in the early '40s or perhaps a small office building. It should not be torn down despite the fact that

the city procured the building using the open space funds. It represents a different historic period, visually adds a great deal to the scenery on the waterfront and is a desired adaptive reuse with a view. Additionally, there are a number of other historic buildings on the waterfront, primarily on Union Street, that should be kept in tact through adaptive reuse.

Converting Chadwick's Parking Lot into a park is a bad idea. The parking lot was created in the early '40s by dumping left-over cement into the river every day. The parking lot is solid cement probably between 6-9 feet in depth. There is no way to plant trees and grow grass over this surface. Taking all the concrete out would cost a small fortune. In addition, the city only owns one-third of the parking lot. It would cost a significant amount to procure the other two thirds of the lot owned by the Mann and Sweeney estates. This lot houses upward of 100 vehicles. If the city can't create new parking spots within a one block radius then leave the lot alone. Chadwick's, the Dandy and Nina's Dandy depend on this parking facility.

Its senseless critiquing the two Robinson Terminal sites as the Washington Post will put up each

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WRITINGS

On Retirement

BY DENE TOTHILL NICHOLS

Well, I don't know about this getting old. You work most of your life. You can't wait to be able to stay home, roll over in the morning, turn off the alarm and stay in bed all day if you want to. When, in fact your body has become so accustomed to getting up early that, in your leisure, you are up before the crack of dawn.

You couldn't stay in bed all day long anyhow. Your body wouldn't let you. Down time is not good for my old bones. If I stayed in bed all day, it would take days to get those stiff bones moving again. It's not fair.

You are retired now, you can spend all day making those gourmet meals that never happened when you were working. But, who would eat them? You certainly can't. You can't afford it. I don't mean financially — You gotta think about your calories, your cholesterol and your blood pressure. You can finally get up in the morning and have a leisurely breakfast.

But, alas, no bacon, no sausage, no eggs. Only oatmeal. I hate oatmeal. It's like eating slime.

You can finally afford to go to nice restaurants, but they don't open until 6 p.m. and you can't see to drive after dark. Not only that, bedtime is just around the corner at 8 p.m. You have to get to bed early

so you can get up early to read the paper and do the crossword puzzle. Whoopie! And, so life goes.

You crawl in your car because, at this point, you can drive better than you can walk. And, they say retirement is boring. I amuse myself, by spending most of my time planning on the easiest way not to exert myself. But, then, they say you have to exercise. Bette Davis said getting old ain't for sissies. She sure said a mouthful.

I worked in the Pentagon for 20 years. There were 17 and a half miles of hallway and I walked them all plenty of times and in high heels at that. If not the hallways, I walked a few million miles through the Pentagon parking lots. I got my exercise, but I

guess that wasn't enough. The doctor says you need more.

I say I get exercise cleaning my house. But, then someone comes to visit me and they find out that I lied. It's not that I can't do housework, I just don't want to. I hate dusting. I hate unloading the dishwasher and I certainly don't enjoy cleaning bathrooms.

That dirt will still be here when I am gone. I'm not going to hurt myself doing housework. Could it be that I am lazy?

I don't really mean to complain and sound bitter. I am fortunate enough to have found a new career. I love to write, but, after 10 years, I have run out of subjects. Can you help me?

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gram for Survivors (www.taps.org), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen, and provides intensive services and activities.

Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007. Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds received during combat in Anbar province in Iraq. Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed by enemy fire in Ar Ramadi, Iraq on Tuesday, June 6, 2006.

Airman 1st Class LeeBernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, a 2003 graduate of T.C. Williams High School, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

United States Army Specialist Felipe J. Garcia Villareal, 26 of Burke, was injured in Iraq and flown to Washington Hospital Center, where he died Feb. 12, 2006. He was a graduate of Herndon High School.

Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf, Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005. Staff Sgt. Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded. Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.

Staff Sgt. George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of

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parcel for sale when they are confident they have buyers with acceptable developments. The city is wasting their time preplanning those developments.

Needless to say the city's entire waterfront plan is not very well thought out. They need to go back to the drawing boards. That is after replacing the planning director with someone who has in fact planned previous waterfronts.

Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet
Alexandria

Archive of Dumb Ideas

To the Editor:

I'm sure I'm joined by the majority of Alexandrians in saying that the coming reduction in public library hours is unacceptable. However stretched the budget may be, this is not the place to look for savings. A few cents saved now would be compounded many times into future deficits in the education and abilities of our workforce.

Only by offering all possible opportunities for betterment can we maximize the contributions our thousands of new immigrants will make to our society and culture.

Let's hope that this new schedule will promptly join the proposed closing, about

a decade ago, of the Burke branch, in the archive of dumb ideas.

Elisabeth Vodola
Alexandria

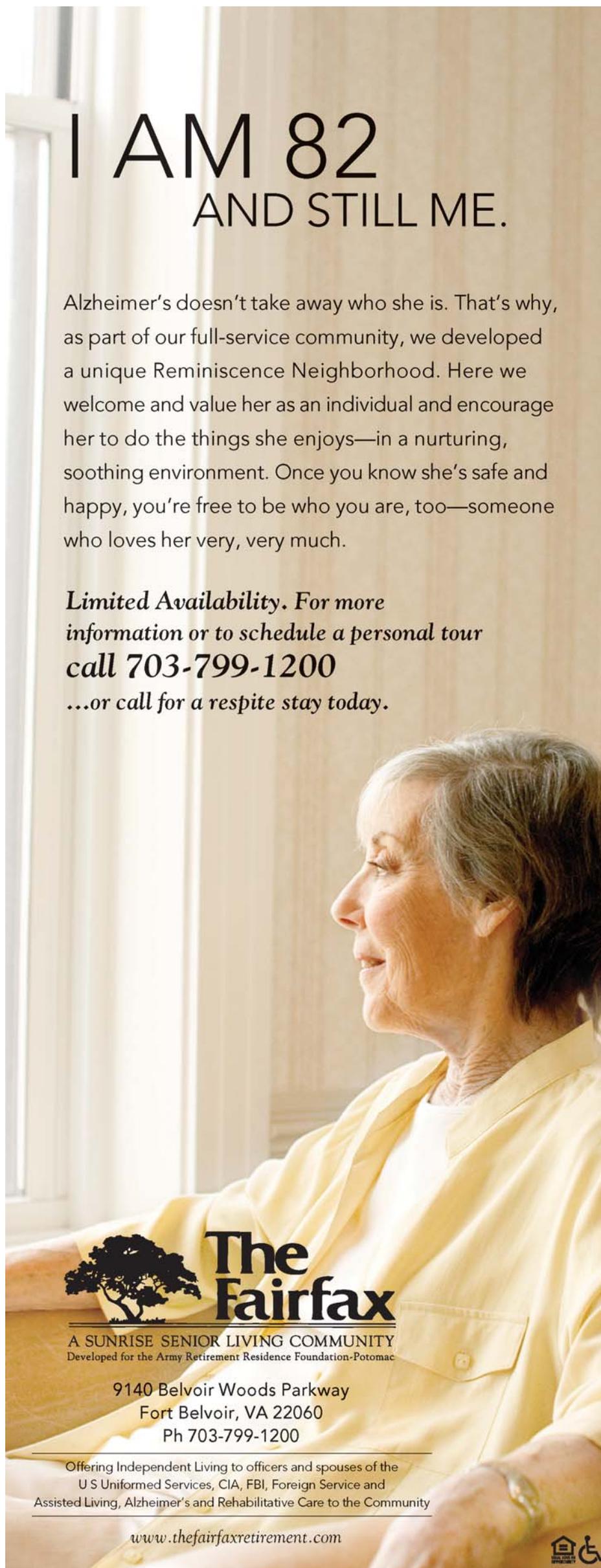
Committed To Deficit?

To the Editor:

A skilled politician knows what his/her audience wants to hear and is likely to structure his/her public pronouncements accordingly. So, because folks can't really trust what politicians say while campaigning (remember how quickly Candidate Bush's "More humble foreign policy" morphed into President Bush's "Axis of Evil"), folks have to read carefully between the lines for when a candidate slips up and accidentally reveals what he/she will really be like if elected.

Republican congressional candidate Patrick Murray claims the USA is the only thing too big to fail. That tells folks that, if elected, he would write a blank check against the deficit to prevent the USA from "failing" in Iraq, Afghanistan and who knows how many other domestic and foreign forums deemed "critical" to the USA's "success." His remark which, superficially seems like a statement against deficit spending is really a coded commitment for it.

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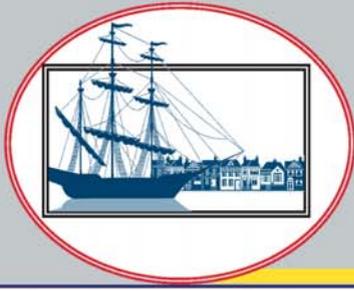
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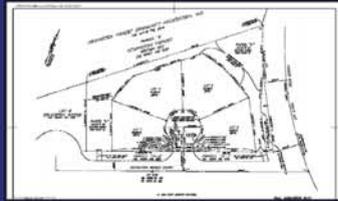
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Open House, Sunday 1-4



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\$610,000

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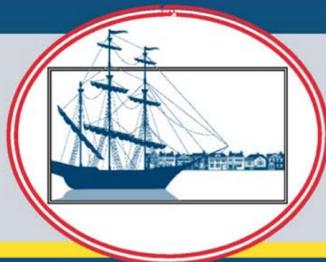
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JUST LISTED!

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\$498,500

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JUST LISTED!

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NEW PRICE!

