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City work crews collect debris from the curbs in Northridge on Sunday afternoon.



A van is crushed by a fallen limb on Taylor Street at the entrance of the George Mason Elementary School teacher's parking lot.

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## Crushing

Nine houses condemned after violent bursts of wind last week.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

It was almost a hurricane, with winds of up to 70 miles an hour. Certainly the damage caused by the Aug. 5 wind burst was just shy of hurricane-force damage.

Trees blocked major roads. Intersections were inoperable. Much of the city's street grid was unusable. By 3:30 p.m., the clouds had passed and the city became enveloped in a haunting orange glow. That's when the damage became apparent — power

lines dangled over smashed cars in neighborhoods filled with impaled roofs and uprooted plants. At press time, nine houses remain condemned. Mayor Bill Euille estimated damage to city property to be about \$5.2 million.

"The city looked like a war zone," said the mayor. "I have never seen a storm create so much damage."

Between 3:30 p.m. and midnight on Aug. 5, the Alexandria Police Department logged 277 calls for service. That's more than five times as many calls as the previous Thursday, an indication of the volume

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An uprooted, 60-foot oak tree leans over the roof top of Sarah deVenuta's home in Northridge.



Woodland Terrace was closed to traffic as a corner tree toppled over at the cross walk.

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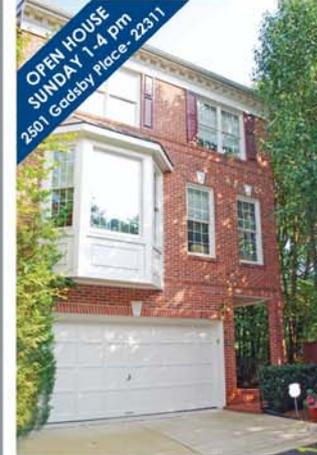


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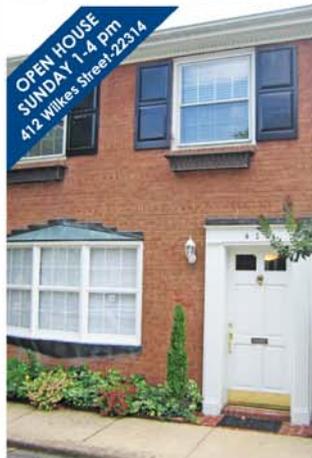
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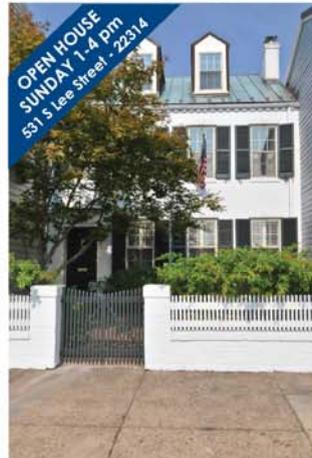
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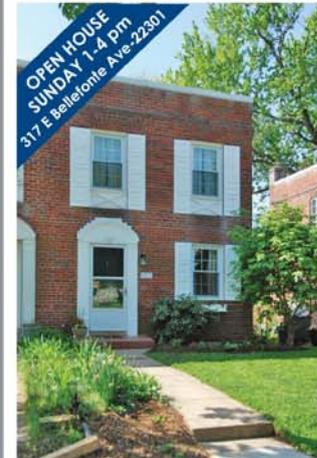
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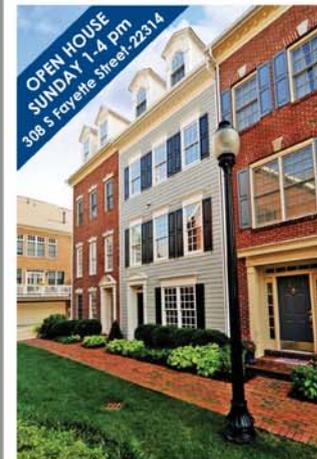
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## Organizing Differently

When thousands of Alexandria residents were threatened with displacement by the forces of gentrification 25 years ago, a courier by the name of **John Liss** sprung into action. First he helped organize renters into a cooperative that now owns hundreds of units in the neighborhood. Then he created a nonprofit organization originally known as the Tenants and Workers Support Committee. Now he's moving on, taking the helm at the political advocacy group he helped create in 2007 known as Virginia New Majority.

"It's bittersweet," said Liss, who was fired from Falls Church taxi service after trying to organize the drivers. "But it's time for new leadership and new energy."

Now known as Tenants and Workers United, the organization has two offices, 10 employees and an expanded portfolio of issues ranging from immigration to public health.

"This whole operation is John's brainchild in many ways," said spokeswoman **Lucero Beebe-Giudice**. "He created this model of leadership development that's helped organize people to engage their community."

While Tenants and Workers is 501(C)(3), Virginia New Majority is a 501(C)(4), which means it can participate in political campaigns and endorse candidates.

"Considering the kind of things that have been coming out of the attorney general's office and the governor's office, it's important to have a state legislative focus," said Liss, who will assume a full time directorship of New Virginia Majority in January.

## A Transparent Past

Virginia's secretive police agencies might become a little more transparent if state Sen. **John Edwards** (D-21) has anything to say about it. Prompted by a constituent who wanted access to police documents as part of a court case, Edwards introduced legislation earlier this year that would open up access to cases that are closed.

"Once a case is over, absent a compelling reason to keep it secret, it ought to generally be released," said Edwards, who represents Roanoke.

Next week, Edwards will take his case to the Virginia Freedom of Information Council's Criminal Investigative Records Subcommittee, chaired by Alexandrian **Craig Fifer**. Edwards said one compromise he's willing to offer at the meeting would be to create a process for a court hearing in which a judge could make a determination on the availability of documents instead of forcing police agencies to release them.

"We are always very open to discussing ways in which we can better accommodate the interests and the needs of the public," said Virginia Association of Chiefs of Police **Dana Schrad**. "As long as we don't compromise criminal investigations or the safety of individuals."

## Beefy Applications

School doesn't start for weeks, but some students are already thinking about getting into the right college. That's why a handful have been gathering each week to hone their essay writing skills, trying to get an edge over competition for slots in favored colleges and universities.

"They will be more and more competitive because of this economy because not as many people can afford to go out of state," said rising senior **Marian Wolz**.

Enter **Karen Schwarz**. She started coaching students privately on the college admissions process last year. Now she's at T.C. Williams High School giving free advice — promote yourself without bragging, focus on verbs instead of adjectives, don't rely on spell check to catch all your mistakes and craft what she calls "beefy sentences."

"Instead of saying, 'I love going to the park,' you might say, 'Going to the park is my escape from the chaos of a big, public high school.'"

## Correction

Last week's "Week in Alexandria" reported that the long awaited installation of sculptor **John Van Alstine's** "Sacandaga Totem" will take place later this month. While the wait will soon be over, it won't be that soon. City officials have scheduled the installation of the sculpture at King and Fayette streets for Sept. 21 with a dedication ceremony slated for Sept. 22.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

# Short of Breath

Report documents full extent of city's dirty air.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**S**tover Voght can feel the dirty air in his lungs. For the last five years, he's lived in a condominium next to a coal-fired power plant owned by Atlanta-based energy company Mirant known as the Potomac River Generating Station. Since that time, he has regularly biked to George Washington's estate and back using the Mount Vernon Trail, a strenuous activity involving deep breathing. Perched on his bicycle near the coal-fired power plant, the 33-year-old Voght said the air near George Washington's estate was noticeably cleaner.

"When you get near the plant, it's just obvious

that the air is not as clean here," he said.

Now the obvious has been documented by the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, a division of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. According to a report released last month, the air in Alexandria was so bad when they took samples that breathing it over the span of "many years ... could harm people's health." The study found that the problem was even worse for sensitive people such as Joyce Stojan. She's lived in Harbor Terrace for 28 years, and she now has to see a specialist because of damage she blames on Mirant.

"I don't like it at all," said Stojan as the plant hummed in the distance behind a privacy fence. "It's not only an inconvenience but it's also expensive to have this specialist work with me."

**AIR SAMPLING** was conducted by the agency,

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# A Tale of Two Alexandrias

Fannon: Ten more to go.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

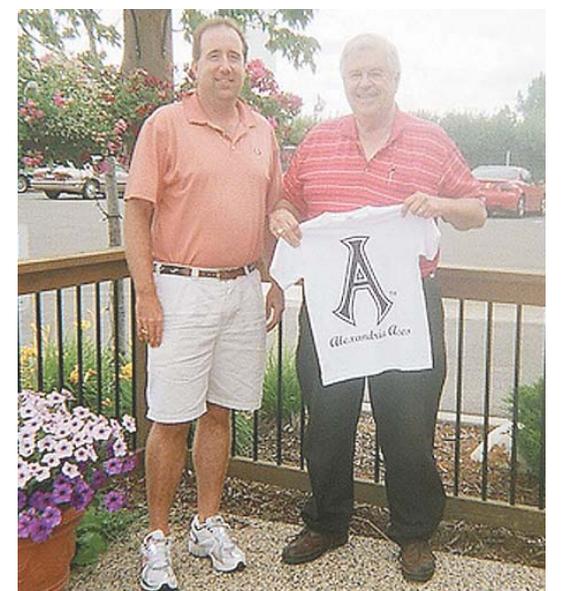
**C**ity Councilman Frank Fannon spent an afternoon with the mayor of Alexandria recently, only this time he traveled 1,053 miles to do it.

"I have a goal to visit every city in the country named Alexandria," Fannon said of his trip to Alexandria, Minnesota. "I was nearby for a family event and decided to check it out."

Fannon met with Mayor Dan Ness, who has served the Minnesota city for 10 years as part of a five-member City Council.

Located in the central part of the state, Alexandria, Minn., has a population of approximately 12,000 spread out over 23 square miles compared to Alexandria, Va., with a population of 150,000 over 15 square miles.

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**City Councilman Frank Fannon, left, presents an Alexandria Aces shirt to Dan Ness, mayor of Alexandria, Minn., during a recent visit to the sister city.**

## Targeting Target

The lunchtime crowd on upper King Street included an unusual addition Tuesday, when a group of 20 or so protesters held placards and generally trash talked corporate America. One woman held a sign that read “Aim to end corporate corruption of our election process.”

Oddly enough, the protest was prompted by the Minnesota governor’s race. After big-box giant Target CEO **Gregg Steinhafel** spent \$150,000 on Republican gubernatorial candidate **Tom Emmer**, the liberal action committee MoveOn.org sent an e-mail alert calling for action. Hundreds of separate protests took place across the county, and the Northern Virginia chapter of the organization chose the public park near the King Street Metro known locally as “the hat” because it’s in the shape of a tricorn.

“I think there’s a division between corporate good and public good,” said Annandale resident **Nancy Van Scoyoc** as people walked through the park on the way to lunch. “Many times the what’s in the best interest of the corporation is not in the best interest of the public.”

Participants were upset about a range of issues. Target was the chief target, mainly because of the contribution to the Republican candidate in Minnesota. But that was only the beginning. Other issues of concern ranged from bailouts and the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico to pharmaceutical companies releasing unsafe drugs and agribusiness pushing mom-and-pop stores out of business.

“All of these issues are related to environmental degradation,” said Alexandria resident **Kimberly Logan**.

“Abso-friggin-lutely,” added MoveOn regional coordinator **Thomas Cannady**.

## Plastic Parking Spaces

It’s the most common complaint among Old Town business leaders — parking. Customers can’t spend money if they can’t find a parking space. And the threat of not being able to find one sends many to Pentagon Row or Tysons Corner.

That’s one of the reasons that Councilman **Rob Krupicka** is asking his colleagues on the City Council to reconsider a budget decision made earlier this year. During budget deliberations, Krupicka pushed for installing credit-card reading parking meters throughout Old Town. That proposal failed, although council members approved a plan to install credit-card machines on the first block of King Street. Now that the revenue projections have improved, Krupicka is asking for a do-over.

“I’d like to ask my colleagues to support me in asking staff to bring council a proposal to install said meters throughout Old Town for council consideration in September,” he wrote in an Aug. 10 memorandum. “Our retail base as well as our prospects for returning visitors would be enhanced with the installation of the credit-card readers.”

## Virginia is for Deal-makers

Virginia is the most pro-business state in America, according to rankings released this week by an Illinois-based corporate real-estate brokerage firm. The commonwealth is no stranger to the top slot in the Pollina Corporate Top 10 Pro-Business States sweepstakes, snagging the gold medal in 2003, 2007 and 2009.

“Thus far, we have done a terrible job of integrating ourselves into the 21st-century marketplace,” said economist **Ronald Pollina** in a written statement accompanying the rankings.

Pollina’s methodology involved ranking states based on 31 factors controlled by state government, including taxes, human resources, education, right-to-work legislation, energy costs, infrastructure spending, workers compensation laws, economic incentive programs and state economic development efforts. Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** praised the decision as recognition of an economic development package passed during this year’s General Assembly session.

“In addition, we will continue to take an all-of-the-above approach to our energy future to work towards Virginia becoming the energy capital of the East Coast,” McDonnell said in a written statement soon after the rankings were announced Aug. 5. “This too will create the high-skill, high paying jobs that Virginians need.”

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

# Historic Find Finds Home

## Thomas Jefferson letter donated to Gadsby’s Tavern.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

A rare letter written by Thomas Jefferson, discovered earlier this year by members of American Legion Post 24 in Old Town, was officially donated to the City of Alexandria Aug. 4 at a reception at Gadsby’s Tavern Museum where it will now be on permanent display.

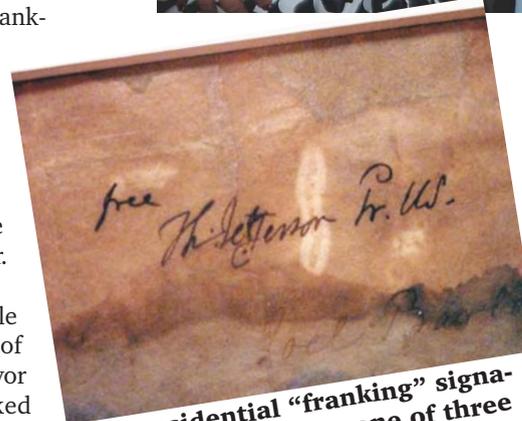
“There was never any question that this is where it belongs,” said Michael Connor, commander of Post 24. “We certainly weren’t going to put it back in a filing cabinet. We wanted it where the public could enjoy it.”

The letter, dated July 25, 1808 and estimated to be worth \$10,000, was a personal note written to fellow diplomat Joel Barlow and contained three separate Jefferson signatures.

“Jefferson used the ‘franking’ system on his correspondence,” said Gretchen Bulova, executive director of Gadsby’s Tavern Museum. “Instead of postage, he merely wrote ‘Free, TH Jefferson, Pr. U.S.’”

More than 100 people attended the unveiling of the letter, including Mayor Bill Euille, who thanked Connor and Post 24 for the historic donation.

“The connection between the American Legion and Gadsby’s Tavern goes back a long way,” said Euille, noting that it was Post 24 that donated the building to the city in 1972. “This is a very gen-



The presidential “franking” signature of Jefferson was one of three signatures contained in the letter.

