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Commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Inc. and the Alexandria Black History Museum, Inc. presented awards on Monday afternoon, Jan. 17, in City Hall Chambers to the Martin Luther King Jr. Poster Contest winners: Kristen Thaeler, Tracy

Echais Ramos, Jocelyn Lizama Aleman, Jacob Mensinger, Jack Murun, Clarissa Williams, Ashrar Islam, Zaida Houston, Andreas Muten, Kylee Jones, Nuray Ozden, Campbell Bright, Ric Mallari, William Rivera, Brahim Ould-Werzeg, Emily Sedwick, Trevon Robinson, Francisca Palma, Veronica Aravjo and Melanie Perez. Presenters of the award included Louis Hicks, Samuel D. Lang, Mattie F. Hopkins, Col. Ethel Underwood (ret.) and Carlton Funn. Above, Funn (left) and Mayor Bill Euille (right) pose with the contest award winners.

A Dream Deferred

Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy, even as racial disparities linger in public school system.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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As public school children gathered at City Hall this week to celebrate the legacy of Martin Luther King Jr. for a poster contest Monday, many aspects of the famous civil rights leader have yet to become reality. Test scores show dramatic racial disparities, with black students lagging far behind white students. And the demo-

graphic profile of the school system show that many white families choose to send their children to private schools, creating a public school system that's much blacker than the general population of the city.

"This isn't what Doctor King was fighting for," said Carlton Funn, chairman of the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage. "It's not right."

Racial disparities in test scores have haunted the

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School Daze

Board to consider lengthening school day and school year.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
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Superintendent Morton Sherman says Alexandria teachers aren't spending enough time with students, and he's got a plan to do something about it. But parents are divided about the set of controversial proposals, one that

would add additional days to the school year and another that would tack on an additional 30 minutes to each school day. The School Board is set to vote this week on begin-

"Don't start throwing time and money at problems."

— Ryan Donmoyer

ning the school year before Labor Day, with another vote on extending the school day expected in March.

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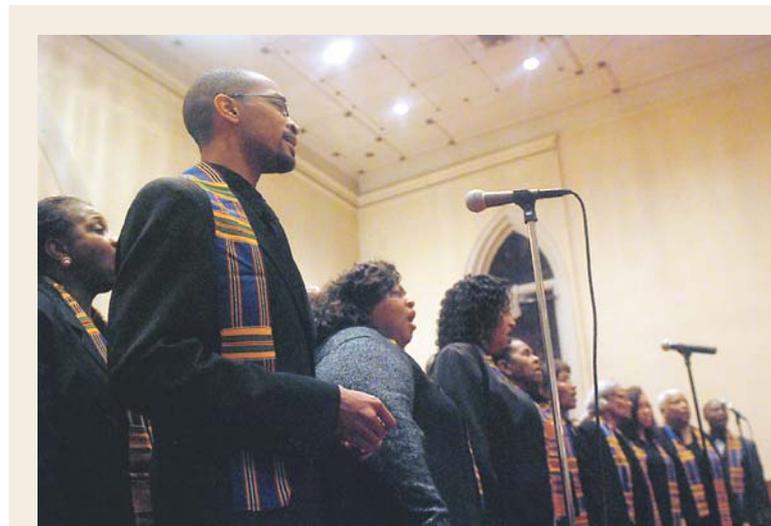


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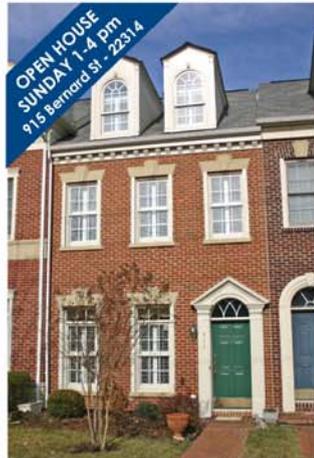
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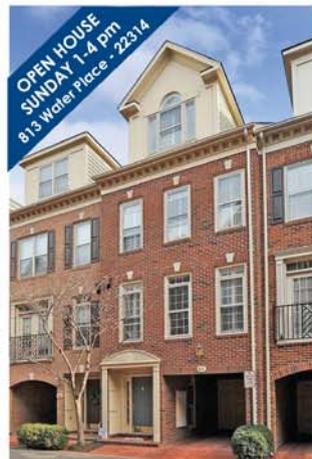
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Secretary Speedometer