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\$575,000

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1306 COMMONWEALTH AVE Del Ray / \$515,000

3BR/2.5BA, 3 lvl TH. Open floor plan, MBR w/his & her closets, dressing area. Storage, fenced patio, pkg, newer HVAC & roof. Gem waiting to be polished. DIR: from Braddock (Braddock METRO), R Commonwealth to 1306.

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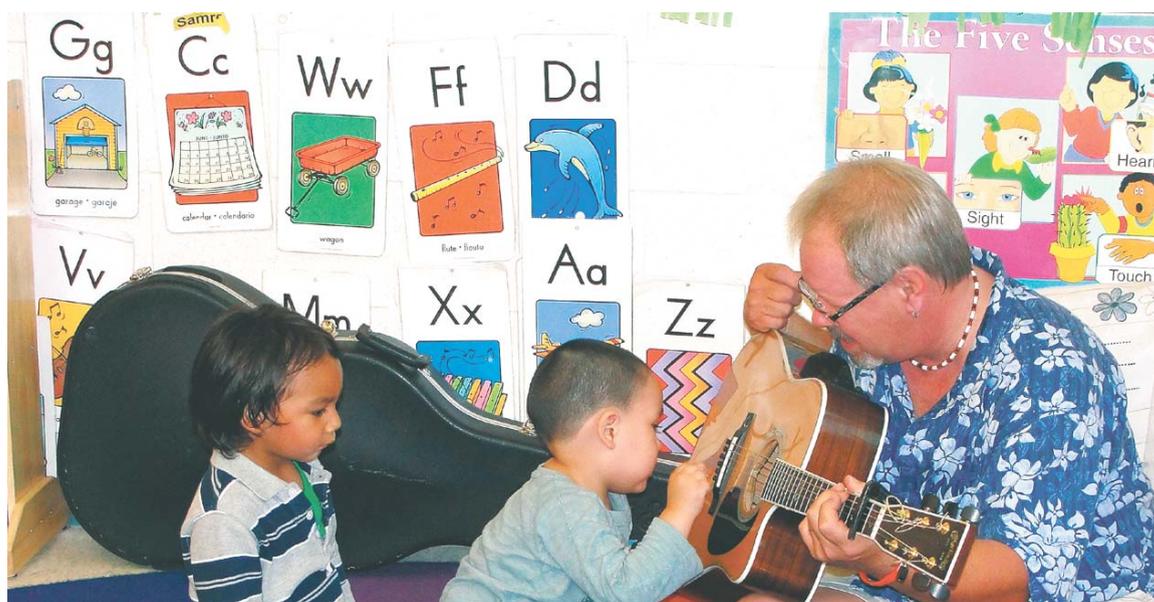
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NEWS



Tiny Titans

Daybe and Isaiah, children in the Tiny Titans program at T.C. Williams High School, enjoy the music of Mr. Skip, a local children's musician. The "Mother's Day Shower" was given on May 12 by the Junior Friends of The Campagna Center to honor the Tiny Titans program. In addition to the party, each family received gifts of clothing, toys and books to enjoy.



Members of the Tiny Titans staff at T.C. Williams High School enjoy the Mother's Day Shower given on May 12 by the Junior Friends of The Campagna Center honoring members of the Tiny Titans program.

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From left: CFNC teacher Blanca Medina, U.S. Sen. Mark Warner and CFNC Executive Director Barbara Fox Mason.



From left, CFNC teacher Katherine Valenzuela, Blanca Nacivi and CFNC teacher Claudia Castro.



CFNC Board Member Scott McLallen and his wife Sarah.

Spring Benefit Honors CFNC Founder

The Child & Family Network Centers (CFNC) held its Annual Spring Benefit on Saturday, May 8, at the home of Catie and Steven Peterson in Alexandria.

At this year's benefit, CFNC celebrated the career

of its founder and executive director, Barbara Fox Mason, upon her retirement after more than 26 years of working to improve the lives of children in Northern Virginia. To learn more about CFNC, visit www.cfnc-online.org

Remember, No 'I' in Team

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

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is gearing up for the summer and recommends that you sign your children up soon before classes and camps are filled. Here are just a few initiatives we are promoting now and this summer and hope we continue to have your support.

Operation Prom Dress has been an overwhelming success with more than 100 dresses collected along with accessories and shoes. The Prom Rally is scheduled for Friday, June 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. There are safety, beauty, exercise and other fun workshops scheduled for this event. Then, of course the dresses are distributed for the youth. Volunteers are needed for that day.

RECREATION

Power on the Arts is the summer program operating at your neighborhood recreation centers. The cost is \$25 for the entire summer, the only better price than that is free. ACCT (Alexandria City Community Theatre) is preparing for the production of *Magical Motown*.

M.U.S.E. is the musical component of the ACCT program and is soliciting musical instruments from the community. We are in receipt of a piano and some congos. If you have some musical instruments just lying around, put them to good use by giving them to our music program located at Nannie J. Lee.

Your support is appreciated. We look at community members as part of our team. You all make sure that we continue to deliver quality services. After all, there isn't an I in team, right? For more information on volunteering or registering for summer camps through the recreation centers, call 703-746-5533.

Working To Reform Justice System

FROM PAGE 6

"There are a variety of volunteers actively involved in this organization. Some have family members concerned about conditions in the prisons, others have loved ones being denied parole, and others are simply interested in reform of our criminal justice and prison systems," CURE's Director Carla Peterson said.

Currently, CURE is working to get the Virginia State legislature to "focus on bills to restore voting rights to former prisoners along with other issues related to the criminal justice system.

CURE also helped to introduce legislation to re-

duce the high cost of collect phone calls from prisoners to their families and friends.

They achieved a small victory when the state senate passed legislation that "required the Department of Corrections to contract to offer persons receiving calls from prisoners the option of a "pre-pay" or "collect" system.

In addition, CURE also meets weekly with the Department of Corrections to discuss prison conditions submitted to the organization by prisoners' letters, family and organizational phone calls and e-mails.

For more information on CURE, visit its website www.vacure.org.

ALEXANDRIA BASEBALL IS BACK!

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

2310 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301
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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

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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.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The Alexandria Aces are seeking host families for the upcoming 2010 season in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League. The players arrive Memorial Day Weekend and 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 many colleges and universities around the United States who are looking to get drafted by scouts from Major League Baseball.

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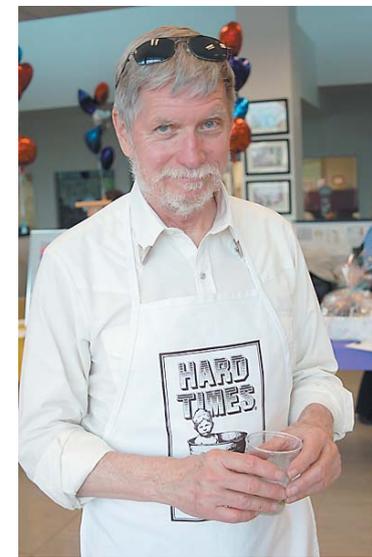
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JoAnn Maldonado, Barbara Beach and Kristin Langlykke are acknowledged for their hard work.



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Fiesta Cinco de Mayo Fund-raiser

Supporting Arlandria Neighborhood Health Services.

BY GALE CURCIO
THE GAZETTE

Arlandria Neighborhood Health Services, Inc. (ANHSI) has hosted another successful Fiesta Cinco de Mayo. This tried and true model not only raised much need funds for the organization, but was also a fun and festive event.

Held at Jack Taylor's Alexandria Toyota, one of the highlights of the event was when one of Taylor's own employees, Patrick Hennessy, manager, Alexandria Toyota, bid on and won the one-day cruise on Taylor's Viking Motor Yacht on the Chesapeake Bay for 12. Also popular was the one-week stay in Jim Galloway's Greek Villa in Santorini, Greece. About a hundred other items were bid on as silent auction items.

Mexican troubadours played for the guests, while several local caterers provided a variety of food for the event.

Nyrma Hernandez, development director, said, "We had a group of about 20 volunteers from the community who helped organize the event led by Barbara Beach and JoAnn Maldonado. We had more than 300 people at the event and outcomes to date are over \$62,500 in gross revenue. This will support critical health care for an ever-growing number of uninsured children, women and men; 94 percent of adults are uninsured.

"However, in spite of the success of Cinco de Mayo, ANHSI needs the support from the community to be



PHOTOS BY GALE CURCIO

Leah Vincent enjoys the colorful balloons at Fiesta Cinco de Mayo.

able to meet the dramatic demand for health care.

"There was great representation from the community — donors, community partners, foundation supporters, corporations, local hospitals, many, many friends and from the political circle — U.S. Rep. Jim Moran, Mayor Bill Euille, Paul Smedberg, Rob Krupicka, state Sen. Patsy Ticer, Del. Adam Ebbin and Vice-Mayor Kerry Donnelly.

"Over 125 items were donated by the community and several local restaurants provided the food for the event. Of course, we are very thankful to Jack Taylor who has provided the venue [to ANHSI] for more than eight years at no cost."

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

Remembering on Memorial Day 2010

FROM PAGE 17

injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Tallil, Iraq on Nov. 5, 2005. Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32 of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter was brought down in Iraq.

1st Lt. Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan. CW4 Matthew S. Lourey of Lorton died from injuries sustained on May 26, 2005 in Buhriz, Iraq.

