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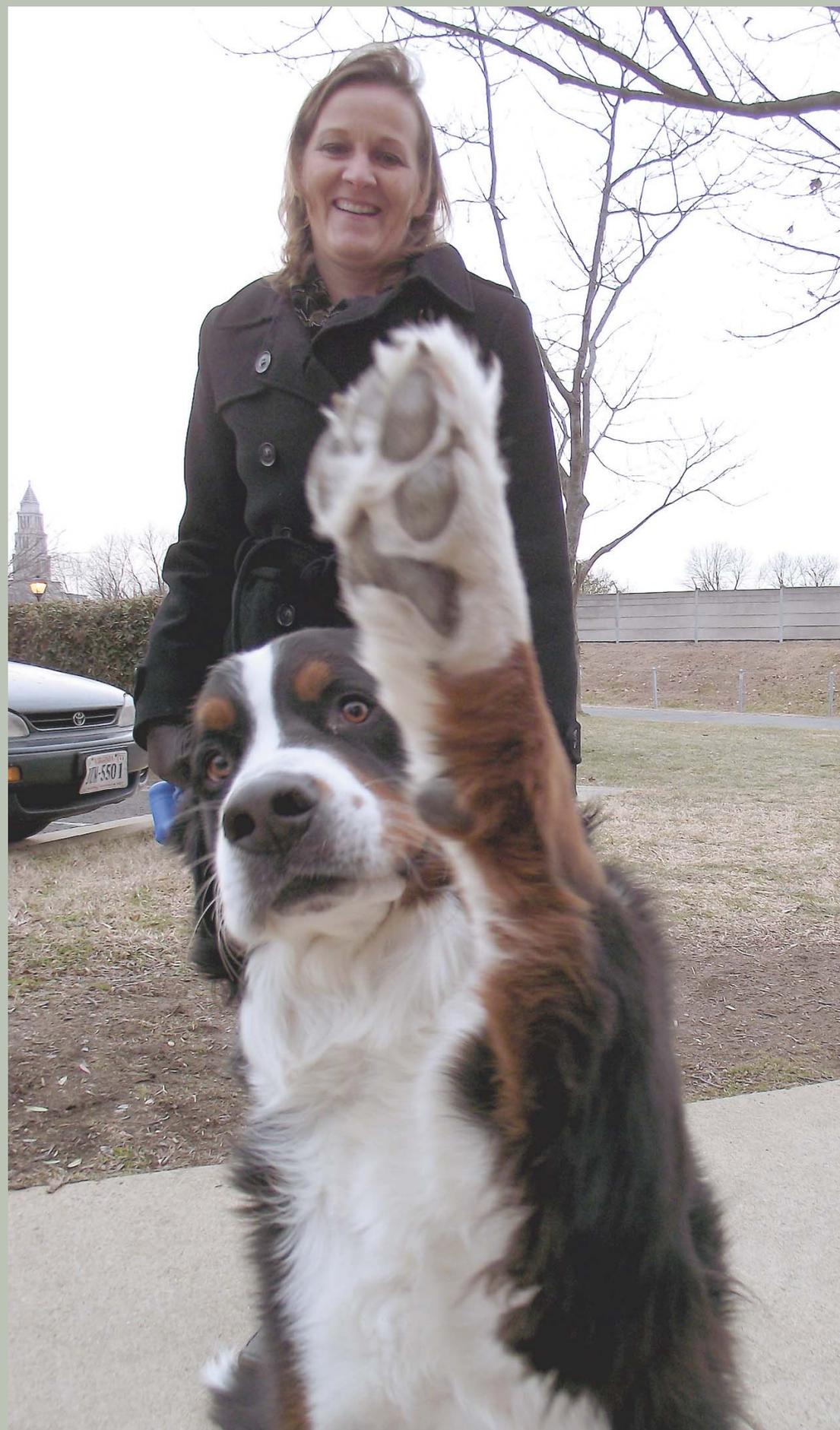


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**Hello There**  
Dollie Beckleind and dog Gus near the Braddock Road Metro.

## ‘Soul’ Asylum

Appeals Court ruling strikes a blow at the city’s waterfront plan.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**W**hen Planning Director Faroll Hamer presented the outline of the city’s waterfront plan last month, she called the new 200-foot pier at the foot of King Street “the soul” of the city’s vision for the future of the waterfront. Yet federal appeals court ruling this week may have crushed that soul.

“This is like pulling the proverbial string on the proverbial sweater,” said Bert Ely, Old Town resident and member of the Old Dominion Boat Club. “You pull enough and the whole thing falls apart.”

On Tuesday, Jan. 11, the United States Court of Appeals for the

District of Columbia Circuit affirmed an earlier ruling by the United States District Court for the District of Columbia in favor of the Old Dominion Boat Club. The controversial court case, which has been dragging on since the Nixon administration, was originally filed by the Justice Department at the request of conservationists who wanted to transform Alexandria’s waterfront into a national park. But the issue lingered in the court system for decades with little or no action — until now.

At issue in the case was a survey conducted in 1791 that identified the high-water mark as the boundary between Maryland and Virginia, which were then being

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## Conflict of Interest?

Alexandria doctors receive tens of thousands of dollars from Big Pharma.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**D**oes your doctor take money from pharmaceutical companies? Many do, including a handful of doctors here in Alexandria. There’s nothing illegal about it, although the practice has come under fire from critics who say that it undermines the medical profession by calling into question the relationship physicians have with Big Pharma.

“It’s a conflict of interest,” said Lisa Eckenwiler, director of health-

care ethics at George Mason University. “It looks like doctors are more interested in making a profit than looking after the best interests of their patients.”

According to a database compiled by the nonprofit organization ProPublica, Alexandria doctors have taken tens of thousands of dollars from pharmaceutical companies over the last two years. And that’s just from the seven pharmaceutical companies that disclose the information. There are more than 70 drug companies that

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## Budget Fire

It was a three-alarm fire of sorts, a budget conflagration that burned through an otherwise mundane monthly financial report. The Alexandria Fire Department would be as much as \$1 million over the expected budget for overtime pay, according to a memorandum dated Jan. 4. The extra money was needed because the department had a large number of firefighter and medic vacancies.

"Recruits to fill the vacancies have been hired but are still in training and are not expected to go on the street until late this fiscal year," City Manager **Jim Harmtann** explained in the memo. "The size of the overall deficit may be less if these recruits complete their training sooner."

Fire Chief **Adam Thiel** came to City Hall to personally report the good news — a handful of recruits finished training ahead of schedule. The revised estimate, Thiel announced, was that his department is only \$145,000 over budget.

"We are staffed at a minimum," explained Thiel. "This is a consequence of us not maintaining staffing."

## Recovery Arrives

Forget the green shoots. The economy has finally made a comeback, according to the most recent assessment of the city's financial health. In a presentation to City Council members this week, budget officials said they are seeing higher collections for transient lodging taxes, meals taxes and sales taxes. In the last year, the unemployment rate has dropped from 4.7 percent to 4.4 percent.

"The economy is picking up," said Budget Director **Bruce Johnson**. "In Alexandria, we see that most particularly in the unemployment numbers, which are coming down slightly."

Tourism is still strong in Alexandria, despite falling off more dramatically in other parts of Virginia. According to statistics from the Virginia Tourism Corporation, the decline has been most pronounced in Fairfax County, where tourism-related expenditures dropped 11 percent from 2008 to 2009. By contrast, Alexandria experienced a 4.5 percent decline from 2008 to 2009. According to the Alexandria Visitor and Convention Association, tourists spent \$616 million in Alexandria in 2010, generating about \$22 million in tax revenue for city coffers.

"We dropped off a little bit," said Councilman **Frank Fannon**. "But those are still big numbers that tourism brought here to the community."

## Trashy Citizens

Councilwoman **Del Pepper** has a few words for the Virginia Department of Transportation: Clean up your mess.

During Tuesday night's City Council meeting, the councilwoman trashed the ever-present litter along the side of Shirley Memorial Highway, also known as Interstate 395.

Cigarette butts are everywhere. Empty soda bottles dot the side of the road. Fast food wrappers can be seen here and there. Pepper even distributed photos of a boxspring left by the side of the road. The councilwoman said she heard from one constituent who went out there to do VDOT's dirty work by picking up trash — "every dead animal," said Pepper, praising workers who have begun addressing trash on property they are not responsible for maintaining.

## Krupicka Throws Hat

Revealing the worst kept secret in Alexandria, Councilman **Rob Krupicka** officially announced this week that he will be a candidate for the Virginia Senate seat if state Sen. **Patsy Ticer** (D-30) decides against seeking a fifth term, which she is widely expected to announce during the General Assembly session that starts this week. The councilman is the third candidate to make such a declaration, following Del. **Adam Ebbin** (D-49) and Arlington School Board Chairwoman **Libby Garvey**.

"I've never felt more strongly about the potential for Virginia to lead the nation in education, job creation, the environment and clean energy," Krupicka said in a written statement. "I believe greatly in this community and in the issues and work that Senator Ticer is committed to."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



**U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-10) stands with U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) chairman Leonard Leo and commissioner Nina Shea.**

PHOTOS BY  
CRISTINA ABELLAN-MATAMOROS/  
GAZETTE PACKET

# Historic Vote Comes to Alexandria

## Southern Sudanese voters hope to make new future for war-torn nation.

BY ANA APOSTOLERIS, WILL TREECE,  
CRISTINA ABELLAN-MATAMOROS AND  
MAX KAYE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**G**uot Juac, now slightly graying, was one of the Southern Sudanese who came to vote in Alexandria this week. Like many young Sudanese boys, Juac became a soldier at the age of 11, observing the violence that consumed his country for over two decades firsthand. On Monday, he used the power of the ballot to take a step towards a new beginning for Southern Sudan.

Despite the winter cold and threats of snow, area Sudanese voters turned out in droves to cast their ballots in a ground-breaking independence referendum that would allow Southern Sudan to secede from the national Sudanese government. Voting will continue both in Sudan and in international locations, including Alexandria, until Saturday, Jan. 15. Alexandria is one of three international voting sites in the country.

Juac emigrated to the United States in 1995 to escape the Sudanese civil war, which ravaged the country for 22 years, and now owns a small business in Arlington. Juac voted for South Sudanese independence out of a desire for a more peaceful Sudan, believing that this referendum is "the right way to stop the war."

Voter turnout in Alexandria thus far has been notably high, according to Jenan Deng, information and documentation officer of the Southern Sudan Referendum Commission (SSRC). Deng described a line of avid voters stretching down the block as early as 6 a.m.

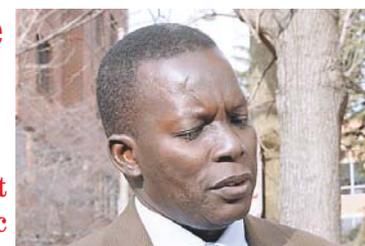
Southern Sudan was established as an autonomous region following the end of the Second Sudanese Civil War, via a peace agreement between the Sudanese government and the Sudan People's Liberation Army/Movement. According to the CIA World

Factbook, Sudan is largely sectioned by religion, as the northern region is predominantly Sunni Muslim and the southern region is largely Christian, or traditional animist. Even over five years after the end of the civil war, Sudan remains one of the major sources of refugees and asylum-seekers in the world, via the United Nations Refugee Agency.

The referendum is run by the SSRC, which is an entity separate from the Sudanese government. Voting privileges are limited to current citizens of Southern Sudan.

U.S. Rep. Frank R. Wolf (R-10), who has long been an ally of Southern Sudan and currently acts as the co-chair of the Congressional Sudan Caucus, visited the Alexandria voting site on Monday. He was accompanied by U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) chairman Leonard Leo and commissioner Nina Shea. Ezekiel Lol Gatkuoth, Head of the Government of Southern Sudan's Mission to the United States, was also on hand on Monday morning.

"What is taking place here is so important," said Wolf, addressing reporters outside of the voting site. He paralleled the Sudanese struggle and the impending birth of Southern Sudan as an independent nation



**Sudanese immigrant Guot Juac votes for a new Southern Sudan at a polling site in Alexandria.**

to America's "fight for freedom" in the late 18th century, and stressed the significance of a peaceful Sudan to American national security.

Voters and diplomats alike all spoke of the week's events with hope, mitigated by varied levels of temperance. Juac hoped that the referendum would lead to an independent Southern Sudan, but worried that the religious conflicts within Sudan would prevent lasting peace from being established. Still, he expressed hope that someday he could return to a peaceful Southern Sudan, declaring, "If there is stable peace, I hope to go back in the future."

Leo put the referendum in historical context: "It's not every day that a new nation is born."

Lol Gatkuoth gave voice to the psychological change about to be effected on a country plagued for centuries by violence and war. "Finally," he said, "we decide our future."