American Legion Post 24 Commander Michael Connor, right, and Gadsby’s Tavern Museum Director Gretchen Bulova examine the letter from Thomas Jefferson that was donated by Post 24 to the city Aug. 4.

erous donation and I thank them for their continued support not only of Gadsby’s Tavern but of the City of Alexandria.”

Written in the last year of Jefferson’s presidency, Connor said there is still one last mystery surrounding the letter: “No one has any idea to this day how it got here.”

## BUSINESS NOTES

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

**The Hilton Alexandria Old Town** has been officially announced as hotel partner for this season of “Top Chef DC.” It is celebrating its partnership with the TV show with a Culinary Travel Sweepstakes, Hilton TV programming, collector key cards and a special website. Hilton Alexandria Old Town has been part of much of the taping for this season.

The hotel debuted an Overnight Package also known as the “Culinary Delight” package in July. The package includes a “Key to the City” book that retails for \$22. The Key to the City book

includes admission to nine historic attractions and over 60 special offers from shops, restaurants and attractions throughout Old Town Alexandria.

**Smart Beginnings Alexandria/Arlington**, a local collaborative coalition working to improve the quality of early education and care in Alexandria and Arlington, has received a significant grant of \$125,000 from the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation (VECF), a public-private partnership headquartered in Richmond.

Funds for this “Getting Ready” grant will support the coalition’s ongoing efforts to build partnerships with business and community leaders and to increase public engagement about the importance of providing young children, ages 0-5, with quality early childhood experiences so they will be successful in

school and in life.

**The Alexandria Sanitation Authority** was recently presented with a Platinum Peak Performance Award, a special tribute to agency facilities that have maintained 100 percent compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for five consecutive years.

The Peak Performance Awards program, presented by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), recognizes public wastewater treatment facilities for their outstanding compliance records in the 2009 calendar year. Joel Gregory, process manager, and Steven Lee, maintenance technician, accepted the award on ASA’s behalf at NACWA’s 2010 Summer Conference and 40th Annual Meeting, held July 20-23, in San Francisco.

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# PEOPLE



Bob Gramann performs from the balcony above the Montague's garden.

## Athenaeum's Garden Party

Music filtered through the gallery of the Northern Virginia Fine Arts Association, as the Athenaeum hosted a rambling garden party on Sunday, Aug. 1. Neighbors Patricia and Latane Montague joined in the festivities by open-

ing up their home and gardens to guests. Musicians performed throughout the afternoon in the gallery and from the balcony overlooking the Montague's garden. For more information on activities visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org) or call 703-548-0456.

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Patricia Montague and her mother Linda Mattingly listen while U.S. Rep. Jim Moran makes a few brief remarks at the party.



Athenaeum board member Sean Denniston talks with Wammie award-winner Dulcie Taylor.



The Montague's boxwood garden.

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Joe Lindsay, Clark Ross and Bryson Lockett survey the roots of a tree on Mansion Drive that was uprooted during the storm.

# Wind Batters City

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of the wreckage created by the freakish storm. Phone lines were buzzing at the 911 call center, with a massive influx of incoming calls and an expanded number of outgoing calls to contractors, arborists and return calls to 911 callers who had been disconnected. Records show a total of 1,420 calls.

“Every possible unit was on call,” said Jody Donaldson. “This is the busiest time we’ve had in a number of years.”

The storm left 29 houses substantially damaged and 87 houses with minor or moderate damage. At one point, almost 30,000 people were without power and 11 houses were condemned. By the time city officials called a press conference at the new Potomac Yard firehouse, power outages were down to 11,500. Crews weren’t able to restore power throughout the city until late Sunday night. Despite the widespread damage, no one in Alexandria was seriously injured.

**“The city looked like a war zone. I have never seen a storm create so much damage.”**

— Mayor Bill Euille

“We’ve slowly getting back to normal,” said Euille.

The wreckage caused by the storm forced three of the city’s recreation centers to shut down the day after the storm. The Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum was forced to close on Friday, as was the city’s Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse center. All summer school classes were cancelled, and Mount Vernon Community School was forced to shut its doors for the day during the second week of classes.

**RESPONDING TO** the storm, city officials have relaxed some rules for permitting and inspections for storm-related repairs. Code

inspectors will allow roof structure framing repairs to move forward with roof covering before the framing inspection occurs. Those who live in historic districts will not need administrative review to restore damaged material to return to pre-storm condition. Although drawings are normally required as part of building permit applications, plan requirements have been waived for all storm-related damage.

“We want to assist by making the restoration process as easy as possible,” said Building and Fire Code Administration director John Catlett in a written statement. “Please note on your permit application that the work is for Aug. 5 storm repair.”

City officials have also temporarily relaxed requirements for removal of tree debris on private property.

Homeowners have been asked to cut down limbs and trees into pieces, which can be left at the curb for city crews to take away.

Professional contractors, on the other hand, have been asked to remove all debris rather than leave it for city workers. State officials also warned homeowners that scam artists may approach residents and request fees for removing trees and branches.

“After severe weather, homeowners trying to make repairs can be vulnerable to con artists,” said Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation spokeswoman Mary Broz-Vaughan in a written statement. “Consumers can protect themselves by checking for a valid contractor’s license and insisting on a detailed written contract.”

*Dylan Yep also contributed to this story.*

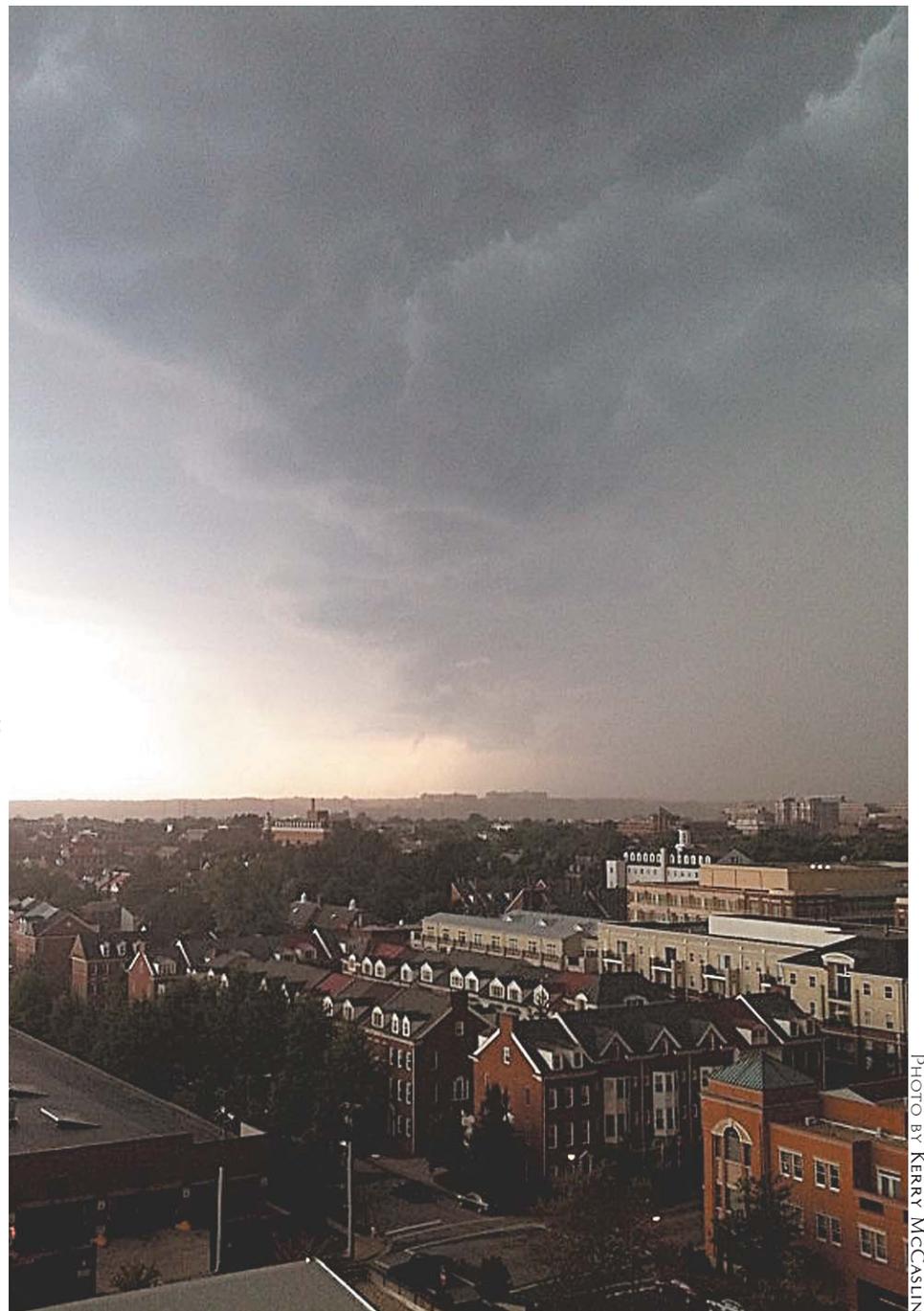


PHOTO BY KERRY MCCASLIN

The storm approaches Old Town from the northwest on Thursday, Aug. 5, 3:37 p.m.



Sheriff Dana Lawhorne sets up a barricade diverting traffic from proceeding east on Monroe Avenue.



Twisted and ripped limbs litter the church yard at the corner of N. Patrick and Wythe streets in north Old Town.

# PEOPLE



Emily and Paola chase bubbles through the field at the Mount Vernon Community Center.



Will River takes another twirl with a hula hoop.



The Irish Breakfast Band performs as neighbors gather for the annual National Night Out party on Tuesday, Aug. 3.



Alexandria Volunteer Firefighter Michael Monaghan and Anthony Flamini work the grill at the Community Center.

# A National Night Out

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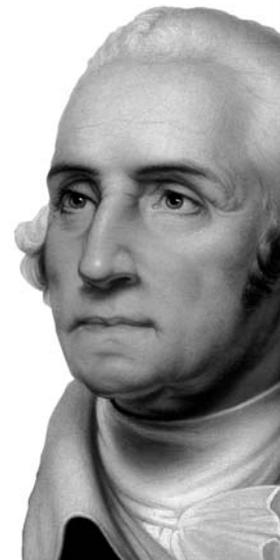
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PEOPLE



Members of the Rhythm Bones Society pose for a group photo in the main hall of the Lyceum on Saturday afternoon.



On Sunday morning, July 25, society members joined Kenny Wolin and Teresa Davies at their wedding ceremony at Canal Plaza on the Waterfront. Wolin proposed to Davies onstage at the Bonefest in Chattanooga.

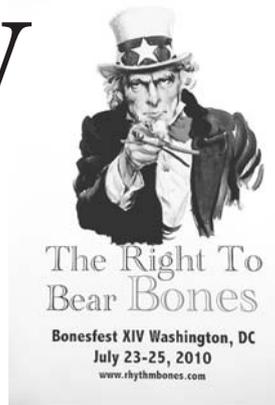


Spike Bones warms up for an afternoon demonstration.

# Bonefest XIV

The Rhythm Bones Society held the 14th annual Bonefest in Old Town Alexandria last month. Members gathered all day at the Lyceum for workshops, demonstrations and an evening concert. Bones playing has been mentioned in ancient history in Egypt where women would play bones to pay tribute to the god of the harvest and fertility. For more information visit [www.rhythmbones.com](http://www.rhythmbones.com)

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Bonefest XIV



Mr. Bones, Joe Birl, plays a tune with executive director Steve Wixson.

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# Documenting City's Dirty Air

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which is part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, during the summer of 2007. Although Mirant and city officials have worked together to make some changes that will hopefully improve the air quality since then, no data exists to indicate the air is any cleaner today than when the samples were taken. That's troubling to elected leaders who have vowed to clean up air quality for years.

"I'm not pleased," said Councilwoman Del Pepper. "But let's just say that we are continuing to work. And I think things will hopefully be improving."

In 2006, Mirant began adding a mineral known as trona into the exhaust gas stream in an effort to reduce sulfur dioxide emissions. Then in 2008 and 2009, the corporation spent \$35 million to merge two of its smokestacks in a way that pushed the pollution higher into the air — an effort to distribute the particulate matter over a wider area. Within the next few years, the plant will be adding \$35 million more improvements, thanks to a 2008 settlement reached with members of the Alexandria City Council. That will buy a \$2 million windscreen to block fugitive dust and \$32 million to replace the filtration system from static electricity to vacuum bags.

"I guess you get a trade-off in terms of higher energy bills down the road," said Mike Sedgley while walking his dog next to the plant. "And that's something we've got to deal with."

**THE STUDY** was originally requested by former Alexandria Health Director Charles Konigsberg in 2006. That was when the dispute between Alexandria city officials and Mirant was at a fever pitch, and neighborhood groups were mobilizing to shut down the plant. But the City Council's 2008 settlement agreement put an end to that goal, essentially cutting a deal that will force Mirant to spend millions more to improve the air quality in the short term. Because the settlement has happened since Konigsberg's request to the Agency on Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, many feel that the re-

## Scientific Findings

❖ **Problems for Everybody:** Breathing the high levels of particulate matter that was in Alexandria's air when the samples were taken could have harmed people's health, although the report was careful to note that the city's air is not considerably different from levels measured in multiple locations throughout Northern Virginia.

❖ **Problems for Sensitive Groups:** For sensitive persons, breathing the sulfur dioxide in the air within a quarter mile near Mirant could have been harmful to the health of people who are exercising, working outdoors, gardening or climbing steps when the samples were taken.

SOURCE: Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

port is somewhat of a moot point.

"The report shows no health concern for the majority of Alexandria residents," said Mirant spokeswoman Misty Allen in a written statement following the release of the report.

When a reporter pointed out that page 42 of the report indicated that "ASTDR concludes that breathing for many years in Alexandria, VA air contaminated with PM 2.5 [a measurement of particulate matter in the air] could harm people's health," Allen was quick to point out Mirant was only one source of pollution.

"A more accurate statement is that long-term exposure of PM 2.5 could impact health," she wrote in a follow-up e-mail. "However, the report did not conclude that PRGS contributed disproportionately to PM 2.5 emissions, one of many sources in the region."

Allen said that the company feels it addressed the sulfur dioxide problem pointed out in the report, although no scientific data has been collected to show that's the case. And Allen also said that the stack merge should address some of the concerns about particulate matter, although that also has yet to be demonstrated. Ultimately, the report was a shocking but expected document indicating the fears many people already had about the city's air.

"This is a problem in the whole region," said Councilwoman Pepper. "And some of the problem we have is the dirty air that blows in from other states."

# Traveling to Alexandria, Minnesota

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"The two cities are very similar," Fannon said, "in that a large portion of their economy also depends on recreation and tourism."

Ness oversees a budget of \$9.1 million compared to the local budget of \$531 million, and the median household income is \$26,851 compared to \$80,806.

The sister city is home to two sports teams: the Alex-

andria Beetles collegiate baseball team and the Alexandria Blizzard Junior A ice hockey team in the North American Hockey League's central division.

Notable natives include PGA golfer Tom Lehman and the average price of a haircut is \$6.50.

"I believe there are 11 other cities in the country with the name Alexandria," Fannon said. "One down and 10 to go."

