

Job Hunters on the Prowl

Hundreds attend Moran's government job fair.

BY GRACE POWELL
GAZETTE PACKET

Mary Boudreau recently left her job as an ESOL teacher in Denver. "I moved here because the economy was so bad," she said.

Yet after attending the Federal Government job fair sponsored by U.S. Rep. Jim Moran on Monday, she noticed there were thousands of others in the same boat.

"Unemployment is twice what it traditionally is," Moran said. The job fair, located at T.C. Williams High School, served as an effort to recruit more individuals into government jobs.

According to Moran, Alexandria has a 4.5 percent unemployment rate, Arlington has a 4 percent rate and Fairfax County's



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Monday's job fair at T.C. Williams High School brought federal agencies and job-seekers together.

unemployment rate is 4.7 percent.

Representatives from 30 federal government agencies attended the fair including: the Bureau of Census, Jail Bureau, IRS, department of State and Commerce and the Secret Service.

Kim Bauhs, assistant director of Recruitment and Diversity at USAJobs, served as key note speaker. Bauhs said USAJobs strives to make the application process for federal jobs "more common sense than convoluted."

By Nov. 1, changes will be made to the USAJOBS application process. Individuals in the auditorium clapped after hearing that by November they will no longer have to fill out the time-consuming KSA essay, personal statement portion, when applying for a government job.

Bauhs also explained the USAJOBS website and answered individual questions. Boudreau said she appreciated the patience of Bauhs and the agencies represented. "If you're not a government employee, you don't know the intricacies, the language and what the numbers mean," she said.

JOB SEARCHERS came from all over the

Greater Washington area including Evert Jackson, from D.C., who arrived with his 9-year-old daughter. Jackson has been searching for a job since January. "You get down a little," he said. He admitted it was nice to see individuals making an effort to provide jobs.

Christopher Marsh, from Alexandria, also attended the job fair, he was laid off three weeks ago.

Job hunting is especially tough for Marsh since he has Asperger Syndrome, a condition that makes social interaction difficult.

Marsh studied sociology in college to understand people better. "Average people don't have to gain a master's to learn how to interact with people," Marsh smiled.

After attending the job fair he said, "I got four names, handed out three resumes and made one friend."

While Boudreau said she left the event inspired, Alexandria resident, Natalie, who did not want to give her last name, left frustrated. "I just never know how to sell myself," she said.

Natalie said looking for a job has always been difficult since she is an introvert. "If you don't have whatever it is they're [the employers] looking for, they're like 'sorry, next person.'"

Natalie said she will keep looking for a job until she finds the one that is best for her.

"I keep telling them not to give up," Bauhs said. "Just don't give up."

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— Kim Bauhs, USAJobs

'Farm Team'

Substitute judges academy assembles candidates for future seats on the bench.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Imagine the scenario. You are sitting as a substitute judge and a prosecutor slams a code book down while making a dramatic point in a drunk-driving case. Do you fine her? What if some guy is hot under the collar about a traffic ticket and wants to use the courtroom as a

forum to tell off the cop in public. What do you do?

Judging is full of lightning-speed judgments, often with tremendous consequences. That's why Alexandria General District Court Chief Judge Becky Moore created the Substitute Judges Academy, inviting top lawyers from across the commonwealth to the city courthouse on King Street. Described by one speaker as the "farm team" of candidates for future seats on the bench, participants swapped horror stories from the courtroom, learned about new laws that go into effect July 1 and sung Happy Birthday to the undisputed legal dean of Alexandria, Judge Daniel Fairfax O'Flaherty.

"Substitute judges with judicial education are better prepared to serve well in court," said Moore,

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Creating Human Services Trifecta

City officials plan consolidation of three departments to improve service.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

When people walk into the door of city government seeking help, directing them to the right agency isn't always a no-brainer. Take the at-risk child. Does he need money to enroll in an after-school program from the Department of Human Services or substance-abuse treatment from the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse?

Then there's the single mother

of two. Does she need legal assistance for a domestic violence lawsuit from the Office on Women or food stamps from the Department of Human Services?

Navigating through the maze of bureaucracy can be treacherous, and there's the potential that some people might need treatment or services that they don't get. That's why City Manager Jim Hartmann is leading an effort to combine three city departments into one new super-department. A name has yet to be determined, but the

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Foreclosures On the Rise

Alexandria's not out of the woods yet. Ripples of the greatest economic crisis in a generation continue to reverberate through City Hall, and financial reports indicate foreclosures are once again on the rise. The number of foreclosures peaked in late 2008, when global markets teetered on the brink of disaster. Since that time, a new administration in Washington pumped trillions of dollars into the economy and increased regulation has created a tighter grip on irresponsible lending.

Here in Alexandria, the number of monthly foreclosures went from more than 40 to less than 20 within the first half of 2009. But since last summer, the trend has reversed itself. According to the most recent data available, the city is now experiencing about 30 foreclosures each month. Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** says the upswing is a combination of high unemployment and a long-dreaded second wave of adjustable-rate mortgages.

"The bad news is that we're still double where we should be," said Donley, who has a day job as executive vice president at Virginia Commerce Bank. "The good news is that we had a low foreclosure rate to begin with."

In a recent report outlining the state of the city's economy, budget officials expressed optimism that a recovery is starting to become visible. Sales tax collections are up compared to last year, and the average hotel room rate has increased compared to last year. But foreclosures are up for the second straight month.

"Nobody wants a foreclosure, not the bank, not the lender and not the homeowner," said Councilman **Frank Fannon**, branch manager of the Duke Street SunTrust Mortgage. "The problem is that many people just quit and never even bother calling their banker to see what can be arranged."

Half a Million

Since city officials launched a campaign against railroad giant Norfolk Southern two years ago, taxpayers have shelled out about \$475,000 to lawyers from an outside law firm that have been representing the city in number of venues.

First up was the Surface Transportation Board, where attorneys from Kaplan, Kirsh & Rockwell tried to persuade federal regulators to allow the local government to exercise its zoning authority over a hazardous materials facility owned by the railroad. Strike one.

Then the outside counsel presented the city's case in the Eastern District of Virginia, where Judge **James Cacheris** rejected Alexandria's argument that it had a right to regulate when and how often hazardous materials could use city streets. After that, City Council members approved an appeal to the Fourth Circuit of Virginia in Richmond. Late last month, Judge **Robert King** wrote a majority opinion for the three-judge panel that once again dismissed the city's argument that Cacheris' ruling was too narrow.

Meanwhile, the meter was running. Even before the appeal was filed city taxpayers had already shelled out more than \$350,000 in legal fees. The recent unsuccessful appeal added \$125,000 to the tab.

"Ridiculous," responded Cameron Station Civic Association President **Mindy Lyle**. "All of this to cover themselves because they were asleep on the job."

No Fireworks, Please

Hold your fire, Alexandria. That's the message from the Alexandria Fire Department, which issued a press release this week reminding city residents that it's unlawful for any person to store, sell or explode fireworks within the city limits.

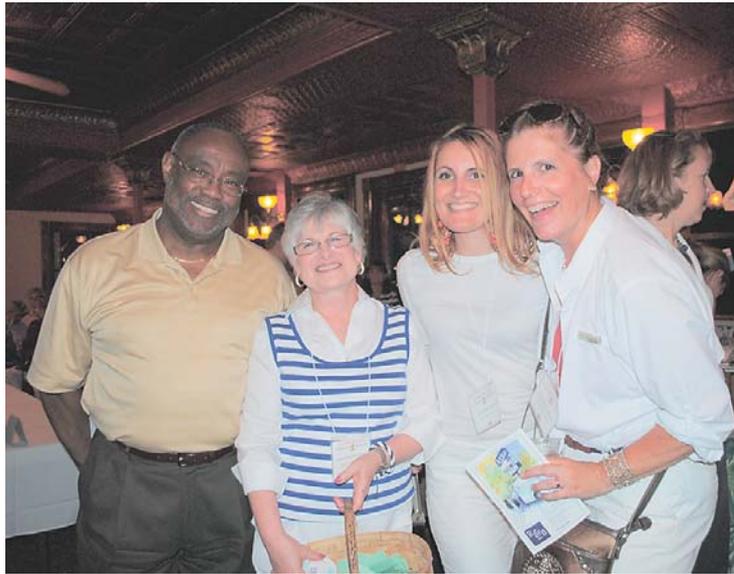
That means lighting a sparkler or setting off a bottle rocket is a class one misdemeanor in Alexandria, punishable by a \$2,500 fine or a 12-month sentence.

Correction

Last week's issue reported that City Attorney **James Banks** said it was impossible to calculate the cost of the legal bills involved in ongoing litigation against Norfolk Southern at press time. The assertion should have been attributed to Communications Director **Tony Castrilli**.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



Mayor Bill Euille, Advisory Committee Members Suzanne Kratzok, Court Squires and Callie MacKenzie.



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Kaari Vasquez and her husband Lee Vasquez, who was not able to attend the event, were recognized as Alexandria's Foster Parents of the Year. Also recognized were Ginger Long and Miguel Rodriguez.

'Fostering The Future' Sets Sail

7th Annual Event Benefits Fund for Alexandria's Child

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
GAZETTE PACKET

Supporters and guests cruised the Potomac while dancing, dining, bidding and trying to catch a cool sea breeze aboard the paddleboat *Cherry Blossom* — all to help raise funds for Alexandria children in foster care or at risk of being placed in foster care.

The Fund for Alexandria's Child, a targeted program of the Department of Human Services in the Division of Social Services, was created as a way for members of the community to help provide special services. The Fund allows children to participate in programs that enrich their lives, such as Boy or Girl Scouts, field trips, music or art lessons and summer camp. Through the fund, social workers help youngsters purchase school supplies to start the year or cap and gown at graduation time.

A volunteer Advisory Council is the fund-raising arm of the organization and is the group that sponsors this and other benefit and awareness-raising events. The Advisory Council reaches out to individuals, businesses, faith organizations and other groups to join the effort for Alexandria's children. Advisory Council members are: Raymond Kulisch, Chair; Court Squires, Sponsorship Chair; Roger Branstiter, Allison Goodhart; Sue Goodhart; Jane Hughes; Sheri Macatangay; Callie MacKenzie; Ashmi Patel; Ashley Queen-Monterio; Thar Roeung; Suellen Savukas; Nancy Van Gulick; Mary White; Cicely Woodrow.

To get involved or to make a tax-deductible contribution, call Coordinator of Community Services Suzanne Kratzok at 703-746-5663.



WJLA News Anchor Pamela Brown helped with introductions and recognitions. Brown recently moved to Old Town.



Gene Chis of Williamsburg, mother of DHS Director of Social Services Suzanne Chis, won an iPod Touch in the raffle.

Variety of City Fees To Increase Effective July 1

This month, the City Council voted to increase fees in several City departments. Examples of these increases, which will be effective on July 1 (except for the paratransit fare increase beginning Aug. 1), include:

Parking meter rates: from \$1 to

\$1.75 per hour, in all parking zones

A \$5 fee increase for City trash and recycling collection for residents who receive these services, for the acquisition of new and improved recycling bins

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NEWS



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Alexandria District Court Judge Becky Moore hosts the second annual “Institute for Substitute Judges” Monday afternoon, June 28, in Alexandria.

Assembling Judicial ‘Farm Team’

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who hosted the first substitute judges academy back in January. “I think it’s important to have as much judicial education for the substitute judges as possible.”

Lesson one: Learn the law. And starting this week, there are a whole lot of new ones. It’s part of the annual ritual in Virginia, when the actions of the General Assembly session earlier in the year becomes the law of the land. Starting this week, sending spam e-mail messages is a crime and community centers are now considered gang-free school zones. One of the more challenging new laws for the courts to consider is a new code section that outlaws sending obscene text messages.

“I think that one is probably unconstitutional,” said attorney David Oblon, whose law partners include House Majority Leader Moran Griffith (R-8) and House Courts of Justice Chairman David Albo (R-42).

Oblon spoke to the institute about the raft of new laws, touring a legal landscape that included everything from the sublime to the ridiculous. Wearing a mask during the commission of a felony is now a crime, although cold weather is not one of the considerations that should be taken into account. People can carry concealed weapon into bars, although they are not allowed to drink while packing heat. Then there’s a host of new exemptions that Oblon called “exemption creep,” including allowing people with suspended licenses to drive to church and adding the death penalty for those who kill a fire marshal and auxiliary police officers.