**Old Town Hardware Store owner Rich Heilman waits while another batch of popcorn pops on Saturday morning, Jan. 9.**



**Jesse Cathell talks to a parent about a design cut.**



**Scouts work on fine finishing their models as the line grows steadily at the Old Town Hardware Store.**

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

## Hosting Pinewood Derby Workshops

Old Town Hardware at 809 S. Washington St. held a Pinewood Derby Workshop for area Cub Scouts on Saturday, Jan. 9. It'll host two additional workshops on Jan. 15 and Jan. 22. Craftsman Jesse Cathell will rough cut the

sketched design for the model derby cars. Sanding tools and a workspace are available for additional modifications. Scouts are asked to sketch out the designs before arriving at the store. The next two workshops will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



**Bob Taylor helps John Bryner sand the surface of the derby model.**



**Craftsman Jesse Cathell cuts a design in the block.**

# Date Uncertain

## School Board to consider pre-Labor Day start, longer school day.

BY MAX KAYE  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria School Board is considering dramatically reshaping the calendar, shifting schedules and potentially upsetting parents. A final vote is expected on Jan. 20. The proposal under consideration would add 30 minutes to the school day, an extra two days to the beginning of the school year and more teacher planning time.

"I'm leaning toward the early start and the early finish for the school year," said Vice Chairwoman Sheryl Gorsuch, adding that the new schedule would provide more teaching time in advance of standardized testing. "But I'm not so sure about extending the day because I haven't seen the budget yet."

Beth Coast, art teacher and parent-teacher association member at Jefferson-Houston Elementary School said, "a 30 minute [extension], as long as it was used appropriately, would be a great method of adding extra learning time into the school system."

**BUT SOME PARENTS** remain unconvinced that the extra time would be used effectively. There is also a debate over whether any additional in-school time should be added at the beginning or the end of the day, as sleep schedules and extracurricular schedules

could be affected. Many teachers agree that the additional planning time would be beneficial. Coast says that the extra time would be used "to make sure everyone is on the same page."

At this point, there are more questions than answers.

Under the new schedule, classes would start before Labor Day. Regardless of when the school year starts, standardized test dates would not change. This would give teachers more time to prepare their students in advance of standardized tests,

but it would also truncate the end of summer vacation. According to Maury Elementary PTA member Elizabeth Crockett, teachers are in favor of this.

Some parents feel as though moving the start date before Labor Day opens the door for further reducing the August vacation, potentially cutting short vacation plans, particularly for parents whose schedules are tied to Capitol Hill. Families who have already made non-refundable plans and vacations for the week before Labor Day would be inconvenienced by the change. Other parents, such as T.C. Williams parent Laura Paez, say that adding time within the school day would be harmful to their children, as it would affect sleep and leisure hours.

School Board members are scheduled to hear from parents this week.

**"I'm leaning toward the early start and the early finish for the school year."**

— Sheryl Gorsuch,  
Alexandria School Board  
Vice Chairwoman

## Detective Charged with DUI

Alexandria Police charged an Alexandria Police Detective following an investigation in a single vehicle accident on Saturday, Jan. 8.

Det. Eric Ratliff, a 31-year-veteran of the police department, was driving a City-owned vehicle when he lost control and struck a concrete pole at the intersection of Gibbon Street and South Patrick Street about 6:30 p.m. on Sat-

urday, Jan. 8. Ratliff was charged with driving under the influence and unreasonable refusal following an investigation into the off duty accident. No one else was involved. Ratliff was transported to INOVA Fairfax Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released. Ratliff has been placed on paid administrative leave pending the outcome of an internal investigation.

## NEWS

# ACT Grants To Help Five Nonprofits



PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/GAZETTE PACKET

**T**otaling \$60,000, ACT for Alexandria's 2011 Capacity Building Grant Awards will aid five local nonprofit organizations serving children, youth and families in Alexandria.

The 2011 recipients include: ALIVE!, Center for Alexandria's Children, Computer C.O.R.E., Rebuilding Together Alexandria and SCAN of Northern Virginia.

"Helping great Alexandria nonprofits to become even better has proven to benefit our entire community, particularly those most in need," said ACT executive director John Porter.

The ACT Grant Awards program, began in 2005, is designed

to assist organizations in strengthening their operations to better serve their clients and the community. Friends of Guest House received a 2010 Capacity Building Grant from ACT to develop a strategic plan for the organization.

"We now have an actual blueprint for moving the organization forward and establishing ourselves as a model program for possible replication," said executive director Kari Galloway. "Having a plan in place helped us attract two new board members, multiple volunteers and additional resources."

The grants are made possible through ACT's Community Fund. For more information about ACT and how to support the needs of the

**Executive Director John Porter, shown at a recent ACT event, announced the recipients of the 2011 Capacity Building Grant Awards.**

nonprofit community in Alexandria, contact ACT at 703-739-7778 or visit [www.actforalexandria.org](http://www.actforalexandria.org).

## Shoe Collection for the Needy Now Underway

Alexandria residents are invited to recycle their new or "gently worn" shoes for people in need.

Soles4Souls and Tomorrows Black Men, Inc. will be collecting gently worn footwear through Jan. 31 to help provide assistance to persons in need, whether they are victims of a natural disaster or subject to living in extreme poverty.

Individuals and companies interested in donating money to help defray shipping costs can contact Laverne Short at 571-338-7520 or visit the organization's website at [www.giveshoes.org](http://www.giveshoes.org)

Shoe drop locations include:

- ❖ Alexandria City Hall 301 King St.
- ❖ Charles Beatley Central Library, 5005 Duke St.
- ❖ Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe St.

- ❖ William Ramsay Recreation Center, 5650 Sanger Ave.
- ❖ Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave.
- ❖ Cora Kelly Recreation Center, 25 W Reed Ave
- ❖ Charles Barrett Recreation Center, 1115 Martha Custis Drive
- ❖ Patrick Henry Recreation Center, 4643 Taney Ave.
- ❖ Chinquapin Park Recreation Center, 3210 King St.
- ❖ Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center 1108 Jefferson St.

If a box is full or for bulk collection of 50 or more pairs of shoes, contact Laverne Short at 703-746-5503 or 571-338-7520.

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### THURSDAY/JAN. 13

**Office Warming Party.** 5 to 8 p.m. Sierra Club is hosting a party to celebrate its brand new location in Del Ray. Join volunteers, staff, family, and friends as they showcase the new office, and present exciting volunteer opportunities planned for the upcoming year. At 2312 Mount Vernon Ave., Suite 206, Alexandria.

**The Housing Master Plan Advisory Group.** 6:30 to 9 p.m. The topic for discussion is Housing Alexandria's Lowest Income Households. At Jefferson-Houston Elementary School, 1501 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Visit the City's Housing Master Plan webpage at: [www.alexandriava.gov/housingplan](http://www.alexandriava.gov/housingplan) or call the Office of Housing 703-746-4990.

**Open House.** 10 a.m. Plymouth Haven Christian Preschool is now enrolling for the upcoming school year, Sept. 2011 to May 2012. At 8600 Plymouth Road, Alexandria. Call 703-799-2217 or email [phbc.preschool@vacoxmail.com](mailto:phbc.preschool@vacoxmail.com).

### TUESDAY/JAN. 18

**Lupus Support Group.** 7 p.m. Free. The session is led by a trained professional who understands the challenges of lupus, a chronic, autoimmune disease with no known cure that can damage any part of the body including the skin, joints, heart, lungs, blood, kidneys and the brain. Meets at Beatley Library in Alexandria, Small Conference Meeting Room, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call or 202-349-1176

or 1-888-349-1167 or e-mail [info@lupusdmv.org](mailto:info@lupusdmv.org).

### WEDNESDAY/JAN. 19

**Talk on Drugs/Alcohol.** 6:30 p.m. This presentation will cover the latest trends, indicators of use, prevention skills to keep our children off drugs and a demonstration of drug paraphernalia, how it is used and how they are made. For adults only. Childcare will be provided. At Mount Vernon High School, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria.

### MONDAY, JAN. 24

**"Alexandria Development: Are Residents Part of the Process?"** with Don Buch, Civic Activist; Duncan Blair, Attorney, Land, Clark, Carroll, Mendelson and Blair, PC; Faroll Hamer, Director of Planning, City of Alexandria; and Jack Sullivan, Civic Activist. Holiday Inn Eisenhower Metro Center, 2460 Eisenhower Avenue. Reception at 6:30, Dinner (\$25 members/\$30 nonmembers) at 6:45; Program (\$5 non-members) 7:15. Dinner reservations required. Contact Sherry Brown, 703-548-7089 or [agendaalexandria@aol.com](mailto:agendaalexandria@aol.com).

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The Northern Virginia Black Chamber of Commerce has announced the 2011 Board of Directors. The local members are:

- ❖ **Gaea L. Honeycutt**, Chairwoman, G.L. Honeycutt Consulting, LLC, Alexandria;
- ❖ **Randy Philip**, The Washington Insurance Consulting Group, Alexandria.

**My Gym of Alexandria** has launched My Gym Entertainment's newly produced comedy show, *The Activators*, an interactive series for preschoolers — focused solely on physical fitness. The show features exercises, games, sports, and dances that make fitness fun and accessible to all preschoolers, regardless of athletic ability. Created by screenwriter Gregg Lichtenstein, the show is on [www.TheActivators.net](http://www.TheActivators.net).

To learn more about *The Activators* or for more information about My Gym, contact Katie Fowler at the My Gym of Alexandria at 703-971-5437 or visit [www.mygym.com](http://www.mygym.com).

**Legum and Norman** of Alexandria, a community association management company, announces the addition of two new properties to its client portfolio. Legum and Norman will now provide to The Belvedere Condominium and Simmons Acres Homeowners Association. The Belvedere is a 525-unit community located in Arlington. Simmons Acres Homeowners Association is located in Accokeek, Md., and is comprised of 689 single family homes.

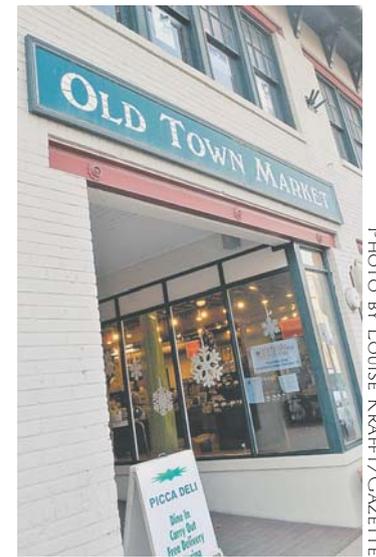


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### New Location

**Motophoto**, of 711 King Street, has moved to the first floor of the Old Town Market in the 200 block of N. Lee St. next to the Crilley Warehouse.

**Commonwealth One Federal Credit Union** of Alexandria was awarded second place in its asset size at the state level for the 2010 Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Recognition Program. The Dora Maxwell Social Responsibility Program promotes social responsibility among credit unions and formally recognizes those credit unions social achievements within their communities.



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# Remembering Eula Miller

BY WILL TREECE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**E**ula Malette Miller, professor emeritus of Northern Virginia Community College in Alexandria and one of Alexandria's Living Legends, died on Jan. 5 after a long struggle with cancer. She was 77.

Eula Miller will be remembered as one of Alexandria's Living Legends for her dedication to education in Alexandria. Melvin Miller, her husband of 53 years and prominent Alexandria civil rights lawyer and public servant, described her by saying, "She was a great wife, mother, teacher, and she always found ways to help people who needed help, particularly in the education field."

Born in Maxton, N.C., and a graduate of Bennett College in Greensboro, Eula Miller came to Alexandria after her marriage and the completion of her master's degree at George Washington University. She became one of the first teachers in Alexandria to work in a racially integrated kindergarten classroom, and shortly afterward joined Northern Virginia Community College (NoVa), where she served as head of the early childhood program for 37 years.

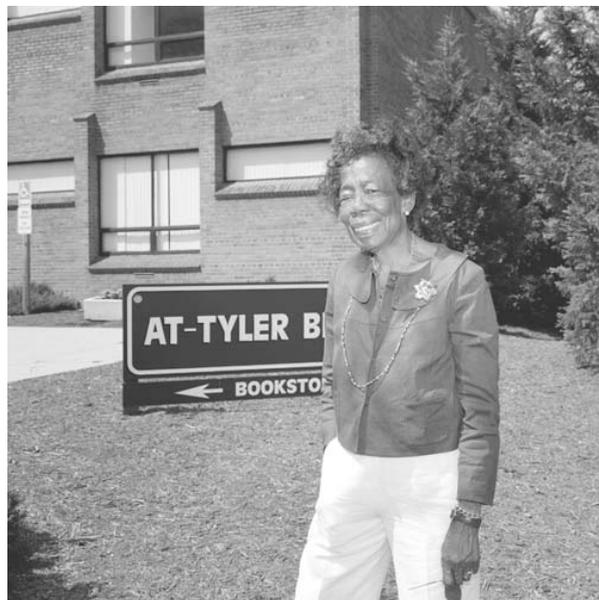
Students were known to call her the "the Energizer Bunny," and her friends and colleagues speak highly of her strong personality and dedication to her work. Mary Hanrahan, a colleague of Eula Miller's for 20 years at NoVa, described her as "a petite, tiny little lady, but she had the energy of thousands. She would get up in the morning and just get going and never stop."

"She helped the teachers get down on the floor with the kids and really play with them," said Carol Farrell of the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, remembering "her ability to convince people who are middle-aged and who maybe have not gotten down on the floor to play with a young child ever, and help them feel comfortable to sit in the middle of the floor, cross their legs, and play with a young child."