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(2) Those demonstrating exemplary service to the city over an extended time (ten years or more) especially service on Boards, Commissions, Committees or Service Organizations that improve the quality of life in Alexandria.

Nominees must live or work in Alexandria. Those currently running for or holding political office are not eligible for consideration. The contributions of City employees should be beyond the responsibilities of their jobs.

See [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com) or call 703-625-2330 for a nomination form to explain why you consider this person a Living Legend. Send your nominations no later than November 15 to Living Legends, P.O. Box 10485, Alexandria, VA 22310.

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# OPINION

## Send Ideas for Gazette Packet Insiders Guide

### What do you love about your community?

The Gazette Packet staff and interns are already preparing its annual special edition community guide, the Insiders Guide. We invite area residents, students, business owners and others to help.

Answer these three questions and send your responses via email.

We'll print selections from the answers along with your name. Feel free to give more than one answer to each question, or to send just one comment. Answer one question or all of them; give as many answers as you'd like to each question.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Be of Service To Neighbors

To the Editor:

Amazingly, the Meals on Wheels (MOW) program is really not about meals or wheels. One is the end and the other is the means. MOW is actually the lady in Parkfairfax who puts on makeup and fixes up her hair two times a week to greet the deliverer, or the elderly gentleman in a bed with no company but a TV set that is always on, or the 80-year-old Marine who never learned to cook ("Louise cooked up a storm for 47 years."), or the lady with arthritic hands. Each MOW has a story that needs to be heard, respected, listened to, nodded at, or just waved to through the door.

We're never going to eradicate hunger. It is a worthy goal but unrealistic. Good people strive for progress not perfection. Happiness in life is the result of learning to live with unresolved problems. People get old, people make bad choices, people get sick, Life happens. But what we can do is be of service to our neighbors.

- ❖ What do you love about your community?
- ❖ What "insider's tip" about your town would you share with a friend? Places to go, things to do, can't-miss events, ideas on what it means to live here.
- ❖ What advice would you give new residents on how to make themselves at home and get involved here?

The Insiders Guide will publish the last week in August. Please send in your tips and answers no later than Aug. 17.

What tips do you have for someone new to your town? What interesting, almost secret, places would you like to have learned about earlier when you moved in?

We invite you to share the expertise you've gained in living in your hometown with your neighbors and with people new to the area. We invite calendar listings for major events for

neighbors.

Last winter one snowy day, my granddaughter and I walked up to an apartment door with two boxes of food. A sign on the door said "Watch out for falling icicles." We both looked up and saw the big spikes hanging down and shivered. As she reached for the door handle, I bonked her on the head and she shrieked. I caught the food box and we went on in and up the stairs. As the lady answered we were both still laughing and we shared the story with her and she laughed too. It didn't look like she had laughed much lately. We chatted a few minutes and then she gently closed the door. We went back downstairs, through the door, looked up, and sprinted for the car. We fulfilled our mission four or five more times, each time spending a few minutes to chat, checking to see if everything was all right at each house or apartment.

That is a day for a 12-year-old to think about and remember. To think about somebody other than the Jonas Brothers, to muse on the idea that everybody doesn't live in a nice house where food magically appears on the table very

the upcoming year, information on how to get involved in nonprofits and charities, details about your club or other organization.

When are the major festivals, celebrations and other events at your church or temple or mosque?

We also invite readers to contribute directly to the newcomers and community guides. Send us a short letter: what do you love about your community? Tell us about one special place you've discovered. Does your family have different favorites in different seasons? How did you get involved in your town? Share your favorite park. Tell us about your favorite annual event.

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night, to feel useful and helpful and needed. To see other people value your time and effort to be kind to them. To connect to the idea that I am my bother's keeper with climbing up three flights of stairs on a hot day or sliding over icy walkways to a house where nobody has shoveled the walk just to say "Hello, Meals on Wheels."

Thanks to Senior Services of Alexandria, and many volunteers, our older neighbors receive hot, healthy food Monday through Friday and all holidays.

Help where and when you can.

**Mickey Campagna**

### Need To Plant More Trees

To the Editor:

The storm that ripped through Alexandria on Aug. 5 dealt yet another blow to the city's fragile tree canopy, which has declined significantly during the past decade.

Some people will undoubtedly think that the loss of trees is a good thing. After all, the fewer the trees, the fewer the chances one will crash through my roof or knock out my power line.

But for those who understand the health and environmental benefits of trees, especially large shade trees, the continued decline of the city's canopy is disturbing.

Among other things, trees filter pollutants from the air and soak up water during heavy rains. On streets and properties with many trees, the temperature on sweltering summer days can be 10 to 15 degrees cooler than in areas with few trees.

There are ways of reducing the damage from future storms. But doing so will require both the city (and private homeowners) to do more proactive tree care.

First, we need to plant the right trees in the right places. In the past, the city made some mistakes in its tree selection, planting, for example, Bradford Pears, which have proved very brittle.

Trees, especially larger shade trees, need to

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### Snapshot

Joe Reid and Company drove out from Remington Va. to help saw up downed trees and pull trapped limbs. Aug. 7, 8:50 p.m., Northridge.

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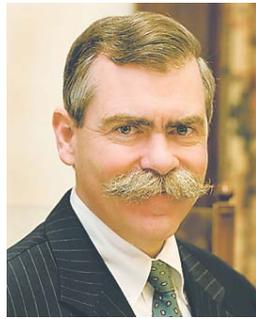
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OPINION

# Burke & Herbert's 158th Birthday

By E. HUNT BURKE  
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E. Hunt Burke

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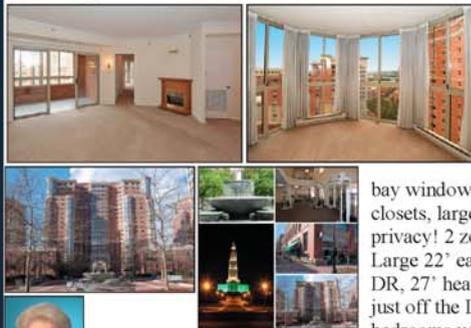
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# Chamber Music Recital Well-Received at Lyceum

BY SUSAN KNIGHTON CAVANAUGH  
FOR THE GAZETTE

The audience sang their praises to award-winning clarinetist Wonkak Kim's and to his accompanying pianist Eun-Hye Grace Choi's exquisite performance: "So beautiful and elegant"; "Very engaging concert"; "musical maturity and understanding of the [score]"; technically flawless and awe-inspiring; and "so much virtuosity". The recital was held July 18 at The Lyceum in Alexandria and sponsored by the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association's 20th Summer Chamber Music Series.

## COMMENTARY

Wonkak Kim has also won high praises from numerous publications: hailed by the Washington Post for "excellent breath control and fine command of his instrument"; The New York Concert Review "sultry, stylized melodies ... impressive range"; the Classical Voice of North Carolina "tour de force"; and the Journal de Morges, Suisse, "virtuosic and stirring".

Ellen Taaffe Zwilich composer and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Music (1982) exclaimed that 25-year-old Wonkak Kim is "A stunning mix of vibrant and youthful enthusiasm and thoughtful artistic ideas." This was evident when he and Eun-Hye Grace Choi performed the following pieces at the recital:

❖ Robert Schumann's "Fantasiestücke", op. 73 (1849). Highly romantic in its na-



Eun-Hye Grace Choi

ture, the three pieces accelerate from its slow beginning into a triumphant finale.

❖ Alban Berg's "Vier Stücke für Klarinette und Klavier", op.5 (1913). This four piece collection contains drama, passion, virtuosity, and intense musical phrases and harmonies.

❖ Amilcare Ponchielli's "Il Convegno", op. 76 for Two Clarinets and Piano. The clarinets sing beautiful melodies in this highly opera-like duo.

❖ Paul Reade's "Suite from the Victorian Kitchen Garden (1991). This collection was written and performed for an English TV series and won the 1991 Ivor Novello Award.

❖ Charles-Marie Widor's "Introduction et Ronde", op 72 (1898). The piece is full of grand gestures with sweeping runs and



Wonkak Kim

magnificent chords on the piano.

The young performers received wows from the audience before the last piece was even finished, and they were rewarded with a well-deserved standing ovation. Rosa Fullerton, a member of the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria said, "Wonkak's popularity was partly due to his engaging style when he addressed the audience and introduced his pieces."

Wonkak Kim was born in Korea and began playing the clarinet at the age of 15. He is presently completing his doctoral degree and is a graduate teaching assistant at Florida State University. Eun-Hye Grace Choi also from Korea began playing the piano at the age of six, and received her master's degree in piano accompanying at Florida State University.

On April 15, 2010 the Gazette Packet stated that "Wonkak Kim has been performing worldwide, winning numerous prestigious awards and contests. Two examples are the 2007 Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic contest at which he won first prize in the concerto competition, and the Mary Graham Lasley Scholarship Competition held on March 21, at which he won first prize." The latter competition is sponsored by the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria. Eun-Hye Grace Choi has also won several competitions and performed extensively as a collaborative pianist.

Wonkak has also performed as featured soloist with dozens of orchestras at prestigious venues such as Carnegie Hall, the Kennedy Center, Constitution Hall and the Seoul Arts Center. Some of these performances have been broadcast by NPR stations across the country; and several of his world-premiere recordings will be released soon. Eun-Hye Grace Choi has performed at the Hot Springs Music Festival, Hi Seoul Festival, and many other venues. Some of her performances have also been broadcast by NPR's Performance Today. Eun-Hye Grace Choi is currently pursuing a doctor of musical art from the University of Minnesota and will no doubt become an even more famed pianist.

Wonkak Kim's musical talent and engaging personality will indisputably ensure that Wonkak Kim will continue to perform at prestigious venues where he will receive standing ovations and rave reviews and wow.

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be planted in areas with sufficient room for their roots to grow. A tree with an extensive root system will be much less susceptible to heavy winds and soaking rains.

Perhaps most important, trees need periodic care. Selectively pruning a tree within about 10 years after planting can remove potentially problematic limbs and encourage healthier growth that will allow the tree to better withstand storms and live longer.

Unfortunately, the city doesn't take such a proactive approach. Indeed, the city has virtually no money in its budget for periodic pruning of street trees. Its approach is almost entirely reactive. It largely deals with potentially problematic trees and limbs when citizens complain. With the Aug. 5 storm, the maintenance budget is probably shot for the year. And we're only in the second month of the city's fiscal year.

In June 2009, the City Council adopted an Urban Forestry Plan with many recommendations for increasing the tree canopy in the city and doing proactive tree care. But the plan, for all intents and purposes, has been put on the shelf.

The city takes prides in its vision of a more environmentally sustainable future. But it's difficult to see how we can have a "green" future if we keep losing our trees.

**Bill Hendrickson**  
Alexandria

## Much Needed at Jefferson Houston

To the Editor:

Mr. Roberts [Letters, "Teachers, Not Buildings"] may wish to venture into Jefferson Houston and have a look for himself. He will quickly realize that his "Four Walls a School Does Not Make" refrain is quite accurate, yet his statements are misguided. Almost none of the classrooms in Jefferson Houston Elementary have four solid walls. Most are open classrooms, a nod to the late 1960s and early 1970s thought of teaching students in one communal area. This design flaw is one of the many issues that still plague Alexandria's most under-performing school. Lack of parental involvement, lack of student diversity, rampant discipline and behavior issues, over-representation of special education programs, lack of vision and goals, inconsistent curriculum and constant changing of administrators, programs, plans, and teachers (at times due to Reconstitution under Federal Law) have left this school riddled with problems. The least of these problems is the teachers. Many wonderful teachers, some possessing PhDs, have taught at Jefferson Houston. Some have been there long enough to see the slew of "new ideas" trickle down from the ACPS central office or whichever principal is running the school that year, some have been

driven from the school mid-year because they simply can not take the deplorable learning environment. Almost all worked hard to make a difference in the lives of the students.

A public-private venture may be part of addressing the needs of this school. The community must become more involved with this school. And blaming teachers is not the kind of community involvement I am referring to. If the student population is to remain as it is at Jefferson Houston, tutors, mentors, big brothers, and big sisters have to have a vested interest in helping these students succeed. Close attention has to be paid as to what plans ACPS is putting in place for Jefferson Houston. Adding or dropping the word "academy" into the school's name is not a valid plan. Neither are gimmicks and unproven fads, some of which are being pushed by celebrities with personal ties to school officials. A clear vision is needed which encompasses the requirements and needs of the community, students, teachers, and parents.

Before retail or office space is sold in a public school building, more focus needs to be placed on parental involvement at Jefferson Houston. Expectations to parents and students need to be clear and if those expectations are not followed, then students may have to leave the school. Until that occurs, good luck with whatever else ACPS may want to put into place. That is the re-

ality of this school.

Simply hiring one new teacher after another (which has happened frequently at Jefferson Houston) will not help the school or the community. Let's move away from pointing fingers at hard working teachers as a way to fix our education system and actually go into the schools and make a difference.

**Tim F. Leary**  
Alexandria

## New Chapter

To the Editor:

I am writing to praise Jeanne Theismann's tremendous article on Chief David Baker on Aug. 5. Chief Baker has been a mentor and huge influence on me during the last two years. Ms. Theismann wrote about a great life lesson. The Chief had it all, lost it all, paid for his mistake, and now he can move on. He has made great strides. My family was absolutely heart broken about what happened, but we are proud of the way he handled himself following the incident. He "manned up" by taking his punishment asking for no perks or special treatment. David Baker is a solid citizen who served our community as our police chief and now continues to serve in other important ways. Thank you Ms. Theismann for closing a dark chap-

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# LETTERS

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ter for a good man, and opening a bright new one.

**Louis Barnett**

## Paying for Citizenship?

To The Editor:

I recently was stopped by a resident of Alexandria and, as we talked, I came to learn she needed advice on immigration. What does one do when you hear about a marriage to an illegal immigrant for one's

own personal gain? Who does one call to report such allegation?

In the Gazette there was a statement printed: "Crime is crime. The law does not distinguish between criminal violations of any other criminal law" made by the Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli.

Any attempt to encourage a resident to break the law by offering to pay money to a resident to marry a friend of his or hers in order for a person to stay in the country is criminal. It makes it hard for those trying to do the right thing as they seek to become United States citizens.

**Geri Baldwin**  
Alexandria

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Susie Jackson escaped some of this heat, taking a splendid trip through upper New York State and Canada with a group of friends from college days. They went to Lake Chatauqua and to the Shakespeare Summer Festival at Stratford, where they saw Christopher Plummer in *The Tempest*, and enjoyed the musical *Kiss Me Kate*. They also saw two Shaw favorites, *The Doctor's Dilemma* and *John Bull's Other Island*.

#### STORM LOSSES

The power outage cause by last week's storm forced our neighbor Gary Oelze to close his Birchmere for two nights. He was able to reschedule one of the artists, but not

the other.

Peter and Marian Lawson were surprised to see the utility pole outside their house burn to the ground, igniting everything around it. They retired to a hotel.

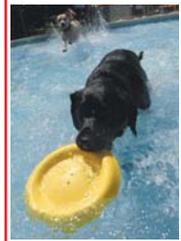
Mickey and Dianna Campagna, depressed by the darkness of Old Town, were glad to find the Lemon Grass Thai open.