Former Health and Human Services Secretary **Tommy Thompson** has been charged by an Alexandria police officer for reckless driving, clocking in at 68 miles and hour in a 40 zone. An attorney for the former Wisconsin governor appeared in General District Court this week to schedule a February court date. It's the second time Alexandria police have impeded the former governor of Wisconsin's life in the fast lane.

Thompson's court record dates back to August 2002, when he was serving as a cabinet secretary for President **George W. Bush**. That was when he was issued a citation for tailgating, a charge that was later dropped. But the secretary found himself in trouble again the following year, when he was charged \$104 for going 44 in a 25. Thompson stepped down from his Cabinet position in 2005, but court records show that didn't slow down his lifestyle. In 2008, he paid \$161 for failing to obey a traffic signal. Now he's facing reckless driving charges for going more than 20 miles and hour over the speed limit on Jan. 7.

"He was going a little too quickly," acknowledged attorney **Bruce Blanchard**, who's representing Thompson in General District Court. "I'm hopeful that with a reasonable prosecutor and a reasonable defense attorney, this can be resolved."

Speeding Bicyclist

Former cabinet secretaries are not the only ones getting caught speeding in Alexandria. Earlier this month, an Alexandria officer issued a speeding ticket to a bicyclist who was clocked going 31 in a 25. Alexandria Police Department spokeswoman **Ashley Hildebrandt** says the enforcement measure is part of a stepped-up effort to crack down on bicyclists flouting the laws on the streets of Old Town. "We've been receiving a lot of complaints," said Hildebrandt. "So we've increased enforcement."

The unusual speeding ticket comes on the heels of another incident in which a bicyclist hit a pedestrian and tried to flee the scene. But a band of citizens chased the hit-and-run biker down and detained him until authorities showed up to arrest him. Hildebrandt says that police officials are hoping the new increased wintertime enforcement will pay off when more bicyclists hit the road this spring. "We're hoping the word will get out," she said. "Maybe we'll see fewer violations."

No More Consultants

City taxpayers have already dropped half a million dollars on consultants for the Waterfront Small Area Plan, a controversial vision for the future planning officials hope to release later this month. Now, as the final document is being prepared for public consumption, Planning Director **Farrol Hamer** says the time for outside help has come to an end.

"We will not be hiring any more consultants for the waterfront plan," Hamer pledged to members of the Old Town Civic Association last week.

But Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** says that declaration might be too little too late. Hughes, who is a frequent critic of the use of consultants by city officials, says the money may have been thrown down the drain. Last week, the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia dismissed a 1973 case brought by the Justice Department against the Old Dominion Boat Club intended to force public access to the waterfront. "We've spent a bunch of money when there was lingering questions," said Hughes. "It doesn't strike me as the most intelligent decision."

Electronic Docket

Telephone books are becoming a thing of the past. Receipts can be e-mailed to customers. And newspapers — well, nevermind.

Now Councilman **Rob Krupicka** has asked his colleges to consider a proposal that would eliminate the mounds of paper records received by City Council members. Instead of issuing council members with a city-issue laptop computer for the council chamber and a different city-issue computer for the home, Krupicka's plan would issue elected leaders one tablet computer that could be used virtually anywhere. "I think we can save some money," said Krupicka. "And get some efficiency."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



In Service

In honor of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, 13 families from Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy participated in delivering Meals on Wheels for Senior Services of Alexandria. This is the third year that LCTA has participated in this event.



Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy's Team No. 4 participants in the Meals on Wheels delivery are: Sophie Kane (2nd Grade) and Fatima Kane (4th Grade) and Kalista Diamantopoulos (4th Grade).

Time To Extend School Year?

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lowest achieving school division in Northern Virginia," said Sherman. "We can't hide from that."