Eula Miller was one of the first African-American faculty members at NoVa, and as the program head for early childhood education at NoVa, she orchestrated its growth from a very small program to today's program that offers two degrees and five certificates across three campuses. She also helped establish a Head Start classroom on NoVa's Alexandria campus 15 years ago, and Head Start's presence on the campus continues today. In 1989, she was recognized as a Washingtonian of the Year.

Some credit for the high quality of child care in Alexandria today can go to Eula Miller, as she was instrumental in the accreditation process for the former Alexandria Child Care Center in the early 1990s. The center's success had a ripple effect, and a decade later the Ladies' Home Journal recognized Alexandria as the nation's number one mid-sized city for child care. Farrell said, "It all started with that one center becoming accredited."

Displaying a commitment to social justice through education, Eula Miller was most proud of the "nanny project," a program that allowed single teenage



**Eula Malette Miller**

mothers to get a certificate in child care from NoVa. The purpose of the program was not only to help these women be better parents, but to help them achieve financial independence as well. Seeking to involve the wider community, Eula Miller invited bankers to the classroom to teach the women how to open an account, and medical professionals to teach about personal health. Eula Miller funded the project by winning a grant from Funds for the Improvement of Post-Secondary Education (FIPSE), one of the first such grants ever awarded to a community college.

Eula Miller viewed education holistically, in the context of the community surrounding the child rather than the individual. "She always said we have to care about families, because that's where children live," said

NoVa's Assistant Dean for Early Childhood Education Dr. Ivy Beringer. "If you want to help children, you have to help the family."

Eula Miller exemplified this focus on the community of Alexandria in her daily life, modeling a healthy balance between work and home. Hanrahan reminisced: "She knew everybody and everyone knew her; everyone from the provost and president of the college down to the people who took care of the grounds."

Eula Miller is survived by her husband A. Melvin Miller; her daughters Mary Miller and Ericka Miller; her sisters Eunice Peay, Jennie Brown and Fern Mallette; her daughter-in-law Vicky McCauley; and a number of grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. Her two daughters delivered eulogies at the funeral on Monday, Jan. 10.

For those interested in honoring Eula Miller, her picture will be on display at a photo exhibit of Alexandria's Living Legends at the Tyler Gallery of Northern Virginia Community College from Jan. 10 through Feb. 2. A public reception will be held on Thursday, Jan. 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to a scholarship fund that has been established in Eula Miller's name for students of early childhood education at Northern Virginia Community College.

**"Eula was someone I could call and say, 'we've got something we need to accomplish.' She didn't recognize barriers."**

— Carol Hanrahan

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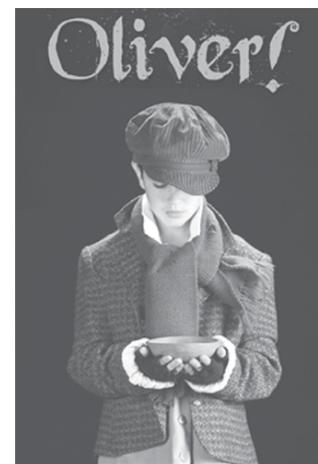
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At the Gazette, we begin 2011 by looking for more input from our readers.

First, send us photos of you and your pet plus a few sentences for our Pet Gazette, which will appear the first week in February. We'd like to have photos by Jan. 20.

Let us know how we're doing, and let us know what is going on in your part of the community.

We invite you to e-mail us letting us know about something you especially liked or didn't like about our coverage, and to write us let-

ters to the editor.

We learn a lot from readers' ideas and questions. If you see something that you think might be a story, or just something you wonder about, give us a call, or drop us a line.

We want to know if you have an idea for fixing traffic in your part of the world. We want to know if you've had a good or bad experience with local government or your schools.

We'd like to hear your ideas about how to make things better. If you know of a person or an organization that is interesting, doing important work, and might make a good feature story, let us know.

We are looking for interesting people to feature in our pages each week. If someone in your family or your community published a book, became an Eagle Scout, raised money for a good cause, accomplished some feat like running a marathon or having art included in an art show, these are all things that we want to know.

The Gazette will publish photos and notes of a variety of community events and milestones, including births, engagements, weddings, anniversaries, awards and obituaries.

#### EDITORIAL

know that I am against these plans. In addition to the amount of time our children spend in school every day, they are involved in many extracurricular activities from sports to music to arts. My daughter who is an "A" student at TCW rarely gets to bed before midnight to one o'clock in the morning working on homework, projects, etc. To force her and her peers to stay in school an extra 30 minutes per day robs them of precious minutes of sleep and possibly a small chance to relax. My daughter does not need any additional preparation for the SOLs. Those children who do should be offered services before or after school, but those who do not should not be forced to attend a longer school day or school year.

Furthermore, the Superintendent's proposal to add two additional days of instruction starting on Aug. 29 to allow for 21 hours of professional development, is ridiculous. If the teachers need professional development time, they should come back to school an additional week early to get their professional development. Our children's instructional time suffers most when there are substitutes in the classroom. If we can avoid pulling teachers from the classroom so regularly, our children will gain valuable instructional time without having to return to school before Labor Day.

I would like the School Board to vote against the proposal to submit an application waiver to the Virginia Department of Education to allow ACPS to extend the school calendar and return to school before Labor Day. I would also like the Board to vote against the initiative to extend the school day. I know we can come up with more creative solutions than this to help prepare our students for testing and more importantly, for the rest of their lives.

**Laura McWade Paez**  
Parent of a 10th grader, 8th grader and 4th grader in ACPS

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We also publish notes about news and events in local businesses. Notes about openings, new employees, anniversaries and other accomplishments and events are welcome.

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In covering the issues, we strive to provide a voice for our readers. We look forward to hearing from you in 2011. We have a new website in the works (our current site has served us well but is best described as an antique) that will open up many more lines of communication. Stay tuned.

— MARY KIMM,

MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM

### More Taxes: Only Answer?

To the Editor:

Kerry Donley has spent considerable time and effort over the past several months selling another tax increase he wants to impose on Alexandrians. His pitch for higher taxes to our already overtaxed citizens and businesses doesn't appear to be selling very well. However, the time and effort he has devoted to his cause merit that everyone understands exactly what he is saying once the political hyperbole has been stripped away.

Based on Donley's latest pitch published in this newspaper, his argument to take more of your money can essentially be boiled down to the following points:

1. Other local governments have imposed these taxes so Alexandria should too.

This argument may remind readers of their parents' old "If your friends jump off a bridge, would you jump too?" Just because Arlington politicians impose a new tax, doesn't mean that the citizens of Alexandria want their taxes raised in a similar fashion. Indeed, the nature of business owners in Arlington, which are frequently very large national and multinational corporations, is very different from the unique, family-owned, community-supported small businesses in Alexandria. Of course, if this argument sways the other members of City Council, who have voted against this tax in the past, it will only be logical that Alexandria adopts other local government policies, such as Loudoun County's controversial illegal immigrant policies or Arlington's decrease in parking meter fees.

2. Donley wants to use these new taxes to float bonds and get "more bang from the buck" as other local governments have done.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR Against Longer School Days

To the Editor:

The following letter was addressed to the Alexandria School Board.

I am writing today regarding the School Board's consideration to extend the school day and to lengthen the school year by two extra days for students. I would like the Board to



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#### Snapshot

**Michael Francis Haley performs next to the Fish Market on Friday evening, Dec. 31, 2010, 10:25 p.m.**

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Even the millions and millions of dollars Donley wants to take from the local economy isn't enough to sate his thirst for more money. Indeed, the new taxes will merely be a down payment, as Donley wants to use them to borrow even more money and dig Alexandria even further into debt. Simply put, this is irresponsible and will likely add even more pressure in the future to both cut spending and raise even more taxes as Donley's bills come due.

3. This is the only tool left in our toolbox.

No, it's not. As Vice Mayor, Donley knows this is a false statement.

4. Imagine [insert your dream transportation project here]

Hopes and dreams are certainly nice, but what about the people who will lose their jobs or will have to pay higher prices due to Donley's new taxes? How many more empty storefronts will this cause?

5. We must act now!

No, we don't. Alexandria was here before cars were invented; it will be here long after Donley and his pet projects are forgotten. Indeed, the worst time to impose a

drastic new tax is in bad economic times.

6. If we impose this tax on businesses, we'll provide these same businesses with tax relief.

By definition, tax relief would entail lower taxes. It seems a bit disingenuous that a professional politician would promise a small bit of long overdue tax relief from an unfair tax at the price of imposing an entirely new and more burdensome tax. If a tax is unfair, it should be reformed because it is an unfair tax, not as a bribe.

Left out of Donley's new tax sales pitch is that after City Council's last tax increase, Alexandria actually has a budget surplus. It will be a sad, but predictable, spectacle to watch Donley and the rest of City Council exercise their magical powers and make these millions of dollars disappear overnight!

It is unfortunate that Donley, who has an extensive record in both business and the City of Alexandria, lacks the vision to develop reasonable solutions to our City's growing challenges. His only solution to virtually every problem is to raise your taxes. He has done so year after year after year. If Donley succeeds in his push to get the other City Council members

aboard his tax train, it will only be a short time before he starts planning his next raid on your bank. The real question is how more Donley can you afford?

**Bud Miller**  
Alexandria

## West End Gridlock

To the Editor:

Solution: Ride the bus, walk, ride a bike. I never drove to D.C. — too expensive to park, too much traffic. So I rode the bus back and forth to work. Got off at 12<sup>th</sup> and Penn. and walked a quarter mile to work. Simple. I wouldn't give workers free parking. Gas will be \$5 a gallon come summer. People running Alexandria love to spend our money. They tax you to death.

**Patrick Kirby**  
Alexandria

## Oh Metro!

To the Editor:

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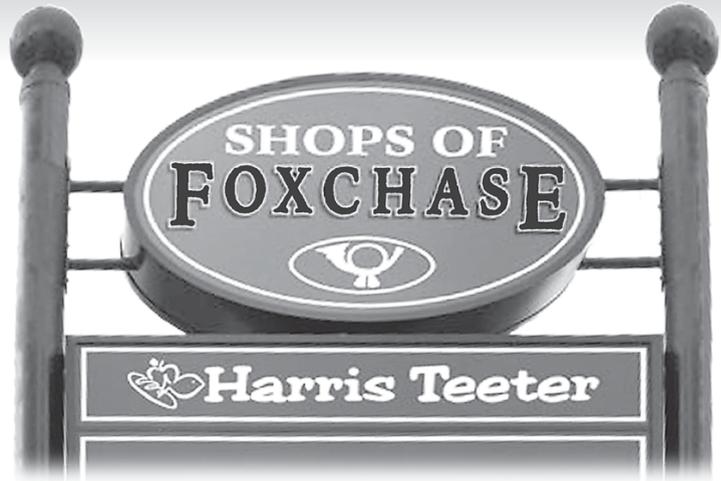
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# A Heady Session

Northern Virginia lawmakers to tackle marijuana issues this year.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

It's going to be a green session this year in Richmond, and not just because of the environmental issues that come up every year. Marijuana and synthetic marijuana are on the agenda for lawmakers in Northern Virginia, with a handful of bills that would do everything from criminalize synthetic marijuana to reducing the penalty for inmates found with marijuana behind bars.

"This is a difficult issue for elected officials," said Isaac Wood, director of communications for the Virginia Center for Politics. "On one hand, you want to be seen as tough on crime. But on the other hand, you don't want to come across as too hard-line because voters have mixed feelings about this."

The most aggressive measure will be introduced by state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who is widely expected to announce her intention not to seek reelection later this year. As this year's session approached, Ticer said, she began considering offering her own effort to legalize marijuana. The long-time senator said she's heard from many cancer patients that marijuana helped them through chemotherapy, and she disagrees



Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30)



Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49),



Del. David Englin (D-45)

with the prohibition currently enforced under Virginia law.

"There's no reason to withhold a natural drug if it's not going to be abused," said Ticer, who will have little to lose if she decides against running for a fifth term in the Virginia Senate. "We trust doctors for other things. Why not making pain medication available for those who need it?"

Legalization efforts have been tried before in Virginia, and they have always met with failure. The most recent attempt was last year, when Del. Harvey Morgan (R-98) introduced House Bill 1134. His bill was referred to the Courts of Justice Committee, where it was assigned to a subcommittee and killed in an unrecorded vote. Supporters of decriminalization of marijuana

say the time has come end the prohibition, which they say has a tremendous social cost.

"The United States has spent hundreds of millions of dollars waging a 40-year 'war on drugs' that has been responsible for the imprisonment of millions of our fellow Americans," said Tony Newman, director of media relations for Drug Policy Alliance, in a written statement. "De-

spite the enormous waste of money and lives, drugs are as easily available as ever."

**OTHER THAN TICER'S** legalization efforts, other Northern Virginia legislators have also prepared legislation dealing with marijuana or synthetic marijuana. One of them is Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49), who is one of a handful of Virginia lawmakers seeking to outlaw synthetic marijuana — also known as "spice" or "K2." Because the product is not intended for human consumption, it's completely unregulated — which means there's no oversight about what chemicals are used to manufacture the substance. Yet even if the contents of synthetic marijuana are a mystery, Ebbin says there's no mistak-

ing who is the intended market.