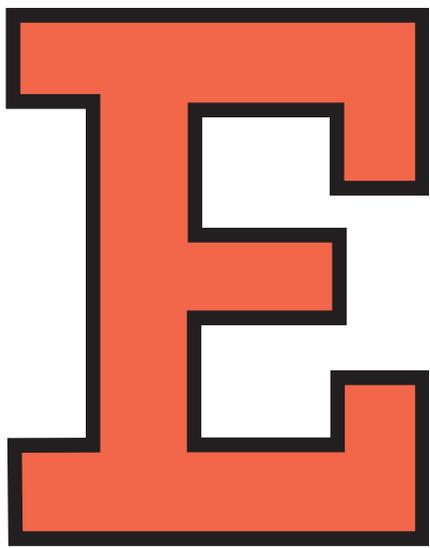
Operations Officer Helge Boes of Fairfax was killed on Feb. 5, 2003, while participating in counterterrorism efforts in eastern Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Lance Cpl. Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; 1st Lt. Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; 1st Lt. Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of

Herndon; Army Chief Warrant Officer Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Command Sgt. Maj. James D. Blankenbecker, 40, of Mount Vernon; Capt. James F. Adamowski, 29, of Springfield; Sgt. DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Staff Sgt. Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington; Maj. Joseph McCloud, of Alexandria; Major Gloria D. Davis, 47 of Lorton.

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Costumes — Julia Munro, Meghan Pearson, Nicole Weinard — Bishop Ireton High School — GO-GO BEACH The Musical

Costumes — Thomas Norman — Thomas Edison High School The Curious Savage

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Ensemble in a Play — The Wayside School Kids — West Potomac — Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Female Dancer — Madeline Bryan — TC Williams High — Chicago

Comic Actor in a Play — Timothy Yuan — Thomas Jefferson High School — Once in a Lifetime

Comic Actor in a Musical — Adam J. Santalla — Bishop Ireton High — GO-GO BEACH The Musical

Supporting Actress in a Play — Sophia Sperling — Thomas Edison High School — The Curious Savage

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Lead Actress in a Play — Emily Wolfteich — Thomas Edison High School — The Curious Savage

Lead Actress in a Play — Emily Woods — West Potomac — Sideways Stories from Wayside School

Song — Mister Cellophane — TC Williams High School — Chicago

'Love! Valour! Compassion!' Shows Men Coping with AIDS

Dominion Stage tackles McNally's 1994 play.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE CONNECTION

As Memorial Day Weekend approaches this is an appropriate time for Dominion Stage to open its production of Terrence McNally's "Love! Valour! Compassion!" After all, the first act takes place over a Memorial Day Weekend at a lake-side summer home about two hours' drive north of New York City where a group of gay men have gathered for a weekend of skinny dipping and other forms of "R and R."

Acts two and three take place over the Fourth of July and Labor Day weekends, as the men's relationships evolve in the wake of indiscretions and events during that first weekend. Over it all hangs the specter of a plague that, at that moment appeared both unstoppable and incurable. It was the plague known as AIDS.

That was the mid-1990s. It may be a bit hard to recall just how terrible the epidemic appeared just then. As bad as the AIDS crisis is today, then it seemed even worse because of the factor of the unknown. The gay community in the United States was reeling from the shock of an apparently unstoppable onslaught. The new disease was taking thousands of lives a month and the rate was increasing. Today the trend is down. Where AIDS would take over 50,000 American lives a year then, today it is closer to 10,000 — and treatments have been devised. It is still a scourge and the international as well as domestic implications are staggering. But in 1994 it seemed an unstoppable terror, at least to those in the identified high risk groups.

Terrence McNally, author of such powerful plays as "Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune" and "Lips Together, Teeth Apart" (and later "Master Class" and "Corpus Christie") created this eight-character play that won the Tony Award for Best New Play of 1994. McNally wasn't just writing about AIDS. He was writing about people. Specifically, male people. In particular, gay male people. Each is a definable individual with strengths, weaknesses, virtues, vices, hopes and fears. The AIDS crisis permeates those fears, but isn't the only fact of life in their lives.

That Dominion Stage was able to attract seven actors both capable of bringing those characteristics to life and willing to bare all in the process is something of a testament to the strength of the talent pool in our community. The on-stage nudity is treated here, as the play requires, as a simple fact of life among the men in the play. How different characters display or disguise their bodies is but one tool the playwright uses to reveal their personalities.

There's Buzz, an AIDS victim who flaunts his gayness but not his body. Mario Font handles the role with appropriate flair (it is a role that featured Nathan Lane on Broadway



PHOTO BY REGINALD WATERS

Richard Isaacs, Mario Font, Matthew Randall and Patrick M. Doneghy in "Love! Valour! Compassion!"



PHOTO BY REGINALD WATERS

Richard Isaacs and Jeffrey Stevenson in "Love! Valour! Compassion!"

and Jason Alexander in the film adaptation) as a show tune queen. When it came to nudity, however, the character opts for a front-covering barbecue chef's apron.

On the opposite side of the issue is Ramon, given a vibrant performance by Shawn g. Byers. He's an openly gay dancer who revels in his body and enjoys showing it off either to shocking effect or simply as an object of beauty. He spends a good deal of the play sunbathing in the nude on a platform at the rear of the stage.

The most touching performance of the evening comes from Luke Morris as the blind young lover of the host of the weekends. He's vulnerable on so many different levels and Morris gets each of them right. Patrick M. Doneghy is strong and compelling as his lover, the owner of the house and a middle-aged choreographer who fears he may be running out of inspiration for new dances and his body may be getting too battered to execute what dances he does devise.

Matthew Randall doubles as both a British pianist and his AIDS infected brother while Jeffrey Stevenson brings an empathetic tone

to the role of one half of a long-term relationship and Richard Isaacs adds the acerbic edge to that of his partner.

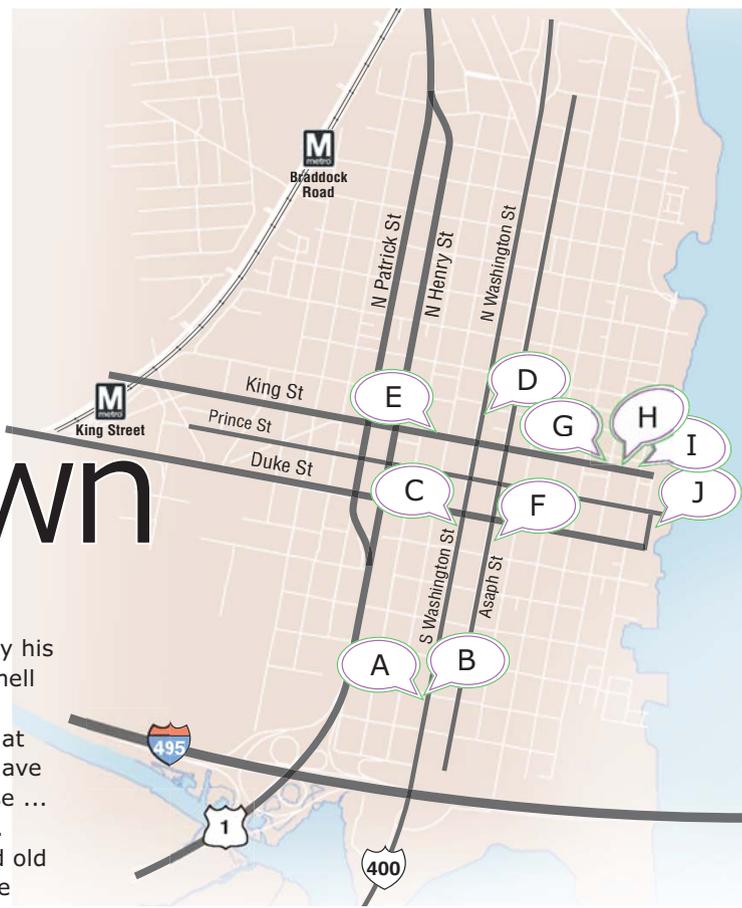
As with other productions of the play, the costumes tell about as much about each character as the absence of costumes does. Ceci Albert does a fine job of giving each character a wardrobe that bespeaks personality without overdoing it. That is, until the finale which sees six of the seven don tutus for a bit of "Swan Lake" at an AIDS benefit show.

Director Rick Hayes brings it all together in a well-paced presentation that emphasizes the camaraderie of the group while giving each member a chance to make his reactions to events clear. It is a full evening of emotion with, as is almost always the case with a Terrence McNally play, a good deal of humor.

Where and When

The Dominion Stage production of "Love! Valour! Compassion!" continues through June 6 at Theatre One of the Gunston Arts Center, 2700 South Lang Street. Performances are Wednesday - Saturday at 8 p.m. with a matinee on Sunday, June 6 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Call 703-683-0502 or log on to www.dominionstage.org.