If the School Board approves the plan to begin the school year before Labor Day this week, the measure will head to the state School Board for final approval. No General Assembly action would be needed because the school system would be applying for a waiver that allows the division to avoid restrictions preventing schools from beginning before Labor Day. The action is needed because of a restriction widely known as the "King's Dominion Law," a reference to the amusement park that helped create the restriction in the 1980s.

"I believe time does matter," said School Board Chairwoman Yvonne Folkerts. "For years, even before I was on the School Board, I have stated publicly that I thought we needed to add more time to our school calendar in whatever form."

"We are the lowest achieving school division in Northern Virginia. We can't hide from that."

— Superintendent Morton Sherman

PARENTS ARE SKEPTICAL. During a School Board meeting last week, several questioned the wisdom of starting the school year earlier. But most of the opposition was about the wisdom of adding an additional 30 minutes to each school day, a debate that will continue in the coming weeks as board members move toward a final vote this spring. Many parents say the idea is ill conceived and unwarranted, pushed without any sense of what the extra time would be used for or why it's needed. Several say that students were already over-scheduled and stressed enough, and that

adding time to the school day would undercut extracurricular activities and sleep.

"More is not always better," said Ryan Donmoyer, a parent of two students at MacArthur Elementary School. "It's bad enough to throw money at problems. Don't start throwing time and money at problems."

Not all parents are against the idea. Some parents say adding more time to the school day could lead to increased student achievement, a change that would be reflected in improved scores on standardized tests. Supporters point to studies showing low-income families will benefit the most. They say the increasing number of national and state mandates have created a need for more classroom time to meet the expanded demand.

"If we have a tool in our tool box — if we have time — why chuck that tool out of the toolbox?" asked Lisa Guernsey, a parent of students at Mount Vernon Community School. "Why not give it a chance to work?"

SHERMAN SAYS he's already set aside \$2 million in his budget proposal to add an extra half hour to the school day, although the details of how it would be used have yet to be worked out. The superintendent's plan is to dedicate the resources, then ask teachers and administrators about how they want to use the extra time. But many teachers say they are skeptical about whether or not adding extra time to the school day would have any influence.

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BUSINESS MATTERS

Debt and Taxes

Two things are certain in life — death and taxes. But what about adding additional tax burden to commercial property owners? Apparently, that's still open to debate.

Last month, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce issued a legislative agenda strongly opposing a plan to tax commercial property at a higher rate than residential property to raise money for transportation projects. City Council members are considering such a proposal, which could tack on as much as 12.5 cents for every \$100 of assessed value.

According to results from a recent survey of chamber members, 54 percent of members oppose the creation of an add-on tax. Yet 70 percent of members say they would be willing to pay an additional 3 cents on the tax rate — as long as it remained equal between commercial property owners and residential property owners.

"It is well established that commercial properties require substantially less services from the city than do residential properties," according to the 21-page legislative agenda. "Imposing a commercial add-on tax now will merely hurt existing businesses and discourage new businesses from relocating to Alexandria."

As an alternative, the chamber suggests establishing a dedicated transportation capital improvement fund from general revenue resources and using general obligation bonds to fund transportation improvements. But Councilwoman **Del Pepper** said she wasn't sure that approach would make sense, especially considering all the new debt the city will be taking on to build a new Metro station at Potomac Yard. "I don't think that would help our bond rating," said Pepper. "We are already stretching things."

Cider House Rules

When Alexandria was a colonial port city, hard cider was often consumed with meals because water could be unsafe. These days, it's a refreshing alternative to beer, although the details of how it's sold have become the focus of a bill offered last week by Del. **David Englin** (D-45). "By raising the alcohol limit for cider produced without added sugar, we can promote the use of locally grown Virginia apples and remove a barrier that puts Virginia cideries at a competitive disadvantage," said Englin. "Our locally grown Virginia apples have unique properties that cause them to ferment naturally — without the addition of sugar — at above Virginia's current seven percent alcohol limit on cider."