"I think it's marketed to anyone who would like to smoke marijuana," said Ebbin, one of three Democrats who has announced they will run if Ticer decides against seeking another term. "Probably kids who don't have a connection to finding marijuana on their own."

**"We trust doctors for other things. Why not making pain medication available for those who need it?"**

— State Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30)

Efforts to criminalize synthetic marijuana are expected to be popular in the General Assembly this year, especially since no groups are lobbying for it in Richmond. If Virginia does take action this year, it will be joining an ongoing federal effort initiated by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration last year to crack down on

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# Gun Ban Proposed for Capitol, General Assembly Building

Hope, Ticer expect resistance from gun-rights advocates.

BY ANA APOSTOLERIS  
GAZETTE PACKET

On Tuesday, Del. Patrick A. Hope (D-47) of Arlington introduced a measure which would prohibit the possession of firearms in the Virginia Capitol or the General Assembly Building (GAB). Coming on the heels of Saturday's shooting of U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Az.), Hope claims that his new legislation would "remove a very real threat to the safety and security of everyone who enters our facilities."

Although it has support from some state leaders, including state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), and from firearm regulations advocates among the state population, Hope's bill is expected to be met with stiff opposition from the pro-gun rights factions of the Virginia legislature.

Hope, a delegate since 2010, says that the change in policy would not result in any changes in levels of security at the Capitol or at the GAB. "[Enforcement] is the key question," he said. "If you have a [firearms] permit, you'd simply have to [leave] your gun with the police on the way in and go about your business." The delegate also

claims that an increase in security would be "unnecessary," as the tools to enforce the new measure are already in place. "Why do we have these metal detectors if we simply allow people with guns to go through them?"

Bracing for a fight from constituents and colleagues who view the legislation as an infringement upon gun rights, Hope stressed that his new legislation would not overstep security precedents set by other government institutions. "You can't go into the [United States] Capitol with a gun," he said. "You can't even walk through an airport with a gun. This shouldn't be any different." He expressed an understanding of viewpoints about self-defense, but also stated that self-defense measures are irrelevant in the contexts of the Capitol and the GAB. "We have people who are specially trained to protect people [in these buildings]," Hope said. "I understand [the desire for a method of] self-defense, but if you have people to protect you, you don't need a firearm." Legislators would be exempt from the new measure and would continue to be allowed to carry firearms in the Capitol, according to Hope.

The bill would not change gun laws outside of the two buildings in question, regardless of whether or not state officials were present — for example, there would be no change in regulations at outdoor public events such as the one at which Giffords was shot. "We're not going to be able to stop [violence] in all situations," said Hope, "but

in circumstances where we know there will be [state officials], we should protect them."

Hope has an ally in Ticer, who represents Alexandria and parts of Arlington and Fairfax counties. She echoed the delegate's sentiments on the necessity and feasibility of the new bill. "I think it's pretty silly that we have machines that test whether or not people have guns but we don't take them away, temporarily," she said. "There's no question in my mind that it's safer when people don't have ammunition."

**GUN RIGHTS** and accessibility are a hot topic in Virginia and across the country, as the people of Virginia and the legislature are still dealing with the fallout from the Virginia Tech shootings of 2007. Abigail Spangler of Alexandria, a gun-control activist and the founder of the Protest Easy Guns activist group, supports the Hope bill and says that state and national laws glorify gun ownership and usage.

"A few years ago, I was walking into the State Capitol with a banner, because I was going to lead a protest that day," said Spangler. "The police stopped me. ... Yet, that was the same year that they made an express line for people with gun permits to go through to the Capitol. Here I am, an average citizen trying to fight gun violence in America, and I'm not allowed to walk into the Capitol with a banner rolled up under my arm, with Virginia Tech massacre victims' families ... What gives gun carry permit owners that privilege?"

She expressed displeasure with the way public safety is compromised in the name of gun rights. "Our country is in the middle of a national crisis," said Spangler. "Our gun laws are so lax that our children, police, and all Americans are at risk of gun violence from dangerous individuals who have far too easy access to guns."

The National Rifle Association (NRA), based in Fairfax, declined to comment on the bill, saying only that in the wake of the Arizona tragedy "anything other than prayers for the

victims and their families would be inappropriate." Although no opponents of the measure could be reached for comment at the time of this writing, Hope's legislation will likely be met with resistance as it is introduced to a Virginia legislature that put him

on the losing end of several guns-related referendums last year, according to Project Vote Smart's voting record on the delegate. Hope's firearms frustrations are not unusual for

**"Our country is in the middle of a national crisis."**

— Abigail Spangler, founder, Protest Easy Guns

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# Court Ruling Strikes Blow at City's Waterfront Plan

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incorporated into the new District of Columbia. Justice Department lawyers tried to argue that everything east of that imaginary line, which includes most of the modern-day waterfront, did not belong to Virginia. As Old Dominion Boat Club attorney Hugh Nugent explained during oral argument in the case, the government was asking the court to “refer to Maryland courts a question of whether panels of this court in the mid-20th century misinterpreted the dictum of a Maryland 19th century case applying a mid-18th century Maryland statute that modified 16th century common law.”

**WHEN THE JUSTICE** Department originally filed the lawsuit against 34 landowners along the waterfront in 1973, Charles Beatley was mayor of the city and Richard Nixon was in the White House. It was a time when conservationists began pressing to transform the waterfront from an industrial landscape of arsenic plants and coal depots into a chain of national parks. By the end of the decade, most of the 34 defendants settled and agreed to some degree of public access.

“Without that original lawsuit, a lot of public space that we now have on the waterfront wouldn't be there,” said former Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald, crediting the late Ellen Pickering with spearheading the



The Old Dominion Boat Club and its parking lot at the foot of King Street.

PHOTO BY CRISTINA ABELLAN-MATAMOROS/GAZETTE PACKET

effort. “So in that sense, it was a tremendous success.” But the boat club and three other defendants continue to defend the lawsuit, even now — almost four decades later. Now that the appeals court ruling has been issued, planning officials must confront a new reality along Alexandria's riverbank, one in which it's becoming increasingly unlikely that the federal government will be able to force more public access. At issue is a fenced-in parking lot at the foot of King Street, which Hamer envisions as the location of Fitzgerald Square,

a new open space that could potentially feature a fountain that could be used as an ice-skating rink in the winter. During a December meeting, the planning director defended the timing of coming forward with a plan despite the uncertainty.

“How can we begin to negotiate with the Boat Club when we don't know what we want?” asked Hamer at the conclusion of a community meeting about the waterfront planning process. “How can we negotiate with D.C. when we don't know what we want?”

**CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS** say that waterfront planning process hasn't been jeopardized by the appeals court decision, especially parts of the plan that have nothing to do with the foot of King Street. When asked about the ruling after a City Council meeting Monday night, Mayor Bill Euille was upbeat about the verdict. He said he was still hopeful that city officials could come to some kind of resolution with the Boat Club.

“This doesn't mean we are going to pack our bags and go home,” said Euille. “It's taken us several decades to get here, but at least we are making strides.”

If the Justice Department decides against appealing the ruling to the Supreme Court, that could open the way to more robust negotiations between city officials and the boat club. That could mean some kind of deal, although Old Dominion members don't seem willing to give up their parking

lot at the foot of King Street. Planning officials have offered a compromise, which would be to swap those parking spaces for ones in a new building that would be constructed at the western edge of Waterfront Park. But boat club members don't seem willing to make that deal, and the concept of cutting into an existing park is extremely unpopular in Old Town.

“I'm appalled,” said Pat Troy, owner of an Irish pub that uses the park for an annual festival. “They are using the dispute with the Old Dominion Boat Club as a ploy to take the park away, and I think that's a terrible idea.”

## Timeline

- ❖ 1632: King Charles I grants a charter for Maryland to Cecilius Calvert, also known as Lord Baltimore, which includes the bed of the Potomac River establishing the boundary between Virginia and Maryland.

- ❖ 1791: Maryland cedes a portion of its territory to the United States for the creation of a permanent seat of government.

At that time, the boundary between Maryland and Virginia was a

high-water mark between the two states, which ceased to be a boundary upon the creation of the District of Columbia

- ❖ 1846: Alexandria is retroceded back to Virginia. The boundary between the District of Columbia and Virginia becomes the 1791 high-water mark, which had been the old boundary between Maryland and Virginia before the creation of the District of Columbia.

- ❖ 1880: The Old Dominion Boat Club is established in Alexandria as a private

social club, purchasing two adjacent parcels on the Alexandria waterfront. Both parcels occupy land filled after 1791, which is west of the high-water mark.

- ❖ 1973: The Nixon administration commences action against 34 Alexandria landowners, including the Old Dominion Boat Club, claiming ownership of all filled and submerged lands on the District of Columbia side of the 1791 high-water mark. The lawsuit is filed at the request of conservationists, who say

the area should be turned into a national park. Most of the 34 defendants settled, agreeing to some degree of public access but the boat club and three other defendants continue to defend the lawsuit.

- ❖ 2010: The United States District Court for the District of Columbia rules in favor of the Old Dominion Boat Club. Despite finding that the United States has ownership of the riverbed, the boat club had not trespassed nor is it obligated to provide public access. As a

riparian owner abutting the District of Columbia, the court rules, Old Dominion has the right to lay fill and build wharves.

- ❖ 2011: The United States Court of Appeals affirms the district court ruling, siding with the boat club that Old Dominion had not trespassed nor is it obligated to provide public access. The Justice Department has until April 11 to file an appeal if they want to appeal the case to the Supreme Court.

## News Briefs

### Legislation Seeks To Address Bullying

As students returned to school last week after the holiday break, Delegates Adam Ebbin (D-49) and David Englin (D-45) introduced anti-bullying legislation in the General Assembly.

Ebbin's legislation will:

- ❖ Make bullying a Class 1 misdemeanor,
  - ❖ Give victims the right to sue bullies who are sanctioned or found guilty,
  - ❖ Provide for expulsions and,
  - ❖ Require that bullying causing injury be reported to the Commonwealth's Attorney.
- Englin's bill, the Anti-Bullying Responsibility Act, will:

- ❖ Add more specificity regarding bullying, harassment, and intimidation to the codes of student conduct required of local school divisions,

- ❖ Require schools to have appropriate procedures in place to separate victims from bullies,

- ❖ Change teacher training in bullying intervention from an optional to a required part of in-service training,

- ❖ Require that incidents of bullying, harassment, and intimidation be reported to division superintendents and,

- ❖ Hold school administrators responsible for implementing anti-bullying procedures outlined in local policies.

Ebbin is the Senior Whip of the House Democratic Caucus and represents parts of Arlington County, the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County. Englin is vice chairman of the House Democratic Caucus and represents parts of the City of Alexandria, Fairfax County, and Arlington County.

### Christmas/Holiday Tree Recycling Collection

Residents who receive City trash service have next Saturday, Jan. 15, to set out trees for recycling pick-up.

Residents must:

- ❖ Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and stands
- ❖ Not place trees in plastic bags
- ❖ Place the tree at the curb (no alleys) by 7 a.m.

The trees are recycled into mulch by chipping in the spring. This mulch is available at the mulch site at no charge to City residents in the spring, on a first-come, first-served basis. Mulch is also available for delivery for a small fee. Trees collected after Jan. 16, will be collected as regular refuse.



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## LETTERS

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actually was trying to send a message.

In the center of each Metro rail car, priority seating signs and arrows are posted on either side of advertisements. When the upside down advertisement is replaced, the signs and arrows will remain. In Metro buses, signs are located in the front of the bus.

It is the law. As part of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), public transit authorities are required to make priority seating available for senior citizens and people with disabilities.

In rail cars, priority seats are located in each car near the center doors. But many riders ignore the signs. They are either engrossed in texting or have their ears plugged. They sit while the seniors stand.

I have observed a rider with crutches standing while what appeared to be a younger healthier person seated in the priority seats. I have seen an elderly person holding the pole while a rider sat in the priority seat obviously engrossed in texting.

Let's start the new year off right. Stand and respect seniors and persons with disabilities. Metro also needs to make more announcements.

All across the nation, in cars, we learned to buckle up. Amazing, we do this naturally. Now is the time to naturally let the senior and persons with disabilities sit. It is the natural thing to do.

**Lillian J. White**  
Alexandria  
Everyday Metro rider

## Close Calls

To the Editor:

I am curious why the Alexandria Police have taken to such aggressive speed checking at the boundary of Alexandria City and Fairfax County. They have been camped there just about every day and night as drivers cross over the Beltway bridge.

What is worse that after the police stop the speeders, they do not even attempt to pull over onto the side road. It is often dark and I have seen many close accidents caused by the police car sitting in the middle of the road. It seems somewhat irresponsible to provide a hazardous condition when they are supposed to be protecting our roads.

**Gale Curcio**



## Discussing 'Pathways'

Mark Eisenhour, assistant principal of T.C. Williams High School and principal of the "Pathways To Graduation Academy," spoke at a recent luncheon meeting of the Optimist Club of Alexandria. The Pathways program is designed for students identified as at risk of dropping out. Eisenhour focused on the program, its objectives, progress, and challenges. Honored at the program was Bria Leaks, a successful Pathways student, who was accompanied by her mother, Tishe Berry. Leaks is a member of the Cyber Seniors/ Cyber Teens organization that assists seniors to access the internet. The Optimist Club presented a \$100 U.S. savings bond to her. Also attending was Casanja Lee, assistant to Eisenhour; Vanessa Greene, director of the Charles Houston Senior Center; and Elizabeth Jackson, a student of the Cybernet Team Program at Pathways.