“This is death-penalty creep because every other group is going to step forward and say they deserve the exemption,” said Oblon. “I would expect to see more of this

in the future.”

SOMETIMES SPLIT-SECOND judicial decision-making can have drastic consequences for years and decades to come. Attorney Jim Clark recalled a routine marijuana case where the defendant wanted to waive counsel. He figured a night or two in jail was the path of least resistance, but Clark warned the pinch-hitting courthouse gang to consider the bigger picture.

“Gee, maybe I don’t have to tell my parents,” Clark recalled the defendant explaining. “That can come back to haunt people 10 years later.”

Sometimes, judges make the wrong decision. This is what happened several years ago in Alexandria, when a teacher was killed after a protective order was denied. Commonwealth’s Attorney S. Randolph Sengel told the institute participants that nobody wants to see their name in a headline as the judge who released a defendant on bond before he commits a murder.

“The most serious cases are the easiest to figure out. The more difficult cases are not as serious ones, like petty larceny or trespass,” said the elected prosecutor. “I think a healthy dose of common sense carries the day.”

Moore spoke to the institute about ethics in the courtroom, presenting a series of situations that the group is likely to consider while wearing the robe. Human nature being what it is, Moore said, Virginia’s courtrooms are full of boorish behavior and short-tempered litigants. She suggested de-escalating tense situations by taking a break or lowering the volume.

“I’ve noticed that the quieter I get,” she said, “the more well-behaved they become.”

“I think a healthy dose of common sense carries the day.”

— Commonwealth’s Attorney S. Randolph Sengel

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 7

Transgender Workshop.

9 to 11:30 a.m. Providing Culturally Competent Services to Transgender Individuals is a workshop presented by the LGBTQ Victim Services Task Force of the Alexandria Office on Women in collaboration with the Alexandria Community Services Board. At 4480 King St, 5th Floor, Alexandria.

Alexandria City Transportation

Commission Meeting. 7:30 p.m. The meeting will include a public hearing to accept comments on the BRAC transportation management plan. A draft agenda is posted on the Commission website at <http://www.alexandriava.gov/TransportationCommission>. Contact Abi Lerner at 703-746-4025 or abi.lerner@alexandriava.gov. At Sister Cities Conference Room 1101, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria.

TUESDAY/JULY 20

Alexandria Mentoring

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Corrections

The photo of the Altar Guild at Grace Episcopal Church's afternoon tea [Gazette Packet, May 5] should have been credited to photographer Deborah Crabtree.

In "A Different Spin on the Black Tie Affair" [Gazette Packet, June 10], a caption should have noted: Justian Lindsay of D.C. was the guest of Georgina Baidoo.

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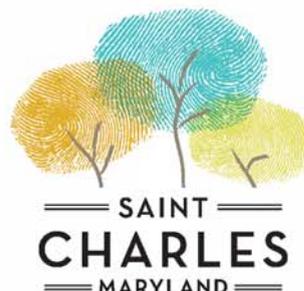


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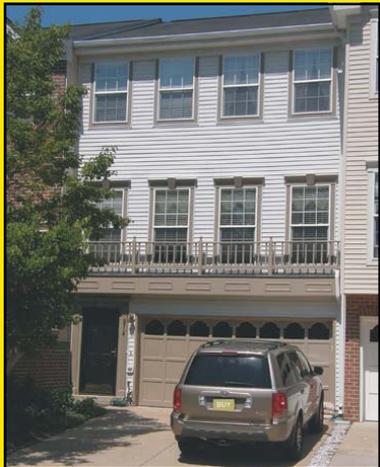


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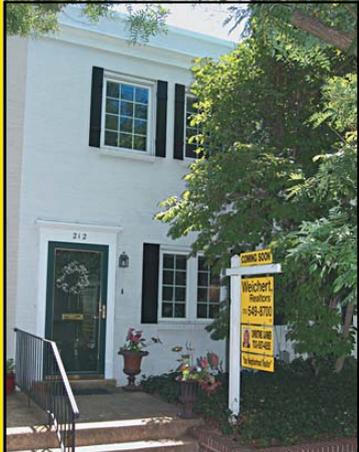
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Whiskey By George

Build it, and they will chug. **George Washington** knew it was true. Now the Mount Vernon Estate is going to fulfill Washington's goal of launching a profitable distillery on Dogue Creek. This is where 471 bottles of George Washington Rye Whiskey are waiting for the open market, hitting the retail market this week. But don't expect the Father of Our Country to put Jack Daniel's out of business any time soon.

"There are a lot of nice people in Kentucky who make very good products," said **Dennis Pogue**, vice president for preservation at Mount Vernon. "We never envisioned ourselves as jumping into the alcohol business, but it's something that people are naturally interested in."

The reconstructed buildings have been open to visitors since 2007, after the ruins of Washington's once thriving gristmill and distillery had been transformed into an educational museum and gift shop. Almost immediately, the buzz began to build. When will whiskey be available in the gift shop? Hundreds of visitors left names and phone numbers in anticipation of purchasing the first batch.

"It's as much like Washington's whiskey as you can possibly get today," said Pogue.

Unanswered Questions

What happens when an area gets 6,000 new employees? Some say a business boom. Others say a traffic nightmare. Somewhere in the middle is the United States Army, which is currently constructing the massive Washington Headquarters Service at the intersection of Seminary Road and the Shirley Memorial Highway. "It's going to bring more business to the area, but at this point it's difficult to quantify how much," said Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Chairman **Charlie Banta**, general manager of the neighboring Hilton Mark Center. "I'd love for them to all eat in my restaurant, but I'm also a realist."

Banta is looking forward to getting more details about what kind of retail the Pentagon annex will include. Will it have a PX? How many seats will be in the cafeteria? Will the new federal building include restaurants and a Starbucks? Those are just a few of the unknowns, adding to confusion created by a vague transportation master plan issued by federal officials last month.

"It's so general, it really didn't address much of anything," said Councilwoman **Del Pepper**, referring to the transportation plan. "What it did have seemed like such Band-Aid solutions it wasn't really anything that was going to make ends meet here."

Restaurant Bubble

Is lower King Street experiencing a restaurant bubble? Unsurprisingly, opinions are divided. Some are concerned about new restaurants opening in former retail locations, including the old Discovery Channel Store and the now-defunct Olsson's Bookstore. This camp includes former Old Town Civic Association President **Poul Hertel**, who says a speculative bubble in restaurants could diminish the vitality of the city's retail segment by crowding them out. "It is likely to be taking place already," Hertel wrote in a letter to city officials about the issue.

Not everyone agrees. When asked for a response at a Chamber of Commerce gathering this week, Alexandria Restaurant Commission founder **Jay Palermino** dismissed the concerns as overblown. "Get over it," he said with a smile. "I don't see any kind of imbalance on King Street."

New Laws

It's July, and that means one thing in Virginia — new laws. A host of new legislation took effect this week, including a number of important new changes for businesses. The list includes tax credits for "green jobs," expanded eligibility for enterprise zones with high unemployment rates and incentives to attract moviemakers to Virginia. And don't forget about the new Major Employment and Investment Project Site Planning Grant Fund to encourage large businesses move to Virginia and create jobs.

"We have a great story to tell as a business-friendly state, and the best place to do business, visit and film a movie," said Secretary of Commerce **Jim Cheng** in a written statement.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

BUSINESS

Love Stories over a Lifetime

King's Jewelry celebrates 55 years in business.

BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER
GAZETTE PACKET

Once upon a time, there was a young man who used to sell shoes. Until, one day, the nice owner of a new jewelry store offered him \$10 more to come work for him. Soon, a love-struck couple walked into the new jewelry store and over to the young salesman who sold them an engagement ring. A month or so later, he sold them their wedding bands. And they all lived happily ever after.

But, the story doesn't end there because this isn't some fairytale. It's a real-life love story that started 55 years ago. That's when the Bier family turned an old movie theater into King's Jewelry on King Street in Old Town. The salesman was Norman "Brad" Bradford. And Jim and Cathy Foster were the young couple.

"He was just a kid when I bought Cathy's engagement ring," Jim Foster reminisced during a telephone interview. "We've always dealt with Brad — for 55 years. It's special after all these years to be able to stay with the same merchant."

"I think we're probably the oldest continuing customers," he added.

Bradford says he was destined for retail.

"I used to go to school for a half day and work for a half day," he recalled.

"It was a good deal for me. I wasn't that good at learning from books, but I seemed to have a knack for selling."

He learned about jewelry on the job — hands-on learning from Moritz Bier who was like a father to the young apprentice. As time went on, Bradford says Bier kept relinquishing more and more of the day-to-day duties to him.

"I was always doing it under his guidance," Bradford said. "He was kind of grooming me to take over. When I bought the store from the Bier family in '78, I just thought I'd be the new owner, not make changes."

However, the day he took over was a bit of an awakening for



PHOTO BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER /GAZETTE PACKET

Brad Bradford chats with bride-to-be Kimberly as she and friend Dominique gaze at her new ring.

Bradford. He soon discovered that old inventory isn't worth much. Everything in the store was out of date and it was all his former mentor's taste. Bradford ended up selling the entire inventory for 10-cents on the dollar and pretty much started from scratch updating the stock, trusting his instincts on what would sell.

A huge step forward for Bradford was when the store was granted a Rolex franchise. He says he pursued Rolex for several years and is now one of about only 2500 Rolex dealers in the U.S. And while he's quite proud of that coup, he's

"We've always dealt with Brad — for 55 years. It's special after all these years to be able to stay with the same merchant."

— Jim Foster

also quick to point out that King's Jewelry offers a wide selection of fine watches starting at \$100.

In fact, when it comes to giftware, King's Jewelry pretty much covers all the bases — jewelry, of course, but also Italian ceramic serving items, silver, quality frames, heirloom-quality baby items — even free gift wrapping.

"Anytime we need a gift," Cathy Foster piped in during the phone interview, "a baby gift, a wedding gift — Brad's always had a great idea, and everyone's always kept the gifts as a treasure, passing it down to their children. Even our son bought an engagement ring from Brad for his fiancée."

IT WAS in the summer of 1986 that another Cathy became part of Bradford's story when she joined him at the store and later became his wife.

Details

609 King Street
703-549-0011
www.kingsjewelry.net
Hours: Monday-Saturday,
10 a.m.- 6 p.m., closed Sunday
Appraisals: 2nd and 4th Tues. every
month from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
First come, first served.

"We'd known each other for years," said Cathy Bradford, a hometown girl whose family had operated a restaurant in Old Town. "We complement each other. When I started working with Brad, I had an accounting background.

I deal with the insurance, advertising, office work and books," she said.

But she pitches in on the sales floor when things get busy there. It's part of the philosophy at King's Jewelry.

"We're all skilled in a side job here. When the store does well we all

benefit."

The philosophy seems to be working out well not only for the owners but the staff, too, since everyone that works at the store has been there for many years.

The Bradfords say it's like family. And in some cases it really is. Even Bradford's daughter works at the store.

Another equalizer that's helped keep King's Jewelry in business for 55 years is that no one works on commission.

"I find that people who work for a commission can get overly aggressive," Norman Bradford said. "So, someone who comes in to get a watch battery changed gets the same service as someone who's buying a diamond ring. Everyone does what they need to do to make our customers keep coming back."

One of those customers is Alex

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OPINION

Summer Fun, Safely

Enjoy your summer fun, including our features on places to go with great beer selections, but plan ahead; SoberRide needs more sponsors.

This week's Gazette includes Summer Fun pages, with information about waterparks, local baseball and golf, places to watch the remaining weeks of World Cup Soccer, highlights of coming Independence Day events and, yes, a map of places to go that offer great beer selection. Enjoy.

By week's end, you'll find the listings and stories from all of our papers online at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com under Summer Fun.

That said, we know that Independence Day, like Halloween and Saint Patrick's Day, is a holiday that coincides with a higher rate of drinking and driving. When you head out for your celebration, plan ahead, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Restless in Alexandria

To the Editor:

When I moved out of Mark Center in January, I thought that I had put all my troubles behind me. After over a year of dealing with the inept post-Winkler management, I moved to the other side of the 395 Interchange, off Seminary Road East. Better location, much nicer landlord. "Home" at last. But alas, that may not be meant to be.