David Fromm of Del Ray has set up a Google Map to track tree loss in Del Ray and Beverly Hills. To access the map, Google "Lost Trees of Del Ray;" you can add your own downed trees if you have a Google account, which is pretty easy to set up.

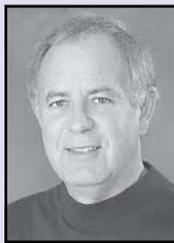
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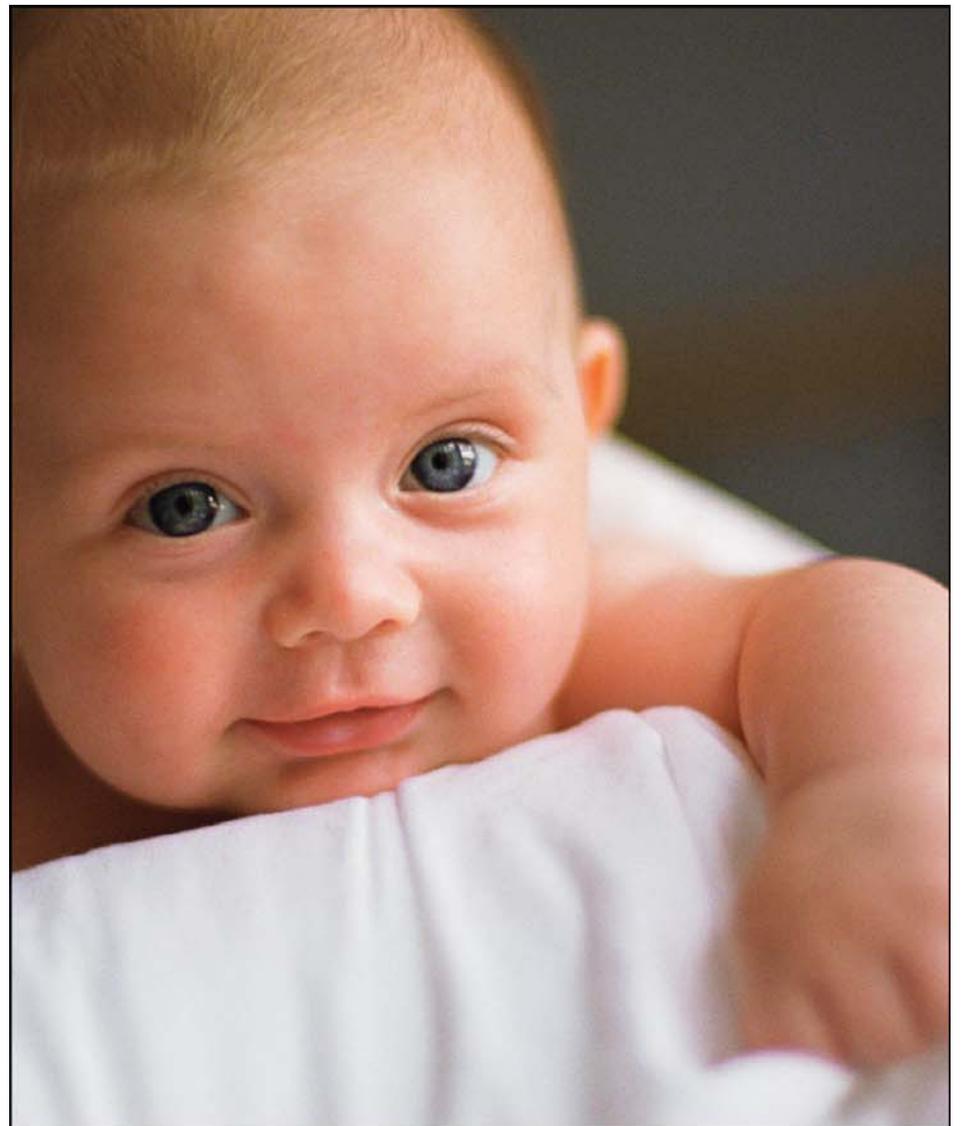
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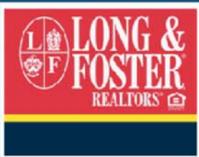
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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
207 WOLFE ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$661,700	Townhouse	0.02	.....	OLD TOWN
5017 WAPLE LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$655,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	CAMERON STATION
391 CAMERON STATION BLVD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$655,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	CAMERON STATION
418 FERDINAND DAY DR	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$650,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	CAMERON STATION
406 PAYNE ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$642,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	PARKER GRAY
2807 VALLEY DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$640,000	Detached	0.15	.....	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
5240 BRAUNER PL	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$632,500	Townhouse	0.04	.....	CAMERON STATION
319 LAVERNE AVE	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$630,000	Detached	0.14	.....	WILMAR PARK
821 DUKE ST	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$630,000	Atth/Row Hse	0.03	.....	FARNEY
400 MADISON ST #1306	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$625,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	ALEXANDRIA HOUSE
117 EARLY ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$620,000	Detached	0.24	.....	DELTA
237 WEST ST N	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$620,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	PARKER GRAY HIST. DIST.
2707 HOLLY ST	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$590,000	Detached	0.09	.....	DEL RAY
4641 KIRKPATRICK LN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$590,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	STONEGATE
2607 VALLEY DR	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$589,900	Detached	0.15	.....	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
2908 MOSBY ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$580,000	Detached	0.20	.....	DEL RAY
302 ALFRED ST N	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	OLD TOWN
428 FAYETTE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	ALEXANDRIA
1119 PORTNER RD	2	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	NETHERGATE
1409 ARGALL PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$577,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	POWHATAN PLACE
156 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$575,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	CAMERON STATION
2503 CAMERON MILLS RD	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$565,000	Detached	0.16	.....	JEFFERSON PARK
105 KING HENRY CT	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$559,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	KING HENRY COURT
5013 MURTHA ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$555,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	CAMERON STATION
1326 CHETWORTH CT	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$554,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	BASHFORD LANE CLUSTER
1017 PITT ST N	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$548,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA
1146 PITT ST N	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	CANAL WAY
1121 POWHATAN	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$535,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
1600 HUNTING CREEK DR #42	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$534,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	OLD TOWN GREENS
213 PAYNE ST N	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$532,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	OLD TOWN
422 LURAY AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$530,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	DELRAY
708 UPLAND PL	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$530,000	Detached	0.11	.....	GLENMORE
2114 EARLY ST N	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$528,000	Detached	0.18	.....	BRAD LEE HOMES
700 LITTLE ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$525,000	Detached	0.09	.....	ROSEMONT PARK
307 BELLEFONTE AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$525,000	Semi-Detached	0.07	.....	RIVER TERRACE
3925 COURTLAND CIR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	SUNNYSIDE
808 FAIRFAX ST S	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$525,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	YATES GARDENS
900 WASHINGTON ST N #103E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$524,900	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
316 CUSTIS AVE	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$520,000	Detached	0.13	.....	DEL RAY
414 COLUMBUS ST S	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	OLD TOWN
5123 GARDNER DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$519,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	CAMERON STATION
3828 WATKINS MILL DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$518,500	Townhouse	0.04	.....	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE
3802 CHARLES AVE	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	SUNNYSIDE
233 WEST ST	2	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$515,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	OLD TOWN
1416 ROUNDHOUSE LN #81	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$515,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	.....	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
3817 COURTLAND CIR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$502,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	SUNNYSIDE
500 NAYLOR ST N	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$500,000	Detached	0.18	.....	SEMINARY VALLEY
223 PATRICK ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$500,000	Atth/Row Hse	0.02	.....	OLD TOWN
548 SAINT ASAPH ST N #548	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$499,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	SHAD ROW
1250 WASHINGTON ST S #315	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$499,000	Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors	.....	.....	PORTO VECCHIO
130 CAMERON STATION BLVD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$495,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	CAMERON STATION
520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #104	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$495,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	CONDOS AT CARLYLE SQUARE
420 STANTON PL	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$494,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	EDSALL RD T/H
902 HARRISON CIR	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$490,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	SUMMERS GROVE
521 WEST ST N	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$489,500	Townhouse	0.03	.....	OLD TOWN
1600 SUTER ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$489,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	BAGGETT TRACT
33 ROSEMONT AVE E	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$482,000	Atth/Row Hse	0.04	.....	ROSEMONT
3 HERBERT ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$482,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	LAND OF HERBERT
10 REED AVE E	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$477,000	Duplex	0.06	.....	DEL RAY
411 COLUMBUS ST S #7	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$470,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	WOLFE ALLEY
501 SLATERS LN E #401	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$465,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	MARINA TOWERS
1707 OAKCREST DR	3	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$460,000	Detached	0.11	.....	DYES OAKCREST
128 MEADOWS LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$459,500	Townhouse	0.03	.....	TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE
505 MANSFIELD N. ST	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$450,000	Detached	0.18	.....	SEMINARY VALLEY
501 SLATERS LN #209	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$444,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	MARINA TOWERS
1306 COMMONWEALTH AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$440,500	Townhouse	0.03	.....	DEL RAY
5829 PEARSON LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$440,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	SUMMERS GROVE
344 CLOUDES MILL CT #34	3	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$440,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	MILL STREAM
61 KENNEDY ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$439,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	WARWICK VILLAGE
1110 PORTNER RD	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$439,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	VIRGINIA VILLAGE
3005 MOSBY ST	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$437,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	WARWICK VILLAGE
5441 RICHENBACHER AVE	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	KMS TOWNHOUSES
4908A JOHN TIGER DR	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$435,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	CAMERON STATION
466 GLEBE RD W	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.03	.....	BEVERLY HILLS MANOR
32 GLEBE RD W	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$435,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	DEL RAY
2913 MOSBY ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$434,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	WARWICK VILLAGE
1 KENNEDY ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$427,000	Townhouse	0.07	.....	WARWICK VILLAGE
5112 ENGLISH TER #467	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$425,000	Other	.....	.....	CONDOS AT CAMERON BLVD
11 FORT WILLIAMS PKWY	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$420,000	Detached	0.18	.....	FT WILLIAMS PARK
4911 29TH RD S #3344	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	.....	\$415,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE
5074 DONOVAN DR #103	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$415,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	CONDOS AT CAMERON BLVD
624 PATRICK ST N	3	1	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$415,000	Detached	0.04	.....	OLD TOWN
5333 TRUMAN AVE	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$410,000	Detached	0.16	.....	ALEXANDRIA
5073 KILBURN ST #206	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$410,000	Attach/Row Hse	.....	.....	OAKLAND HALL
5628 GARY AVE	4	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$410,000	Detached	0.24	.....	SHIRLEY FOREST/DOWDEN TERR
3013 MOSBY ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$405,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	WARWICK VILLAGE
4009 TANEY AVE	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$403,500	Detached	0.25	.....	QUAKER PARK
2935 DINWIDDIE ST S #3383	3	2	0	ARLINGTON	.....	\$402,500	Townhouse	.....	.....	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE
910 POWHATAN ST #305S	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$401,150	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS
5823 PEARSON LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$400,000	Townhouse	0.02	.....	SUMMERS GROVE
387 PICKETT ST #54	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$399,999	Townhouse	.....	.....	TOWNES OF HILLWOOD
4908 29TH RD S #3320	2	2	0	ARLINGTON	.....	\$399,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	FAIRLINGTON VILLAGE
46 TAYLOR RUN PKWY E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$397,000	Duplex	0.07	.....	TAYLOR RUN
409 CAMERON STATION BLVD#55	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$395,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	WOODLAND HALL AT CAMERN
801 PITT ST S #422	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$392,500	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	ST ASAPH SQUARE
2217 DEARING ST #105	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$390,000	Townhouse	.....	.....	FAIRLINGTON TOWNE
2578 NICKY LN #90	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$389,500	Townhouse	.....	.....	SEMINARY HEIGHTS
400 CAMERON STATION BLVD#238	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$385,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	CAMERON STATION
160 LYNHAVEN	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$385,000	Townhouse	0.05	.....	DEL RAY
800 ST ASAPH ST S #208	1	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$383,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	ST ASAPH SQUARE
209 ASPEN ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$375,000	Townhouse	0.04	.....	WARWICK VILLAGE
514 WEST ST N #1-3	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$360,000	Garden 1-4 Floors	.....	.....	COLECROFT
501 SLATERS LN #821	1	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	.....	\$360,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	.....	.....	MARINA TOWERS

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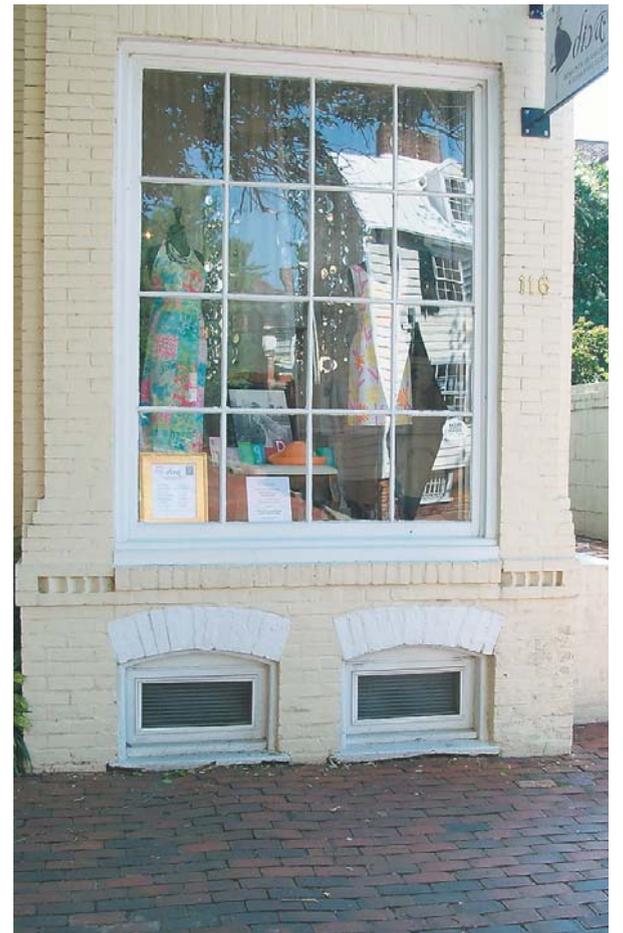
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# Merchants Hold Sidewalk Sale

**T**he brick sidewalks of Old Town Alexandria will be buzzing with shoppers on Saturday, Aug. 14. Participating merchants from the river to the Metro, on King Street and the side streets, will be showcasing their products in the first Old Town-wide Summer Sidewalk Sale. The hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (individual store hours vary).

Each participating retailer will host a unique event or promotion — some retailers will be offering deeply-discounted summer merchandise, some will be holding demonstrations of their product lines, and others will have special events. Clothing, accessory, children's, book, jewelry and home decor and furnishings boutiques, as well as galleries and Historic Sites such as the Torpedo Factory and the Historic Alexandria Museum Store, will be a part of the event.

Sponsors of the event are the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce, the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association and The Potomac Riverboat Company. For a complete list of all participating businesses and promotions (updated daily), as well as other information about the sale, such as directions and links to detailed restaurant/hotel information and water taxi schedules, select the "Shoppers and Press" tab at [www.alexandriasidewalksale.com](http://www.alexandriasidewalksale.com).