## OPINION

# Brothers Forever

BY DEMARCUS BILLINGLSEY

**M**y Big Brother is Brian Cornwell and he has been my Big Brother for almost two years. We have lots of fun and he is like my real brother. We have gone to lots of places like go karts, laser tag, the movies, canoeing, swimming, shopping, out to dinner and water parks. So many places for me to name.



**Brian Cornwell and DeMarcus Billingsley**

Brian's parents came to meet me last Christmas and it was so much fun! They are Italian and we had an Italian Christmas dinner.

### MENTOR OF THE MONTH

Yummy! I am glad to have a Big Brother. I have someone to talk to, someone who knows what it is like to be a boy and understand what I am going through. I can share stories with him and we can laugh and joke.

Even when I have trouble at school or even with my brother I can talk to Brian and he knows just what to say. Brian and I are stuck together forever. I like that he tells me things like when I am a parent he can't wait to tell my kids what I was like when I was little. That must mean he plans to be in my life a very long time. I believe him.

He even met my grandmother and my grandfather when they came from Texas to visit; he has met a lot of my family and they all like him very much. It is like he is

in my family too. There is so much I could write about Brian but we have done some much together it is so hard to remember it all. All I know is that it has been fun.

I remember when I first met him, I was kinda shy at first but now I am not. We laugh, we joke and we have so much fun. I am happy to have him and I think every boy should have a big brother like me! We have lots of fun but he is also serious with me. He teaches me life. We talk about money, politics and we even talk about girls! He gives such good advice to me and I really listen to what he says. There is not enough I can say about my Big Brother other than I like him and I think we will be brothers forever.

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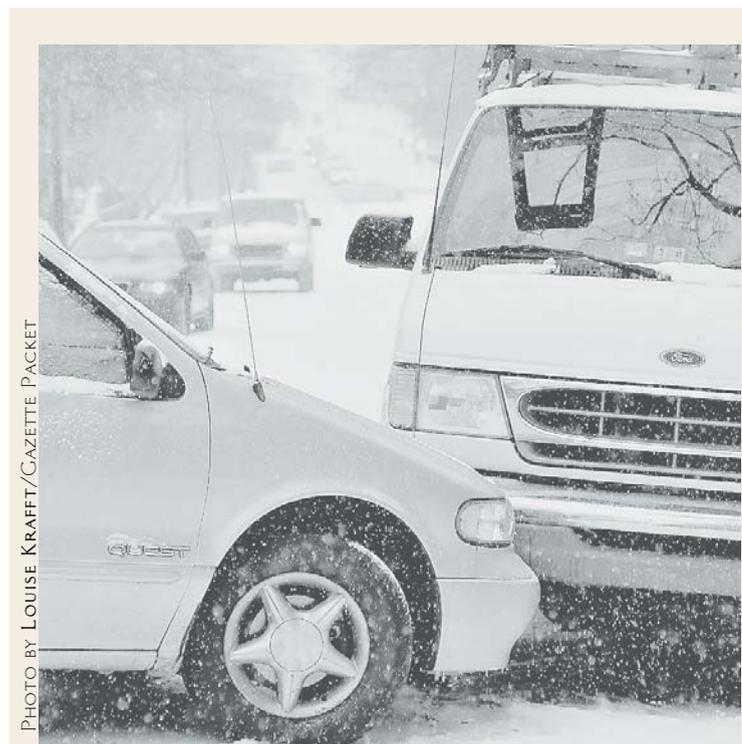


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**The Slippery Slope** On Dec. 16, the hill on Braddock Road was cluttered with slipping and sliding vehicles from the morning snowfall.



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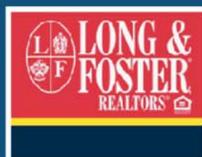
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## POLITICS

# A Heady Session

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spice. Back in November, the agency used its emergency scheduling authority to temporarily control five chemicals used to make the fake-pot products, making them illegal for one year while the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services conducts a review of whether or not these chemicals and products should be permanently controlled.

"Makers of these products mislead their customers into thinking that 'fake pot' is a harmless alternative to illegal drugs, but that is not the case," said DEA Acting Administrator Michele Leonhart in a written statement announcing the emergency measure. "Today's action will call further attention to the risks of ingesting unknown compounds and will hopefully take away any incentive to try these products."

**ONE BILL THAT** will be considered in Richmond will address penalties for inmates who get caught with marijuana behind bars, which some say are too

harsh. Under current Virginia law, inmates caught with a stash of pot face tougher penalties than those possessing a firearm or an explosive. Del. David Englin (D-45) is preparing legislation that would reduce the penalty for inmates who possess marijuana to be the same as the penalty for those who get caught with a firearm or an explosive device.

— Michele Leonhart, DEA Acting Administrator

"I don't recommend having marijuana or firearms or explosives in prison," said Englin. "But for those who are caught, this is a fairness issue."

The disparity in sentencing was discovered by Morgan last year, when he advocated for legalization of marijuana in Virginia. Englin said Morgan asked him to carry the bill, which he said he was glad to do because "it's the right thing to do." Experts say the fate of Englin's bill is difficult to determine because it's an issue that has received so little attention.

"There's no clear consensus," said Wood. "Something like this would be very difficult to predict, especially since we don't know how the law-enforcement community will react to this yet."

## Gun-Free State Capitol?

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members of the legislature who advocate for restricted gun rights; Ticer, drawing off 15 years of experience as a state senator, views the legislature as virtually impenetrable when it comes to these issues. She said she was an active advocate of gun control at the beginning of her political career, but that she "stopped, because [such bills] don't get anywhere down here."

**"The bill has a difficult road home."**

—Del. Patrick A. Hope (D-47)

**IN 1996,** her first year as state senator, Ticer co-patroned a bill which would have legalized firearm bans in Northern Virginia county facilities; this pro-

posal was shot down in an unrecorded committee vote. In 1997, she co-patroned another bill designed to legalize dangerous weapon bans in publicly-owned recreation or community centers. Although this measure passed the House and the Senate, it was eventually vetoed by then-Governor George F. Allen (R), and the State Senate subsequently upheld the veto.

Although Hope remains optimistic, he is aware of the odds his legislation is up against. "The bill has a difficult road home," he admitted. The 2011 Virginia General Assembly goes into session on Jan. 12 in Richmond.

# Synetic Heads On the Road

BY DAVID SIEGEL  
THE GAZETTE

“Love and power are dangerous.” With those words a charming smile settled across the face of Irina Tsikurishvili, actress and resident choreographer for Arlington’s Synetic Theatre. She then described the company’s newest adventure; heading to Massachusetts to present its award-winning “A Midsummer Night’s Dream.” Her ultimate desire — that the audience just “gives in to the comedy and has great fun.”

This road trip builds upon the growing national recognition of Synetic’s uncommonly wordless, voluptuous physical theatrical work. As the company celebrates its 10th anniversary season, the founding husband and wife team of Paata and Irina Tsikurishvili have much to celebrate since emigrating from the country of Georgia. It was just a few months ago that Synetic received a grant from the American Theatre Wing, founder of the Tony Awards to bring it national attention and acknowledgement. Accepting the award, Paata indicated that “Irina and I have worked so hard to get here ... it is the birthday of my American dream.”

It is no small feat for Synetic to take “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” hundreds of miles away



Alex Mills as Puck in “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” at Arlington’s Synetic Theatre.

PHOTO BY GRAEME B. SHAW

from its Arlington home. It means trucking the production’s paraphernalia to the stage at Williams (Massachusetts) College Adams Memorial Theatre for two evening performances, Jan. 20 and 21. Before audiences of nearly 200 for each performance Synetic will be the centerpiece of integrated programming to include cinema screenings, audience talk-backs and conversations with academic scholars. All to tell Shakespeare’s elegant story of “the course of true love never did run smooth.”

There is no lull for the company. Right after the Massachusetts performances, Synetic returns for a special engagement of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” at its Crystal City stage for six performances. All told, there will have been four vastly different venues for the production, including previous performances at The Kennedy Center and the Lansburgh Theatre.

Why is “Midsummer” so special? Irina spoke of the play being a “hi-

larious comedy with a magical nature.” Sold out houses, multiple award nominations and awards indicate that audiences are clearly enchanted with the Synetic vision.

Alex Mills, reprising his role as Puck, the play’s quicksilver skimmer, spoke of the cast’s working together with an “urge to move ... to express themselves” physically. The production allowed the actors to develop Shakespeare’s words into their own idiosyncratic movement and expressions.

Transforming Shakespeare’s two hours of romantic mix-ups, magic potions and wanderings into 90 minutes of pure physical theater was no easy undertaking. The Synetic adaptation took about three months

of collaboration to “develop a clear story line” so that the audience

could follow-along even without words uttered. According to Mills, they worked closely together “to find the movement of the characters ... and to find the visual punch lines.”

For those who have seen the production, there are several changes in the ensemble that received a 2010 Helen Hayes Award. These include Ben Cunis now in the role of Oberon, the King opposite to Irina’s portrayal of a powerful Queen and Dan Istrate as Bottom, the usually Donkey-headed buffon.

Asked about looking to their beginnings, Irina paused, transported back in time. Speaking of the early years trying to have people learn of their distinctive brand of theater, she broke into a thoughtful gentle nod, “we just want to leave the audience in good spirits.”

## To Go

Performances are at 1800 S. Bell Street, Arlington. 8 p.m. evenings, Tuesday, Jan. 25-Saturday, Jan. 29; 2 p.m. matinee Sunday, Jan. 30. Tickets are \$20-\$50. Call 800-494-8497. Log on [Synetictheater.org](http://Synetictheater.org).



## Marble Urns To Be Auctioned

A pair of massive marble urns original to Arlington National Cemetery’s Memorial Amphitheater that stood sentry near the Tomb of the Unknowns during official memorial services attended by every American president of the 20th and 21st centuries will highlight The Potomack Company’s Jan. 29-30 auction of antique furniture and garden accessories from the collection of designer Darryl Savage.

The urns flanked the Memorial Amphitheater stage from the time of the monument’s construction in 1920 until the urns were salvaged during a recent renovation. Modern replicas now stand in place of the original urns that will be sold at The Potomack Company.

Darryl Savage is a nationally recognized source for top designers and architects whose decorating style of focusing on the simplicity of placing large objects in neutral backgrounds has been featured in Architectural Digest, Town & Country, House Beautiful and other magazines. In addition to his interior design business, Savage has operated a retail store near Annapolis offering unique antiques from stately European country houses, chateaux, churches and other public buildings. Now Savage is closing the shop, DHS Designs, and the entire inventory will be sold at auction at The Potomack Company.

The Potomack Company’s January auction will be available for viewing at the gallery and online beginning Jan. 22. For information, visit [www.potomackcompany.com](http://www.potomackcompany.com) or call 703-684-4550. The Potomack Company is a fine art and antique auction gallery located at 526 North Fayette Street in Old Town Alexandria.

# Alexandria Restaurant Week Is Jan. 21-30

## 60 Restaurants Offer \$35 Menus

Alexandria Restaurant Week is back, Jan. 21-30. More than 60 restaurants throughout the city will feature a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two. Fine dining establishments and casual neighborhood favorites are offering special menus to tempt the palate and please the pocketbook with offers available exclusively during this twice-a-year event. Restaurant Week menus and online reservations are available now on [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com)

[VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com).

During this winter event diners can indulge in some of the latest food trends. Fresh, locally sourced ingredients are central to the menus of Bastille in Old Town and Food Matters in the Cameron Station neighborhood. The handcrafted, artisanal experience of Cheesetique in Del Ray and Grape + Bean in Old Town keeps regulars coming back for more. Alexandria’s new gourmet pizza scene is piping hot during Restaurant Week with menus from Pizzeria Paradiso, RedRocks Pizza Napoletana, Pizzeria Venti, and Pizzaiolo Cafe & Bar.

Unique menus and offers include

Pizzeria Paradiso’s special winter-inspired pizza with roasted duck and aged Dutch Gouda paired with two hand-selected seasonal draft beers. Tempo is offering a bottle of house wine for only \$10 with the purchase of two meals from the Restaurant Week menu. Geranio’s menu includes four courses for \$35, while La Tasca’s \$35 per person deal includes unlimited tapas and choice of one dessert per guest. A \$35 Old Town food tour is offered by the Alexandria-based DC Metro Food Tours, which includes a three-course progressive meal at two favorite restaurants and a fully guided historic walking tour of Old Town.

Food lovers can feast their eyes on the full list of participants at [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com). The list includes OpenTable Diner’s Choice Winners La Bergerie, A la Lucia, Delia’s Mediterranean Grill & Brick Oven Pizza, Warehouse Bar & Grill, and The Wharf, while Hank’s Oyster Bar, Columbia Firehouse, and Sam Phao Thai enjoy popular ratings on Yelp.com.

This 10-day event enables residents and visitors to experience the diversity of restaurant choices in Alexandria and taste the culinary inventiveness of local chefs.

More information is available at [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com).