Talk of the Town



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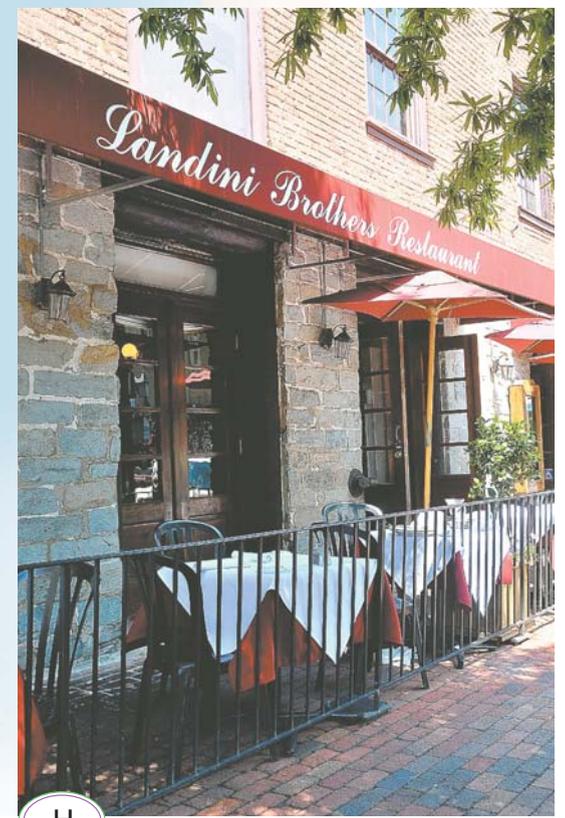
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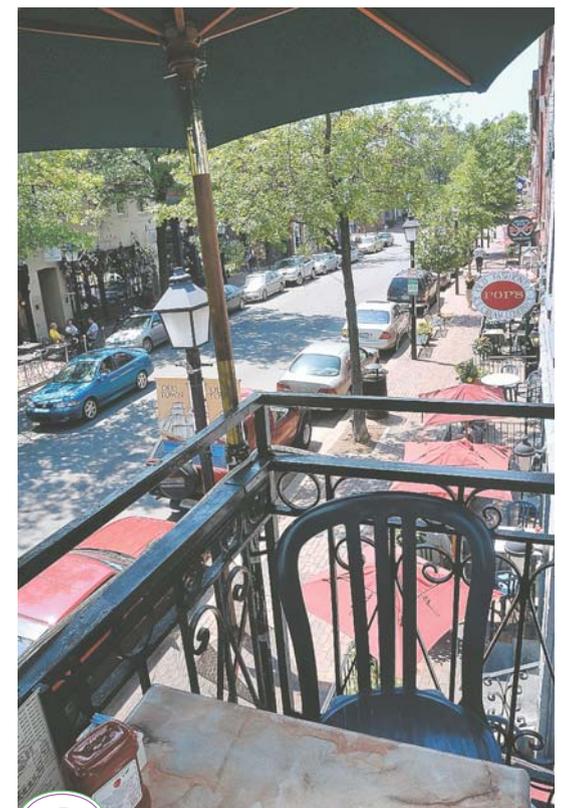


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CALENDAR

FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

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

MAY 22 TO JUNE 1

Handcrafted Alexandria Spring Shopping. Visit 10 Handcrafted Alexandria businesses and enter for your chance to win a Grand Prize Weekend Getaway featuring gift certificates to the Hotel Monaco, Jackson 20 restaurant, and a Handcrafted Alexandria Shopping Spree! At the following Handcrafted Alexandria businesses: Torpedo Factory Art Center, The Art League, fibre space, La Muse, Potomac Bead Company, Ten Thousand Villages, Arcraft, Arts Afire, Carafe Wine Makers, Del Ray Artisans, Gossypia, Imagine Artwear, Oerth Gallery & Tile Works. Visit www.handcraftedalexandria.com; 703-838-4565

THURSDAY/MAY 27

"Canvas." Free film screening at 6:30 to 9 p.m. Free. Followed by a discussion in recognition of Mental Health Month. Starring Marcia Gay Harden and Joe Pantoliano, the film is an accurate and sympathetic portrayal of mental illness and the devastating effects it can have on a family. At the Masonic Temple, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Contact Shay Holman, Chair at 703-868-7429 or visit <http://healthieralexandria.org/AntiStigma/>

Blues, Swing, Jazz Concert. 7 - 9 p.m. Concert is by guitarist Jim Stephanson and bassist John Previti. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Contact 703-838-4565 or www.torpedofactory.org

Urban Garden Workshop. 10 a.m. to noon. Dean Norton, director of Horticulture at Mount Vernon, will show how to restore, reshape and improve the overall health and look of older or storm-damaged shrubs. At the Carlyle House Historic Site gardens, Old Town Alexandria. Admission is \$20. Call 703-549-2997 to register.

Wine Tasting Night for UCM. 50% of the cost of your wine tasting will be donated to United Community Ministries. Hosted by Prince Michel Tasting Room & Gift Boutique. At 1309 King Street, Alexandria. Visit www.princemichel.com

12-Week Girl Empowerment Group. 6-7:30 p.m. Free. For females ages 14-18. Meets at 1120 Queen Street, Alexandria. Sponsored by Voice Consulting LLC. Topics will include: body image, self-esteem, dealing with authority figures, mother/daughter relationship and much more! Contact: voice_consulting@yahoo.com or 571-314-1989.

Movie Night featuring "Bride and Prejudice." 5 p.m. (rated PG-13): A fast-paced modern retelling of Jane Austen's classic "Pride & Prejudice" Bollywood-style. Refreshments served. At the Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road.

Taste of Old Town North. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. At Montgomery Park, 901 N. Royal Street, Alexandria. Live entertainment, yoga, karate, dance demonstrations, food and a raffle! Sponsored by the Old Town North Community Partnership. Contact 703-836-8066.

FRIDAY/MAY 28

Evening of Music for French Horn. 8 p.m. Free. The U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players performs. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil

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JUNE 3, 4, 5

"Legends of Song." Annual West Potomac High School Choral Department's Spring Show. The show is produced and directed by Ernest L. Johnson, choral director at West Potomac. The choreography is directed by Gennifer Lisenby, dance instructor for 25 years at Alexandria Dance. Held in the Springbank Auditorium. Performances are June 3-5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12. Visit www.westpotomacchoirs.org.

Americana/folk songwriter. At St. Elmo's Coffee Pub in Alexandria.

Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

MAY 28-30

Sunset Celebration. 6-9 p.m. Take evening tours of Mount Vernon, enjoy wine and desserts, 18th century music, dancing, games and wagon rides. Tickets are \$18/adults, \$12/children; free for 5 and under. At Historic Mount Vernon. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at MountVernon.org/onlinetickets.

SATURDAY/MAY 29

Meditation Basics with Art of Living.

11 a.m. Learn basic exercises for clearing your mind, gaining focus, and minimizing stress. At the Burke Branch, 4701 Seminary Road.

SugarCube. 10 a.m. (for all ages): Learn the health benefits and types of chocolate while enjoying free samples. At the Beatley Central, 5005 Duke Street.

SUNDAY/MAY 30

Wheel Day Parade. 3 p.m. Kids of all ages are invited to decorate their bikes, scooters, skates, strollers or anything with wheels to join in the annual Wheel Day Parade. Arrive by 2:45 p.m. at Old Dominion Blvd. and Chalfonte Drive traffic circle. The parade rolls in the North Ridge neighborhood to the Beverley Hills Church playground where prizes will be awarded. Contact Amy or Tom at wheelday@me.com or 703-549-2220.

MONDAY/MAY 31

Memorial Day Jazz Festival. 1-7 p.m. Attendees can bring lawn chairs and blankets. Food will be available for purchase, picnic baskets are welcome and grills are available in the park at the picnic sites. Admission is free. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/12678.

Friends of Captain Rocky Versace Memorial Day Ceremony. 11 a.m. The "Friends of Captain Rocky Versace" invite the public to the 8th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Captain Rocky Versace Plaza and Vietnam Veterans' Memorial. At the Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. The event will honor the 67 Alexandrians who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War.

TUESDAY/JUNE 1

Swing Dancing. 9-11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, King Teddy. At

THURSDAY/JUNE 3

Celebrate Mount Vernon At Home.

4 - 6 p.m. The organization whose mission is to help residents of the Mount Vernon area live safely, comfortably, and confidently in their own homes for as long as possible celebrates its launch at historic River Farm, 7931 East Boulevard Drive. All are invited for drinks, light refreshments, music, and lovely views of gardens and river. Remarks by Mt. Vernon District Supervisor Gerry Hyland. Tickets: \$25/members, \$30/non-members. Call 703-303-4060 or email info@mountvernonathome.org for tickets.

FRIDAY/JUNE 4

Sandra Y. Johnson Quintet. 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469).

Theater Night Fund-raiser. 7 p.m. Local cat orphanage King Street Cats will host its annual Theater Night. At the Little Theatre in Alexandria featuring "Play It Again, Sam" by Woody Allen. Tickets are \$40/advance, \$50/door. The event will raise money to support KSC goals of finding loving homes for all cats and kittens in their care and providing community outreach regarding the welfare and care of cats. Visit the website www.kingstreetcats.org.

SATURDAY/JUNE 5

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Grand Opening June 5, 10-4 p.m. Your monthly dose of art in the heart of Del Ray. Market dates: June 5, July 3, Aug. 7, Sept. 4, Nov. 6. Alexandria Art Market is on the green space of the Del Ray Artisans' gallery in Colasanto Park, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., on the corner of Commonwealth and Mount Vernon Avenues. Entry is free and open to the public. Call Kimberley Bush at 703-627-7656 or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com.

Star-Spangled Bike Tour. Begins at 9 a.m. Cyclists will learn about the impact of the War of 1812 from costumed interpreters. Goes 10 miles and starts at Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 North Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. For information or to make reservations, contact ruth.reeder@alexandriava.gov or call Alexandria Archaeology at 703-746-4399.

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and her granddaughter Nelly interact with visitors. This family-friendly event celebrates the beginning of summer on the plantation.

Tickets are \$18, adults; \$12, children ages 6-11; and free for ages 5 and under. This event requires a separate ticket from daytime admission. Annual passes are not valid for this event. All activities, with the exception of food and wine, are included with admission to this event. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at MountVernon.org/onlinetickets or at the Ford Orientation Center ticket window until 8 p.m. the evening of the event. Guests must be prepared to show identification to purchase wine.

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Jackson 20 is located at 480 King Street, Alexandria. Phone: 703-842-2790. Or visit www.jackson20.com.



CALENDAR

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Shade Gardening. 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.