That's the reason Englin has introduced House Bill 2295, which would create two classes of cider. One would be for products that use sugar, essentially maintaining the 7-percent limitation on alcohol content. The other would be for ciders that use actual apples, one of Virginia's major crops. Englin says he expects to receive some opposition from what he calls the "Prohibition Caucus," and he's willing to negotiate a compromise.

"Rather than entirely remove the cap for cider fermented without sugar, it may be necessary to simply raise the cap to above the natural fermentation limit for Virginia apples, which I'm told is nine or 10 percent," he said.

A Three-Hour Tour

Just sit right back and you'll hear a tale, a tale of a fateful ship, that started from this colonial port aboard the chamber ship.

Yes, that's right. Gilligan's Island has come to Alexandria, with several of the city's business elite planning to portray characters from the popular 1960s television show during the upcoming Tiki Ball. That's the annual event to install the incoming chairman of the chamber of commerce, normally known as a chairman's gala. But incoming Chairman "**Mango**" **Mike Anderson** jettisoned any reference to a gala, and black ties have been forbidden. Instead, a tropical theme has emerged — making Gilligan's Island a no-brainer.

Chamber President **Tina Leone** will portray Ginger. **Joan** and **John Renner** will be the millionaire and his wife. Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association president **Stephanie Brown** will be Mary Ann, and her significant other has signed on to be the professor. That leaves none other than City Manager **Jim Hartmann** in the role as the captain, which leaves one very significant role vacant.

"We're still looking for a Gilligan," explained Leone.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



David Speck, Gene Steuerle, Magaly Galdo-Hirst and Rob Dugger enjoy a reception for new ACT board members. Steuerle has been named ACT board chair for 2011.

COURTESY PHOTO

New Chair, Board Named for ACT

Gene Steuerle, a founding board member and current vice chair of ACT, has been named the new ACT board chair, replacing Allison DiNardo, who held the position of president and chair the last two years.

As a founding board member, Steuerle and his children were among those whose initial efforts and contributions made possible the creation of the Alexandria Community Trust, now known as ACT for Alexandria.

"It is an extraordinary honor to work with so many people who dig deeply into their wealth of talent and money to serve Alexandria—its people, its charities, and its government," Steuerle said.

Lauren Garcia will serve as vice chair, Debra Collins as secretary and David DeJesus as treasurer. New board members include: Caren Camp, Cathy Carney-Peters, Mimi Conger, Allison Erdle, Magaly Galdo-Hirst, Val Hawkins, Jeannie Hodges, Trip Howell, Neil Parent and Heather Scott. Lyles Carr, Lisa Collis, Allison DiNardo, Robert Dugger, Mayor Bill Euille, Pierce Klemmt, David Markley, Lori Morris, Alice Paik and David Speck will continue to serve on the board of directors.

ACT has also named a new Advisory Council, com-

prised of former board members including: Leslie Ariail, William Babcock, Jr., Kathy Barsness, Andrew Blair, Robert Calhoun, Kimberly Fiske, Harry Hopper, Brian Kennedy, Amy Liu, Scott Price, Mame Reiley, Stephen Rideout, Emily Rothberg, Cathy Thompson, Jean Traub, Jonelle Wallmeyer and Rob Whittle.

Through their service on the ACT board, the Advisory Council members helped incubate the ACT Family of Initiatives including: ACT Capacity Building Grants, ACT Now Fund, Alexandria Board Leadership Exchange, Alexandria Council of Human Service Organizations, The Giving Circle of Alexandria, Give Back Alexandria, Lotsa Helping Hands Partnership, Nonprofit Excellence Forum and Spring for Alexandria. ACT will launch its newest initiative, ACTion Alexandria, in February.

"I'm extremely excited about the energy and enthusiasm of our Board and Advisory Council members," said ACT executive director John Porter. "ACT has done much in its short history but there is still much to be done. I look forward to working with all involved to make 2011 a banner year for ACT and our community."

For more information about ACT, call 703-739-7778 or visit www.actforalexandria.org.