# Talk of the Town

## The Painted Room

Smashed holly berries on the mantelpiece and evidence of smeared pine sap EVERYWHERE has left The Wanderer in need of a fresh start on the New Year. He is planning some interior painting. This will achieve a two fold effect in giving him an aerobic activity while he stays indoors preparing for spring. Now where shall he go to prepare for this project? Better yet, maybe he could find someone to do it for him freeing him up to amble the streets once more.

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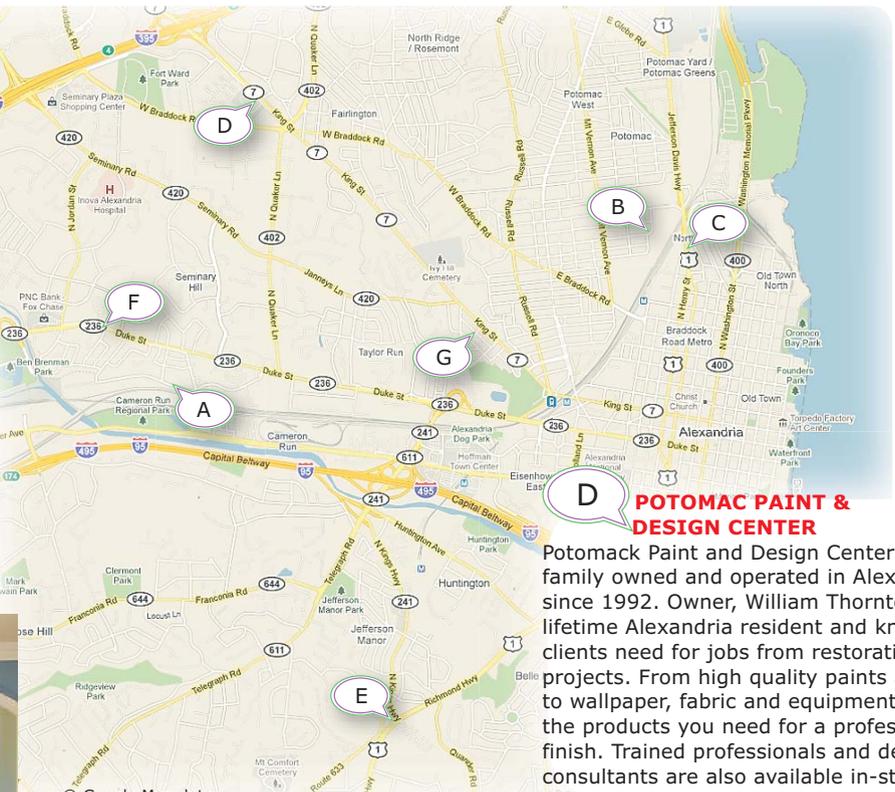
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# ENTERTAINMENT



**Cartoonist Nick Galifianakis creates Christmas-themed artwork for the Center for Alexandria's Children.**

## Special Cartoon Created for CAC

Cartoonist Nick Galifianakis, whose illustrations accompany Carolyn Hax's daily advice column in The Washington Post Style section (and 200 other newspapers across the country), has created a special drawing for the Center for Alexandria's Children (CAC), a public-private partnership dedicated to eliminating child abuse in the City of Alexandria.

Galifianakis presented the drawing to Lisa Collis, wife of U. S. Senator Mark Warner (D-VA), and Lori Morris, wife of Nigel Morris, Chairman of CAC's Board of Directors and co-founder of Capital One.

His drawing of a young boy erupting in gleeful laughter while being carried on his father's shoulder, is the first in a series of works by local artists to be created for the Center for Alexandria's Children. The original work of art will be auctioned at its Oscar Night Gala on Feb. 24.

Galifianakis' Christmas illustration, which draws



**Cartoon by Nick Galifianakis**

its inspiration from Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol, is also featured on the CAC's holiday card signed by Senator Warner and Lisa Collis.

## FINE ARTS

### TUESDAY/JAN. 18

**Tour the Torpedo Factory.** 6 p.m. Slide show and lecture at 7:30 p.m. by Harry (Rick) Moody, "The Best is Yet to Be: Later Life Creativity." Sponsored by the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. At 105 N. Union St.

### NOW THROUGH FEB. 27

**Mixing Bowl.** Examines Immigration and Diversity in America. 16 artists were invited to submit work for consideration addressing their personal views on immigration and diversity in America today. Reception is Jan. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m. Special programming includes a free film night on Friday, Feb. 4, 7-9 p.m. Screening of the film "Beyond Borders" with guest Simon Burrow, Executive Producer. At The Target Gallery in the Torpedo Factory. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org).

### NOW THROUGH JAN. 30

**Hot Pottery.** Clay artists create toasty treats with their kilns for the Kiln Club's "Snuggling Up: Pots for Comfort Food" show. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center's Scope Gallery, 101 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)

### NOW THROUGH JAN. 30

**Baby, It's Cold Outside & Sock It To Winter:** Celebrating all things good and bad about winter. The all-member show runs through Sunday, Jan. 30. Check out the best works and "sock it to winter" by donating a pair of new socks to benefit the Carpenter's Shelter. Join the Sock Hop Saturday, Jan. 15 from 7-10 p.m., admission: donated pair of new socks. [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or [cspringer43@gmail.com](mailto:cspringer43@gmail.com).

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### THURSDAY/JAN. 13

**Wintry Mix.** 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Cool candy buffet, artist-made snowflakes and an art-inspired modern dance performance by Karen Reedy Dance. Juror’s talk by Amy Cavanaugh Royce and Briony Evans Hynson from Honfleur Gallery at 7 p.m. At the Second Thursday Art Night, Torpedo Factory art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); call 703-838-4565

### FRIDAY/JAN. 14

**Union 206 Film Night: “Brazil.”** 8 to 11 p.m. Free. Union 206 Studio presents a free showing of the film, “Brazil.” At 206 S. Union St., Alexandria. Visit <http://www.union206.com>

**“Oliver.”** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25/person. Hosted by the Bailey’s Crossroads Rotary Club. Proceeds will be donated to Fisher House Foundation. At the Little Theater of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe Street, Alexandria.

### SATURDAY/JAN. 15

**Sock Hop.** 7 to 10 p.m. Enjoy Rat Pack music and dance the night away. Entry fee one pair of new socks. At the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Contact Constance Springer Zabowski or Celeste Zabowski at 703-407-6992 or [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or [cspringer43@gmail.com](mailto:cspringer43@gmail.com).

**American Balalaika Symphony in Concert.** 8 p.m. Peter Trofimenko and The American Balalaika Symphony present Midwinter Music of Love, a musical exploration of love in all its many variations, as presented by great composers from around the world, including Arensky, Brahms, De Senneville, Kabalevsky, von Weber, Hanley, Tabachnikov, Petrov, Zubkov and more. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/door; \$15/seniors and students. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NOVA Community College, Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Visit [www.ABSorchestra.org](http://www.ABSorchestra.org).

**Steven Gellman in Concert.** 8 to 10 p.m. At St. Elmo’s Coffee Pub, 2300 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-739-9268.

**Alexandria Coin Show.** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Alexandria Coin Club is sponsoring a Coin Show featuring 50 tables with a wide variety of coins, currency and numismatic collectibles. Prizes will be given to the first 500 people who show up at the show. An instruction period is included for those new to collecting. Additionally, there is a raffle for Gold & Silver coins. At the Hampton Inn on the corner of the Beltway and Rt. 1 (5821 Richmond Hwy.). Visit [www.members.cox.net/alexandriacoinclub](http://www.members.cox.net/alexandriacoinclub).

**Art League’s Patrons’ Show Tickets Go on Sale.** 10 a.m. This is the Art League’s biggest fundraising event of the year. Tickets are \$175 each and the event features between 500-600 works of original art donated by artists, and the number of tickets sold matches the number of works donated. On the evening of the Patrons’ Show drawing, tickets are randomly drawn and when the name of each ticket-holder is announced, they may select a work of art that they wish to add to their collection. Tickets can be purchased at The Art League Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria.

**Chantry a Cappella Choir.** 7:30 p.m. The concert features Epiphany-themed music by Victoria, Lassus, Handl, Palestrina, Bach, Cornelius, Willan and Poulenc. Tickets \$30 regular, \$15 student. At St. Luke’s Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 202-625-2855 (for Chantry) or visit [www.chantrydc.com](http://www.chantrydc.com).

**Concert.** 7 p.m. Free. In “Hamavdil,” Agudas Achim Congregation’s band, Ein Lanu Z’man (We Have No Time) will present a special concert celebrating the separation between the Sabbath and the rest of the week. The band,

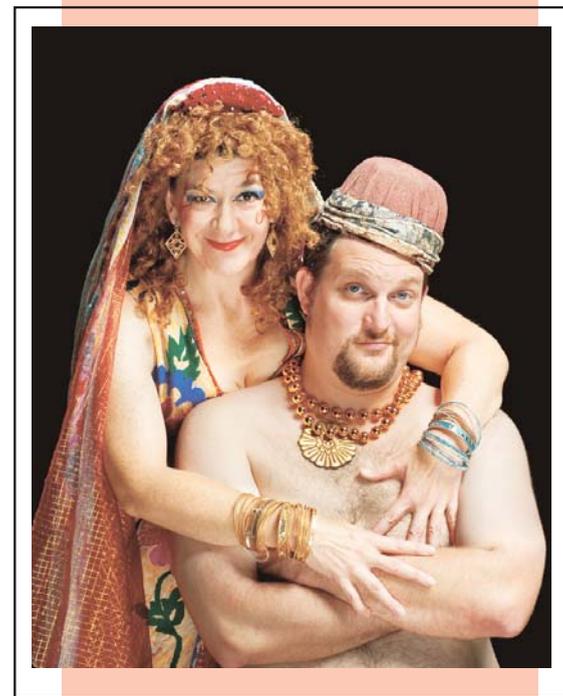


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**Kelley McKinnon and Dennis Henry in “Measure for Measure.”**

### THURSDAY/JAN. 20

**“Measure for Measure.”** 7:30 p.m. Free. Performed by the American Shakespeare Center. At Pendleton Hall, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.episcopalhighschool.org](http://www.episcopalhighschool.org) or call 703-933-4135.

featuring strings, piano, guitar, bass, percussion, vocals and English Concertina, specializes in making Jewish music from the distant past to the present fresh and inspiring. At Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Contact Elisheva Dienstfrey at 703-998-6460.

**Pinewood Derby Workshop.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Old Town Hardware will be holding its third-annual Pinewood Derby Workshop. Cub Scouts are invited to bring their Pinewood Derby cars to the store to have craftsman Jesse Cathell rough cut their designs. Scouts are required to have the car design traced on their cars.

### SUNDAY/JAN. 16

**Card-Making Party.** Noon to 4 p.m. Create one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted greeting cards. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or contact Theresa at [tkulstad@verizon.net](mailto:tkulstad@verizon.net).

**Martin Luther King Jr. VIC Choir Festival.** 7 p.m. The Mount Vernon High School Choir, led by Judi Belzer, and the Walt Whitman Middle School Orchestra, led by Timothy Gaffga, will be performing as part of the 16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. – VIC Choir Festival. At Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Contact Judy Belzer at 703-619-3100 or [jabelzer@fcps.edu](mailto:jabelzer@fcps.edu).

**Bach Vespers.** 6 p.m. These Vesper services are based on the principles of “ancient-future” worship, which incorporates the rites and elements that go back centuries if not thousands of years – candles, incense, sung Scripture, cantor-lead singing and recitation, and ancient hymns. At Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2701 Cameron Mills Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.wpc-alex.org](http://www.wpc-alex.org)

**Singer/songwriter Peter Mayer.** 7 p.m. With special guest Sterling Trio. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at FocusMusic.org. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria.

**PTA Council Reflections Arts Festival.** 4 to 6 p.m. Free. To showcase and recognize the artistic talent of ACPs students and to congratulate the city-wide winners of the 2010-2011 PTA Reflections Art Program. At T.C. Williams High School cafeteria, 3300 King Street, Alexandria.

### MONDAY/JAN. 17

**Free Tours.** 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. In honor of the birthdays of Gen. Henry “Light Horse Harry” Lee and his son, Gen. Robert E. Lee, the Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden will be offering free tours.

### TUESDAY/JAN. 18

**Mount Vernon Genealogical Society.** 1 p.m. The meeting will feature a presentation entitled “The ‘www’ of German Genealogy.” The program will be presented by John T. Humphrey, CG. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 112, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Visit <http://www.MVGenealogy.org/>.

**Mount Vernon Lions Dinner.** Social 6:30 p.m.; Dinner 7 p.m. The speaker will be Lion Brindisi Chan from District 22C about Lions activities. Held at Pema’s Restaurant. Call

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# ENTERTAINMENT



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Andrew Corsillo at 703-960-4973.

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**WEDNESDAY/JAN. 19**

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the band, Atomic Swing Club. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

**Square Dance Lessons.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Free. From the Boomerangs Square Dance Teaching Council. At Lincolnia Center, 4710 North Chambliss St., Alexandria. Call Nancy at 703-573-8378.

**Most Loved Antique Toys.** 9:30 a.m. Mount Vernon Antique Arts Association will host "Most Loved Antique Toys" by Marvel Luykx. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Reservations required. Call 703-765-4573.