Sure, I now no longer have to watch while

EDITORIAL

One safety net for those who might find themselves in the unfortunate position of drinking without a safe way home is the Washington Regional Alcohol Program SoberRide. Washington Regional Alcohol Program (WRAP), has offered free cab rides home on the Independence Day beginning at 10 p.m. July 4 and continuing until 6 a.m. the following day as a way to keep local roads safe from impaired drivers during this traditionally high-risk, holiday period. During this 12-hour period, area residents celebrating with alcohol could call the toll-free SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI and be afforded a no-cost (up to a \$ 50 fare), safe way home.

Founded in 1982, WRAP is a public-private partnership working to prevent drunk driving and underage drinking in the Washington-metropolitan area, but its work is endangered

"destruction crews" tear up my beloved sidewalks, or ponder the fate of the trees and the birds as the bucolic enclave is demolished, but the "revitalization efforts" still affect me, and in ways I did not imagine. Some days, and which ones are unpredictable, it takes me 15 minutes to get from my home onto 395 S, to say nothing of the nightmare it has become to attempt to cross over several lanes of Seminary Road to patronize the closest branch of my bank at Southern Towers. More often than not, there is already a substantial back up, and not necessarily in rush hour traffic, and the Army has yet to take up residence. But per-

haps the most unexpected annoyance of all began last week, when the construction activity started to interfere with my television reception. I have a digital converter box; I suspect the same issues may apply to those with satellite dishes or outdoor antennas. When "viewing" the daily taping of my 12:30 p.m. soap opera, I would get either the first half of the show, or the second half hour, clearly depending on when the workers took their lunch break. And contingent upon where their equipment was placed at any given time, one or more channels were pixilated or completely blacked out. To borrow from the name of that disrupted daytime drama, this latest encroachment has definitely made me "Restless," perhaps enough to exit the City of Alexandria altogether rather than witness and affirm the desecration and hollowing out of the character of this once pastoral section of town.

by a combination of growing ridership on key holidays and a drop in funding. At presstime, the organization was counting up donations to be sure they would be able to offer the service this year.

Last Independence Day, 331 people in the Washington-metropolitan area used the area's SoberRide program as opposed to possibly driving home drunk.

A 60 percent increase in use of the program since 2008 combined with a 35 percent decrease in corporate underwriting is threatening the free cab ride service to prevent drunk driving.

Behind SoberRide's services is a three-person charitable organization (WRAP) paying a projected \$73,000 in cab fares this year alone. WRAP relies on corporate sponsorship to offset these costs, but the recent downturn has contributed to the drop in funding.

WRAP is actively seeking contributors to bridge SoberRide's \$31,000 shortfall.

Call 800-200-TAXI for a free carbide (up to \$50 fare) home if you need it on July 4.

See www.wrap.org for sponsorship opportunities and information on how to contribute.

Karen Ann DeLuca
Alexandria

Mandated Beautification?

To the Editor

Beautification caught my attention in Linda Couture's letter to the editor, Alexandria Gazette, June 24, 2010. So, here is my question: Is it conceivable to establish a city ordinance in Old Town mandating the sweeping and pruning of sidewalks as a collective contribution by residents during a time of budget deficits and reduced city services. Such a communal effort as part of an overall beautification of our historic landmark could become a source of pride and commitment in an ongoing effort to showcase our treasured heritage.

Unfortunately, the ill-conceived design by the Chamber of Commerce and garden organizations to enhance tree wells with thirsty little

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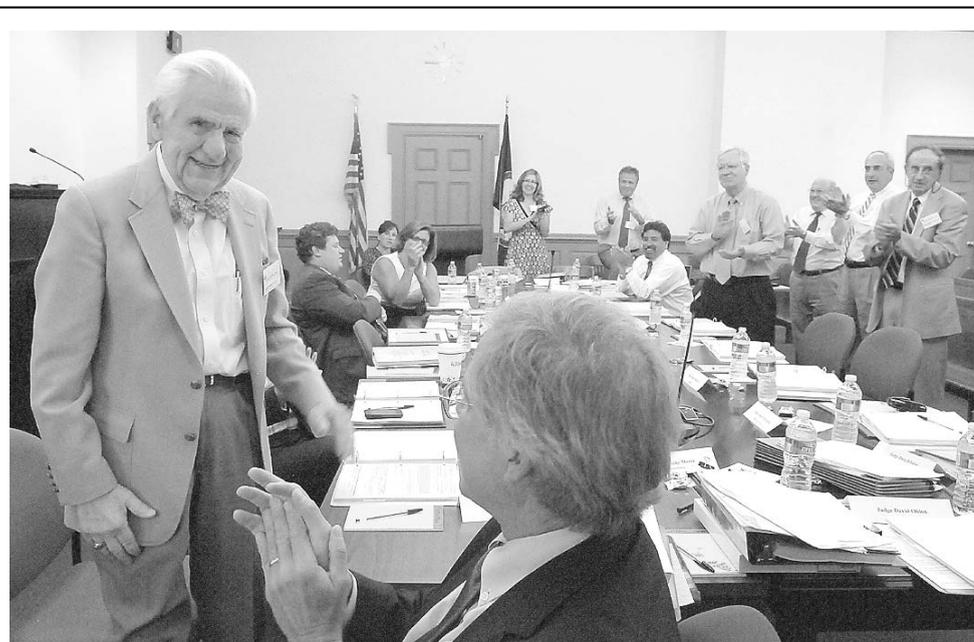


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Happy Birthday

Retired Alexandria District Court Judge Daniel O'Flaherty is feted with a birthday greeting and cake at the second annual Institute for Substitute Judges on Monday afternoon, June 28. Judge O'Flaherty celebrated his 85th birthday last weekend.

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flowers on massive soil buildups without surrounds is already disintegrating and the next heavy rainfall will decimate their efforts leaving us with messy sidewalks and waste. Tedious daily watering — unless done by volunteers — adds to labor cost and complicates this unfortunate effort.

Christa Annett

To Market, To Market ...

To the Editor:

The Four Mile Run Market opened with some wonderful vendors and products. All the people are extremely helpful and nice.

The Market needs more customers so it will attract more vendors and products. And more customers. So go next Sunday and buy, buy, buy. Take your neighbors and friends and family. There is plenty free parking next door.

Mt. Vernon Avenue and South Glebe (4109 Mt. Vernon). I have no financial interest in this venture. Just want to see small business prosper in Alexandria and like to eat fresh, healthy, good-tasting food. Join me.

Joe Schramm
Alexandria

Don't Confuse Poverty with Neglect

To the Editor:

Though your story about foster care in Alexandria is headlined

NEIGHBORHOODS

Taylor Run

CAMPAGNA APPOINTED

Our neighbor Mickey Campagna of Park Road has been appointed to the Board of Equalization, the body which handles complaints about unfair appraisals of property in Alexandria.

CAT INNOCENT

Amoret Bell Bunn of Melrose Street has returned from a 2-day hospital stay for treatment of a cat bite. She wants it known that her cat Fleix, 10, is not to be blamed.

"It was really all my fault," she says. "I should have let go of him sooner."

STELLUTO NEWS

Arlene Stelluto of Carlisle Drive has been joined for a visit by her sister Roberta Baver. She also was glad to have a visit from son George Edward Stelluto, noted musician now based in New York City where he is on the faculty of

"Foster Care System Needs More Parents" a better headline would be "Foster Care System Needs to Take Away Fewer Children."

According to the story, 161 Alexandria children are now in foster care. When compared to the total number of impoverished children in the city that's a rate of placement 17 percent above the national average and nearly 50 percent above the state average. So either Alexandria is a cesspool of depravity with vastly more child abuse than the rest of the state or the nation — or Alexandria is taking away far too many children needlessly.

Contrary to the common stereotype, most parents who lose their children to foster care are neither brutally abusive nor hopelessly addicted. Far more common are cases in which a family's poverty has been confused with child "neglect." Several studies have found that 30 percent of America's foster children could be home right now if their parents just had decent housing. And single parents, desperate to keep their low-wage jobs when the sitter doesn't show may have to choose between staying home and getting fired, or going to work and having their children taken on "lack of supervision" charges.

The confusion of poverty with neglect can be seen in another statistic: Black children represent 26 percent of the total child population in Alexandria. Yet the story notes that more than 64 percent of foster children are Black. Black parents are no more likely than white parents to abuse their chil-

Juilliard.

George Edward has just come back from conducting a symphony in South America; he goes next to the Ravinia Festival in Chicago.

As I look back 40 years I see teenaged George Edward playing his violin for Shuter's Hill Jr. Players as they put on a show to raise money for Children's Hospital. Dermot Mulroney, now a movie star, was in the show, as was Pamela Wiener.

WIENER TRIP

Sandy and Larry Wiener have had a memorable trip to Edinburgh and London. They visited Pam, now Dr. Wiener, and granddaughter, and the Scotch Whisky Museum in Scotland.

In England they visited Brighton, the National Theatre, and saw a murder trial in the Old Bailey.

"It looked just like Rumpole," according to Sandy.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

dren — they are, however, more likely to be poor. A child welfare system that routinely confuses poverty with neglect, and one that is not immune from the racism that is a sad part of American life, will have statistics like those seen here in Alexandria.

Other alarming data belie the gooey rhetoric from those quoted in your story about the system supposedly wanting to keep families together. Nationwide, child welfare systems claim to be trying to reunite 49 percent of foster chil-

dren with their birth parents. Alexandria only even claims to be trying to reunite 18 percent. And more than a quarter of Alexandria foster children have a case "goal" that involves no permanent family at all, compared to eight percent with that dismal goal nationwide. That may explain why Alexandria also has one of the worst records in the state for the length of time children remain trapped in foster care.

Of course, some might assume all this is good news. It's often ar-

gued that only adults suffer when their children are taken and we have to "err on the side of the child." After all, it was less than a decade ago that Katelynn Frazier died after being left in an abusive home. In fact, there probably is no phrase in the child welfare lexicon that has done more harm to children than "err on the side of the child." And holding too many children in foster care actually makes tragedies like the death of

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City Officials Plan Consolidation of Three Departments

FROM PAGE 1

effort would merge the Office on Women and Department of Human Services and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse.

"The goal is that there is no wrong door," said Assistant City Manager Debra Collins. "Whether people present at St. Asaph or Beauregard or Mount Vernon Avenue, we can help people deal with their problems."

THE EFFORT has already been in the works for years. Back in February 2008, Collins was promoted from director of the Department of Human Services to assistant city manager. Her new job profile gave her a supervisory role over the Office on Women and the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse. This summer, she'll be working across agencies to create an implementation plan that would combine all three departments for next year's budget.

"This is not a budget exercise," said Collins, adding that layoffs are not a part of the preliminary plan. "It's an effort to create a continuum of services so that nothing happens in isolation."

Those who offer treatment and services say the consolidation effort could take advantage of the economy of scale created by the larger size and scope. When there are multiple points of entry for clients, they might not end up getting all the services they need. But if the city were to create a single point of entry for all the social services, the efficiency could result in broader coverage by the Alexandria government.

"It always helps if everybody knows what everybody else is doing," said Mary Anne Weber, chairman of the Community Services Board. "The idea is that people are more likely to get what they need."