Racial Disparities Linger in Schools

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school system for many years, including the most recent crop of standardized test scores. White students are consistently the only group of students to meet all federal standards while black students lag behind, especially in math. According to last year's scores, 92 percent of white students passed the math test while only 73 percent of black students were able to make the grade.

"It's very disappointing," said School Board member Blanche Maness, a former elementary school teacher who graduated from an all-black high school in Brunswick County. "You see a lot more white parents showing up to town halls and public hearings than black parents, and that's troubled me for a long time."

DESPITE KING'S dream that black children and white children would be able to join hands, the de-

mographics of the city's public school system do not represent the profile of the city. Census records indicate that about 40 percent of school-age children in Alexandria are white, yet only 25 percent of students in the public school system are white. And although 30 percent of school-age children in Alexandria are black, that group represents 37 percent of the school population.

"Some parents are just not ready to have their kids in an integrated environment," said Mayor Bill Euille. "Even today."

School officials have been concerned about racial disparities for years, although each year a new crop of numbers show lingering inequalities. An analysis of the most recent set of standardized test scores in elementary schools shows that schools with higher percentage of white students tend to score higher than schools with a higher percentage of black and Latino

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A Dream Deferred

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students.

"It's a shameful situation," said former School Board Chairman Ferdinand Day shortly after the test data was released in August. "There's enough blame to go around to everybody, and we have a lot of work to do in this city."

AS PARENTS, STUDENTS and civil-rights leaders came together in the Vola Lawson Lobby of City Hall to examine posters created by schoolchildren to honor King, many expressed regret that racial disparities remain a fact of life in Alexandria. Some said the school system was not doing enough to address the problems. Others said that African-American families need to do a better job of being involved in the lives of their children.

"Integration did just as much to hurt us as it did to help us," said Randy Stephens, a member of the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage. "We used to have a community that had positive role models for black people, and integration took that away."

The 2000 Disney movie "Remember the Titans" portrayed how a newly appointed African-American football coach grappled with racial tensions on the city's first integrated football team in 1971. It was a feel-good movie that showed how people from different backgrounds can work together.

But the reality of Alexandria's racial disparities did not have a Disney ending.

"FOR A LONG TIME, people in Alexandria had good intentions and poor results," said Superintendent Morton Sherman. "It was an uphill battle for me to get people to take this seriously."

Now that the T.C. Williams High School has been dubbed a "persistently lowest achieving school," Sherman said, a spotlight has been placed on lingering problems in the school system — including racial disparities in test scores. Sherman said he's seen improvement in the last few years, with rising test scores that have narrowed the achievement gap.

"It's nowhere where it should be," he said. "But we've at least turned the corner."



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Old Town

PARKING IS THE KEY - The courts and the lawyers are calling the shots and controlling the action with respect to the ambitious plans for the future of Old Town's historic waterfront.

Does that surprise anyone? Shouldn't, because these are the forces that have controlled the waterfront conversation almost since day one. City planners may have come up with a grandiose blueprint for the future of Old Town's waterfront jewel. But the plan is full of false assumptions, is ill-thought-out and ain't going to happen anytime soon.

That's the view of your friendly neighborhood correspondent, who would love nothing more than to treat our waterfront with the vision and foresight it deserves. When a Federal appeals court last week affirmed a lower court's much earlier ruling in favor of the Old Dominion Boat Club, the action only assures more delay on anything happening anytime soon.

Probably too early to say the court's decision dealt a fatal blow to the waterfront plan as now envisioned — but I wouldn't doubt it. The boat club, a controversial icon at the foot of King Street, and its spacious parking lot are key ingredients in the long-delayed plan. As the Old Town Civic Association noted the other day, the city would like to trade land with the boat club to move its parking lot and replace it with a multi-

purpose public plaza slightly smaller than Market Square two blocks away. The appeals court decision last week for sure isn't going to hurt the boat club's negotiations with the city.

In fact, any deal may be off the table indefinitely.

Another key element of the proposed waterfront plan deals with the Robinson Terminal properties on both the north and south sides of the area pivotal to the plan itself and its future.