**Concert.** 6 p.m. Admission is \$5. Tizmoret, the Jewish a cappella group from Queens College Hillel in New York, will be presenting a concert. Tizmoret will be performing classic Jewish melodies, American pop music and contemporary Israeli tunes. At Agudas Achim Congregation, 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Contact Elisheva Dienstfrey at 703-998-6460.

**THURSDAY/JAN. 20**

**Floral Designs for Entertaining.** 10 a.m. Free. Presentation by Marianne Raub, of Helen Olivia Florist, Alexandria, on creating floral designs for entertaining in your home. Sponsored by the Garden Club of Wayneswood. Fellowship Hall of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8523 Forth Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-549-4245.

**FRIDAY/JAN. 21**

**Swing Dance.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Third Friday with the Mount Vernon Swing Band. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Mount Vernon. Cost is \$4. Call 703-765-4573.

**JAN. 21 TO JAN. 30**

**Alexandria Restaurant Week.** 60 restaurants offer a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or a \$35 dinner for two. The event features fresh food trends, neighborhood finds, and OpenTable Diner's Choice Winners. Participating restaurants include Bastille, La Bergerie, Cheesetique, Pizzeria Paradiso, Tempo, A la Lucia, Columbia Firehouse, Hank's Oyster Bar, Delia's Mediterranean Grill & Brick Oven Pizza and more. 703-746-3301. Menus and online reservations on [VisitAlexandriaVA.com](http://VisitAlexandriaVA.com)

**SATURDAY/JAN. 22**

**Speak Up for a Child.** 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session. At the John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria. If you would like to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children, call 703-273-3526, x22 or email [ekosarin@casafairfax.org](mailto:ekosarin@casafairfax.org).

**Youth Art Symposium.** 2 to 5:30 p.m. Free. Explore different forms of visual and performing arts including dancing, stepping, drama, drawing, painting and candy making. Presented by - The Northern Virginia Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. At the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria.

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**JAN. 23 TO MARCH 27**

**Brit Wit!** Sundays 5-7 p.m. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria in Old Town. Fans of British humor with a longing to perform the Dead Parrot sketch from Monty Python's Flying Circus will explore the unique style of British comedy in this class which is bound to tickle your fancy! Class size is limited to 12 and will conclude with an end session performance for family and friends. To register, call the business office at 703-683-5778, ext. 2.

**TUESDAY/JAN. 25**

**Fiber Artist Lecture.** 12:30 p.m. Free. Northern Virginia's Diane Herbort will visit Mount Vernon Quilters Unlimited to present a lecture entitled "And Somehow I Ended up as a Fiber Artist." MVQU meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact: [MVQUPresident@gmail.com](mailto:MVQUPresident@gmail.com).

**"Oliver" Benefit Performance.** 8 p.m. Sponsored by the Board of Lady Managers of Inova Alexandria Hospital, with proceeds to benefit the hospital's Surgical Services. Tickets are \$25, \$45, and \$65 and include Desserts at intermission. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-9485.

**Computer Lab Open House.** 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Meet class instructors including our "One-on-One" Volunteer, learn about the class curriculum, find out about upcoming classes, check out the web page and FaceBook page! At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

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**THURSDAY/JAN. 27**

**Nutrition Talk.** 6 to 8 p.m. With health expert Trish Fortune, the founder and president of Extraordinary You. At The Full Cup, 218 N. Lee St. #206, Alexandria. Space is limited. RSVP to [lindsey@thefullcup.com](mailto:lindsey@thefullcup.com).

**Pope-Leighey House Lecture Series.** 7 to 9 p.m. "William Thornton and the Creation of the American Architecture." This talk will examine the designs of Dr. William Thornton (1759-1828) and some of the themes in his architecture, along with a comparison to the work of Frank Lloyd Wright and the Pope-Leighey House. Admission is \$25. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Respond to 703-780-4000 extension 26321 or [woodlawnRSVP@nthp.org](mailto:woodlawnRSVP@nthp.org).

**SATURDAY/JAN. 29**

**Civil War Ball.** 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$45/advance; \$50/door. Period attire either in civilian or military. Civil War-era dance classes will be offered at Gadsby's Tavern Museum from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, Jan. 13, 20, and 27. Dance instruction will include the waltz, polka, Virginia reel, and more! Classes are \$12 each or \$30 for the series. Call 703-838-4242. Online tickets are available under "Shop" at [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org). At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Old Town.

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# Conflict of Interest?

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don't report such payments, although they will be forced to in 2013 as part of the Physician Payments Sunshine Act.

"If patients think there's a conflict of interests, then there is a conflict of interest," said Del. Patrick Hope (D-47), who is also a lobbyist for the American College of Cardiology. "This is a difficult subject, and the best way to address this is to get all the information out there and let the patients decide for themselves the same way that elected officials have to disclose who gave us money."

**ALEXANDRIA DOCTORS** interviewed for this story say they are not influenced by money from the pharmaceutical industry. They way they look at it, giving speeches to their colleagues is a great way to exchange information with their colleagues and the pharmaceutical industry. Besides, they

say, patients pay doctors for the time spent on the clock. Why shouldn't pharmaceutical companies?

"The criticism of this is more political than realistic," said Dr. Soren Caffey, an internist and oncologist who received \$1,500 from GlaxoSmithKline in 2009 for a speaking engagement. "It's never had any influence in the way I treat my patients."

Whistleblower lawsuits filed in recent years have accused firms of using doctors to push pills for unapproved uses during dinnertime talks, prompting at least 10 firms to settle cases for nearly \$7 billion in the last three years.

Since that time, pharmaceutical companies have tightened control over what happens during presentations given on their dime. Last year, for example, GlaxoSmithKline instituted a new policy prohibiting doctors from using their own slides during presentations. Starting in 2010, all

## Dollars for Docs

DOCTOR	COMPANY	AMOUNT	SERVICE
Dr. John Cochran	GSK and Eli Lilly	\$35,375	professional education programs (Eli Lilly): \$33,625 speaking (GSK): \$1,750
Dr. Mark McClellan	GSK	\$17,500	speaking
Dr. Haideh Sabet	Pfizer and Eli Lilly	\$14,124	professional education programs (Eli Lilly): \$12,616 Expert-Led Forums (Pfizer): \$1,000 Meals (Pfizer): \$66 Travel Expenses (Eli Lilly): \$8
Dr. Howard Lando	AstraZeneca	\$9,800	speaking
Dr. Stuart Stark	GSK	\$6,310	speaking
Dr. Mahan Chehrena	GSK	\$4,300	speaking
Dr. Abraham Cherrick	J&J	\$1,453	speaking: \$750 travel: \$433 meals: \$270
Dr. Soren Caffey	GSK	\$1,500	speaking
Dr. Ramon Eduardo Mendez	Pfizer	\$1,468	Expert-Led Forums: \$1000 Business Related Travel: \$385 Meals: \$83
Dr. Yousef Hussien Salem	Pfizer	\$1,000	Expert-Led Forums
Dr. Richard Ashby	AstraZeneca	\$900	speaking
Dr. Marvin Chadab	J&J	\$472	consulting fees: \$350 meals: \$122
Dr. Divyang Trivedi	GSK	\$100	speaking

SOURCE: 2009 and 2010 data from ProPublica

doctors giving speeches sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline must use slides presented by the pharmaceutical company in the order specified.

"We want to make sure that everything is correct," said Mary Anne Rhyne, a spokeswoman for GlaxoSmithKline. "The best way to do that is to have our team prepare the slide."

**SEVERAL ALEXANDRIA** doctors also hold academic positions in medical schools, which have come under increasing pressure to tighten control of faculty members taking money from Big Pharma. Stanford University, for example, has banned its faculty members from receiving giving paid promotional talks for pharmaceutical companies. Other schools, such as Virginia Commonwealth University take a more nuanced approach.

"Our policy is an attempt to thread the needle," said Jerome Strauss, dean of the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Medicine. "We want our faculty members to be able to give their advice without becoming sales representatives for the pharmaceutical industry."

Strauss says the key is disclosure. Faculty members at the VCU School of Medicine are required to obtain permission from the dean in advance of any speech, consulting job or expert-led forum and get permission in advance. Other medical schools in the area say they require disclosure, although the rules can be limited. Howard University of Medicine, for example, requires faculty members who are part of their practice plan to disclose financial transactions

with pharmaceutical companies. But that rule doesn't apply to doctors outside of the practice plan that are listed as Howard professors by the Virginia Board of Education.

"We are currently in the process of revising our policy," said Meredith Harrison, chief compliance officer at Howard University Hospital. "We want to stay current with the standards of the (Association of American Medical Colleges)."

**RECENT YEARS HAVE** seen a growing concern about the influence of Big Pharma. Back in 2008, the Association of American Medical Colleges urged its members to adopt an "influence-free" culture by prohibiting drug industry gifts and services to physicians, faculty, residents and students. In a series of recommendations since that time, the association encouraged its members to "strongly discourage" participation by faculty in industry-sponsored speaking engagements. The association cites mounting scientific evidence indicating that gifts, favors and other marketing activities prejudice independent judgment in unconscious ways.

"In the last few years, there has been growing attention to interactions between industry sources and physicians," said Heather Pierce, senior director for science policy and regulatory counsel. "It's an opportunity for the medical profession to look at itself and make sure that its practices are in the best interest of the patients."

The Alexandria Gazette Packet attempted to contact all of the Alexandria doctors who appear on the ProPublica database — most

of whom did not return phone calls.

The ones who did defended the practice as a legitimate way for doctors to interact with the pharmaceutical industry. Dr. Marvin Chadab, a dermatologist who says he attends one or two industry-sponsored events a year, says the events are sometimes a way for him to tell pharmaceutical companies that their products are overpriced. "We're not talking about a week in the Bahamas here," said Chadab. "It's a way for them to pick your brain and find out why you prescribe one drug over another."

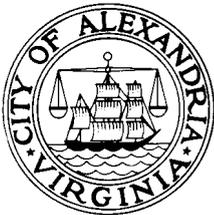
**THE INFORMATION** isn't without problems, especially because some of the drug companies making disclosures are made voluntarily and without any rules governing how the information is presented. That means some disparities creep into the data.

For example, Dr. Mark McClellan is listed as an Alexandria doctor even though he is not licensed with the Virginia Board of Medicine. A spokeswoman for GlaxoSmithKline said he is a doctor in the District of Columbia and the drug company listed him as an Alexandria doctor because that's where he lives.

Additionally, Dr. Divyang Trivedi says he hasn't participated in a speaking engagement sponsored by a pharmaceutical company for many years.

He said that that one of his employees may have used his name to receive compensation because he is the head of the practice and that he has approached the drug company about altering its disclosure.

### Legal Notices



A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2011 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

**CASE BAR2011-0002**  
Demolition/encapsulation at 927 Oronoco St, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Michael Bergner by Stephen Kulinski, AIA

**CASE BAR2011-0005**  
Alterations and rear addition at 927 Oronoco St, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Michael Bergner by Stephen Kulinski, AIA

**CASE BAR2011-00003**  
Alterations to previously approved plans at 219 N West St, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Wanda Carter

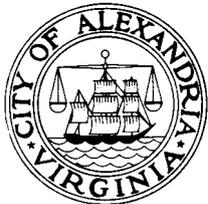
**CASE BAR2011-0004**  
Request for trash enclosure screening at 1400 Princess St, zoned RB Residential.  
APPLICANT: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority

**CASE BAR2011-0011**  
Request for new construction of 21 townhouse units (17 single-family and 4 triplexes), 3 multi-family buildings and park, and waiver of rooftop screening requirement for Phase IV of the James Bland Redevelopment Project at 898 North Alfred St, zoned CDD #16  
APPLICANT: Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority by Kenneth Wire (McGuire Woods)

**CASE BAR2011-0001**  
Request for change to previously approved plans for windows at Phase I of James Bland Redevelopment at 808 Madison St, zoned CDD #16  
APPLICANT: James Bland Housing I LP by Kenneth Wire (McGuire Woods)

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

### Legal Notices



ALEXANDRIA PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW

The following requests have been received for administrative review and approval.

The Director of Planning and Zoning may approve the permits unless a request that the application be forwarded to City Council is received by February 4, 2011.

For information about this application or to comment, visit the City's website at [alexandriava.gov](http://alexandriava.gov) or call (703) 746-4666.

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# PEOPLE

## Holiday Spirit

On Dec. 14, Tabitha Matthews and her daughter Nia accompanied Giselle Pelaez of the Center for Alexandria's Children to the Payless Shoe Store in the Landmark Shopping Center. Payless Shoe Stores has provided the CAC with certificates for shoes for 75 children. Nia selected a pair of silver dress shoes. Pictured is Nia with her new shoes, her mother Tabitha Matthews, Giselle Pelaez and Payless Shoe Store manager Maqsood Ahmad.



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## In Concert

Blessed Sacrament School's Kindergarten through third-graders put on their annual Christmas Concert featuring "The Twelve Days of Christmas."



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# PEOPLE



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Students from St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Middle School display toys collected for the Firefighters and Friends annual toy drive. The drive was started 13 years ago by Capt. Willie Bailey, top right, and now serves more than 3,000 children in Alexandria and Fairfax County.