Historic Alexandria Museum Gala. 6:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Rescheduled. Dining and dancing to Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra. Tickets are \$150/person or \$300/sponsor. At the Holiday Inn Old town, 625 First Street in Alexandria. Visit www.historicalexandria.org or call the Office of Historic Alexandria at 703-746-4554.

SUNDAY/JUNE 6

Koi Auction. 11 a.m. Sponsored by the ZNA Potomac Koi Club. At Hollywood and Vines Nursery, 8453 Richmond Highway, Alexandria. Free registration to bid. Contact Mike Frady at 703-360-9142 or mike@znapotomac.org.

ASO Children's Arts Festival: The Heart of Music. 2 p.m. activities hour; 3 p.m. concert. Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet Fantasy Overture," Leonard Bernstein's "West Side Story," Carter Burwell's "Bella's Lullaby," music from "Twilight." Tickets are \$5. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, NOVA Community College, Alexandria campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0885 or visit www.alexsym.org.

Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic (WMP). Concert. 3 p.m. Free. James Kazik Concert Overture (world premier). Benjamin Britten: Serenade for Tenor, Horn and Strings, Op. 31 with tenor Jon Lackey and hornist Amy Smith. Pre-concert lecture with Dr. Stephen Bertino at 2:15 p.m. (both concerts). At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria.

TUESDAY/JUNE 8

Richard Rice Recital. 7:30 p.m. Free. The concert, entitled Go Lovely Rose: Songs of Love and Loss, features music of living composers, including Ned Rorem, Elizabeth Vercoe, Richard Pearson Thomas, and Richard Rice. The works represent a wide range of poets, from Elizabethans William Shakespeare and Edmund Waller to moderns, including Thom Gunn, John Ashbery, and Constantine Cavafy. Vocal recital at the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

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

WEDNESDAY/JUNE 9

SPY Versus SPY Luncheon. 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Special guest Dr. David Robarge, Chief Historian of the CIA, will talk about the secret side of the Civil War. Sponsored by the Springfield/Alexandria Women's Connection. At the Springfield Golf & Country Club, 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. Cost is \$17/person. Call 703-590-6562 or email SpringWmConn@yahoo.com.

Wine Tasting With Spanish Wines. 7:30-9:30 p.m. Led by Wilkinson Wine Cellar. Fee is \$25/person. Reservations necessary. Call 703-548-1789. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org

JUNE 10, 11, 12

Summer Book Sale. Hours are Thursday, June 10, from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. At the Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1704.

THURSDAY/JUNE 10

David Kitchen. 7 p.m. Known as a road warrior in the local DC area, Kitchen has honed his skills performing before live audiences on an almost nightly basis, working as a sideman on various projects as well as fronting his own bands. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035. Visit myspace.com/davidkitchen.

JUNE 10-13

Excavate Shuter's Hill. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Alexandria Archaeology Institute is excavating the grounds of the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive. Gain hands-on experience in site-excavation methods and record keeping. Learn how to use a transit, process and catalog artifacts in the laboratory, and interpret new discoveries. Advance registration is required. Visit www.alexandriarchaeology.org or call 703-746-4399.

FRIDAY/JUNE 11

Doug Parks and the Lonewolves. 7:30 p.m. A four-piece ensemble based in Falls Church that performs blues and American roots music. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469).

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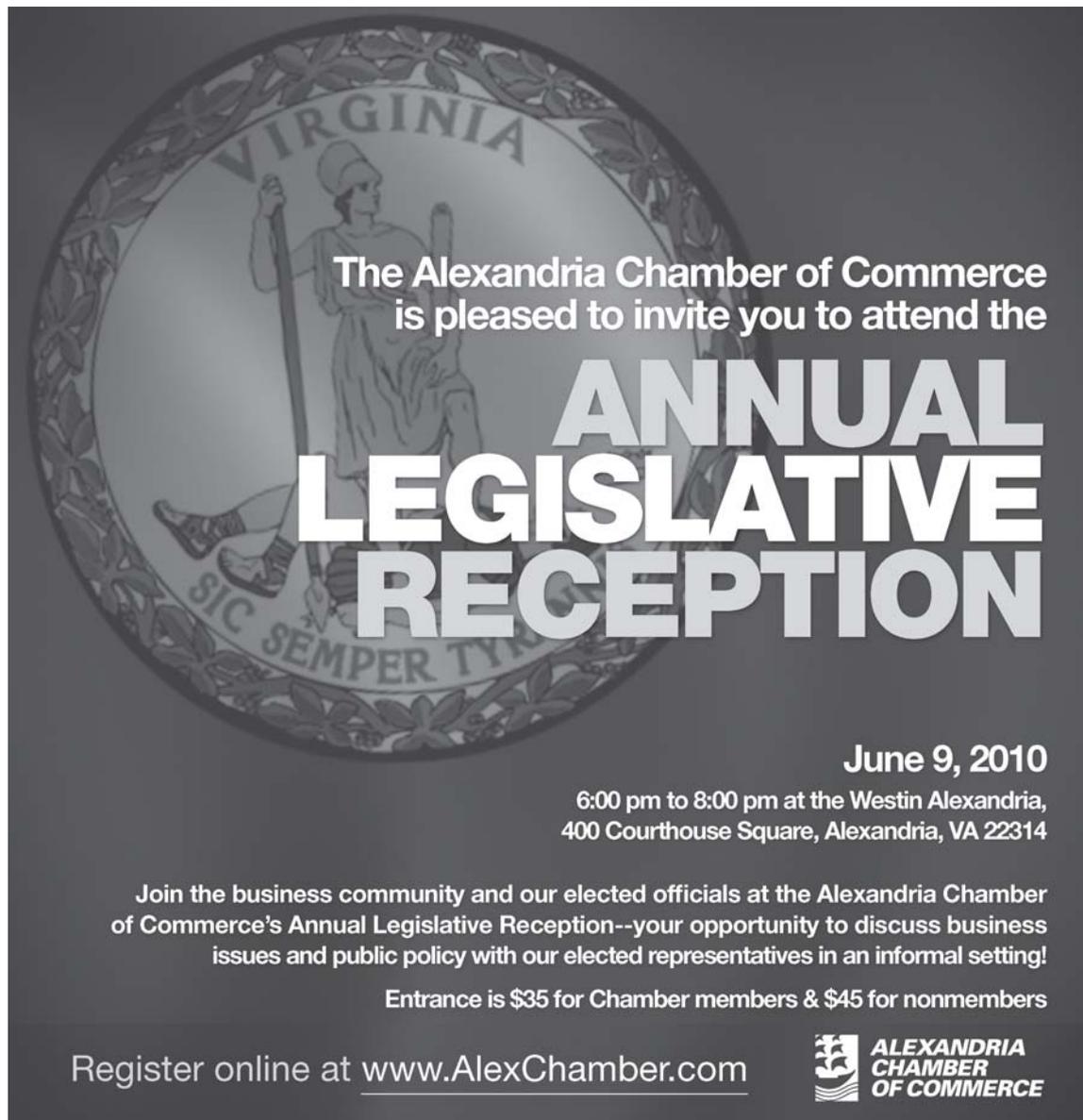
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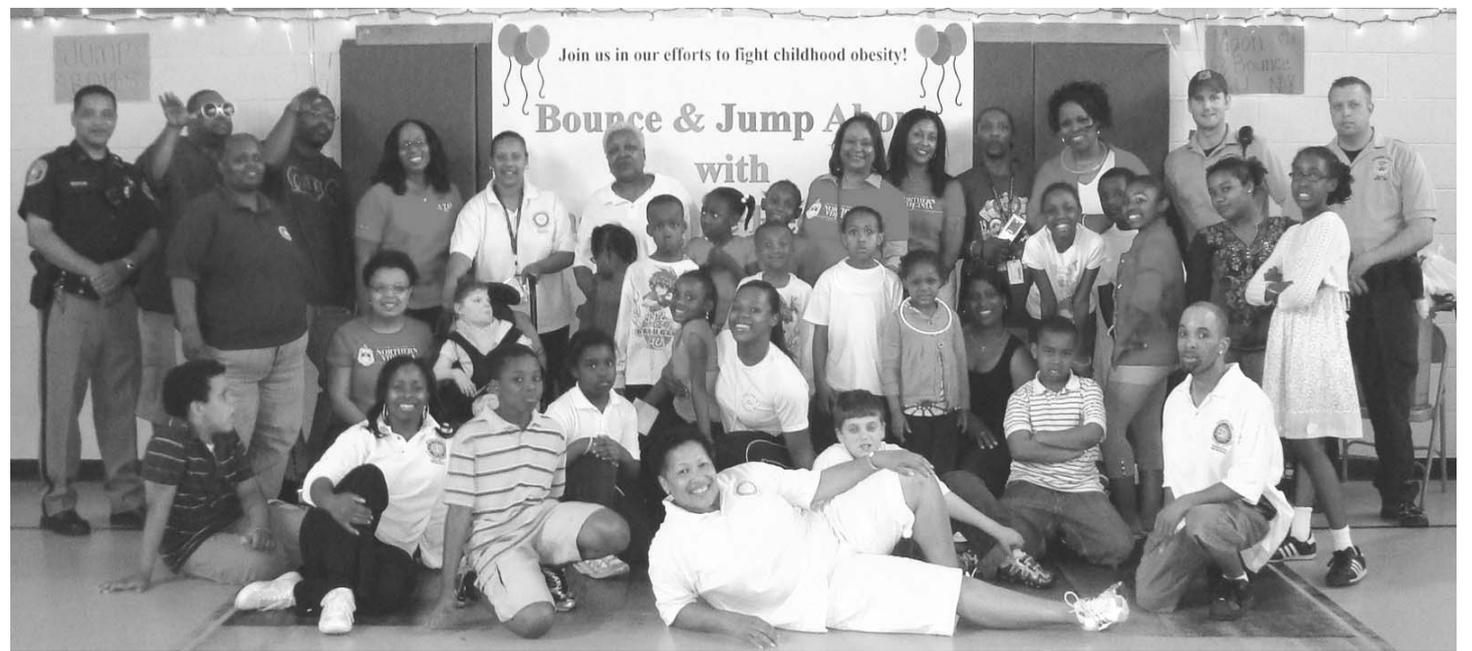
RECREATION

In the Battle Against Childhood Obesity

The City of Alexandria and the Therapeutic Recreation Program kicked off their first initiative, "Bounce & Jump About," on April 30 in support of First Lady Michelle Obama's speaking out and acknowledging childhood obesity across the nation.