Arlington and Virginia Beach have already

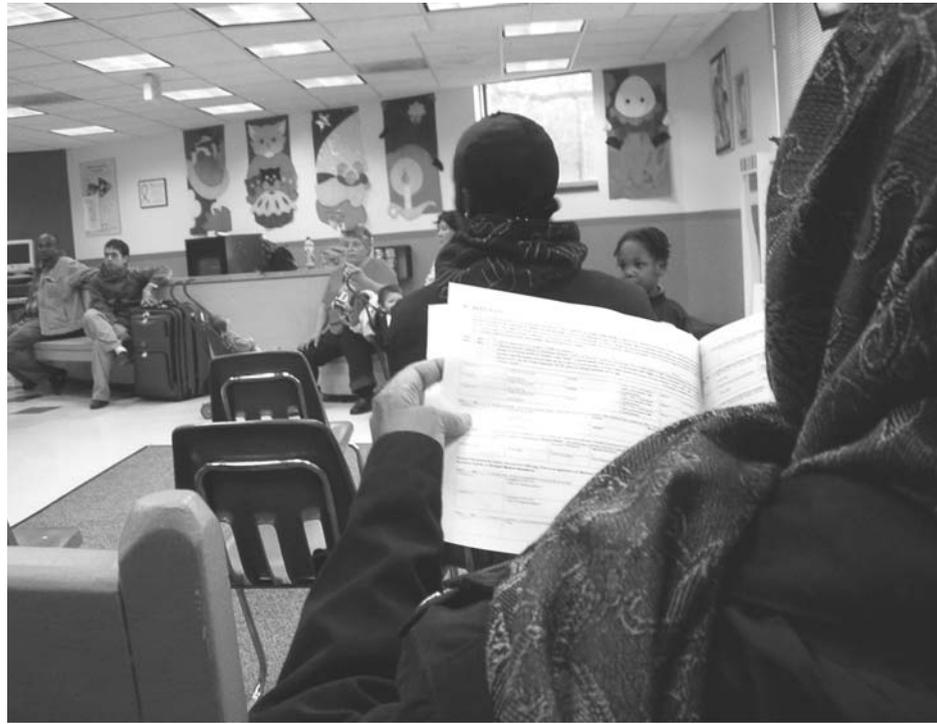


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Since the economic downturn began in 2008, the waiting room at the city's Department of Human Services building on Mount Vernon Avenue has seen a steep increase in the number of people applying for help.

taken efforts to combine their mental health treatment options with social-service providers. Perhaps this is why Alexandria's per capita spending for mental health is more than twice as much as Arlington. Consolidating the three departments would also cut down on overhead, with three agencies spending a combined \$7.8 million on leadership and management. City officials say moving toward a single-point of entry could simplify administration and offer more efficient service.

"We don't want people to get lost in the cracks," said Claire Dunn, coordinator of domestic and sexual violence programs. "This will help make sure people get the services they need."

GETTING THE RIGHT services wouldn't be an automatic benefit to the consolidation. Part of the reason that the Office on Women was created in the 1980s was that other departments were not offering adequate counseling, legal support and crisis intervention. Del. Charniele Herring (D-46) is among those who say that the newly consolidated department must be careful not to blur the lines too much.

"My concern is that we don't confuse the need for mental-health treatment with the need for domestic-violence services," said Herring, who was recently appointed to a state commission on mental health and substance

Department of Human Services

- Staffing: \$233.5
- ❖ At-Risk Children: \$12.7 million
 - ❖ Early Childhood Development: \$10.2 million
 - ❖ Child Welfare Services: \$10.1 million
 - ❖ Aging and Adult Services: \$5.4 million
 - ❖ Public Assistance: \$4.7 million
 - ❖ JobLink: \$4.3 million
 - ❖ Community Services: \$3.4 million
 - ❖ Leadership and Management: \$3.3 million
 - ❖ Fund for Human Services: \$2 million
 - ❖ Youth Services: \$580,000

Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse

- Staffing: 334.6
- ❖ Adult Mental Health Services: \$8.8 million
 - ❖ Intellectual Disability Services: \$5.8 million
 - ❖ Substance Abuse Services: \$5.5 million
 - ❖ Leadership and Management: \$4.2 million
 - ❖ Child and Family Treatment: \$2.5 million
 - ❖ Prevention and Early Intervention: \$1.9 million
 - ❖ Jail Services: \$1.2 million
 - ❖ Emergency Crisis Response: \$968,000

Office on Women

- Staffing: 19.4
- ❖ Crisis Intervention and Advocacy: \$1.1 million
 - ❖ Leadership and Management: \$289,000
 - ❖ Community Education and Awareness: \$197,000
 - ❖ Youth Services: \$191,000

abuse. "There's no need to duplicate services, but it's important to keep a separation between domestic violence and mental health."

Employees of the three departments will be hearing more about the consolidation plans during an upcoming staff meeting, when preliminary operational details will be announced.

OBITUARY

Patricia Edith Itzig-Heine

Patricia died on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 following a brief cardiac-related illness. She was born in Alexandria, Va., on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1934.

She is survived by her husband, Edwin and children Peggy, Karen, Robin, Jay, Tim, and Tom; five bonus children: Henk, Alex, Tina, Judy, and Edwin and their families.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Warren and Margaret Zimmerman, sister Joyce Een, and brother Warren "Buddy" Zimmerman. She leaves behind 33 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren, plus many dear friends. As a wonderful, kind, generous, patriotic, and loving wife and mother, her family, Elvis, baseball, and our great Nation were four things that she held most dear in her life.

A special time of remembrance was held at Loudoun Funeral Chapel, 158 Catoctin Circle, SE, Leesburg, Va. on Saturday, June 26.



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Day of Music A crowd enjoys the live entertainment during the Del Ray Music Festival outside Mt. Vernon Recreation Center on Saturday, June 26.

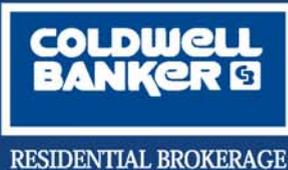


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Designer Show Jewelry designer Mia Katrin displays the hearts of gold necklace during the jewelry designer trunk show at the Gold Works jewelry store June 11-12.

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<p>Charming Curb Appeal</p>  <p>6118 BEECH TREE DRIVE \$599,900 Wilton Woods</p> <p>Wilton Woods at its best. 5 bedrooms on upper level, hardwood flooring on two levels, renovated kitchen and bathrooms, plus a one car garage. Fabulous curb appeal with charming stone front and well-maintained gardens.</p> <p>Rita McCauley-Redmond 703.447.9114</p>	<p>Great Deal On Bank Owned Property!</p>  <p>203 YOAKUM PARKWAY, UNIT 1615 \$145,778 Watergate at Landmark</p> <p>Watergate At Landmark - 1 Br, 1 bath, 16th floor unit featuring all the fabulous recreational amenities that Watergate has to offer!</p> <p>Sherry York 703.625.3377</p>	<p>Just Listed!</p>  <p>6034 FORT HUNT ROAD \$879,000 Belle Haven</p> <p>Charm meets sophistication in this classic 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial home in Belle Haven! Striking living room with fireplace, comfortable family room with second fireplace, sunroom, formal dining room, updated kitchen and more!</p> <p>Jeanne Warner 703.980.9106</p>	<p>Just Listed! Blocks to Metro!</p>  <p>2601 FAIRHAVEN AVENUE \$380,000 Huntington Metro</p> <p>This four bedroom, two full bathroom expanded home is ready for you to make your own. Solidly built in 1942, with hardwood flooring and three levels, this home is the perfect canvas to create your dream home! Large lot near Metro!</p> <p>Bob Woods 703.244.8726</p>
<p>Dramatic Contemporary</p>  <p>4833 MAURY LANE \$1,995,000 Alexandria</p> <p>Custom-built five bedroom plus 4 1/2 + 1/2 bath home in beautiful woodland setting on one acre lot. This home boasts soaring ceilings, large room sizes, and spectacular decks for outdoor entertaining.</p> <p>Donnan C. Wintermute 703.518.6156</p>	<p>New Alexandria Listing!</p>  <p>2911 GROVETON STREET \$229,900 Alexandria</p> <p>South Alexandria location, brick rambler with three bedrooms plus two full bathrooms, finished basement and fenced yard.</p> <p>Sherry York 703.625.3377</p>	<p>Double Unit at Carlyle Towers!</p>  <p>2121 JAMIESON AVENUE, UNIT 1704-1705 Carlyle Towers / Old Town Alexandria</p> <p>Three bedroom, two bath DOUBLE UNIT condominium home with heated / CAC sunroom with 27 feet of great city views! Eat-in kitchen, separate dining room, two garage spaces. www.CarlyleTowers1-1704.com.</p> <p>Marie Louise Meyer 703.836.2080</p>	<p>Charming Home In Great Location!</p>  <p>6621 WAKEFIELD DRIVE, UNIT 812 \$179,900 River Towers</p> <p>This freshly painted, light and bright home has a sought-after view of the marsh! One bedroom, one bathroom condo is move-in ready. Hardwood floors, great location! Swimming pool, tennis, picnic areas and more!</p> <p>Denise Davis 571.332.8531</p>
<p>Contemporary Renovation</p>  <p>2422 SOUTH IVES STREET \$998,000 Aurora Hills</p> <p>Elegant, completely renovated home in Aurora Hills. Four bedrooms, three and one half bathrooms, with gourmet kitchen, home theatre, all the bells and whistles.</p> <p>Fran Orr 703.623.4070</p>	<p>Style And Open Space!</p>  <p>5957 EARLSTON COURT \$459,000 Alexandria/Kingstowne</p> <p>Three level garage town home that backs to trees for privacy! Granite, hardwood flrs, 2 mstr BR suites, rec rm w/tp, professionally painted, new carpet, new windows, patio, fenced yard</p> <p>Sherry York 703.625.3377</p>	<p>Luxury Estate Home For Rent</p>  <p>895 ANDALUSIA DRIVE \$5,500 / Month South Alexandria</p> <p>Estate home on secluded private drive near the Potomac River waterfront. Three luxurious levels, elevator, six bedrooms and a wine cellar! Bright and open floor plan with grand rooms.</p> <p>Cindie Fish 703.201.4451</p>	<p>Bright and Sunny Townhome</p>  <p>5927 KIRKCALDY LANE \$433,000 Kingstowne</p> <p>Three level stone front, two bedroom, two full bathroom, two half bathroom townhome in Kingstowne! Enjoy a 1-car garage, bright and sunny interior, neutral color scheme and comfortable updates!</p> <p>Yvonne S. Croft 703.973.1540</p>



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Youth sailing classes are offered through the summer at Washington Sailing Marina and Belle Haven Marina. For information on the Washington Sailing Marina on Daingerfield Island, visit www.washingtonsailingmarina.com For information on the classes held at the Belle Haven Marina, visit www.saildc.com.

Great Waves Of Cooling Off

For those seeking refuge from the unforgiving summer sun, Cameron Run Regional Park in Alexandria provides a number of recreational activities for families, including the chilly Great Waves Water Park. Backed by four-story-high water slides and a wave pool, this park offers splashes of fun in a great location right off the beltway on Eisenhower Avenue. Cameron Run also features a miniature golf course and a nine-station batting cage.

Because of its smaller size than other parks routinely attended by Alexandria-area families such as Six Flags or Kings Dominion, Cameron Run is a well-kept secret for some. Do not let the smaller scope be a deterrent, however. The park provides nearby entertainment at a relaxed price for an inexpensive fee. For \$17.50, Cameron Run patrons can enjoy all-day, unlimited use of the water park, miniature golf course, and batting cage.

Cameron Run Regional Park is located at 4001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria. For more information about the park, visit www.nvrpa.org/park/cameron_run or call 703-960-0767.

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The wave pool is Cameron Run Regional Park's biggest attraction.

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Youngsters — and adults — line up for the water slide.



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Talk of the Town

Americana The Wanderer is planning a small fete for one of his favorite holidays, July the 4th . . . just an intimate gathering on the bank of the Potomac with friends of all ages. Being in our historic port city on this very American holiday makes him swell with pride. So, let the poor unfortunates that are beach bound fry in traffic. The Wanderer is happily collecting party favors from our more patriotic shopkeepers. And staying home.

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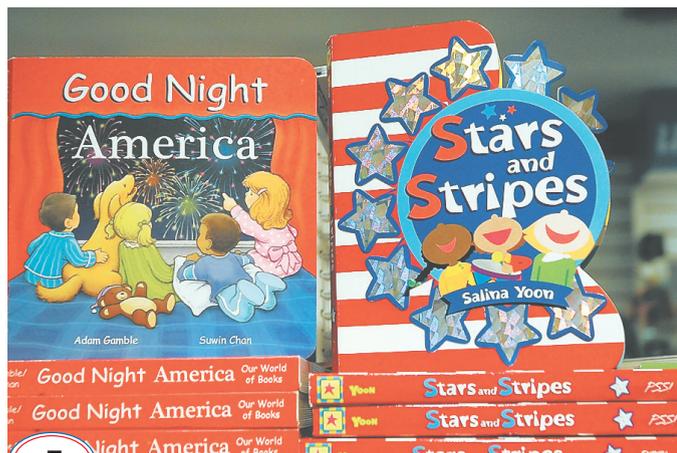
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Tea Dances. 1 to 3:15 p.m. Group class from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Ballroom, Latin and Swing music. \$11/person. At the Dance Studio Lioudmila, 18 Roth Street, 2nd Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

THURSDAY/JULY 1

Barbara Efron's Storytime Express. 4 p.m. For ages 3 and up. At the Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-1704.