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# Alexandria Restaurant Week Is Set for Aug. 20-29

**T**he first-ever summer Alexandria Restaurant Week will delight dining enthusiasts from Aug. 20-29. Some 60 restaurants throughout the city will feature either a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two; a \$3.50 sweet treat is offered at participating local bakeries, chocolatiers and dessert shops.

Restaurant Week menus and online reservations are available now on [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com). A one-stop shop for a complete Alexandria Restaurant Week experience, the website invites diners to browse the diverse list of delectable restaurant choices. Many of the city's favorite

foodie establishments are participating including Bastille, La Bergerie, the Grille at Morrison House, Del Merei Grille, Geranio, A La Lucia, Tempo, Cheesetique, FireFlies, Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, Grape + Bean, and ACKC Cocoa Bar.

This 10-day gourmet and gourmand event enables residents and visitors to enjoy tantalizing multi-course meals and distinctive treats prepared especially for the occasion showcasing the inventive culinary diversity offered throughout the city. From fabulous fine dining to casual neighborhood favorites and tasty little delights, Alexandria Restaurant Week offers something for everyone.

The August event is the first time Alexandria Restaurant Week has been offered in the summer. The success of two winter restaurant weeks, held in 2009 and 2010, brought about a summer event by popular demand from both diners and restaurateurs.

The Alexandria Convention & Visitors Association coordinates and markets the event which is free for participating restaurants. In addition to serving as an economic driver for Alexandria restaurants, Alexandria Restaurant Week builds the Alexandria brand as it helps the City to become known as a culinary destination. For details, go to [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com).



Chef Kyong

## Civil War Living History with the First Minnesota Volunteer Infantry at Fort Ward

**L**earn about the army life of the Civil War soldier with reenactors from the 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry, Co. D, on Saturday, Sept. 11, at Fort Ward Museum. This free program will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Activities will begin at 10 a.m. with a roll call and inspection of troops. Special features of the day's schedule include firing demonstrations at 11 a.m. and at 3 p.m., a noon meal in camp where army rations will be discussed, a knapsack inspection, and a discussion of the soldier's uniform.

The 1st Minnesota Volunteer Infantry was the first state unit to be formed in response to President Abraham Lincoln's call for 75,000 troops in April 1861. The regiment participated in many major engagements from First Bull Run to Appomattox, but is

best known for fighting with distinction at Gettysburg where it lost 80 percent of its men. After serving in New York City to enforce the draft, the unit was briefly stationed in Alexandria in September 1863 before being dispatched to the Virginia front.

Members of the re-created 1st Minnesota, Co. D are dedicated to the authentic portrayal of the life of the Civil War soldier, and educating the public about the role of this well known Union regiment in the Civil War.

Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site is located at 4301 West Braddock Road in Alexandria. It was the fifth largest installation within the extensive network of forts known as the Defenses of Washington, which was built to protect the Federal capital during the Civil War. Call 703-746-4848 or visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org).



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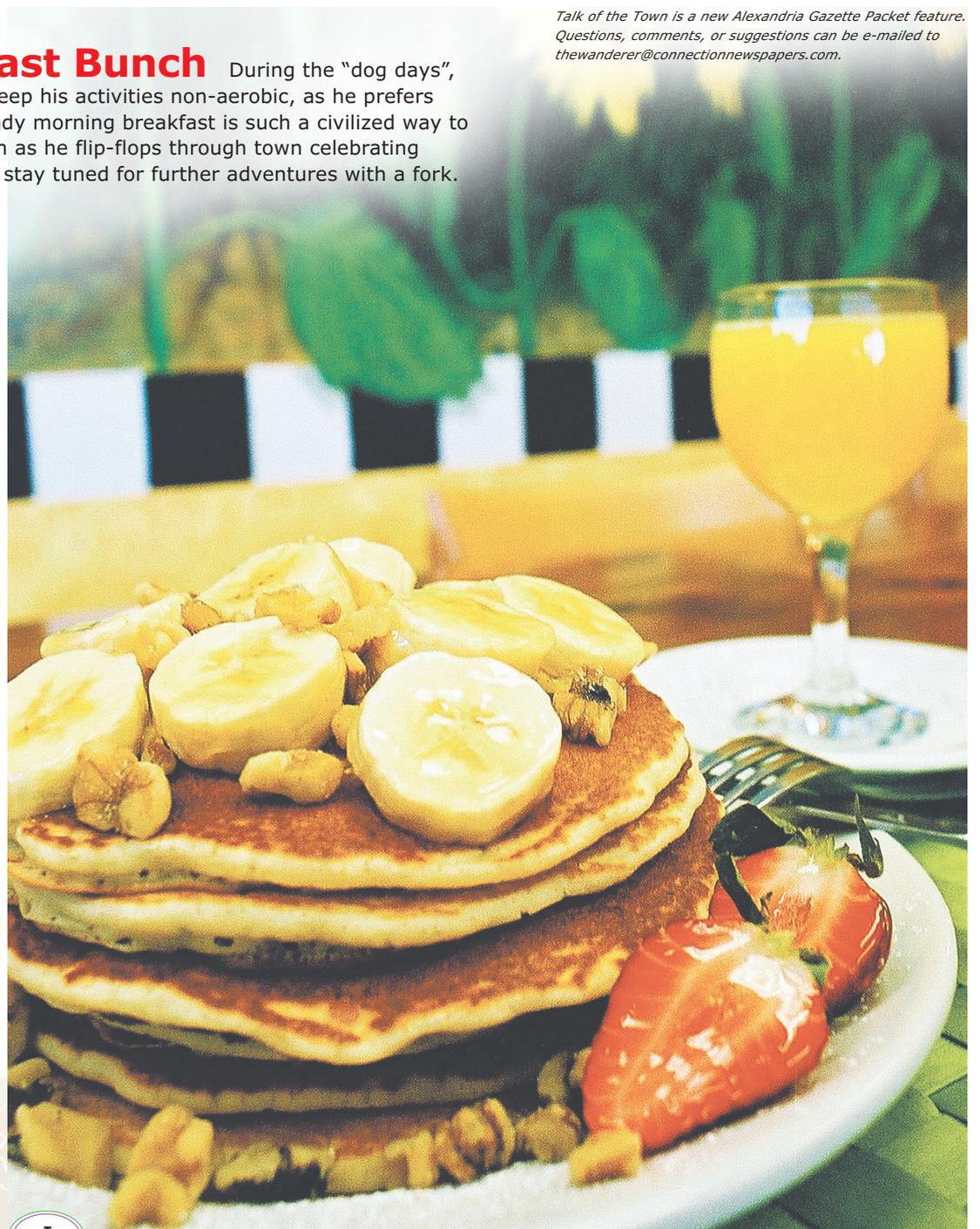
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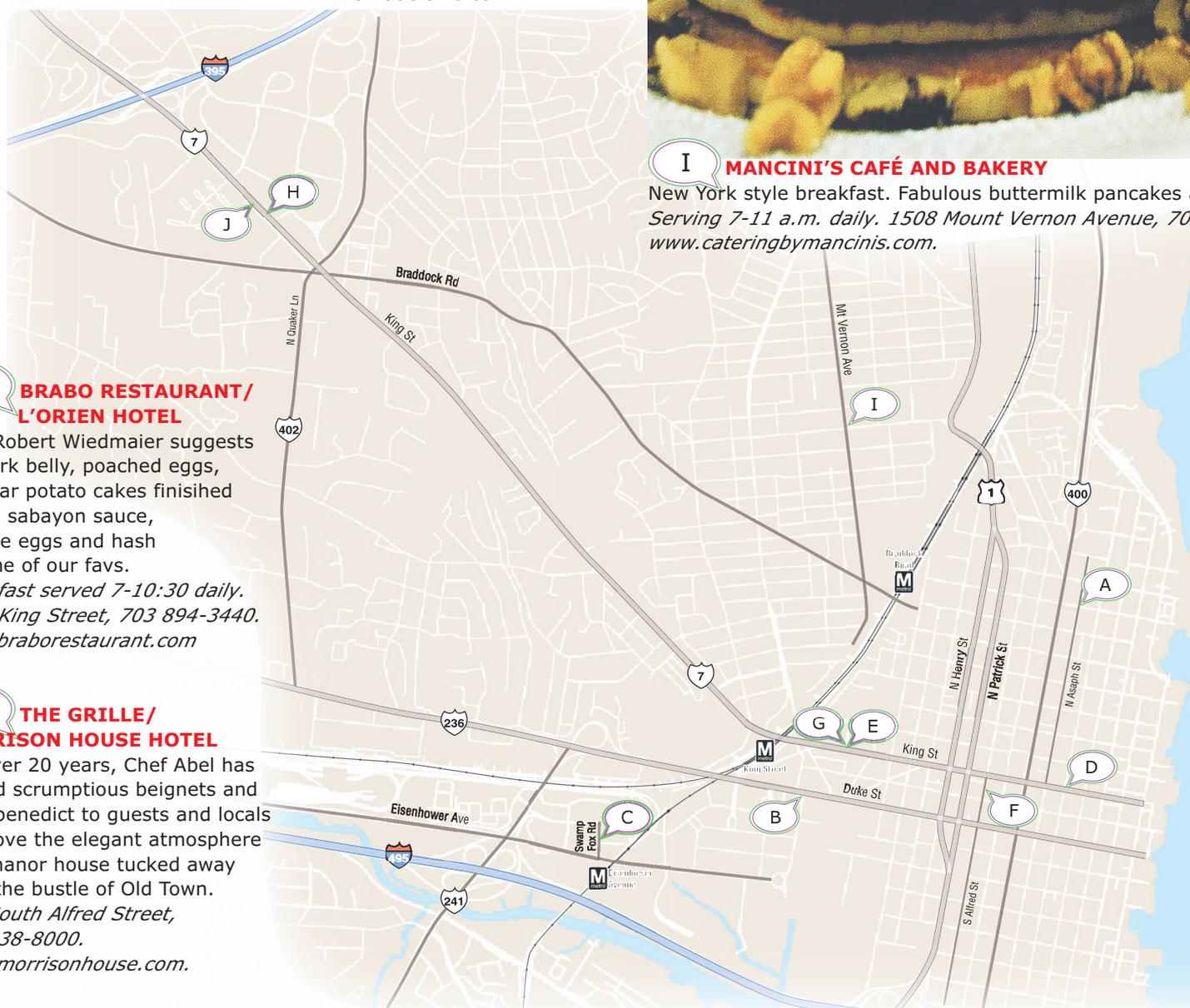
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# FINE ARTS

## NOW THROUGH SEPT. 5

**Artist Genevieve Lynn.** "In Misty China" captures moments in landscape, people and culture. At Gallery West, 1213 King street, Alexandria. Visit [www.jaderiverstudio.com](http://www.jaderiverstudio.com).

## THURSDAY/AUG. 12

**Second Thursday Art Night.** 6-9 p.m. Free. Visitors are invited to browse open studios, interact with artists and are encouraged to bring a donation for Community Partners for Children or the ongoing Carpenter's Shelter Food Drive. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); 703-838-4565 x2.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 12

**Artists' Talk.** 7-8:30 p.m. "The Art of Photo-Journalism," at the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Free. RSVP: 703-625-2330.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 13

**"Highlights" Video Premiered.** 7-10 p.m. Free. Abby Sternberg's video "Highlights" featuring comments by the 2010 Living Legends of Alexandria will premiere at the Opening Reception of the photo exhibition. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mt. Vernon Avenue in Alexandria. Gallery hours are Thursdays, noon-4 p.m., Fridays, noon-9 p.m., Saturdays, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Sundays, noon-6 p.m.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 13

**Gathering of the Legends.** Opening reception is rescheduled for Friday, Aug. 13 from 7-10 p.m. Meet



**Rainy Day in NYC by Jill Banks, Best in Show, oil on canvas.**

## NOW THROUGH SEPT. 6

**"Scapes: The Annual Landscape Exhibit."** Opening reception is Thursday, Aug. 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. Artwork inspired by all environments may be a part of this exhibit – urban and rural, industrialized and primitive, coastal and arid, and works portraying the beauty and destruction created by Mother Nature. 'Scapes was juried by artist Joey Manlapaz, instructor at the Corcoran College of Art and Design. At the Art League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.theartleague.org](http://www.theartleague.org).

Alexandria's Living Legends of 2009-2010 Photo exhibition, many of whom will be in attendance. Twelve individuals or teams were selected from among the nominees as the 2009-10 Living Legends of Alexandria – Chet Avery, Rosalind Bovey, V. Rodger Digilio, Nelson A. Greene, Sr., Alice Merrill and Linda Odell, T. Michael Miller, John Porter, Joan and John Renner, David G. Speck, Pat Troy, Lois Walker, and Betty R. Wright. Artist's

Talk/Q&A: The Art of Photojournalism, Aug. 12 from 7-8:30 p.m. Presented by the Del Ray Artisans. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-625-2330 or visit [alexandrialegends@earthlink.net](mailto:alexandrialegends@earthlink.net) or [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com).

## AUG. 13 THROUGH SEPT. 29

**FEAR Exhibition.** Preview reception on Friday, Aug. 13 from 6-9 p.m.

featuring Adam Garcia on the marimbas "Up Under the Roof" screening. At the Gallery at Convergence located at 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-998-6260 x3.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 15

**Shelf Life.** 4-6 p.m. Mary "Mimi" Frank. Artist's reception. Mary "Mimi" Frank, is a wall mounted sculpture show that contains musings about life, relationships, objects, and their ironies when juxtaposed. At the Athenaeum Gallery, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Contact Twig Murray, Visual Arts Committee at 703-683-5058 or [twig@twigweb.com](mailto:twig@twigweb.com).

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 15

**Marsha Staiger and Alison Sigethy — Art in Balance: Rhythm and Repetition.** These two artists present an exhibit that investigates the paradox of balance, the nature of rhythm, and the beauty and order created by repetition. The Torpedo Factory Art Center's Target Gallery hosts the annual Artist of the Year exhibition, which is sponsored by the Friends of the TFAC. At 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4565, x4 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 21

**Art Scouts.** Six artists with strong presences in the D.C. metro region explain how and why they make their art — by presenting other artists who use the same materials or methods. These six artists all work in different (but related, sometimes overlapping) disciplines: **Zoe Charlton** (drawing), **Mary Early** (sculpture), **J.J. McCracken** (performance and

installation), **Maggie Michael** (painting), **Jefferson Pinder** (video), and **Kerry Skarbakka** (photography). Located in the Maury School building, the aac mounts five exhibitions of contemporary art per year, rents studio spaces, and conducts educational programs for students of all ages. Normal public hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 11 am to 5 p.m.. Call 703-248-6800 or visit [www.arlingtonartscenter.org](http://www.arlingtonartscenter.org).

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 22

**Kiln Club Show.** Kiln Club members go the distance to show the versatility of clay surfaces. Hours are Monday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursdays open until 9 p.m. At Scope Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Ground Floor, Studio 19, Alexandria. Call 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm) and [www.kilnclubwdc.com](http://www.kilnclubwdc.com)

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 29

**McLean Art Society's Summer Show.** Juried by Gwen Bragg, teacher and award-winning artist. At River Farm, home of the American Horticultural Society, 7931 E. Boulevard Drive, South of Old Town. The themes are flower painting and still life as well as landscapes. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

## NOW THROUGH AUG. 29

**Artist Diane Shiely Frykman.** Free. Show entitled "The Four Seasons" includes still life and landscape oil paintings. At the Historic House at Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, in Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173.