The event was hosted at Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. Bounce & Jump About was a fund-raiser that included hula hoops, jump ropes, moon bounces and entertainment. Proceeds will directly benefit the children in the Therapeutic Recreation Program by assisting with the cost of activity fees and field trips for the upcoming summer.

Director of the Therapeutic Recreation Program Jackie Person decided to partner with Delta Sigma Theta by asking them to sponsor 22 program participants to honor their founders.



Among those at the Bounce & Jump About event were members of the Police Department, Sheriff Department, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority along with Charles Houston, Nannie J. Lee and Therapeutic Recreation participants and Therapeutic Recreation staff.

The Black Fire Service Professionals of Alexandria, along with Hot Topic All Stars, Kelley Cares, Metro Technologies, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. were all major sponsors of this event.

William Chesley, deputy director of Recreation, applauded the Therapeutic Recreation Program for addressing the issues of childhood obesity and starting an initiative that will help children make healthier choices.



Director Jackie Person and Assistant Director Brenda Holloway of the Therapeutic Recreation Program hold the Bounce & Jump About banner.

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Inova Alexandria Hospital held a celebration last month to recognize community volunteers from the City of Alexandria for their dedication to the hospital during the winter blizzards of 2010. Volunteers drove hospital employees and physicians to and from work, shoveled snow and performed many other acts of kindness, which made a difference to those who needed the hospital's services. Above are Mayor William Euille; Christine Candio, CEO, Inova Alexandria Hospital, and other community volunteers.



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GAZETTE PACKET

Ms Senior America

Linda F. Huntley is named the new Ms Senior America 2010 on Thursday, May 20, in the Kauffman auditorium at the Lee Community Center.



Alexandria resident Suni Chapman is first runner up in the Ms Senior America 2010 pageant.

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OBITUARY



Frederick Andrew Brown

92, a decorated Naval Officer, died of cardiac arrest March 15, 2010 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital, Falls Church, Virginia. He was an Alexandria resident.

Mr. Brown was a career officer working in the Navy Intelligence Department specializing in Russian.

After retiring from the military in 1968 he worked at the Library of Congress and then with the Defense Department until 1987. He was honored with the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award, along with many other achievement awards.

Mr. Brown was born May 28, 1917 in Marinette, Wisconsin. Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri. From 1939-1943 and 1945-1951 Mr. Brown worked at the Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Company in East St. Louis as a chemist.

At the outbreak of World War II he attended Cornell University receiving his officer's commission.

From 1943-1945 he served aboard the destroyer USS Nicholson in the Pacific. The Nicholson earned four battle stars; seeing action during the Philippines Sea, Leyte Gulf, Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns.

Mr. Brown received a handwritten letter from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy commending him on his article "U.S. Navy Weather Stations in Siberia", in the Naval Institute Proceedings (July 1962).

While serving in the Navy, Mr. Brown was stationed in Naples, Italy; Tokyo, Japan; London, England and Washington, D.C. He also taught Naval Science, machinery and navigation at Ole Miss University. After his retirement from the Defense Department he taught English at the Adult Education Program in Fairfax County.

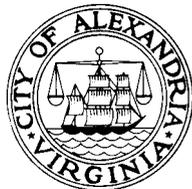
Mr. Brown enjoyed traveling, coin collecting and spoke five languages, Russian being his specialty. He had been researching and writing a book on the life of Alexandra Feodorovna Romanova, the last Tsarina of Russia. He was a Third Free Mason and a life long member of the Arcadia Fraternity.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife of 70 years, Frances V. Brown of Alexandria, Virginia; three sons, Frederick Vincent Brown (Jean) of Water Valley, Mississippi, Thomas Richard Brown (Sue) of Honolulu, Hawaii, Walter Christian Brown (Marsha) of Wausau, Wisconsin; two

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daughters, JoAnn Brown Alfriend of Falls Church, Virginia and Nancy Jane Williams (Ed) of Oak Hill, Virginia; three brothers, George E. Brown of Brownsboro, Alabama; Richard Brown of Sebastopol, California, and William Brown of Fallsbrook, California; a sister, Louise Wolfe preceded him. He was Grandfather of 11, Great Grandfather of 17 and Great-Great Grandfather of one.

Funeral service at Ft. Myer's Old Post Chapel on Wednesday, June 16 at 9am where interment will follow at Arlington National Cemetery.



LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

**BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
THURSDAY, JUNE 10, 2010 - 7:30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, City Hall
Alexandria, Virginia**

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

BZA CASE #2010-0010
122 PRINCE STREET
RM, RESIDENTIAL

James and Christine Garner, owners: Appeal of the Director's January 28, 2010 decision to not permit the use of the half the width of a private alley toward the required side yard setback.

BZA CASE #2010-0013
1403 ORCHARD STREET
R-8, RESIDENTIAL
Steven Kozak, owner: Variations to install a swimming pool 17.00 feet from the front property line facing Braddock Road and an open deck 19.00 feet from the front property line facing Braddock Road.

BZA CASE #2010-0004
219 N. WEST STREET
R-B, RESIDENTIAL
Wanda Carter, owner: Variance to construct a single family home reducing the required open space from 800 square feet to 457 square feet.

LEGAL NOTICE

The City of Alexandria has been selected to receive \$33,826.00 in order to aid the City's emergency food and shelter programs. Any public or private voluntary agencies who wish to apply for funds from the Emergency Food and Shelter Program should contact Vicki Green of The Salvation Army, Alexandria Corp (1804 Mt. Vernon Ave. Alexandria) by calling 703-836-2427. Interested agencies may also get an application by emailing vicki_green@uss.salvationarmy.org. All applications must be received by June 1st, 2010.

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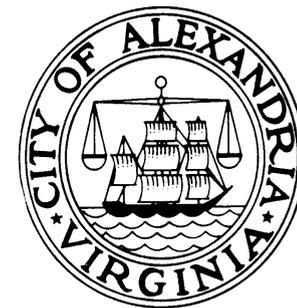
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Notice of Initiation of the Section 106 Process: Public Participation

Clearwire Wireless Broadband is proposing a telecommunications facility at the following address: 310 South Washington Street, Alexandria, Virginia, 22314. The proposed developments will include attaching microwave dishes to an existing building rooftop and connecting to existing on-site utilities. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects that these proposed projects may have on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Alex Bos, RESCOM Environmental Corp., P.O. Box 6225, Traverse City, MI 49696 or call 1.231.947.4454. Project Reference #: 1004041

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CITY OF ALEXANDRIA FIRST HALF 2010 REAL ESTATE TAX AND REFUSE FEE ARE DUE JUNE 15, 2010

The first half 2010 real estate tax and refuse fee must be paid by June 15, 2010, to avoid late payment penalty and interest. Payment can be made by credit card or eCheck on the City's web site at alexandriava.gov/payments, in person at City Hall or at any SunTrust Bank Branch located in the City. Real estate tax payments can also be mailed to the Treasurer's Office, PO Box 34750, Alexandria, VA 22334-0750.

Real estate tax information is available on the City's web site at alexandriava.gov/finance. For payment questions or to request a tax bill, please call the Treasury Division at 703.746.3902 or email payments@alexandriava.gov. For assessment questions or to change a mailing address, please call the Real Estate Assessments Department at 703.746.4646 or email realestate@alexandriava.gov. For refuse fee questions, please call the Solid Waste Division at 703.746.4410.

The Finance Department is open, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. A drop box located on the Royal Street side of City Hall is available 24 hours a day. (Payments must be in the drop box by midnight on June 15, 2010 to be considered on time.)

NEWS

One Space, Six Workers

FROM PAGE 1

"It's not good enough for us to say we had a meeting and we're waiting to hear back," Donley instructed senior city officials Tuesday night. "We're going to call 'em again and call 'em again and send them an email and hold a meeting without them if we have to."

Donley also suggested that the city consider hiring a full-time employee to oversee the back-and-forth. Meanwhile on Capitol Hill, U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) is pushing legislation that would limit the DOD to 1,000 parking spaces at the monolithic building that some motorists have compared to the Death Star from "Star Wars." Moran said his legislation was prompted by the Virginia Department of Transportation conclusion that Alexandria intersections will be slammed during morning drive time — even with the current draft of the transportation management plan.

"Under the current plan, the traffic situation will be intolerable," said Moran in a written statement issued Tuesday. "Our goal is to force the Army to put an effective transportation solution in place before the majority of workers are allowed in the building."

A SOLUTION to the problem could be more than 10 years away. That's because the alternatives that were being studied were thrown out, one for cutting through a nature preserve and the other because it couldn't handle morning drive time. The Federal Highway Administration has rejected the council-approved Alternative A1, and now council members are considering new options Alternative F and Alternative G. The winner has to go through evaluation, environmental impact study, design, engineering, funding and construction. And Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell has publicly supported the concept of high-occupancy toll lanes now on an indefinite hold along the Shirley Memorial Highway.