## Santa's Helpers

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

The presents were overflowing under the Christmas tree in the lobby of St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Middle School last month, thanks to the efforts of history teacher Karen Ruberg and members of the girls soccer team that she coaches.

"I'm a neighbor of Willie's and knew about this drive so last year I decided to get some students involved," said Ruberg of Capt. Willie Bailey's Firefighters and Friends annual toy drive. "This year the kids really came through and collected more than 175 toys in less than a week."

Bailey, a Del Ray resident and graduate of T.C. Williams High School, began the drive 13 years ago in an effort to help some of the neediest families he saw while out on calls as a firefighter along the Route

SSSA students collect toys for Firefighters and Friends annual drive.

1 corridor.

"We helped about 50 kids that year," said Bailey. "This year we will be able to provide Christmas gifts for more than 3,000 kids in Alexandria and Fairfax County."

Bailey let Ruberg know about an increased need for toys for older kids and she passed that on to her students.

"The kids had fun picking out toys for kids their own age," Ruberg said. "It helped for them to focus on older kids and they especially liked the idea of donating sporting goods to other teens."

Ruberg's students, joined by boys from Mr. Gillispie's band class, were on hand Monday afternoon to help Bailey load the collected toys into the waiting fire department vehicles.

"This is amazing," Bailey said. "We don't have any other schools doing what they did here. This is a very special group of kids."



**Learning about Helping**  
Blessed Sacrament School seventh-graders took field trips to ALIVE Child Development Center, Christ House and the Carpenter's Shelter. The students learned how each of these organizations help people in need in Alexandria. At ALIVE, they brought the preschool children Christmas presents and decorated Christ House to bring some holiday cheer.



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## Road Trip

'Mango' Mike Anderson served up his award-winning Pork Barrel BBQ to 250 tailgaters from the West Point class of 1986 at the Army-Navy football game in Philadelphia Dec. 11. Anderson and his wife Donna, left, enjoyed the pre-game festivities with '86 West Point graduate Kurt Gutierrez and Marci Anderson of the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership. The Midshipmen beat the Black Knights 31-17 and tailgating plans are already underway for next year's game, which will be held for the first time in Washington, D.C. at Fed Ex Field on Dec. 10, 2011.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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On Saturday, Jan. 22, at 2 p.m. in the George Washington Middle School Auditorium there will be a Celebration of Life for Dr. Michael Vitez. Everyone is invited. Students must be accompanied by parents.

After the celebration, there will be a reception in the media center. To contribute finger foods (e.g., desserts, nuts, tea sandwiches, water/juice, napkins and cups, etc.), contact Dorothy McKenzie ([dmckenzi@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:dmckenzi@acps.k12.va.us)) or Georgeann Coote ([gcoote@acps.k12.va.us](mailto:gcoote@acps.k12.va.us)) to provide name, phone number, and what to contribute to the reception following the memorial service.

Ethan Hertzberg of Alexandria has been named to the Dean's List at DePaul University for the 2010 Fall quarter.

Local students performed with the Marching Royal Dukes of James Madison University in the 25th annual London New Year's Day Parade on the band's Dec. 27-Jan. 4 European tour: Margaret Lynn Amos, Marinos Richardos Droussiotis, Allen Scott Frazier, Elizabeth Dickens Harrell, Peter William Halverson Kosanovich, Penelope Jane Mills Norton and Kevin Steven O'Brien.

Cadet Anastasia Voellm, the daughter of Frederick and Catalina Voellm of Alexandria, was inducted into the National Honor Society and the National English Honor Society at Randolph-Macon Academy on Nov. 6. Anastasia was also awarded an Eagle

Scholars Scholarship and the Class of 1956 Scholarship. Anastasia is a sophomore at the Academy.

Alison Brody of Alexandria, a senior Entrepreneurial Studies major, has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester in the College of Business Administration at Rider University.

Brittany R Hill, a resident of Alexandria, received a bachelor of science degree in psychology from Fairfield University in Fairfield, Conn., on May 23.

Matthew Chandler; Rebecca Green; Austin Toner; Matthew Argao; Shazad Hussain, and Eva Baker of Alexandria residents were recently named to the Dean's list at the College of William and Mary for the spring 2010 semester.

Danielle Anne Thorne, a resident of Alexandria, was awarded Dean's list honors for academic achievement during the spring 2010 semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Faraz Salma, a resident of Alexandria, has been named to the Spring 2010 Dean's list at Roger Williams University.

Amr Ahmed of Alexandria received a juris doctor degree from the Quinnipiac University School of Law on May 9, 2010.

Junior Megan Knetemann of Alexandria qualified for the Honor Roll at Santa Catalina School in Monterey, Calif.

Kathryn Margaret Funkhouser, and Felipe Gomez-Acebo of Alexandria have been placed on the Dean's list for the Spring 2010 semester at Drew University.

## RECREATION

# TR Knocks Out Santa

BY JAMIE AYLOR  
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION SPECIALIST

**O**n Dec. 20, the Therapeutic Recreation program hosted its second Winter Wonderland event for program participants and the children of the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center. During the event, the children were engaged in a variety of holiday arts and crafts activities, music and movement, and cooking activities.

The children of the Therapeutic Recreation program also visited the offices at the

### THERAPEUTIC RECREATION

Lee Center dressed in Santa hats and carrying jingle bells to serenade all of the administrative staff before the holidays.

The Director of the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities James Spengler was excited to see the children perform and also joined in the fun. As a surprise for the children and adult participants, we all received an early visit from Santa.

Santa came to town bearing gifts, singing songs and promoting good health. Santa captured the program participants' atten-

tion for hours. He started off with a light cardio warm up, boxing stances, and demonstrated a variety of boxing fundamentals. The children practiced one-two combinations and Santa also showed them how to bob and weave. The adult participants were very excited to spar with Santa hoping to get a knock out. They really gave Santa a run for his money. On the other hand the children were curious to find out who Santa really was.

We didn't tell the children in hopes of keeping the magic of Christmas alive, but we will let you in on the secret. Our mystery Santa is not from the North Pole but from Alexandria.

He has lived in Alexandria for most of his life and is an employee of the City of Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities. Tony "Da Beast" Suggs jumped at the opportunity to give back to his community one more time before the New Year. He won the Golden Gloves for Outstanding Fighter and was also inducted into the Potomac Valley Armature Boxing Hall of Fame. As a professional boxer, Da Beast's record speaks for itself: 22 wins, 6 losses, 1 draw, and 20 KO.

Our Winter Wonderland program was



PHOTO BY DIRECTOR OF THERAPEUTIC RECREATION JACKIE PERSON

**Santa visits with youngsters at the Nannie J. Lee Recreation Center.**

truly about giving back to the community, promoting physical fitness, and getting ready for the New Year. From boxing to kickboxing, everyone had the opportunity to knock out Santa!

If you would like to volunteer in the New Year, please contact the Therapeutic Recreation office at 703-746-5424. Come out and

leave with a KO by making a difference in 2011!

Jackie Person, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, says, and I quote, "Our constant goal is to create long lasting partnerships within our community and local schools, so we can help make the place in which our participants learn stronger every day."

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**Tyler Driver, seen earlier this season, and the T.C. Williams boys basketball team defeated South County on Jan. 10 to remain undefeated.**

## TC Boys Remain Undefeated

The T.C. Williams boys basketball team defeated South County 74-63 on Jan. 10, improving the Titans' record to 9-0, including 5-0 in the Patriot District. TC defeated Lake Braddock 63-57 on Jan. 7. After the Titans defeated Chantilly on Jan. 4, head coach Julian King said TC is still flying under the radar. "As always, beginning of the season, no one respects us," King said. "I keep saying this over and over: nobody gives us any credit for the history."

The Titans will host Lee at 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 13.

## TC Girls Lose To South County

The T.C. Williams girls basketball team lost to South County 60-58 on Jan. 10, dropping the Titans' record to 7-6. The loss comes after back-to-back wins against Chantilly (55-49 on Jan. 4) and Lake Braddock (61-40 on Jan. 7).

The Titans will travel to face Lee on Jan. 13.

## TJ Swim and Dive Competes Against McLean

The Thomas Jefferson boys swim and dive team came away victorious, and the girls lost by 5 points as the squads took on McLean High School on Friday.

The boys team now stands at 4-1, and the girls 3-2. First-place finishers included: the boys 200 medley relay team of Evan McMurray (Alexandria), Reese Frerichs (Alexandria), Stephen Seliskar, Miles Oakley, Katie Bennett in the 200 IM & 100 back, Jon Spitz in the 50 free, Emily Saitta in diving, McMurray in the 100 back, Brianna Kim in the 100 fly, Seliskar in the 100 free, and the boys 200 free relay of Alex Li, Nathan Hughes, Jack Borsi, and Spitz.

Also, the boys 200 medley, Stephen Seliskar (200



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**Jasmine Norman and the T.C. Williams girls basketball team lost to South County on Jan. 10.**

IM & 100 free), and Katie Bennett (100 back) whose swims qualified for the regional meet.

TJ will compete against Stone Bridge High School on Jan. 14 at Claude Moore Recreation Center.

## SSSAS Swim And Dive Wins

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes swim and dive teams each defeated Wilson on Jan. 6, the boys winning by the score of 116-54 and the girls winning by the score of 86-82. Cabell Perrot won the 200 freestyle and the 100 butterfly for SSSAS. Conor MacNair won the 200IM and 100 breaststroke, Ryan Gillooly won the 50 freestyle, Ian Shackley won the 500 freestyle and Ferrel Atkins won the 100 backstroke. All three relays captured first place.

Shackley, MacNair, Kyle Draim and Joe Lindsay comprised the medley relay, MacNair, Atkins, Gillooly and Perrot comprised the 200 free relay and Atkins, Lindsay, Gillooly and Perrot comprised the 400 free relay. SSSAS girls individual winners were: Caroline Blair (500 freestyle) and Rachel Movius (100 breaststroke). The 200 freestyle relay team of Lizzie Beane, Gabby Richichi, Natalie Revers and Alison Lindsay captured first place.

## Bishop Ireton Boys Loses Third Straight

The Bishop Ireton boys basketball team lost to Flint Hill 69-62, dropping its record to 8-6. The loss was Ireton's third straight after winning four consecutive.

The Cardinals will travel to face O'Connell on Jan. 14.

## TC Swim and Dive Falls to SC

The South County swim and dive team defeated T.C. Williams 202-111 on Jan. 7. The Titans will face West Potomac on Jan. 14.

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Stevenson, II of Londyntimes Productions based in Houston, Texas. Duke Ellington School of the Arts' Literary Media and

Communications Department is also participating, where Mark Williams is chair and Kelli Anderson is an instructor.

The Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is gearing up to celebrate the life and legacy of the late great Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Each year, we design programs that engage youth in interactive ways. We realize that in age of advanced technology that the access to information is great, but is there enough diligence paid to what our young people are really comprehending. What do they take away from the information provided? What do they know of Dr. King's legacy and the Civil Rights Movement?

In an earnest effort to provide answers to those questions, a forum was created to provide information and activities surrounding the life and legacy of King on the King Holiday. The Martin Luther King Youth Summit is an annual event that begins this year with the intent of sharing his life and also giving youth a chance to embrace ideals such as service to one's community, as King did. The theme this year is twofold: Using the arts to promote social change and Dr. King's quote, “The time is always right to do what is right.”

It is only right for us to provide opportunities for youth to discuss, interact and create art that promotes many of the issues that Dr. King supported. Admission to the event is \$1 and transportation is provided from recreation centers and participating school sites to the Lee Center located at 1108 Jefferson Street in Old Town from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Below are brief descriptions of the workshops planned for the 1st Annual MLK Youth Summit. Lunch is provided.

### MLK DOCUMENTARY

The intent of this project is to highlight exactly what youth know and carry about MLK today. We hope to share the life of Martin Luther King in a way that will leave an impression on them that could possibility inspire them to become young leaders, as MLK, was himself. The workshop is led by filmmaker John Wayne

### FASHION ON PURPOSE

This workshop is designed to use fashion favorites to promote social change and raise awareness of youth in need. T-shirts are created in this workshop with unique slogans that promote tolerance, peace and well-being. A fashion show is presented towards the end of the summit showcasing the creations and clothing of the Civil Rights Era. This workshop is led by Tony Biggs, a recreation professional with the department.

### FOOD FOR OTHERS

This workshop is designed to make cupcakes that will be later delivered to children at surrounding shelters. We will also be preparing dishes based on what we have produced in the past from the community garden located in the back of the centers: eggplant, peppers, tomatoes, okra, squash, red lettuce and Tuscan melons.

### POETRY FOR A PURPOSE

This creative writing workshop is designed to share the love of words and spoken word performance to youth. The youth receive quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King and from there are encouraged to use the quote as inspiration to create original poetry. Shelly Bell, founder of Seven City Art Society will lead this workshop.

### PERFORMANCE FOR A PURPOSE (ACCT)

To top the summit off is the performance by the fan favorite performing arts ensemble ACCT Chorus lead by musical director Jaqueline McNair. They will be singing songs of the Civil Rights Era.

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#### Mass Schedule

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2:00 pm (en Español)

6:30 pm Mass (starts Sept. 12)

#### Weekdays

(Mass or Communion Service) 9:00 am (followed by Rosary)

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