Robinson Lee Earle with Sara Mosher. 7-9 p.m. Free. Robinson Lee Earle plays finger-style post-folk. On back-up vocals and hand percussion is Sara Mosher. This performance will be presented in conjunction with CrisisLink, a local crisis prevention hotline. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, www.torpedofactory.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 2

The English Channel (British Music from 60's and 70's). 7:30-8:30 p.m. Free. The English Channel authentically recreates British music from the mid '60s to the mid '70s. Every song they play sold millions of records in its day. Tune in to The Channel to go back to where you once belonged. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances

SATURDAY/JULY 3

Alexandria Art Market. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A variety of original artwork from over 20 artists will be displayed for sale including painting, photography, pottery, jewelry, and glasswork. At the

Nicholas A. Colasanto Park, adjoining the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria (corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mount Vernon Avenue). Contact Kimberley Bush at 703-627-7656 or email

DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com.

Teddy Bear Parade. 10 a.m. to noon. Children should dress themselves and their teddy bear (or favorite stuffed toy) as a figure in American history. Children ages 3 and up may participate. Participants can enter one of two age groups: ages 3-6 and 7-11. Three winners (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) will be selected in each age group. Admission is \$5/child marching in the parade. Register now by calling 703-548-1789. Visit www.leefendallhouse.org. At the Leefendall House Museum & Garden.

Villamay Fourth of July Parade and Celebration. 10 a.m. Neighbors will gather in front of the home of Marjorie and David Spires at 7302 Admiral Drive, Alexandria, for drinks and a sing-a-long. Children will be present with bikes and scooters decorated. A parade will begin around 10:30 a.m. will end at the Belle Vista-Admiral Drive cul-de-sac with a visit from an ice cream truck and a fire truck.

SUNDAY/JULY 4

Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m. Free. Pianist Alexander Beresovsky performing works by Schumann, Scriabin and Chopin. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

Organ Fireworks, Hot Dogs & Lemonade. 11:30 a.m. Douglas A. Beck, music director, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, presents a Fourth of July concert. At St. Paul's Episcopal Old Town, 228 South Pitt Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-3312.

Mount Vernon Fireworks. 8 a.m. to 5



SUNDAY/JULY 25

Demonstration Game Day. Noon to 5 p.m. Free. Miniature wargaming simulates historical or hypothetical battles on a table top of simulated terrain (hills, woods, streams, and buildings), using miniature soldiers and vehicles depicting the opponents. Popular periods in historical miniatures wargaming include the Napoleonic age, the American Civil War, Ancients, and WWII. Seven to nine games will start the top of every hour. These short, one-hour, beginner-friendly games introduce the games and teach the basics. Everything is provided. At Eagle & Empire Game & Hobby Shop, 6468 Landsdowne Center, Alexandria. Email michael.burmeister@us.army.mil or 703-328-1401. Visit the store's website is http://eagle-and-empire.com.

p.m. Made-for-daytime smoke fireworks fired over the Potomac River. Concert, cake, demonstrations by First Virginia Regiment and more. Admission is \$15/adults; \$7/children. At Historic Mount Vernon. Go to Visit.MountVernon.org.

A Walk to Remember Our Children. 8 a.m. For families who have lost a child of any age or cause. Starts at Crystal City Hyatt Regency Hotel, Arlington. Sponsored by The

Compassionate Friends, a national support organization that helps families reach a positive resolution of their grief. Call Susan Johnson at 301-949-2158. Registration is \$20 for the walk.

Independence Day Worship. 9:30 a.m. St. James' Episcopal and Epiphany Lutheran Churches invite the Mount Vernon community to a combined worship service. The service will include Holy Communion and Patriotic

Music featuring a special guest soloist, Katherine Oros. Pastor Brent Thalacker will be officiating at St. James' Episcopal Church, 5614 Old Mill Road. Following the service all will walk down to Epiphany Lutheran Church (5521 Old Mill Road) for a pie, ice-cream and a fireworks celebration. Call 703-780-3081 or visit www.stjamesmv.org.

MONDAY/JULY 5

Expressions: An Exhibit Celebrating Active Aging and the Arts. 7 p.m. At the opening, adult guests will be free to view the art, sip cocktails and sample Washington House signature menu items. Washington House residents will showcase their artistic creations in a variety of media while local judges select "best of show" pieces to be entered into a nationwide competition amongst residents of 26 communities managed by Tucson-based Watermark Retirement Communities. Finalists will be featured in the company's "Expressions" calendar. Guests are welcome to attend by calling 703-845-5000. At the Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria.

TUESDAY/JULY 6

Catherine's Ring. 6 to 8 p.m. Free. Talk on a Historic Link to Our First President. Historian Richard Klingensmaier will discuss how the discovery of a gold memorial ring has served to focus a new light on the momentous events surrounding the death of George Washington. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or call 703-838-8000.

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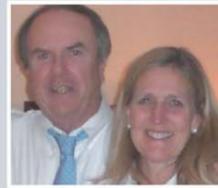
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4325
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\$585,000

Gorgeous Inside and Out!
A Southwood Gem! Fabulous four bedroom colonial in pristine condition with many major updates including expanded gourmet kitchen with custom cabinetry,ilestone counters, stainless steel and large breakfast room. Other features include hardwood floors, family room with fireplace and 2 car garage. Beautiful grounds with brick walks, stone patio and magnificent landscaping.

JUST LISTED!

7106
Colgate Dr
\$598,500

Hollin Glen-Super Value!
Owner's relocation provides unique opportunity in prestigious "close-in" Hollin Glen. Spacious well maintained home just minutes from Old Town. Many fabulous features include: four large bedrooms, 3 baths, updated gourmet kitchen, hwd floors and 2 fireplaces. Custom two tiered deck overlooks private backyard. Check the comps! Nothing like it in close-in Fort Hunt are for under \$600,000!

7330
ROCKFORD DR
Falls Church
\$489,000

Perfectly updated 3 lvl, 3BR, 3.5BA townhouse in Churchill Sq. Kit w/brkfst space, SS appl & stone counter.

Open floor plan, fresh paint & HW flrs on all 3-lvl. W-out patio & just steps to WFC metro.

THE CAREY TEAM
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8063 FAIRFAX RD
Hollin Hall
\$874,900

Last one available! Fine home to be built by Alexandria based Reade Hanson Homebuilders. Features include 3,400+ sq ft, front porch, gourmet kit, 9' ceilings, luxurious master suite, HW floors on main level, walk-out basement & more!

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4 W GLEBE RD
Del Ray / \$449,900

Welcome to this updated, 3 bedroom, 3.5 baths garage townhome with gleaming hardwood floors and a deck and patio for outdoor entertaining. Just minutes to Old Town, Crystal City and National Airport, this home is a commuter's dream!

Jennifer Collier 703.966.1810
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703
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6515
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\$835,000

Classic Colonial - Near Old Town!
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1002
N. Royal St
\$568,000

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1215 POWHATAN ST
Old Town
\$592,700

This beautiful brick end TH is in absolute move-in condition. It's freshly painted from top to bottom-inside/out & kit is redone w/all new appl, granite, cabinets & tile flr. New roof, triple pane windows & a great patio w/ attractive landscaping. Mins from public trans., restaurants & shops.

Annelise Smith 703.505.2533

501 SLATERS LN
#324
Alex / \$324,900

'Pottery Barn' perfect 2BR 2BA condo w/sunset + river views, hwd flrs, Granite/SS kit, updated Baths, W/D in unit & reserved prkg. Community has pool, party room, Cabana/Gazebo, dog park, walk/bike trails. Right on the Potomac - 1 stoplight to D.C.; walk to all that Old Town Alexandria has to offer!

Susan Batchelder 703.919.8359

7911
NEW ORLEANS DR
Alex / Mt Vernon
\$489,900

Beautiful cared for property situated on a cul-de-sac lot in Hollin Hall Village. 2-lvl with carport, walk-out from finished basement. 4BRs, 2FPs, close to schools, shopping & transportation. Call for appointment...

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NEW PRICE!

4710
Richmarr Pl
\$460,000

Prime Location - Stunning Value!
Rare opportunity-single family home on large lot in prime City of Alexandria location for under \$500,000! Home is in excellent condition and features bright open floor plan, 4 levels, hardwoods on 2 levels, updated throughout and off street parking. Patio and huge backyard. Premier setting on fenced lot fronting quiet Cul De Sac near large park. New Price!

805
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\$225,000

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Spacious 2 bedroom, 2 bath unit with deck and garage parking! Large closets plus extra storage area for unit. Great location in park like setting in City of Alexandria prime area. Many amenities include pool, exercise room, tennis courts and secure building.

CONTRACT!

1139
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\$769,000

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Exceptionally attractive Classic Cape in prime location on gorgeous .60 acre lot mins from OT, just off GW Parkway. Tastefully expanded and updated to preserve the integrity of original home. Fabulous features include stunning family room, spacious first floor master suite, upgraded kit and more! Custom in ground pool. Great New Price!

426 ALFRED ST
Old Town
\$879,000

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Mary Taylor 703.785.5619

4712 NEPTUNE DR
Alexandria
\$1,425,000

STUNNING WATER FRONT property with dock on Doge Creek Lagoon. Elevator and two-car garage, in-ground pool on half acre lot. 5,501 sq ft of living space with great views. 6BR, 4.5 BA

Betty Quirk 703.851.3447
Suzanne Backus 703.338.3594

501 SLATERS LA
#1103
Alex / Old Town
\$539,000

Don't miss this one of a kind renovation sited on the Potomac w/stunning views from every window. Some features of this 2BR, 2BA condo are maple floors, large living/dining area, fully renovated baths & master w/bath & walk-in closet.

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CONTRACT!

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SOLD!

3906 Rive Dr

9316
Allwood Dr
\$535,000

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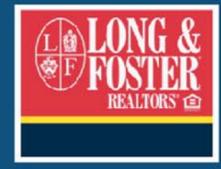
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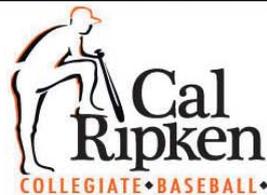
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Where To Go on July 4th

In Virginia

❖ **Virginia has a variety of places** to see 4th of July fireworks. You can see spectacular views of the fireworks on the National Mall from the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) in Arlington, near the Rosslyn Metro station and areas along the Virginia side of the Potomac River that can be reached from George Washington Memorial Parkway. You may park at the Gravelly Point parking lot, which is about a quarter mile from the 14th Street Bridge. Another great place to watch the fireworks is from the Air Force Memorial on Columbia Pike.

Here are some other places in Virginia to see 4th of July fireworks.

❖ **Alexandria**, Oronoco Bay Park, 100 Madison St., Alexandria. Celebrate Alexandria's 261st Birthday & the USA's on Saturday, July 10, 2010, 4-10 p.m. Enjoy a concert by the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra at 9 and fireworks at 9:30 p.m. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/Recreation or call 704-746-5418.

❖ **Falls Church**, George Mason High School, 7124 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, Virginia. Live music will start at 7 p.m. followed by fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

❖ **Fairfax**, July 3, (rain date - fireworks only July 4) Fairfax City, Independence Day Parade through the downtown area beginning at 10 a.m. Musical entertainment begins at 7 p.m. at Fairfax High School with a spectacular fireworks display at dark. (703) 385-7858.

❖ **McLean**, Langley High School, 6520 Georgetown Pike McLean. (703) 790-0123. Music performances, food, games, and activities for kids. Grounds open at 6 p.m. Fireworks at dark.

❖ **Vienna**, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street Southeast, Vienna. Arts and crafts, food, live music, vendors, and games. Celebrations start at 11 a.m. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m. at Southside Park on Ross Dr.

❖ **Herndon**, Herndon Community Center, 814 Ferndale Ave. Herndon. (703) 787-7300. Rides open

at 5 p.m. Music, crafts, bingo, games at 6:30 p.m. Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.