"We need to get geared up for battle," said Mayor Bill Euille in response to the governor's support for HOT lanes. "He is committed and says it will be happening under his administration."

Transportation Director Rich Bair said the city is already hard at work creating the "triple left" from westbound Seminary to southbound Beaugard. That's being paid by Duke Realty as part of a development proffer. But now that the Virginia Department of Defense has declined to pay for any future traffic analysis, the city is stuck with paying half the bill for an interchange modification report and interim traffic improvements. Council members are already planning to the best way to respond to the final version of the transportation master plan, which is expected in early June.

"We really need to have extremely strong language as it relates to the [transportation master plan]," said Councilman Paul Smedberg. "Expanding beyond the King Street Metro."

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Mr. Brown was a career officer working in the Navy Intelligence Department specializing in Russian.

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After retiring from the military in 1968 he worked at the Library of Congress and then with the Defense Department until 1987. He was honored with the Department of Defense Civilian Service Award, along with many other achievement awards.

Mr. Brown was born May 28, 1917 in Marinette, Wisconsin. Received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from the University of Missouri. From 1939-1943 and 1945-1951 Mr. Brown worked at the Midwest Rubber Reclaiming Company in East St. Louis as a chemist.

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Mr. Brown received a handwritten letter from Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, U.S. Navy commending him on his article "U.S. Navy Weather Stations in Siberia", in the Naval Institute Proceedings (July 1962).

While serving in the Navy, Mr. Brown was stationed in Naples, Italy; Tokyo, Japan; London, England and Washington, D.C. He also taught Naval Science, machinery and navigation at Ole Miss University. After his retirement from the Defense Department he taught English at the Adult Education Program in Fairfax County.

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Titans End Season with Emotional Loss

TC seniors remember their careers after loss to South County.

BY JON ROETMAN
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The sun had long since set behind the baseball field at South County Secondary School, but T.C. Williams senior Matt Kilby sported sunglasses as he walked over for a postgame interview. The Titans' season ended moments earlier with a 9-1 loss to the Stallions in the Patriot District tournament and Kilby was shielding the emotion in his eyes.

But Kilby, near the top of his class at TC and on his way to play baseball for Navy, didn't hide everything behind his shades. The all-region performer expressed verbally what it felt like to end his high school career with a touch of humor and ample agony.

How was Kilby feeling?

"Expletive," he joked. "It's the worst feeling ever. To feel that I'm never going to be able to play baseball with my best friends ever again; I'm never going to be able to play high school baseball ever again; it's ripping my stomach out right now."

The loss ended the careers of several Titans who helped put TC baseball back on

the map. Andrew Simpson, in his second season as head coach, had worked with the team's seniors since they were in the eighth grade. After winning a regional tournament game and posting back-to-back winning seasons for the first time in 33 years during the 2009 season, TC entered 2010 with big expectations. But injuries to key players — all-region second baseman Adam Forrer, pitcher Steve Weidman — and inconsistent play led to disappointment.

"Last year we were living good, won a game in regionals," Kilby said. "We all thought, 'Wow, if we could do that last year, state championship here we come. But injuries happen; you can't do anything about them. It was bad luck. ... [I could] spend the rest of my life thinking how well we could have done with Adam at second and Steven on the mound.'"

TC finished 10-12, marking the first time the Titans posted three consecutive 10-win seasons since the 1970s.

Kilby, TC's all-time career RBI leader, hit .476 during his senior season with six home runs and 23 RBIs. He also went 3-3 on the mound with three saves. Senior Rob Mannel hit .380 with six home runs and 22 RBIs and senior pitcher Chris Cattaneo led the Titans with five victories.

"I've been dreading this day for five years," Simpson said after the South County game. "This was the year that we looked forward to. I had these kids, seven of them, as eighth-graders. They've really made a huge impact on the program. They've re-

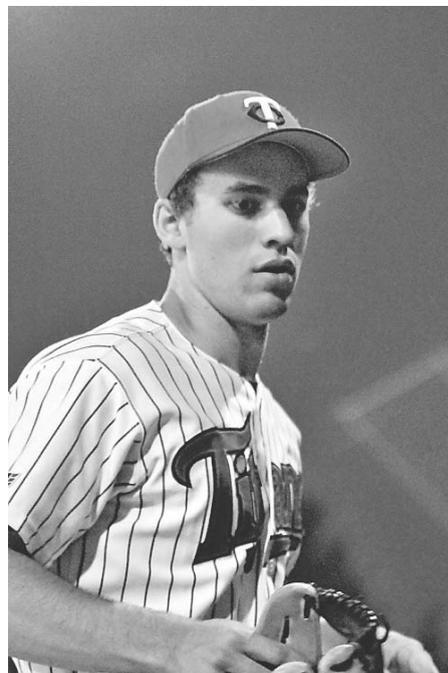


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Matt Kilby hit .476 with six home runs during his senior season at T.C. Williams, but said what he'll most remember is the time he spent with his teammates.

ally put TC baseball on the map."

Seniors Alex Hampl, Alex Goldfarb, Marshall Cook and Jon Jones also ended their Titan careers.

AGAINST SOUTH COUNTY, TC jumped out to a 1-0 lead when Mannel led off the second inning with a home run over the 360-foot sign in center field. But that was as good as it would get for the Titans, who quickly fell behind when South County

scored three runs in the bottom half of the inning. The Stallions added two runs in the third inning and three in the fourth.

Mannel started on the mound and allowed seven earned runs in 3 1/3 innings.

"A couple things went wrong, mechanically," Mannel said. "I really didn't have it like I usually do. Nerves got to me a little bit, I guess. It was a pretty important game — the most important game of my life — and I just didn't have it."

Mannel said he'll remember the jokes his teammates told and the fun they had together. He also said he wants to walk onto the baseball team at Radford University, sounding determined not to let the loss be his last game.

"I just need to play baseball," he said. "If I don't make it, I'm either going to transfer or do everything I can to make it the next year."

Cattaneo pitched, 2 1/3 innings of relief, allowing one earned run.

"I've been playing with these guys since I was in elementary school, middle school," he said. "You can't take those [memories] away. Those are with you for life."

The Titans will return several key contributors in 2011. Junior Trav Clark batted .476 with three home runs and 12 RBIs in 2010. Juniors Nick Severini (.400) and Tim Trout (.345) and sophomores Aaron Tovskey (.371) and Nate Ribyat (.345) each batted better than .300. On the mound, junior Weidman will be the staff ace and Alec Grosser, who won a game as a freshman, will likely be a contributor.

"When a down year is a 10-win season,"

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Sportsman's Club Awards

The Alexandria Sportsman's Club held its 55th Annual Award Banquet on May 18. An athlete or athletes from the city's four high schools — T.C. Williams, Bishop Ireton, St. Stephen's & St. Agnes, Episcopal — was honored in each sport, along with other awards.

Winners from T.C. Williams: Shannon Smyth (girls cross country), Ryan Yates (boys basketball), Matt Kilby (baseball), Hallie Lenneman (girls crew), DaJuan Douglas (rugby).

Winners from Bishop Ireton: Saskia Kroesen (girls swimming), Angus MacDonald (boys swimming), Janet Tela (girls lacrosse), Thaddeus Babiec (boys crew).

Winners from SSSAS: Reilly Woodman (field hockey), Laith Wallschleger (football), Holt Mountcastle (ice hockey), Kelsey Horton (girls lacrosse), David Solomon (boys lacrosse), Sarah Pariser (girls tennis), Jelani Molock (boys track), Alexis Sargent (softball).

Winners from Episcopal: Reid Nickle (boys cross country), Bailey Patrick (golf), Mary Foran (volleyball), Henry Eshelman (wrestling), Peter Pritchard (boys tennis), Sarah Dillard (girls track), Shantell

Bingham (girls track), Alex Smith (boys soccer), Rachel Hurley (girls soccer).

St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys lacrosse coach Andy Taibl was named Coach of the Year. Lynn Montiel of Alexandria Little League received the Lifetime Service Award. Steve Niswader received the Past Presidents Award and Bruce Brunson, George Washington class of 1969, won the Hall of Fame Award. Mac Slover, director of young & adult sports of the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities was the Civic Award and Alex Duke of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School won the Recreation Department Athlete of the Year award.

Marc Leon, the club's first vice president, was named Sportsman of the Year.

Jacob Manley of Bishop Ireton, Brttni Register of SSSAS and Sage Ofray of Episcopal were the Alexandria Sportsman's Club Scholarship Winners.

Episcopal Wins State Golf Title

Episcopal High School capped off a memorable golf season by winning the Virginia Independent School Athletic Association championship on May 17 at Sleepy

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5Qs

Five questions with T.C. Williams senior Rob Mannel

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

A: Montana [for] a family vacation.

Q: What is the best feeling one can have during a baseball game?

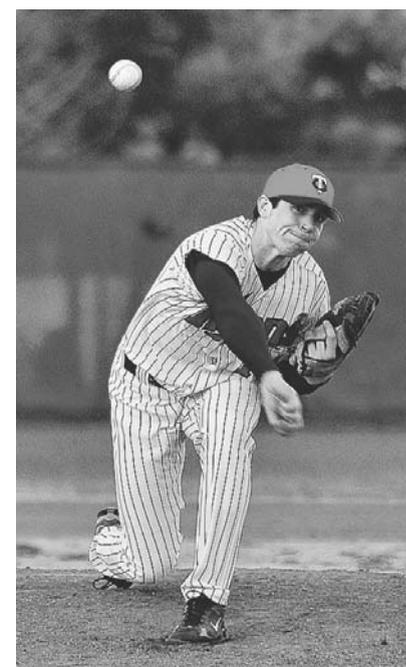
A: Striking out the side.