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## ONGOING

**Children enter a world of fantasy** and fables when costumed interpreters weave three tales together during Mount Vernon's storytelling session, "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon," held every Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. Storytelling sessions will take place in the Hands-On History Room in the Donald W. Reynolds Education Center. "Washington Builds a Barn" is the theme for August's storytelling sessions. During the 20-minute session, children learn Aesop's fables and listen to stories about George Washington's life! The storytelling program is recommended for children ages three to eight. Parental supervision is required. "Once Upon a Time at Mount Vernon" is included in regular Estate admission: adults, \$15; youth ages 6-11, \$7; and children under 5 are admitted free.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOONS

**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, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor (off Duke Street), Alexandria. Call 703-751-8868.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 12

**Bagpipes, Pipes and Drums Concert.** 7 p.m. At Fort Ward Park, 4301 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Concert is presented by the NOVA Branch of the Royal Scottish Dance Society, and the Alexandria Pipes and Drums. Free. Call 703-883-4686.

**Jean Bayou Performs.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Jean Bayou has maneuvered her way through motherhood, womanhood, the neighborhood (and other hoods too numerous to mention) to write songs of love, loss, redemption and bad family vacations. Performs at The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035.

**18<sup>th</sup> Century Dance Class.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the dances of Jane Austen's time — danced by Elizabeth Bennet and Mr. Darcy. Cost is \$30/series or \$12/class. Singles or couples are welcome. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242.

## AUG. 12-14

**"Cinderella."** Presented by the homeschool group, Morningstar Productions. Performances are 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 12; Friday, Aug. 13; Saturday, Aug. 14; and Saturday matinee at 2 p.m. Admission



## FRIDAY/AUG. 20

**Dixie Melody Boys.** 7:30 p.m. At the Mt. Calvary Community Church. Call 703-971-0165 or visit [www.mtcalvarycc.com](http://www.mtcalvarycc.com).

is \$8/regular; \$5/children and seniors. At Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 9600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.Cinderella2010.com](http://www.Cinderella2010.com).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 13

**"Renewal: Stories from America's Religious-Environmental Movement."** 7

p.m. A film about how Americans of different faiths, motivated by their spiritual and religious convictions, become better stewards of the environment. At the Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-721-0595 or [gpourchot@yahoo.com](mailto:gpourchot@yahoo.com).

## Film Screening.

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## SATURDAY/AUG. 14

**Alexandria Youth Arts Festival.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free. Children's activities, crafts, exhibits, music and spoken word. At Jefferson-Houston Elementary School Field, 1501 Cameron St., Alexandria. Children through age 19 are invited to enter original artwork for display at the festival. Contact Jason Ellis at 703-535-3175 or McKenna Dilworth-Abdalla at 703-746-5550.

**Irish Festival.** Noon to 7 p.m. At Waterfront Park, 1A Prince Street, Alexandria. This event is sponsored by The Ballyshaners, Inc. Call Pat Troy at 703-615-9453 or email [irishknight@cox.net](mailto:irishknight@cox.net).

**Jane Austen Ball.** 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Costumes of the 1790s are encouraged. Tickets are \$45/advance, \$50/door. Participants can prepare for the ball with instruction from dance master Corky Palmer on Thursdays, July 29, Aug. 5 and Aug. 12 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Learn the basic steps of English country dancing for \$12 per class or \$30 for the series. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal street, Old Town Alexandria. For tickets, call 703-746-4242. Visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Summer Concert Series.** 7 p.m. Free. Featuring the Volunteers, the U.S. Army's premier touring pop/rock band. At Centennial Park, off of English Ave., Fort Meade.

**Kitchen and Bath Seminar.** 10:30 to 12:30 p.m. At Ferguson Bath, Kitchen and Lighting Gallery, 5650-D General Washington Drive, Alexandria. Call 1-800-513-2250.

## "Faubourg Tremé: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans"

**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](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-746-4356.

**Summer Orchestra Series.** 7:30 p.m. The Marine Chamber Orchestra performs. At Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

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## AUG. 14-15

**Model Train Days.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday; 1-4 p.m. on Sunday. For ages 8 and up. Register online at [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) and click

on "Shop" or call The Lyceum to register by phone at 703-746-4994. Admission is \$5 per person. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington street, Old Town Alexandria. Visit [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org).

## SUNDAY/AUG. 15

**Paul Carr in Concert.** 4 p.m. \$15 donation. Sponsored by the Committee for Jazz at Meade. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria.

**Mount Vernon Concert Band.** 7 to 8 p.m. Free. A concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp) and go to "News and Fun Things to do."

## MONDAY, AUG. 16

**Theology on Tap.** 7 p.m. Food, fun and faith in a casual setting. This session's theme is "The Athletes 6-Pack" Winning for Christ. Must be 21. At Pat Troy's Ireland's Own, 111 North Pitt Street, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4535.

## AUG. 16-20

**Seriously Shakespeare Camp!** 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$150 - Ages 9-13 (Full - wait list only). Participants will be introduced to Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice," through scene work and improvisation activities designed for youngsters to gain a full understanding of the plot, characters and language. Theatre games and creative costumery add to the mirth and merriment. All camps take place at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Road, 22308. Email Heather Sanderson at [bardsplay@aol.com](mailto:bardsplay@aol.com).

## TUESDAY/AUG. 17

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. Free. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled "The DAR & SAR - Learn What They Do & How You Can Become a Member." The panel will be made up of Phyllis Kelley and Claire Kluskens who are members of local DAR chapters and Robert Carr who is a member of a local SAR chapter. Meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, in Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or [haroldm@erols.com](mailto:haroldm@erols.com).

**Mount Vernon Lions.** 6:30 p.m. Sandy Halverson from The Bell Program will speak about the camp run for visually impaired children. At Pema's Restaurant. Call Andrea Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 18

**Swing Dancing.** 9-11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With the Deja Blue Blues Band. At

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## THURSDAY/AUG. 19

### Dave Tucker Combo. 7-9 p.m. Free.

Dave Tucker is an internationally-known performer of early jazz styles. Dave specializes in performing ragtime, novelty, blues and Harlem stride piano music, but has expanded in recent years to include performing with dance orchestras and several small combos. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St. Alexandria. Call 703-838-4565, [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

### Garden Stroll and Tea. 1-3 p.m. \$27

Take a relaxing docent-led stroll through the demonstration gardens and enjoy an afternoon tea at the Historic House. This is a delightful introduction to the mission and history of Green Spring Gardens, one of the preeminent places for horticulture in the Washington, D.C. area. Individuals and groups are welcome. At Green Spring Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road, Alexandria. Call 703-642-5173 to register. Visit [www.greenspring.org](http://www.greenspring.org).

### Earl Lloyd Book Signing. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Alexandria native and NBA pioneer Earl Lloyd will discuss and sign copies of his book "Moonfixer" at a reception. Lloyd, a graduate of Parker-Gray High School, became the first African American to play in the NBA in



## SATURDAY/AUG. 21

### Singer-songwriter Anne Hills performs. 7 p.m.

Sponsored by Focus Music, a nonprofit supporter and presenter of folk and acoustic music that holds concerts in west Alexandria on Sundays. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at [FocusMusic.org](http://FocusMusic.org). Contact Gilliam at 703-975-8027 or [markg@ssosystems.com](mailto:markg@ssosystems.com). St. Aiden's is at 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria, between Fort Hunt Road and Route 1.

1950. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria. Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-746-4356.

"Breast Talk." 6-8 p.m. Free. The Full Cup Women's Health Series Presents "Breast Talk" with Beth Becker, executive director, Capital Breast Care Center. Beth will speak on the

importance of regular mammograms, self exams, how diet affects breast health and the benefits of all as they relate to breast cancer. At The Full Cup - Old Town - 218 N. Lee Street, Suite 206, Alexandria. RSVP to [lindsey@thefullcup.com](mailto:lindsey@thefullcup.com) by August 17. Space is limited. [www.thefullcup.com](http://www.thefullcup.com).

## FRIDAY/AUG. 20

### Dixie Melody Boys. 7:30 p.m.

At the Mt. Calvary Community Church. Call 703-971-0165 or visit [www.mtcalvarycc.com](http://www.mtcalvarycc.com).

### Squeeze Bayou (Cajun). 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Free. Squeeze Bayou Cajun Band, based in the D.C. area, plays traditional Cajun and zydeco dance music from Southwestern Louisiana, specializing in two steps and waltzes. Their music reflects a blend of many styles including country music, blues and Creole. At Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy., Alexandria. Call 703-324-SHOW (7469). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/performances).

## AUG. 20-29

### Alexandria Restaurant Week. 60

restaurants offer a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner, \$35 dinner for two, or \$3.50 sweet treat. Participants include Bastille, La Bergerie, the Grille at Morrison House, Del Merei Grille, A La Lucia, Tempo, Cheesetique, Fontaine Caffé & Creperie, and ACKC Cocoa Bar. 703-746-3301. Menus and online reservations on [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com).

## SATURDAY/AUG. 21

### Neighborhood Craft Show. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Belle View neighborhood will be hosting its first craft show at the Town Center, 1204 Belle View

Blvd., Alexandria. Enjoy lively jazz music as you peruse a variety of handcrafted items. Refreshments will be available. The rain date for the craft show is Aug. 28.

### Summer Concert Series. 7 p.m. Free.

Featuring the Concert Band and the Soldiers' Chorus. At Centennial Park, off of English Ave., Fort Meade.

### Unusual Fruits Tasting. 1-3 p.m. \$27.

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### Breakfast Reach Out Meeting. 9:15 a.m.

Sponsored by Arlington Aglow with speaker Marilyn Henretty. Breakfast is provided; \$3.25 donation. At St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 3439 Payne Street, Bailey's Crossroads. Call Betty Rose Forsell at 703-671-9264.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 22

### Summer Chamber Music Series. 3 p.m.

Free. The Eastmont Trio performing string trios by Mozart and Dohnanyi. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

### Alte Kameraden. 7 to 8 p.m. Free.

A German Festmusik band concert in Ft. Hunt Park, six miles south of Old Town Alexandria on the GW Parkway, 703-289-2550 or [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp) and go to "News and Fun Things to Do."

### West End Farmers' Market Closed.

The West End Farmers' Market will be closed in preparation for the Annual Cambodian Community Day Festival. At Ben Brenman Park. The West End Farmers' Market will reopen Aug. 29 and continue Sundays through Nov. 21. Call 703.746.4343.



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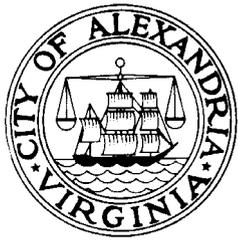
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PEOPLE

TC's JROTC Students Tackle Mountain Camp

BY RICK HAVERINEN  
FORT EUSTIS  
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Perhaps the first step in beating the summer heat, or any other of life's pressures, is to confront it.

Nearly 270 high school students from Junior ROTC programs up and down the Virginia, Maryland and Delaware coasts faced up to steamy temperatures and some of their phobias July 16-21 during the Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge Mountain 2010 at Fort Eustis, Va.

"I think it's awesome," said Leidy Gonzalez, a cadet in the Junior ROTC program at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria. "I'm enjoy being here. I came here to learn. This is my first year, and this is the best thing I have ever done."

Some of the high school cadets may have worn out their physical training muscles and blistered their marching and drilling feet from plenty of physical activity at the camp, but they also exercised their minds in classroom work and even relaxed during a boat cruise.

The fear factor for the teenagers at the six-day camp could have come from climbing the high cargo net obstacle at the Fort Eustis Confidence Course, sliding while suspended beneath a single rope "bridge" six feet from the ground, or just from being tossed into a random platoon-sized mixture of new youths selected from 24 far-flung high schools.

"I feel like a stranger, and they feel like strangers," said Cadet Sibghat Saeed, also from the T.C. Williams JROTC program. Saeed said he was initially nervous about the mix of strangers from 24 far-flung high schools, "but once I started talking to them, they



**Cadet Sibghat Saeed, from the Junior ROTC program at T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, climbs the cargo net obstacle July 18 at Fort Eustis, Va., during the Junior Cadet Leadership Challenge 2010.**

seemed nice, because they're probably as scared as I was. And then we got to know each other and now we're best friends."

"They seem to grow in so many areas from the Junior ROTC program," said Col. (Retired) Reginald Geary, senior Army instructor for the T.C. Williams High Junior ROTC program, "and you do get a sense of inspiration in the kids when they get out and serve the community. They do competitive events, including the dill team, and they participate in the Raiders program. You see the end result, especially at the end of the year when they walk across the stage at school, how they have matured, how they have excelled in various ways, including leadership and self-confidence."

"I think [JROTC] is the best thing, because some guys get into trouble in school and everything," Gonzalez said. "If you get into [trouble] then you can get to thinking in other ways. You get to



PHOTOS BY RICK HAVERINEN

**Cadet Leidy Gonzalez**

think about the future, and the best you can do. So it's a great opportunity they give us."

Gonzalez didn't say what she had planned for a career, but she wants to make JROTC part of each high school year. Saeed said he would be interested in a military stint after school if he could not immediately progress to become a mechanical engineer.

"It feels great when somebody is encouraging you for doing something well," Gonzalez said, "and you're like, 'OK, so if I'm do-

**Trophies**

**Cadet Jenna M. Samara** received a trophy in recognition of being in the top 1 percent of cadets attending the JCLC (Mountain) Camp.

**Cadet Eric Watkins** received a trophy in recognition of being in the top 4 percent of cadets attending the JCLC (Mountain) Camp.

**Cadet Alexandria Rodriguez** received a trophy in recognition of being in the top 5 percent of cadets attending JCLC (Mountain) Camp.

ing it well, then I need to keep going, and keep going, until I get hired."

"Some of the cadets leave the program after the ninth grade because they want to experiment," Geary said. "They were excited about being in the uniform, and it's just like a kid with a new toy. After they have had an opportunity to play with that new toy, then they're ready to move on to something else. And of course, you have those that want to stay with the program throughout their high school years, and it's just like the military. The military is not for everyone, and we don't try to push military service. Our motto is to motivate young people to be better American citizens. It's more about being involved in community service events, as well as instilling leadership into the cadets."

Another thing Geary said he enjoys is the person-to-person kudos he sometimes receives.

"It's very rewarding when a parent expresses their appreciation to you for working with their son or daughter," Geary said.

ENGAGEMENT

Schmidt, Neises Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schmidt of Jefferson, Wisconsin, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Janelle Marie Schmidt to Patrick William Neises, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chris Neises, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Jefferson High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Carroll University in Theatre. She currently is employed as the director of events and communications at the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. She also has an agent in Washington, D.C. and has acted in various commercials, major motion pic-

tures, and independent films.