❖ **Reston**, Lake Fairfax Park, 1400 Lake Fairfax Dr., Reston. (703) 471-5415. Fireworks begin around 9:15 p.m.

❖ **Leesburg**, Ida Lee Park, Rt. 15 (King Street) and Ida Lee Drive, Leesburg. (703) 777-1368. Gates open at 6 p.m. Fireworks around 9:30 p.m.

❖ **Manassas**, 9431 West Street, Manassas. (703) 335-8872. Enjoy live music, children's activities, food and fireworks. Entertainment begins at 4 p.m. Fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

❖ **King's Dominion**, 16000 Theme Park Way, Doswell, Virginia. Independence Day celebrations and fireworks.

In the District

Following is a guide to all of the 4th of July events on the National Mall.

The 4th of July celebrations in Washington, D.C., are among the most attended events of the year and many people arrive early to stake out a seat on the lawn. There are plenty of activities scheduled throughout the day to keep the whole family busy.

❖ **Getting to the National Mall** — The best way to get to the National Mall is to take the Metro. Stations nearby include Metro Center, Gallery Place-Chinatown, Judiciary Square, Federal Triangle and EEnfant Plaza. The Smithsonian Metro station will be closed on the Fourth.

❖ **Public access** to the National Mall begins at 10 a.m., with all visitors required to enter via a security checkpoint.

❖ **Independence Day Parade**
Parade Start Time: 11:45 a.m.
Parade Route: Constitution Avenue and 7th to 17th Sts.

Washington, D.C.'s 4th of July Parade features marching bands, military and specialty units, floats, and VIP's. The parade draws a large crowd, so plan

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to arrive early to stake out a good viewing spot.

❖ Smithsonian Folklife Fest

The annual event includes daily and evening music and dance performances, crafts and cooking demonstrations, storytelling and discussions of cultural issues. The themes of the 2010 program will be: México Profundo: A Deeper Mexico, Asian Pacific American Connections and Smithsonian Inside Out. The hours on the 4th of July are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

❖ 4th of July at the National Archives

The National Archives celebrates the 4th of July with special family programming celebrating the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Visit the National Archives Building for this special birthday party from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

❖ White House Visitor Center Family Events

Between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., stop at the White House Visitor Center and enjoy games, crafts and other activities celebrating America's Birthday. National Park Service rangers and volunteers will give you the opportunity to sample the sights, sounds, activities and personages that helped finalize the Declaration of Independence and create the United States of America on July 4, 1776.

❖ Concert on the Washington Monument Grounds

Beginning at 6 p.m. the U.S. Navy Band performs on the Southwest corner of the grounds of the Washington Monument. The concert includes the U.S. Navy Concert Band, the Sea Chanters chorus, and the Cruisers, their rock and top-40 ensemble. That portion ends at 7:30 p.m., to be followed by a vignette by the National Park



Service. At 8 p.m., the Navy Band Commodores Jazz ensemble will perform with guest Jane Monheit. This portion promptly concludes at 9:10 p.m. for the fireworks display.

❖ A Capitol Fourth Concert

Time: 8 - 9:30 p.m. (Admittance begins at 3 p.m.)

Location: West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol Building

The 30th anniversary broadcast will be hosted by actor Jimmy Smits, with performances by Reba McEntire, Gladys Knight, Darius Rucker (Hootie & the Blowfish), singer David Archuleta (American Idol), and actor and singer John Schneider, as well as classical pianist Lang Lang with the National Symphony Orchestra under the direction of top pops conductor Jack Everly and the Choral Arts Society of Washington, under the direction of Norman Scribner.

The July 4th concert finale includes Tchaikovsky's "1812 Overture" — featuring the U.S. Army Herald Trumpets and complete with live cannon fire provided by the United States Army Presidential Salute Battery. Also featured are the U.S. Army Ceremonial Band, the U.S. Marine Drum and Bugle Corps, the Joint Armed Forces Color Guard and the State

and Territorial Flags of the Military District of Washington. The annual event will be broadcast live on WETA TV 26 with a repeat airing at 10 p.m.

❖ Best Places to View the National Mall Fireworks

- ❖ U.S. Capitol
- ❖ Lincoln Memorial
- ❖ Jefferson Memorial
- ❖ FDR Memorial
- ❖ East Potomac Park
- ❖ Southwest Waterfront 4th of July Festival (tickets required)
- ❖ Rooftop of the W Hotel (tickets required)
- ❖ Anywhere along the National Mall between 14th Street and the Capitol
- ❖ Aboard a cruise along the Potomac River (tickets required)

Spectacular views can also be seen from the Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima) in Arlington, near the Rosslyn Metro station and areas along the Virginia side of the Potomac River that can be reached from George Washington Memorial Parkway. You may park at the Gravely Point parking lot, which is about a quarter mile from the 14th Street Bridge. Another great place to watch the fireworks is from the Air Force Memorial on Columbia Pike.

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Mount Vernon's Schedule of Events:

- ❖ 9:30 a.m.: General Washington's Inspection of the Troops. Reading of the Declaration of Independence and a demonstration by the First Virginia Regiment on the Bowling Green.
- ❖ 10 a.m.: Annual Independence Day

Wreathlaying. A ceremonial wreathlaying at Washington's Tomb by the George Washington Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution.

- ❖ 11 a.m.: United States Citizenship & Immigration Services Naturalization Ceremony. A special Independence Day naturalization ceremony for America's 100 newest citizens.

- ❖ 12 p.m.: "Red, White, and Blue" Concert. Patriotic performance by the National Concert Band of America on the Bowling Green.

- ❖ 12:45 p.m.: Pyrotechnic Salute to America. Unique daytime fireworks display over the Potomac River.

- ❖ 1 p.m.: "Happy Birthday, America" Cake. Birthday cake on the Bowling Green (while supplies last).

- ❖ 1:30 p.m.: Revolutionary War Military Music. Demonstration by the First Virginia Regiment on the Bowling Green.

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 7

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$6. With DJ Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 641 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

Musical Bingo Party. 1-3 p.m. Free. Prizes and refreshments. At the Hermitage Senior Center, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-797-3815 to reserve a seat.

Salsa at Sunset — an Evening of Edibles. 6:30-8 p.m. \$16. Learn how to grow and cook with different kinds of peppers from kitchen gardener, Cindy Brown. You and fellow enthusiasts will sample delectable garden treats and then take a pepper to grow in your own garden. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 to register. Visit www.greenspring.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 8

Healthy Relationships Group. 3-4:30 p.m. Teen girls ages 13 and 17, are invited to join a group to talk about healthy relationships, self-esteem and more every Thursday for 6 weeks starting July 8 from 3pm - 4:30pm at Duncan Library. Contact Jennifer.Hemmick@alexandriava.gov or call 703-746-5030.

Masters Seminar for Professional Theatre. 7 to 8 p.m. Sixteen Mount Vernon students have registered for

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FRIDAY/JULY 9

Pie Tasters (Ska). 7:30-8:30 p.m. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performance.

Inside North Korea. 7 p.m. A National Geographic documentary film hosted by Lisa Ling (sister of detained American journalist, Laura Ling) presented and discussed by representatives of LiNK (Liberty in North Korea.) Resistance, ideology, brainwashing, and survival all interwoven in the film. Chapel at the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Donations accepted. Refreshments. 703-721-0595 or gpourchot@yahoo.com.

SATURDAY/JULY 10

Annual USA & City Birthday Celebration. 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. Free.

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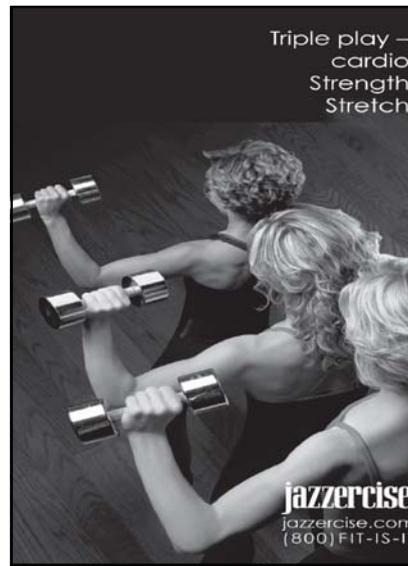
"Harlem's Mart 125: The American Dream" Film Screening. 4:30 p.m. Free. Part of "Movies with a Mission." At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit www.alexblackhistory.org or call 703-746-4356.

U.S. Army Band. 6 p.m. Free. The 257th Army Band will perform patriotic music, marches and entertainment. At Oronoco Bay Park, Alexandria. Go to www.257armyband.com or call 202-685-7899.

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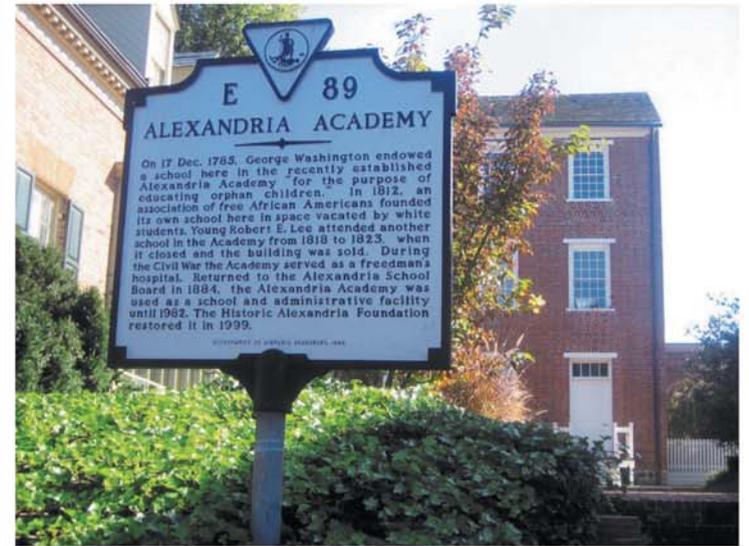
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A Place Where Love Stories Last a Lifetime

FROM PAGE 7

andria Realtor Christine Garner, who grew up on Prince Street.

"I remember as a little girl I used to go by King's Jewelry," Garner recalled.

But the first time I went into the store was one February after the St. Patrick's Day parade. I was pregnant with my first daughter who's now 21. I started buying charms — for me and for my daughters — keeping up the tradition over the years for special occasions like their first communions and confirmations."

Soon she was picking up house-warming gifts there for her clients and then shower and hostess gifts.

"I know I can always find something special. Christmas ornaments every year for my girls, a lovely necklace and earrings for my assistant Leslie. Now my whole office goes there," she said.

Jim and Cathy Foster will be celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary this September, and it's a pretty safe bet the gifts will be from King's Jewelry.

"20th anniversary, 50th anniversary, even Christmastime — it's always been there," Cathy Foster shared.

"When we celebrated our 50th anniversary, Cathy and Brad attended," Jim Foster added. "They pretty much always know what we want. If we tell them what the gift's for, sure enough, Brad will dig around and

find something special," he said. "We've never been disappointed."

"Brad is just a pistol," Garner said with a laugh. "He knows me, knows my style. And there's a very hometown feel in his store. I mean the service there is great. I just can't say enough. They're amazingly kind, warm-hearted, trustworthy people."

ON A RECENT rainy afternoon, despite the gray skies, it was all sparkly and big smiles inside King's Jewelry.

"Generally, the people that come in to shop are coming here for a happy occasion," Cathy Bradford pointed out.

A quick survey of the store noted a gentleman picking up the watch he had engraved for someone special; a couple, arms wrapped around each other, making a final decision about their wedding bands; and the beaming young woman who was there to pick up her engagement ring. There was also a delighted customer just picking up a repair — freelance food writer Michell Kayal of Arlington.

"It was my grandmother's — a design from the 1930's. Look," she said showing off the newly repaired, shined and polished wedding band with diamonds all around. "The goldsmith completely recreated this by hand."

Brad Bradford is the first to admit that he's not a goldsmith or certified gemologist.

"I hire people that have the credentials," he said. "My goldsmith and gemologist has been doing this for more than 20 years. It's a miracle to find guys like that."

Bradford is sure that the quality of his goldsmith's repairs and original designs helped elevate the image of King's Jewelry.

"He does it all — repairs and custom design work," Bradford said. "I keep a catalog of his previous creations. We get some direction from the customer and then he takes it from there. He's a real artist."