Q: Who is your favorite pro baseball team? Player?

A: I like the Angels and Vladimir Guerrero.

Q: What do you like to do in your free time?

A: Play guitar. I [also] draw a little bit.



Q: Who is your favorite music artist?

A: Stevie Wonder. I just like his music.

— JON ROETMAN

SPORTS

Season of Baseball Camaraderie

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Simpson said, "I think we're moving in the right direction."

If the Titans are headed in the right direction, the 2010 seniors helped point them that way.

"I'm just going to remember playing baseball with my best friends," Kilby said. "You can talk about all

the individual stats or awards all you want, but that's not what I'm going to remember. I'm not going to remember how many RBIs I had this year, I'm not going to remember how many home runs. I'm just going to remember the feeling of coming to the baseball field, leaving the baseball field, getting there early, staying late and just having fun with my best friends."

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Hole Golf Course in Suffolk, Virginia.

As they have all year, Co-captains Adam "Quasi" Stowe and Bailey Patrick paced the team, each with 1-under 71s in the one-day event. Their rounds were remarkable considering the eight teams in the tournament played in a driving rain. Wells Patrick contributed an 83, and Rob Williamson posted an 84. Hugh Boyd and T.R. Wall also played, but only the top four scores counted.

Richmond's St. Christopher's School was the runner-up, only one shot back of Episcopal. Woodberry Forest placed third.

"It's great to be able to hang up a new state championship banner in our gym," said coach Whit Morgan afterward. "The guys were really focused and battled through the weather."

Both Stowe and Bailey Patrick earned 2010 all-conference honors in the highly competitive Interstate Athletic Conference.

— MICHAEL BOHN

Girls Field Hockey Program League

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Sports Office is accepting registrations for the new girl's summer field hockey program league for girls ages 10-14. The program will begin June 15 and will run through the end of July at the Minnie Howard Field, 3801 West Braddock Road.

The cost is \$50 per participant. The deadline for registration is May 31. All girls must provide their own field hockey sticks, shin guards and mouth-

pieces. The girls are asked to wear athletic wear and tennis or rubber sole turf cleats. The league will run a clinic at the beginning of the program that will cover the basic fundamental techniques and skills of field hockey, including dribbling, passing, receiving, footwork, body positioning, goal scoring and goal keeping. Teams will then be formed with 8-on 8-games being played.

For more information, call the youth sports office at 746-5402 or go on the youth sports website at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Youth Basketball Summer League

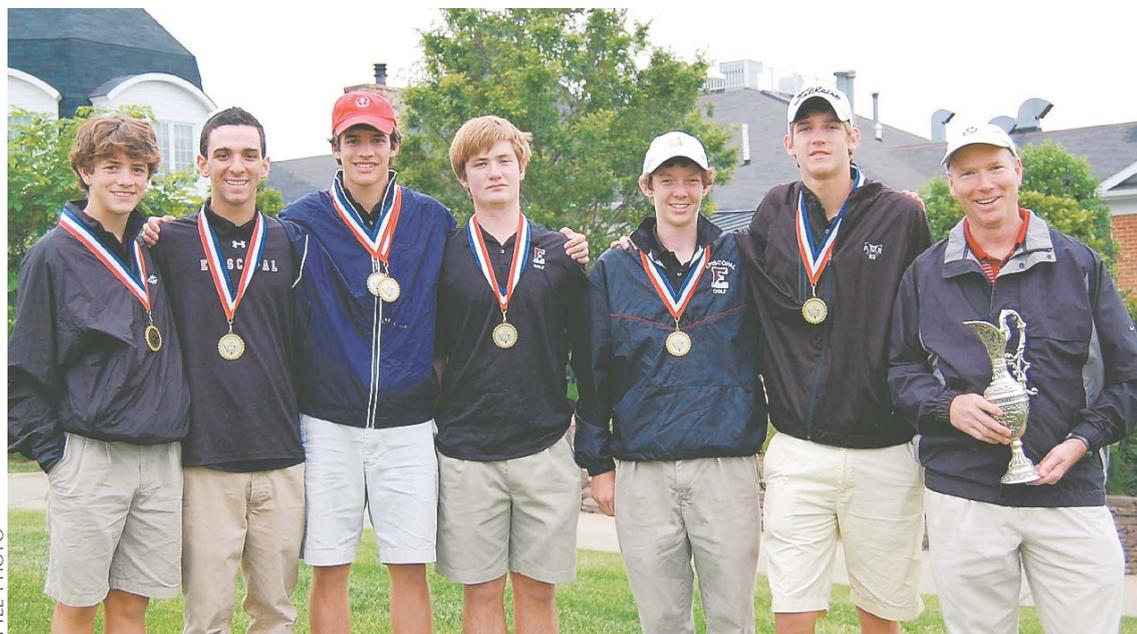
The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' sports office is accepting registrations for the Johnson & Siebert Summer Basketball League through June 14. The summer league is for participants ages 12 - 17 (age as of June 1). There is a \$25 fee to play in the league. The boys league will hold its skill assessment on June 14 at Francis Hammond Middle School at 6:30 p.m. The girls league will be set up by recreation districts only.

Youth Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is seeking volunteers to coach youth track and field, football, tennis, swimming and rugby. Criminal history background checks are required.

Interested persons should call the youth sports office at 703-746-5402-4345 or e-mail

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The Episcopal golf team, seen after winning the Alexandria Private School Golf Championship on May 13, also won the Virginia Independent School state title on May 17.

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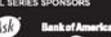
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Time To Register for Wahoos Swim Team

The Wahoos Swim Team Program offers youth ages 6-18 of all abilities the opportunity to develop their own potential. The Wahoos swim program will promote individual achievement and team camaraderie in an atmosphere of friendly competition. Developing and experienced swimmers alike can refine their freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, turns and starts with an experienced coaching staff. Swim meets are scheduled every Saturday morning from mid-June through early August.

Practices for the participants will be held beginning June 1 until the Alexandria City Schools are out for the summer break at Chinquapin Center from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. Monday-Friday. Beginning June 28, the participants will have the option of practicing at Chinquapin Center from 7:15-9:15 a.m. or in the afternoons at Old Town Pool from 5:15 - 6:15 p.m. The cost for the program for City residents are \$125 for the first child and \$100 for each additional swimmer. The non-resident fees are \$150 for the first child and \$125 for each additional child. Swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters continuously. Registration will be accepted through May 28. For more information on the clinics or the summer basketball league, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or visit the youth sports website at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Non-Contact Rugby To Teach Basics

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Recreation Services Division is accepting registration for non-contact Rugby through May 31. This program is designed to incorporate the basic Rugby skills of running, passing, team support and decision making in a physically safe and non-threatening environment. Boys and girls ages 6-14 are eligible to participate and the registration fee is \$25. Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Braddock Road beginning June 15 through early August from 6-8 p.m. with games on Saturdays.

For more information, call the sports office at 703-838-4345 or go on the Recreation Department's website at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs, 110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16. Registration fee is \$25. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification Card upon registration. For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Youth Sports website at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Youth Basketball Fundamental School

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is now accepting registrations for the Youth Basketball Fundamentals School for boys and girls ages 5-12. The school will run on Saturday's from July 10-31 at George Washington Middle School located at 1001 Mt. Vernon Avenue. Participants will learn the fundamentals of ball handling, shooting, passing, dribbling and rebounding. Registration fee is \$40 per child. Register early: deadline is June 30 or as soon as sessions are filled. For more information, contact the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports website at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

National Junior Tennis League

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is accepting registrations for the National Junior Tennis League (NJTL) for boys and girls ages 8-16. The program will run June 28 through July 27 at the tennis courts at George Washington Middle School, Patrick Henry Recreation Center and George Mason Elementary School. Participants will learn the fundamentals of tennis in a fun and exciting environment. Participants will meet new friends, expand their minds and get important exercise. Registration fee is \$25 per child. Register early: Deadline is June 15 or as soon as locations are filled. For more information, contact the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports website at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Washington Mystics Fundamental Camp

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities conjunction with the WNBA Washington Mystics is accepting registrations for the Mystics Summer Basketball Camp for boys and girls ages 7-16 year old. The camp will run July 12-16 at the William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Avenue. Participants will receive professional instruction emphasizing the proper technique of individual skills and development of fundamentals. Campers will receive a camp t-shirt, camp photo, drawstring backpack, certificate of appreciation and much more. The registration fee is \$210 per child. Register early, the deadline is soon or as soon as the camp capacity is filled. For more information, contact the class program office at 703-5414 or the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the recreation department website at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

House of Hoops Basketball Camp

The House of Hoops Basketball Camps offers basketball fundamental-centered camps for children between the ages of 7-14 years old. All of The House of Hoops coaches have playing and/or coaching experience on higher levels of basketball ranging from high school to the NBA.

The camp will run 9 a.m.-4 p.m., June 28-July 2 and July 6-July 9. The cost is \$160 per child. For more information, contact the class program office at 703-5414 or the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the recreation department website at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

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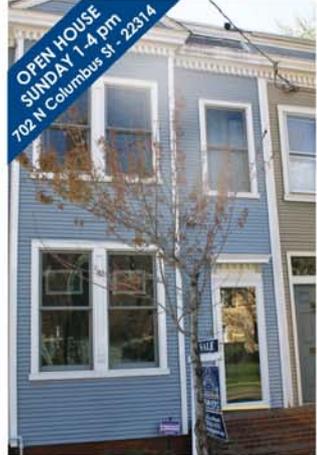


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