The terminals would be replaced by full-service hotels with restaurants, coffee shops, banquet rooms and conference facilities — and possibly even a marina requiring additional on-site parking for boaters. An integral part of the master plan is to draw motor traffic away from the area and to draw foot traffic into lower King. Imagine the problems that would follow if the plan were to move forward.

OTCA has already submitted a request to City Council to delay the planning process until the City reaches an agreement with the boat club, makes public a cost-benefit analysis of the planned improvements, and produces evidence of some degree of understanding from the major players controlling development within the Potomac River corridor.

Finally, the Old Town Civic Association has gone on record as believing a waterfront plan would be beneficial in the long run but is asking whether the City is prom-

ising more than can be delivered without a huge tax increase.

Maybe one way of cutting costs could be eliminating some of the restaurants prominent in the current development plan. Food could be transported to the river front in the food carts envisioned for Market Square this year. What do you think?

— BOB FELDKAMP

Seminary Valley

Come one, come all to the Brookville-Seminary Valley Civic Association Quarterly Meeting, set for Jan. 31 at 7 p.m. at the Beatley Library. There are a number of important issues up for discussion, including establishment of a new parking district (in light of the BRAC development), the Association's proposed budget and new initiatives for 2011.

In addition to the regular meeting, the Association is hosting its first-ever book swap. Bring some books or magazines to swap with your neighbors, and enjoy a light dessert.

If you need to renew your Civic Association dues, go to www.bsvca.net and join online or bring your dues to the meeting.

If Mary Zoeter is your neighbor, give her a big "thank you" for coordinating this fall's Holmes Run Park Cleanup. And add a big thank-you to your other neighbors, who helped pick up and recycle over 15 bags of

metal, plastic and glass: Judy Cooper, Hoc Hwang, Ann Plamondon, the Schaedel Family, Jessica and Jordache Williams, Desreet and Jonathan Roberts, Ray Zoeter, Chris Straub, Judy Thompson, Aleksandra and James Richardson, Bishay Bishay and Brian and Colin Marquis. As a side note, you may see Judy Cooper doing her own personal trash pickup along Van Dorn Street nearly every week.

Mary reports that plans for the Spring Cleanup are underway. You can contact her at anmlntwk@verizon.net or at 461-3283 if you would like to lend a hand.

Come see talented teen actors/singers at T.C. Williams' production of "Rent" (the high school version), set for Feb. 4 and 5. Several Seminary Valley/West End students are participating: Sam Jones, in the lead role of Roger, Ben Ribler as Mark, Jessica Muse as Joanne and Zach Frank as Collins. Alex Daniels rounds out the chorus and Maria Simpkins is the student-director. Please note that there are two shows on the 5th, at 2 p.m. and at 7 p.m.

Other meetings and events to put on your calendar include the BRAC Advisory Committee meeting on Feb. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Beatley Library, the Hammond Sports Field Lighting Meeting, at Hammond Middle School on Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. and the Summer Camp Fair, set for March 2 at 5:30 p.m. at Minnie Howard School.

— MIA JONES



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Extend School Year?

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"Last year we kind of got a test run of having additional time after the snow," said David Cole, a World Civilization teacher at T.C. Williams High School. "And, frankly, both the students and the teachers were pretty worn out."

The proposal, Sherman says, is not to simply add time for the sake of having a longer day. He wants to use the extra half hour each day to build relationships between students and teachers, creating an environment he says will raise student achievement. The superintendent says he understands parents are concerned about adding more stress to students by extending their day, but he also says he's confident that longer days will benefit students.

"I'm a Pollyanna," said Sherman. "I believe that if you take great teachers and add extra time student achievement will increase."

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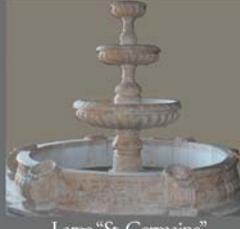
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Transportation Plan without Substance

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So consider this quote from Gov. Bob McDonnell on his latest plan for transportation funding:

"I'm asking all of you to support a plan that pumps billions into roads, creates tens of thousands of new jobs, adds no new debt, starts work now, and doesn't raise taxes."