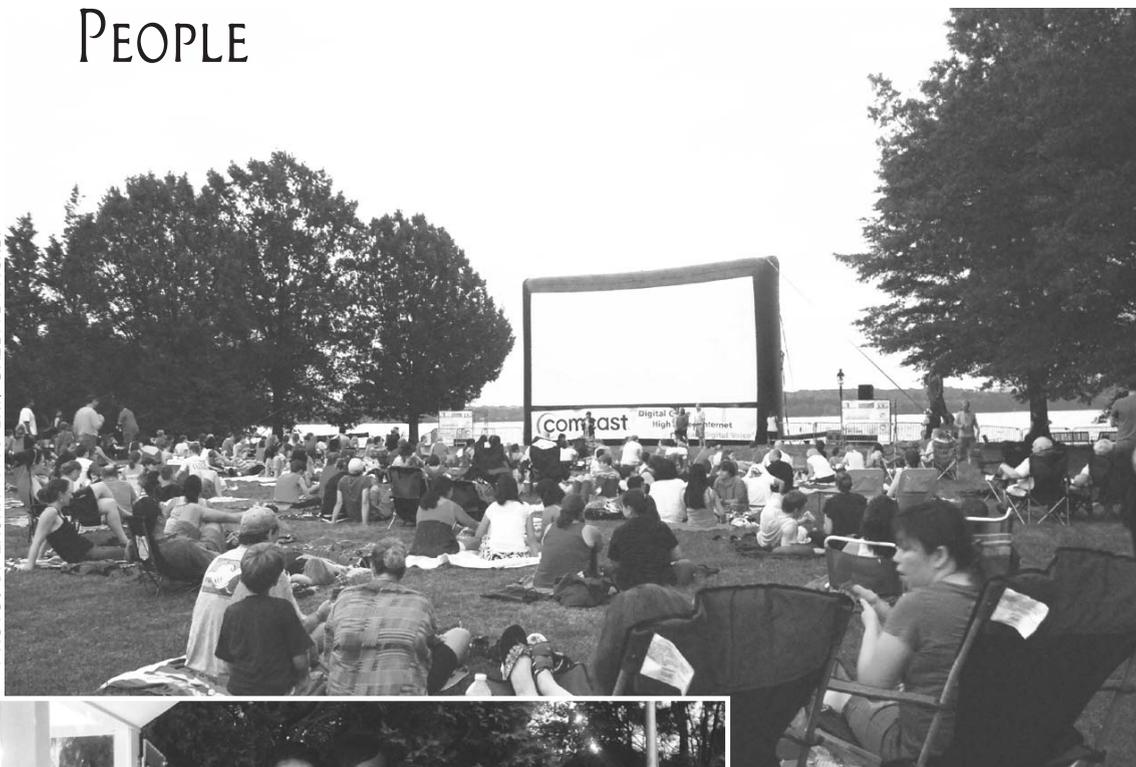
The future groom is a graduate of River Ridge High School and earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree in business administration from Texas A&M University-Texarkana. He currently is a policy analyst for the Federal Government. The couple met in Dallas, Texas in 2005, and are planning a Sept. 4 wedding in Jefferson, Wisconsin at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. The couple currently reside in Old Town Alexandria.



**Janelle Marie Schmidt and Patrick William Neises**

# PEOPLE

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# HM Swimmers Complete 2010 Season at NVSL All Stars

## Paul O'Hara two-time NVSL Champion.

The Hollin Meadows Barracudas had six swimmers qualify for the 2010 NVSL Individual All Star Championship held on Aug. 7 at the Broyhill Crest pool in Annandale. Paul O'Hara was the league champion in both the boys 13-14 50M freestyle (25.53 seconds) and the 100M individual medley (1:03.16 seconds). O'Hara's time in the 50M freestyle also set a new HM team record bettering his own mark of 25.70 seconds set a week earlier at the Division 9 Individual Championships.

Mark Mattis finished sixth in the boys 15-18 100M IM with a time of 1:03.30. Olivia Petretich was 10th in the girls 8U 25M freestyle swimming the distance in 17.95 seconds. Andrew Hohman qualified in both the Boys 13-14 50M Backstroke and the 100M IM finishing 14th in both events turning in a time of 32.64 seconds in the Backstroke and 1:11.17 seconds in the IM. Also finishing 14th overall was Cole Peverall in the Boys 8U 25M breast with a time of 25.24 seconds. The other HM swimmer qualifying for All Stars was Lexie Kroeger who swam the girls 9-10 50M breast in a time of 46.49 seconds and finished 17th overall.

Fourteen new team records were set in 2010 with eight individual records and six relay records being recorded. Individual records were set by O'Hara (5) and Mattis (3). O'Hara set new marks in every boys



**Pictured are the Hollin Meadows record-breaking All Star relay teams. First row: (8U girls) Molly McGuckin, Olivia Petretich, Fiona Walsh, Morgan McNutt. Back row: coach Lea Mazzaccoli, (13-14 boys) Hunter Aardema, Ben Cermak, Paul O'Hara, Andrew Hohman and coach Ken Diceare. Absent from picture Coach Lauren Crow.**

13-14 event including the 50M free (25.53 seconds), 50M back (30.06 seconds), 50M breast (34.69 seconds), 50M butterfly (29.50 seconds) and 100M IM (1:02.65). Among those records the two that stand out were the 50M breast where the previous

mark was set in 1988 by Keva Silversmith (35.41 seconds) and the 50M butterfly where the previous mark was set in 1993 by Bob Bowman (30.15 seconds). The other records were either previously set by O'Hara last year or by Mattis in 2007. Mattis set

new marks in the boys 15-18 50M free (25.82), 50M back (29.93) and the 100M IM (1:02.78). In the 50M free, he tied the record of 25.82 seconds set by Ken Schwartz in 1989 and bettered his own previous records in the 50M back and 100M IM. On the relay side the boys 13-14 100M medley relay team of O'Hara, Hunter Aardema, Andrew Hohman and Ben Cermak went 59.58 seconds, bettering the previous record of 1:00.73 seconds set in 1985. At the Division 9 Relay Carnival and the All Star Relay Carnival a total of five records were broken including the Boys 13-14 200M medley relay and 200M free relay, the boys 15-18 200M free relay, the girls 8U 100M modified medley relay and the girls 15-18 200M free relay.

Hollin Meadows finished tied for fifth place in Division 9 of the Northern Virginia Swimming League with a record of 1-4. Three of the losses were by 15 points or fewer. At the Division 9 Relay Carnival, HM finished second overall and also had the second highest point total of all teams in Division 9 when considering both the dual meet scores and Relay Carnival scores. At the Mount Vernon area IM Invitational, HM finished first in the Minuteman Division.

At the Division 9 Individual Championships, HM had seven division champions with O'Hara (boys 13-14 50M free and 100M IM) and Mattis (boys 15-18 50M back and 100M IM) both winning two events. Other division champions included Olivia Petretich (girls 8U 25M free), Cole Peverall (boys 8U 25M back) and Lexie Kroeger (girls 9-10 50M breast).

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Mount Vernon Park Swimmers At All-Stars

Mount Vernon Park's Cassidy Bayer won the girls 9-10 50 back and 25 fly on Aug. 7 at the NVSL all star meet at Broyhill Crest pool in Annandale.

MVP swimmer and West Potomac rising senior Julia Bolger won her heat and placed seventh overall in the 15-18 girls 50 backstroke during the NVSL all-star meet on Aug. 7 in Annandale.

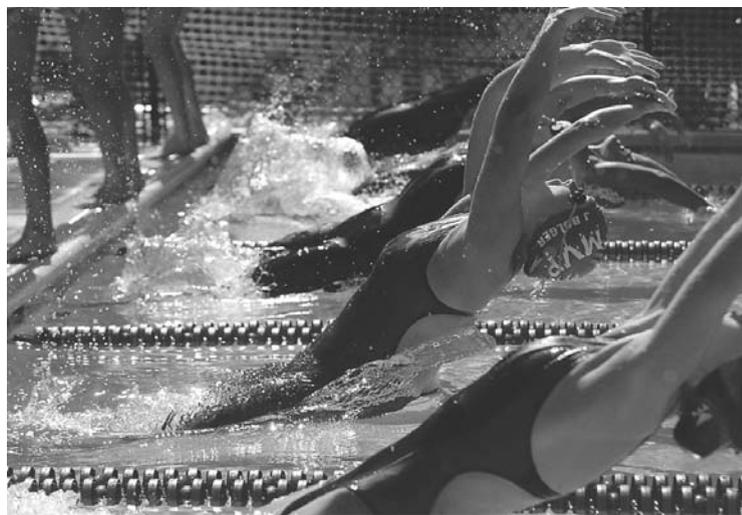
Bolger swims year-round and wakes up at 4 a.m. for practice four days a week.

"It's pretty awesome," Bolger said of the all-star experience. "It's really nice to know that all my hard work has paid off."

Mount Vernon Park's Cassidy Bayer won the girls 9-10 50 back and 25 fly.

### Belle Haven Hosts Junior Golf Championship

One-hundred-forty young golfers recently dis-



**Mount Vernon Park swimmer and West Potomac rising senior Julia Bolger, center, finished seventh in the 15-18 girls 50 back at the NVSL's all-star meet on Aug. 7.**

placed the members at Belle Haven Country Club for two days. They competed in the 88th Bob Riley Junior Open, a tournament for boys that started in 1922. Young gentlemen toting stand bags with double straps clogged every fairway on Aug. 2-3, and the quality of golf was top drawer.

In the Boys 16-18 division, Alex Taylor of Woodbine, Md., won the title on the first hole of a sudden death playoff against Vienna's Tommy Curley, a senior at Madison High School. Both closed with 5-

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### Five questions with Mount Vernon Park swimmer Julia Bolger



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

A: Turkey, last summer for a family vacation.

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

A: Coldplay.

**Q: What is your favorite movie?**

A: "Slumdog Millionaire." It started off as a Sundance film and was able to hit it big in the US. The story was really powerful.

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

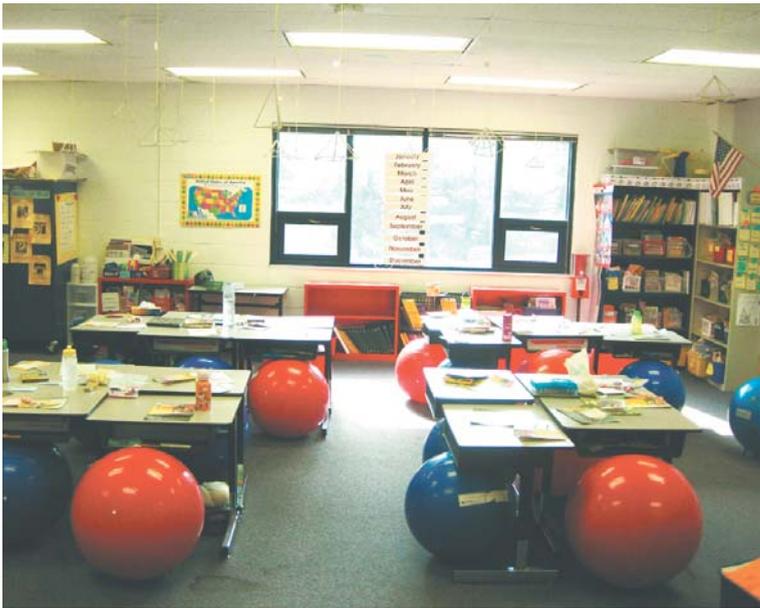
A: I like to read and write and draw.

**Q: How do you force yourself to get up at 4 a.m. for swimming practice?**

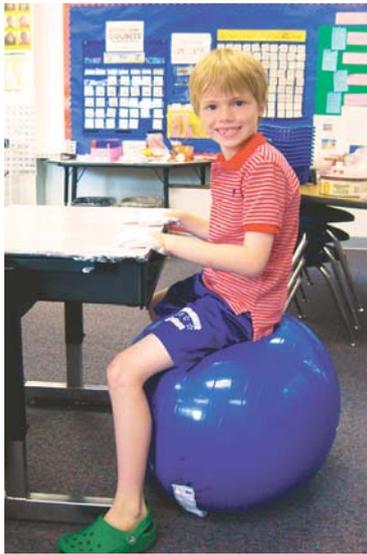
A: There are definitely days that I don't want to get up. But I'm part of a carpool that swims. If I don't show up for the carpool it throws every one off. If I don't show up for the carpool they'll be late for swim practice and they'll get yelled at so I feel like there's a bit of pressure on me to show up.

— JON ROETMAN

# SCHOOLS



Students replaced chairs with fitness balls.



Former second grader Jackson Krakowski on his fitness ball.

PHOTOS BY KIMBERLY KRAKOWSKI

## Students 'Have a Ball'

Second graders at MacArthur Elementary School substitute traditional chairs for fitness balls.

BY GRACE POWELL  
GAZETTE PACKET

Second grade MacArthur Elementary School teacher Janice Olmstead taught her students a little rock and roll last year. "People naturally want to move, especially kids," she said.

With a master of science in health/fitness and 20 years experience using fitness balls for teaching and training, Olmstead decided to conduct an experiment. She asked students how they felt about trading their blue plastic chairs for round bouncy fitness balls. They were of course, thrilled.

"I thought it was great because we could bounce around," former second grader Jackson Krakowski said.

Kimberly Krakowski said her son, Jackson, has always been a wiggle worm. When she received Olmstead's parent letter explaining the fitness ball plan, she asked what she could do to help.

"It was then my job to find someone to help us purchase the balls," Krakowski said. She contacted the administrator for Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children, David Goldberg, about donating fitness balls. "It was a no brainer," Goldberg said who quickly wrote the grant. "There was a visionary teacher who wanted to do something different."

Soon Olmstead's second graders were bouncing, rocking and rolling their way through a normal school day.

As with any elementary classroom, there were three golden rules: Feet on the floor, bottom on the ball and backs straight. Students could always switch the balls for a chair if they wanted to.

Olmstead said the students easily adjusted to their

new chairs. "After about four or five days I would say 'posture check' and they would sit straight up," she said.

She also educated the students on the healthiness of the fitness ball. "It really strengthens your core muscle and you're getting exercise," Jackson said.

The movement from the fitness balls increases blood flow. "You're better able to think and stay more alert," Olmstead said. The fitness balls also help prevent bad posture.

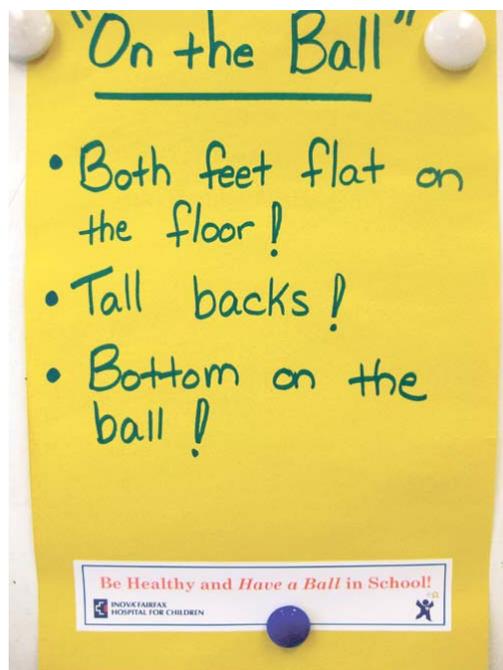
"I know what it's like to have poor back issues," Goldberg said who suffered spinal injuries in the late 1970s. He saw the fitness balls as a way to help prevent children from experiencing similar ordeals. "We can at least educate," he said.