When asked how she happened to find King's Jewelry, Kayal said she had been looking for a jeweler for a long time — ever since her wedding band lost the same diamond she had just fixed by a different jeweler. The reporter in her started doing her research.

"On checkbook.org, King's Jewelry had a high rating, so I knew a little bit about them before I called. Still, I asked about 300 questions, as reporters are want to do," she said laughing.

"The wedding band was a test — a high function test," she grinned and nodded towards Bradford who was looking over other jewelry pieces in need of repair. Kayal had kept them wrapped in her purse — just in case.

"Oh, yes. He passed the test," smiled Kayal. "That's why I'm leaving the other jewelry here."

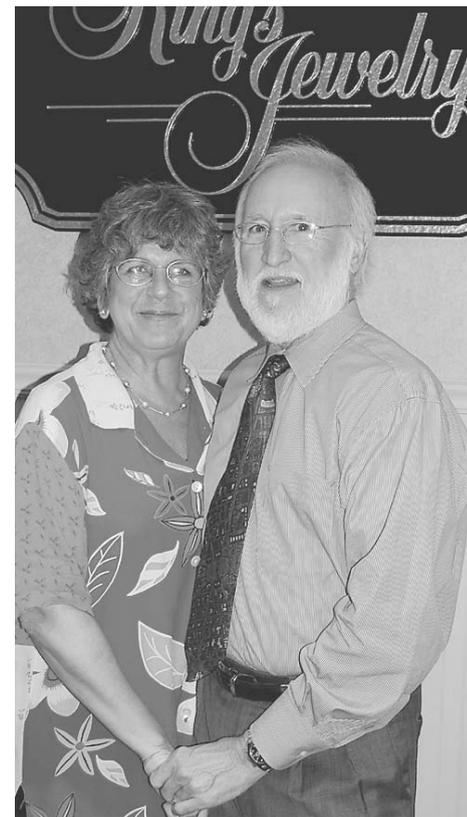


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Cathy Bradford with Norman "Brad" Bradford. According to Cathy Bradford, her husband may be past retirement age, "but we have no intention of retiring out of the business for many years to come."

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BUSINESS

30 Years of 'Hard Times'

Hard Times Café founder reminisces on 30 years in the chili business.

BY FRED PARKER
HARD TIMES CAFÉ FOUNDER

My brother Jim and I grew up in Northern Virginia. In the late 1950s we would catch the bus down King Street to the Reed Theater to see a double feature or in the summer to the public swimming pool on Cameron for a dip. Sometimes for fun we'd go to the train station to put pennies on the tracks for trains to mash flat.

About the only thing I remember at the other end of King Street was Docksider Sales, a forerunner to Pier 1. The favorite places for family Sunday dinners were the Sea Port Inn and George Washington's Old Club on Washington Street. For the next 20 years upper King Street was a rough area. I heard that one tavern had so many fights that broke out the front window, so they eventually just left it boarded up with plywood. That was before there was an architectural review board.

I remember there were lots of "massage parlors" in the 1970s but never had the nerve to check them out. The building that houses the Hard Times was constructed in 1959, and one of its incarnations was a store-front church.

By 1980 when Hard Times opened, the area wasn't much better. What is now a flower shop across from the Hard Times was then the alcoholic rehab center. As folks waited in line to get into the Hard Times it was not uncommon to have police cars lined up dropping off drunks to dry them out right across the street. Serious local color.

Even though cars were often broken into, it did not deter those in search of a good bowl of chili. A 1983 review in the Washington Post described the area as follows: "There are art and antique galleries here and there, otherwise the area includes a used car lot, a Laundromat, a wholesale restaurant supply house, shells of stores boarded up and drab houses with fake stone fronts. And blooming like a buttercup in the pavement is the Hard Times Café."

IN THOSE DAYS there was a parking lot next to the Hard Times.

Originally it was a used car lot but was then a commercial photo service. In fact, that's how the Hard Times got started. In the late '70s I was a graphic designer at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., and I contracted with Murray Photo for giant photo murals for exhibitions. Murray, who also owned the building next door, was getting out of the business and asked me one day if I knew anyone who would be interested in putting a restaurant in the building.

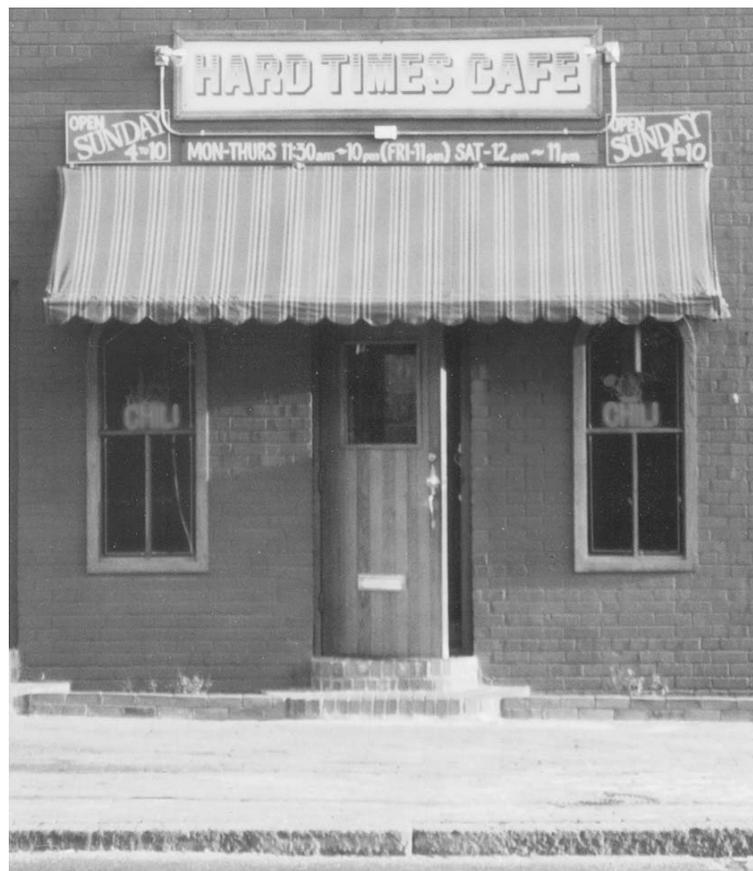
Well, my brother said he would partner with me, and as they say the rest is history. My house in Del Ray secured a loan and by doing much of the work ourselves, we were able to get open for \$80,000. (It would take half a million today.) One day when brother Jim and I were laying the brick pavers on the floor a young woman who worked for Murray walked in and asked us if she could have a job. Terrie Charping is still with us today. After raising a family she still picks up a shift every Tuesday night.

After our first year, we hired Sandy Karpe as a cook. Sandy is still slinging chili for us and has a huge following. She has regulars who have been coming for decades to be served and insulted by her at the counter. There have been quite a few Hard Times romances also, both customers and staff. Many first dates at the Hard Times have bloomed into long relationships. One of our former cooks, Chris Thackeray, married Asta, a server who came from Lithuania, and now with two kids still takes care of her many regular customers. We have a manager whose parents used to bring her to the Hard Times as a baby. Now that makes me feel old.

HAVING WORKED at the Hard Times gives a resume serious credibility. Our alumni are all over the country. Doctors, dentists, lawyers, a state politician in Iowa, a newspaper columnist in Portland, and an airline pilot in North Carolina. The pilot, Mark Boudreau, when he lived in the area would pick up shifts in-between flights out of National. One of his favorite stories was when his plane was boarding and a passenger passing



Before Hard Times Café in 1979 ...



... after when Hard Times Café opened in 1980.

Mark in his uniform at the cabin door said "you look familiar," to which Mark replied "I served you a chili mac last night at the Hard Times."

Mark still comes up every February for the George Washington birthday parade, where he plays George on the back of the horse in the Hard Times pickup truck. The horse and truck also participate in the Saint Patrick's Day parade and the Scottish Walk. On evenings and weekends, the horse in its other incarnations as a unicorn and Rudolph is one of the most photographed images on King Street.

People ask me if I'll ever retire. There are two answers. One is I

retired 30 years ago and didn't realize it. The other answer is if you love what you do every day, why would I want to stop doing it.

For me, the Hard Times has been a labor of love and I can't think of a better place to be in business. Alexandria has some of the best customers in the world, many who have become friends. And in a business that is notorious for turnover, it is gratifying to have attracted such incredibly good people over the years. Virginia may be for lovers, but for the last 30 years the staff at Hard Times has made Alexandria an international destination for lovers of good chili.

NEWS

FROM PAGE 9

Katelynn Frazier even more likely.

When a child is needlessly thrown into foster care, he loses not only mom and dad but often brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, grandparents, teachers, friends and classmates. For a young enough child it can be an experience akin to a kidnapping. Other children feel they must have done something terribly wrong and now they are being punished. A major study of foster care "alumni" found they had twice the rate of post-traumatic stress disorder of Gulf War veterans and only 20 percent could be said to be "doing well." How can throwing children into a system which churns out walking wounded four times out of five be "erring on the side of the child?"

Two more studies, of 15,000 cases, are even more devastating. Those studies found that even maltreated children left in their own homes with little or no help fared better, on average, than comparably-maltreated children placed in foster care.

All that harm can occur even when the foster home is a good one. The majority are. But if Resource Family Recruiter Christine Levine says she's never seen abuse in an Alexandria foster home, then she's not looking hard enough. Study after study finds that the real rate of abuse in foster care is far higher than shown in official statistics and far higher than in the general population. Several studies find abuse in one-quarter to one-third of foster homes. Switching to orphanages won't help — the record of

institutions is even worse.

But even that isn't the worst of it. Like most foster parents, most frontline workers mean well. But when they're overloaded they make bad decisions in all directions — leaving some children in dangerous homes, even as more children are taken from homes that are safe or could be made safe with the right kinds of services. The more that workers are overwhelmed with children who don't need to be in foster care, the less time they have to find children in real danger. So they make even more mistakes in all directions. That is almost always the real explanation for the horror-story cases like the case of Katelynn Frazier.

None of this means no child ever should be taken from her or his parents. Rather, it means that foster care is an extremely toxic intervention that must be used sparingly and in small doses. But for decades, America's child welfare systems have prescribed mega-doses of foster care.

After nearly doubling in the first half of the last decade, the number of children in Alexandria foster care is declining again — but it's still higher than it was a decade ago; and given the fact that Alexandria isn't even trying to find permanent homes for so many children, it's fair to ask if some of the decline isn't just a result of children being kicked out of the system at age 18 with no family at all.

One more tired foster parent recruiting campaign won't solve any of this. Rather, Alexandria needs to follow the example of

better systems around the country that have rebuilt to emphasize safe, proven approaches to keeping families together. These systems have learned what too many here in Alexandria have not: You can't have child safety without family preservation.

Richard Wexler
Executive Director
National Coalition for
Child Protection Reform

Moran and Senators Webb and Warner do everything in their power to make sure these bills become law. If this critical legislation is not enacted, the Special Diabetes Program will be terminated and we will lose a tremendous asset in our fight against the disease.

Joseph LaMountain
Alexandria

In Fight Against Diabetes

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank our elected officials in Congress for their strong support of diabetes. Representative James Moran and Senators Jim Webb and Mark Warner have all cosponsored legislation that is essential in the fight to find a cure for diabetes and to improve the lives of all people affected by it.

The bills (HR 3668 and S 3058) would reauthorize the Special Diabetes Program established by Congress in the 1990s. This program provides critical funding for diabetes research and care in the state. More than 700,000 Virginians have diabetes and it is the sixth leading cause of death in Virginia so the Special Diabetes Program is deserving of their support.

While their endorsement is greatly appreciated, it's essential that Representative

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Field hockey players, coaches and Bob Eavenson, retiring assistant athletic director from T.C. Williams High School.



Mac Slover, director of sports for the Recreation Department, presents Bob Eavenson, retiring assistant athletic director from T.C. Williams High School with an award on behalf of the Recreation Department for the many years of service working together in support of youth athletics in the City of the Alexandria.

Girls' Field Hockey Not To Be Overlooked

By MCKENYA DILWORTH-ABDALLA
ACTING DIRECTOR OF NANNIE J. LEE
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Girls' Field Hockey is the newest addition to the sports division of the Department of Recreation, Parks

and Cultural Activities. On June 22, the participants of the girls' field hockey showed up with impressive numbers to boast. There are 112 girls in the first year program. The numbers alone speak volumes about how the sport is being received here.