At the end of the school year, the students wrote thank you letters to Goldberg and Krakowski. They also wrote letters to Michelle Obama asking her to visit MacArthur Elementary School in conjunction with her "Let's Move" campaign, a program to increase youth exercise.

Many students and teachers said they want to include the fitness balls in their classrooms this upcoming school year. Deborah Thompson, principal of Douglas MacArthur Elementary School, is excited about the prospects. "We realize that it's not about kids sitting in rows or remaining still," she said.

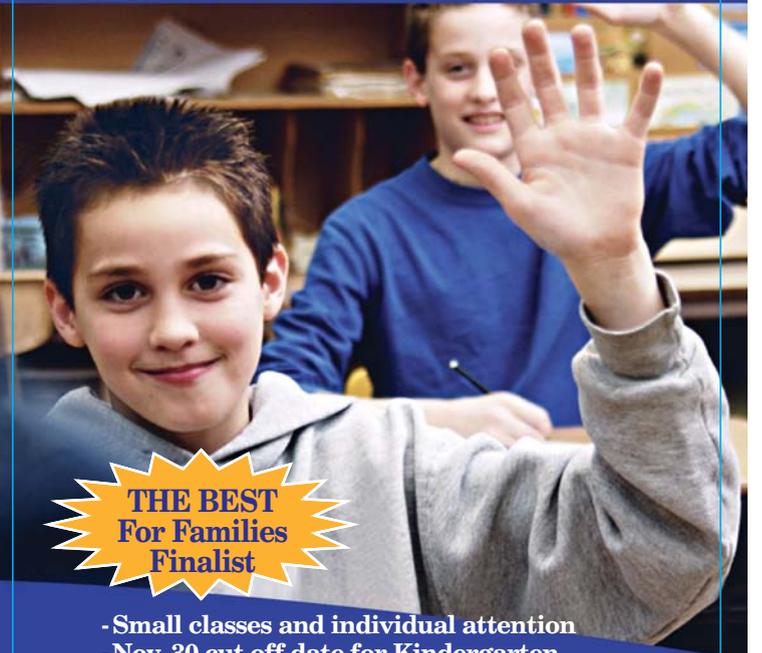
Despite all that rocking and rolling, Olmstead only got a little dizzy once during a math lesson. She smiled remembering the experience. "I asked them, have any of you ever had motion sickness?"

Other than that, the movement does not distract class time. "They can move, all without being disruptive," she said. "I only wish I'd done it sooner."



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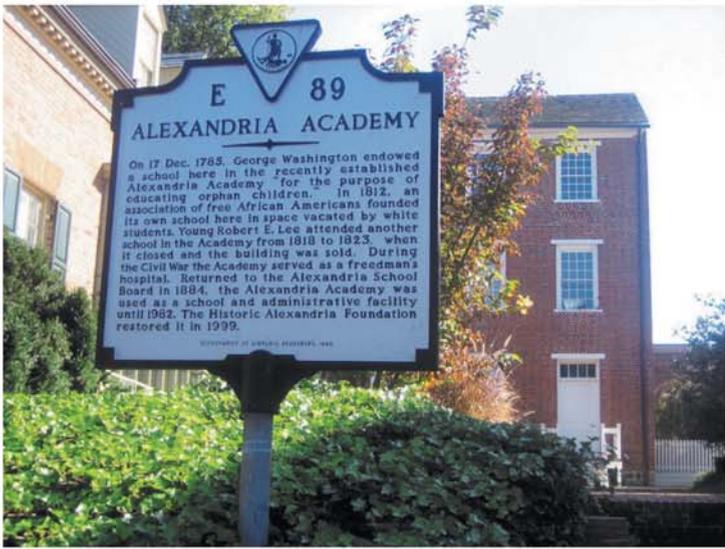
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

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over 149 in the two-round tournament. Taylor and Curley both missed the green on the first extra hole, the par-3 10th. But Curley's tee shot hit a greenside tree and ricocheted onto an adjacent fairway. Unable to reach the green on his second shot, Curley watched Taylor get up and down for the championship.

David Long of Catonsville, Md., won the Boys 14-15 with a 73-77—150, while Kyle Berkshire from Crofton, Md., won the Boys 13 & Under with a 79-73—152.

Formerly the DC Junior, the Riley tournament is one of the oldest junior championships in the country. In 2004, the event was renamed in honor of Belle Haven member Bob Riley, the executive director of the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association 1983-2003.

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## USA Women's Flag Football

Two Alexandria natives were named to Team USA's women's flag football team. Adrienne Smith and Vickie Lucas will play for Team USA at the International Federation of American Football Flag Football World Championship on Aug. 12-16 in Ottawa, Ontario. Smith and Lucas both play in the Independent Women's Football League. Smith plays for the New York Sharks and Lucas plays for the DC Divas.

## Area Agencies Sponsor Senior Olympics

Since 1982, Northern Virginia Departments of Parks and Recreation and Area Agencies on Aging have been sponsoring the Northern Virginia Senior Olympics. Since that time, participation has increased to more than 600 senior athletes competing in more than 25 indoor and outdoor events ranging from sports to card games to line dancing to board games. Seniors are eligible to compete if they are 50 years of age by Dec. 31 and live in the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church or the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Fauquier, Loudoun or Prince William.

The 2010 NVSO competition will take place Sept. 18-29 at more than 10 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Events include track and field, swimming, diving, tennis, table tennis, pickleball, racquetball, golf, miniature golf, bowling, Wii bowling, eight-ball pool, men's basketball, men's and women's basketball free throw, frisbee throw, shuffleboard, bunco, chess, scrabble, cribbage, duplicate bridge, softball hit and throw, team line dancing and yo-yo tricks. New in 2010 are bocce and fencing.

Registration forms are available at senior centers, community centers and senior residences or by calling 703-228-4721. Information can also be downloaded at www.nvso.us. Registration deadline is Sept. 1. Registration fee is \$10, which includes one event; additional events are \$1 each.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

**The Alumni Association** of Parker-Gray School is having its 90th Anniversary and 11th School Reunion in Alexandria on Aug. 20-22. Contact Doris Surratt - 703-823-1772; Alice Thompson - 703-548-8178; or Lovell Lee - 703-780-0812.

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**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-

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**Six Alexandria residents** graduated from Radford University at the end of the fall semester. Earning bachelor of science degrees were **Katherine Elizabeth Hicks** and **Carleta Nelicia Fearon**, communication science and disorders; **Lorielyn Agustin Abdon**, nursing; **John Paul Still**, geology; **Marcia Evelyn Stone**, criminal justice; and **Rediet Melesse**, math.

## Running Club on Sundays

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.

## Indoor Baseball Training

The StrikeZone Academy, an indoor baseball training facility located in Alexandria, is offering week-long summer baseball camps for the weeks of Aug. 16 and 30. Camps run from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. The target age group is from 7-11 years old. Extended hours from 1-4 p.m. are available as well. Cost is \$160 per week for the morning session and \$160 per week for extended hours. All camps are held indoors in a climate-controlled facility, so parents have no need to worry about security, excessive heat, bugs, or lack of cold water and restroom facilities. Interested parents can register online at [www.thestrikezoneacademy.com/clinics](http://www.thestrikezoneacademy.com/clinics), via telephone at 703-823-0061, or stop by in person at 826 South Pickett Street, near the intersections of South Pickett and South Van Dorn Streets.

## Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs, 110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7 - 16. Registration fee is \$25. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles Identification Card upon registration. For more information, call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or go on the youth sports Web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation). The registration deadline is Aug. 6.

## Youth Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth track and field, tackle and flag football, basketball, and volleyball. Criminal history background checks are required. Interested persons should call the youth sports office at 703-746-5402 extension 4345 or e-mail [mac.slover@alexandriava.gov](mailto:mac.slover@alexandriava.gov).

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**Draft Finding of No Significant Impact**  
Community Support Center Development  
U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir  
Directorate of Public Works,  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

**Name of Action:** Construction of a New Commissary, Exchange, and Future Mixed Use Development

**Description of Proposed Action and Need:** As Fort Belvoir continues to support the National Capital Area, enhanced and expanded shopping and dining services on the Installation will be necessary to provide high quality, reliable services and amenities to all eligible patrons including military retirees. The Army and Air Force Exchange Service and the Defense Commissary Agency propose to construct and operate a new 132,000 square foot Commissary and 270,000 square foot Post Exchange at Fort Belvoir, Virginia as part of the Community Support Center area. This area will also include future mixed use development, as part of the Community Support Center area.

The proposed action involves constructing new facilities and associated sidewalks, parking areas, access roads and necessary utilities, and the demolition of the old Commissary and Exchange facilities. The new facilities would be located on the Upper North Post in an area bounded by John J. Kingman, Gunston, Gorgas and Woodlawn Roads designated as the Community Support Center area. The site for the new Exchange would encompass approximately 35 acres, and the future, adjacent Commissary would be located on approximately 21.5 acres. The mixed use development would be located in the southeastern area on approximately 32-35 acres.

The Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated the proposed action alternative. During early phases of planning, other sites on Fort Belvoir were considered for the new Commissary and Exchange but were dismissed for several reasons including inconvenient access, the timing for availability of the site, and potential environmental impacts. Consideration was given to the renovation of the existing facilities, however, the physical layout and functionality of the facilities after renovation, access logistics and the costs based on the facility condition assessments for the existing buildings resulted in rejection of the alternative to renovate. A No Action (No Build) alternative was also considered but would not meet the needs of customers from the National Capital Area. The proposed action alternative provides two site options for the layout of the new facilities within the Community Support Center Area.

**Environmental Consequences:** The Environmental Assessment, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference into this Finding of No Significant Impact, examined the potential effects of the proposed action and no action alternative on areas of land use, air quality, noise, geology and soils, water resources, biological resources, cultural resources, socioeconomic resources, transportation, utilities and hazardous and toxic materials.

Best management practices (BMPs) and adherence to applicable policies/regulations that would be implemented for resource protection are included with discussions of each respective resource area in the EA. No mitigation measures for effects on air quality, topography, or utilities would be required. Air pollutant emissions from the proposed action would not be significant and would be below de minimis levels for general conformity. Mitigation measures identified in the environmental assessment for effects included:

**Transportation and Traffic:** During the design phase, access point and intersection improvements to include turning lanes for delivery and patron entrances, signal sequencing, stop-control or signal control would be incorporated as appropriate to off-set the long-term minor adverse impacts to traffic which may occur in the vicinity of the Community Support Center. Construction traffic is not anticipated to have a significant impact.

**Natural Resources:** It is the intent of DeCA and AAFES to construct their projects with no impacts to streams or Resource Protection Areas. The Army would revegetate disturbed areas with native species as appropriate. Low Impact Development and LEED® Silver standards would be incorporated in the site-specific development of stormwater management. Stable outfalls would be provided and stream banks stabilization and/or restoration of the receiving stream channel would occur prior to receipt of water. The project would identify candidate areas for removal of existing impervious surface and use pervious paving materials as feasible to offset the increase of impervious surfaces resulting from development of Fort Belvoir.

Tree Restoration Plan would be developed to include the protection of mature and significant trees and the replacement of trees; approximately 4,725 trees would be replanted within designated locations. Although future mixed use development is planned for previously disturbed/developed areas, additional clearing and tree removal may occur and would be required to comply with the Fort Belvoir Tree Replacement Policy. Other potential mitigation activities could include repairing and restoring habitat condition, or conservation of other lands to mitigate impacts for loss of wildlife habitat; and the removal of invasive/exotic vegetation from riparian areas and adjoining upland areas. Scheduling land clearing activities for site preparations outside of the nesting season for Partners In Flight recognized birds would also benefit species using vegetation communities within limits of disturbance.

Potential habitat for the small whorled pogonia (Isotria medeoloides) occurs within the Community Support Center area. Small whorled pogonia has not been found in previous surveys of the area. Future surveying to determine the presence of small-whorled pogonia would be conducted as necessary prior to ground disturbing activity for new facilities and associated infrastructure. If small whorled pogonia is located within the limits of disturbance for proposed action, coordination with Fish and Wildlife Service and Virginia Department of Conservation Resources would be necessary. No other rare, threatened or endangered species or their habitat would be affected by the proposed action for either option.

**Cultural Resources:** The proposed action is not expected to have an adverse impact on cultural resources under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. Fencing and a 50-ft buffer surrounding Lacey Cemetery would provide protection from construction activities related to the proposed action. The buffer would also provide a vegetated screen of the development from the cemetery. Monitoring would occur to prevent inadvertent impacts.

**Land Use:** Offsets would include planting of native or naturalized plants with consideration of LEED® concepts; thermal shading of interior parking areas with large islands of vegetation; and the creation of neighborhood outdoor space.

**Hazardous Materials and Solid Waste:** Three Petroleum Storage Areas, one active and two inactive, have been identified within the proposed project site. Remediation of the sites would be integrated into the construction phase of the project in concert with the site preparation and earthwork features for minimal impact. Asbestos and lead based paint surveys would be required before demolition of the Commissary and Exchange.

**Solid Waste:** Solid waste management would include training on eligible materials for recycling municipal solid waste and the incorporation of recycling requirements for construction demolition debris into all contracts for outside construction contractors.

**Sustainability:** The Commissary and Exchange would be constructed to LEED® Silver standards and would incorporate sustainable strategies to include using innovative energy conserving techniques, including: High performance and sustainable building, Low Impact development strategies, requirements of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 and Executive Orders (EO) 13423 and 13514. Strategies would be incorporated into the design, construction, and operation of the facilities. Pervious paving materials would also be incorporated during the design phase.

**Utilities:** Construction would be designed to meet EO 13423 total operational reduction goals for energy and water conservation. Rain catchment systems would also be incorporated during the design phase for use in irrigation of landscaping.

**Noise:** Noise levels would be minimized by limiting construction to weekday business hours, and by using mufflers on construction equipment.

**Summary of Environmental Impacts:** No impacts are expected to floodplains, wetlands, cultural resources, socioeconomic, or land use/sustainability. Minimal impacts to air quality, noise, soils, surface water, water quality, vegetation, migratory bird species including Partner in Flight species, hazardous materials, solid waste, utilities, Chesapeake Bay Resource Protection Areas, are expected as a result of policies, regulations, and mitigation measures described above that would minimize the effects of the proposed action. No significant cumulative impacts or indirect impacts are anticipated. No significant impacts on human health or the environment would result from the proposed action.

**Notice of Availability:** The public may review the Environmental Assessment at the Directorate of Public Works, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; the John Marshall Public Library; Kingstowne Public Library; Lorton Public Library; Sherwood Regional Library; City of Fairfax Regional Library, Van Noy Library; or on the Installation website at: <http://www.belvoir.army.mil>.

Interested parties may submit written comments for consideration on or before 30 days after publication of newspaper announcements, to Commander, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Belvoir, 9430 Jackson Loop, Suite 100, ATTN: Directorate of Public Works, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-5116 or e-mail comments to [environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil](mailto:environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil). For more information, contact Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, Chief of Environmental and Natural Resource Division, at 703-806-4007

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