Mac Slover, sports program supervisor is

enthusiastic about the positive response from the community and foresees the sport becoming increasingly popular in the city of Alexandria. If you have additional questions or just want to register your child please do not hesitate to call Mac Slover at 703-5407. With all programs that the de-

partment offers sportsmanship and character are encouraged through cooperative play and team building exercises. There is still time to enroll your child/children in the exciting enrichment opportunities here at the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities.



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Wellness Day

Trainer Soraja Lofstrom instructs Terrell Jefferies in a body pump class during the YMCA Alexandria's Community Wellness Day on Saturday, June 26.

Free exercise classes are open to local residents participating in the YMCA's Community Wellness Day.



Kimberly Bryden hands out nutrition information as she manages the Whole Foods stand in the lobby of the YMCA.



Former TC Star Butts Earns All-America Honor

ECU freshman finishes in top eight in NCAA high jump.

Tynita Butts was nicknamed "Track Star," "The Olympian" and "Freak of Nature" during her time as a high school athlete. Those who watched the 2009 T.C. Williams graduate knew her talents in the long jump and high jump could take her a long way.

While her ultimate goal is to one day compete in the Olympics, Butts recently received some recognition while working to get there. Butts, a freshman at East Carolina University, earned All-America honors on June 9 at the NCAA Division I outdoor track and field championships in Eugene, Ore. Butts finished in a three-way tie for seventh place in the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 9 inches. The top eight finishers in each event receive All-America honors.

Butts, who also finished 16th in



Former T.C. Williams standout Tynita Butts earned All-America honors in the high jump on June 9 as a freshman at East Carolina University.

the long jump, is the program's first female All-American in 11 years.

Butts said she had her doubts

about finishing high enough to earn All-America in the high jump, but a change in weather helped her out.

"I was excited," Butts said in a recent phone interview. "Did I know I was going to get it? I had a feeling I was going to do well but

I didn't expect to get All-America in the high jump. ... Once it started raining I knew I was going to get it. When it rains the girls don't do well. But for me, the rain doesn't do anything to me. It's a psychological thing.

"I represented ECU and back home in Virginia and Georgia."

Butts also earned Conference USA Freshman of the Meet during the indoor and outdoor seasons. Butts' freshman season was a promising start to her college career, but she has her sights set on something bigger: the Olympics.

"I really, really want to go," she said. "It's always been my dream since I figured out I could do it."

T.C. Williams track and field coach Patrick Deville believes Butts can do it.

"That's outstanding," Deville said of Butts' All-America honors. "She's had such a great season. ... She's an outstanding person who has worked really, really hard to get where she is. ... I would not be surprised if she was in London or Rio [de Janeiro] for the Olympics at some point."

— JON ROETMAN

SPORTS BRIEFS

Aces Win 3 of 5

The Alexandria Aces have won three of five games between June 21 and June 27, including a win over the second-place Bethesda Big Train, moving their record to 9-12 in the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League. Alexandria defeated the Southern Maryland Nationals twice (6-5, 2-1) and the Big Train, 2-1, during the stretch.

Against Bethesda on June 24, Kyle Zimmer (San Francisco) picked up the win on the mound, allowing one run and three hits over 6 2/3 innings. His ERA is 0.89 over 20 1/3 innings this season, good for fourth in the league.

The Aces have three of the league's top four batting average leaders. Nick Allen (George Mason) is hitting a league-best .393. Will Davis (Pennsylvania) is second at .368 and Rand Ravnaas (Georgetown) is fourth at .352. Ravnaas and Davis are tied for second in home runs (2) and Davis (16) and Ravnaas (14) are first and second, respectively, in RBIs.

On the mound, Max Knowles (North Carolina Wesleyan) leads the league in wins (4) and strikeouts (30).

The Aces host the Baltimore Redbirds at 7 p.m. July 1.

Alexandria Field Hockey Program

The Alexandria field hockey program runs



MARK BRISCOE

Alexandria Aces catcher Will Davis leads the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League in RBIs with 16.

from June 14-29. The program features eight teams with 112 girls ages 10-14 participating. With the help of the T.C. Williams field hockey coaches and players, along with other volunteer coaches, the program will teach the girls the basics of the game, teamwork and sportsmanship. The games are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. at Minnie Howard Field.

Mount Vernon Milers

The Mount Vernon Milers running club meets at 8 a.m. on Sundays. The group usually meets along the Potomac River, but the exact location is listed in an e-mail sent every Wednesday for the coming week. Distances vary but runners can expect between four and eight miles.

To join the Mount Vernon Milers, send Lee Britton an e-mail at lbritton7@yahoo.com to be put on the e-mail list.

Summer Basketball Camp at Whitman MS

The Mark Vincent Annual Summer Basketball Camp will be held at Walt Whitman Middle School. The camp session will be held from July 19-23. Camp tuition is \$200 per camper. Camp hours are from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. each day except on the last day; it will end at noon. Boys and girls ages 7-15 are welcome to attend. Boys and girls campers will be grouped in separate gyms. Campers will also be grouped by age, size and skill level. There will a 10-1 camper to coach ratio. The camps are instructional and skill based. The camp features include local college coaches or players as guest speakers, camp shirts, written evaluations, lectures and demonstrations of offensive and defensive strategies, daily competition and awards, 3 on 3, and 5 on 5 league play. Lastly, concessions will be sold daily

throughout the day. Pizza will also be sold during lunch time. Campers will be responsible for their own lunch if they don't order pizza. Staff members will consist of local high school coaches and players.

At this time, there is a \$25 discount from all Fort Hunt members if RSVP by July 7. There will also be a \$10 discount for any referrals.

Contact markvincentbasketballcamps@gmail.com for more information about referrals. In the RSVP request, include the campers name, shirt size, age, height and position.

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 mac.slover@alexandriava.gov.

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.

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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 are 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 is \$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. 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.

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

SCHOOL NOTES

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The T.C. Williams High School Class of 1975 reunion will be held July 9-10-11, 2010. Information at www.tcwilliams.info.

The T.C. Williams classes of 1970 through 1979 are organizing an alumni reunion picnic/cookout, "Mighty Titans of the 70s." It will be held Saturday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m. at Castle Park in Fort Belvoir. Respond on the link

<http://www.facebook.com/?ref=home#!/event.php?eid=126497370694934>.

The 1960 class of George Washington High School (now a middle school) is having its 50th Reunion in Alexandria, Oct. 8-10. Contact persons are Carolyn Weaver Whitaker, 386-447-5420, gwhs60carolynw@yahoo.com or Doug Garthoff, 703-683-2584, dgarthoff@verizon.net.

Fort Hunt High School Class of 1980 is having its 30th reunion this July 30, 31 and Aug. 1. On Friday night, July 30, all Fort Hunt alumni are invited to the Village Wharf in Hollin Hall for an ice-breaker to kick off the reunion weekend. Saturday night is the Class of '80 celebration in Old Town. On Sunday is the all-alumni picnic/barbecue at Fort Hunt Park, featuring a live band, games for the children, etc. Contact Leslie Howerton Jones at 850-481-0431 or visit www.fhhs80.com.

Host families are needed for 25 high school French students visiting Alexandria. If you are interested in learning about new cultures, sharing the American way of life, and have an extra bed/space for sleeping, you would make a great host family.



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Players, coaches and assistants, including some from T.C. Williams, are seen during the Alexandria field hockey opening night ceremony on June 22.

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

Students will be here Aug. 1-21. Students will be participating in three activities as a group per week with the remaining time with the host family. For more information, email rachael@parlezvous.org.

The following Virginia Tech students were among those honored at the university's fall commencement ceremony held Dec. 18, 2009, in Cassell Coliseum.

❖ **Stephen Groat of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering degree magna cum laude in computer engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **James Norwood of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Feras Ghandour of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in theatre arts from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Magee McDonald of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in finance from the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Ramesh Srigiriraju of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science degree summa cum laude in computer science from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Jonathan Cohen of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science degree in biological sciences from the College of Science.

❖ **Richard Barrar of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science in Business degree in hospitality and tourism management from the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Timothy Cohen of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in international studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Edwin Park of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering degree in industrial and systems engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Patrick Dewey of Alexandria** received a

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.

Washington Mystics Fundamental Camp

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities conjunction with the WNBA Washington Mystics is

Bachelor of Science in Business degree in accounting and information systems from the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Michael Pang of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science degree in apparel, housing, and resource management from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Samuel Belzer of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude in music from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **William Fairchild of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude in interdisciplinary studies from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Omer Khalid of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering degree in electrical engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Brett Layton of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering degree magna cum laude in aerospace engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Jeffrey Hoffman of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in history from the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences.

❖ **Daniel McFarland of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science degree summa cum laude in computer science from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Martin Nguyen of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering degree in mechanical engineering from the College of Engineering.

❖ **Matthew Allen-Daniels of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Science degree in biochemistry from the College of Science.

❖ **Adrienne Miller of Alexandria** received a Bachelor of Arts degree in art from the College of Architecture and Urban Studies.

Joseph Muffler of Alexandria received a Bachelor of Arts degree summa cum laude in English from the College of Liberal Arts and Human

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, drawing 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.

Sciences and a Bachelor of Science in Business degree summa cum laude in finance from the Pamplin College of Business.

❖ **Elaina Daoulas of Alexandria** has earned placement on the Dean's List at Berklee College of Music for the fall semester of the 2009 academic year.

❖ **Colleen Lineweaver of Alexandria** has been named to the Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester in Villanova University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Villanova, Pa.). Colleen is a freshman.

❖ **Kevin Bloomfield of Alexandria** has been named to the Dean's List for the 2009 fall semester in the Villanova School of Business (Villanova, Pa.). Kevin is a senior.

❖ **Diana Leigh Goeller of Alexandria** was named to the dean's list for the fall 2009 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Goeller is a graduate of Thomas Jefferson High School for Science & Technology in Alexandria, and is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

❖ **Heba Tellawi, 20, of Alexandria**, is among 35 University of Virginia undergraduates who have received Harrison Undergraduate Research Awards, which will assist them in conducting independent research during the summer.

Tellawi, a third-year global development studies major, will research the effectiveness of initiatives aimed at helping Palestinian refugees by going to Amman, Jordan, to work with women and children refugees for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency and the American Near East Refugee Aid.

Tellawi, the daughter of Essam and Shahnaz Tellawi, is a graduate of the Islamic Saudi Academy. She sees the Harrison Award as a good step toward a career in development.

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For add'l info including cost, or to register your child, call 703-919-7221 between the hours of 1:00-5:00pm.

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Mary P. Burke of Lewes, previously of Alexandria, VA, age 86,
passed away peacefully on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at her resi-
dence, Cadbury At Lewes. Ms. Burke was born March 4, 1924
in Alexandria, VA, daughter of the late John S. and Helen
(Sampson) Burke.

Ms. Burke was raised in Alexandria, VA graduating from St.
Mary's Academy. After high school, she attended Washington,
DC School of Business in the early 1940's with a degree in ac-
counting. Ms. Burke enjoyed a 36 year career with the Ameri-
can Red Cross in Alexandria. After retiring she moved to
Lewes, DE to share a home with her sister Florence M. Burke
who preceded her in death in 2004. Following her sister's
death, Ms. Burke moved to Cadbury At Lewes where she
made many friends. She was a loved member of the commu-
nity. Ms. Burke was a member of St. Jude The Apostle Catholic
church. She was a loving niece, cousin and friend to many;
she will be missed by all.

The family would like to extend a note of gratitude to the very
caring staff at Cadbury At Lewes who saw to Ms. Burke's
needs during her three year residency.

Ms. Burke is survived by her aunt, Anita Sampson of Simsbury,
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Andrea Sampson of St. Paul, MN; Michael Burke Moore of
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ley Ramey of Warrenton, VA; and Ashby Owen of Alexandria,
VA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, July
1, 2010, at 11:00 AM, at St. Jude The Apostle Catholic Church,
DE Route 1 North of Five Points, Lewes, DE. There will be no
calling hours. There will be a Graveside Service on Friday, Ju-
ly 2, 2010, 12:00 noon at Ivy Hill Cemetery, 2823 King Street,
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