Lots of money, no debt, no taxes. Not likely.

In fact, the governor's plan would take existing revenue that is paying for existing costs, like public safety and education, and forcing reallocation to transportation.

The so-called privatization of the liquor busi-

ness would cost the state hundreds of millions of dollars in lost revenue that is currently being used for core state services, services that have already been cut to the bone. The one-time infusion of up to \$400 million (literally not enough money to pay for a single new interchange on a highway) does not make up for the loss of revenue annually. Or the harm of possibly tripling the number of liquor stores in the state.

Who would benefit? Very large retailers who would get almost all of the licenses to sell liquor.

Fixing the transportation debacle in Virginia will require new revenue. Gov. McDonnell is more interested in saying that he cut the size of government and turned more business over to the private sector than a meaningful fix for transportation. Right now, his proposal is to take the insufficient amount of money being spent on education, public safety and the safety net and spend it on roads instead.

The result will be irreparable harm and not nearly enough money to improve roads and transit.

Our legislators in the Virginia General Assembly should just say no.

Judge the governor's proposal for yourself, read it at www.governor.virginia.gov/News under Jan. 14.

- MARY KIMM,
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Time for Enrichment

To the Editor:

I was proud to hear that the ACPS School Board had proposed to expand the school day and school year. Studies have shown that when used well, extending learning time can have a positive impact, particularly for students from low-income households.

Consider, for example, an approach to teaching young children science and engineering called Ramps & Pathways. One of the teachers of Mount Vernon's intersessions – Peggy Ashbrook, a nationally recognized writer on teaching science in the early years – used Ramps & Pathways this year. Children build pathways with long wooden channels and blocks, and use various balls to experiment with how changes in the elevation and slope of the channels can change the way the balls move. The project can take many minutes just to set up, but with guidance from teachers, students in the early grades have been known to get so excited about their experiments that they don't want to leave when the bell rings. Kindergarten students, known for short attention spans, can become immersed for an hour or more.

Unfortunately, this kind of learning time is typically nowhere to be found in today's school day. I think we owe it to the students of our community – especially those who don't get these kinds of interac-

tions at home – to look closely at models that improve the chances of children pursuing activities like this at school.

Like most parents, I'd value more opportunity for discussion and more transparency about the impact on our teachers and the chances for them to develop their craft. But I hope that in the heat of debate the larger point is not lost: To help our students, we need to provide them as much rich, in-depth learning time as possible, and extending the school day and school year should be considered as an important tool toward that end.

Lisa Guernsey Krupicka

Director of the Early Education Initiative at the New America Foundation
And mother of two at ACPS's Mount Vernon Community School

Account For Spending

To the Editor:

Transportation and mobility are challenges in northern Virginia.

Council member Donley recently made a public exhortation asking Alexandrians to pony up: to follow the example of Arlington and Fairfax County and spend money to build public transportation.

What is troubling in his request is the lack of justification for such

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expenditure. No where does he explain why the investment in public transportation would be an improvement – except to say that it would be because Arlington and Fairfax County are doing it. His attitude toward the taxpayer seems to be “pay up or lose out.” He doesn’t even present a figure for the cost of such expenditures. (Does he assume that if he asks, he will receive?)

Since transportation is so important to northern Virginia, we Alexandrians need reassurance that our monies would be better spent in public vs. private transportation. Can Donley show that improving car

mobility would not benefit more people most of the time? Why does he assume public vehicles are the solution? Any facts or figures? Speaking of “desired growth,” is this Mr. Public’s desired growth or Mr. Donley’s desire for growth. A trolley to Del Ray – who would ride it? Weekend tourists? Should Alexandrians pay for visitors to ride a trolley to Del Ray? Why should increased taxes be our burden?

Alexandria is at a crossroads. We must ask our Council members to be accountable for their and our expenditures.

Linda Greenberg

Coalition Endorses Tax Option

To the Editor:

The Board of Directors of the Northern Virginia Streetcar Coalition has voted to endorse the proposal to enact a robust commercial real estate tax option for transportation in the City of Alexandria.

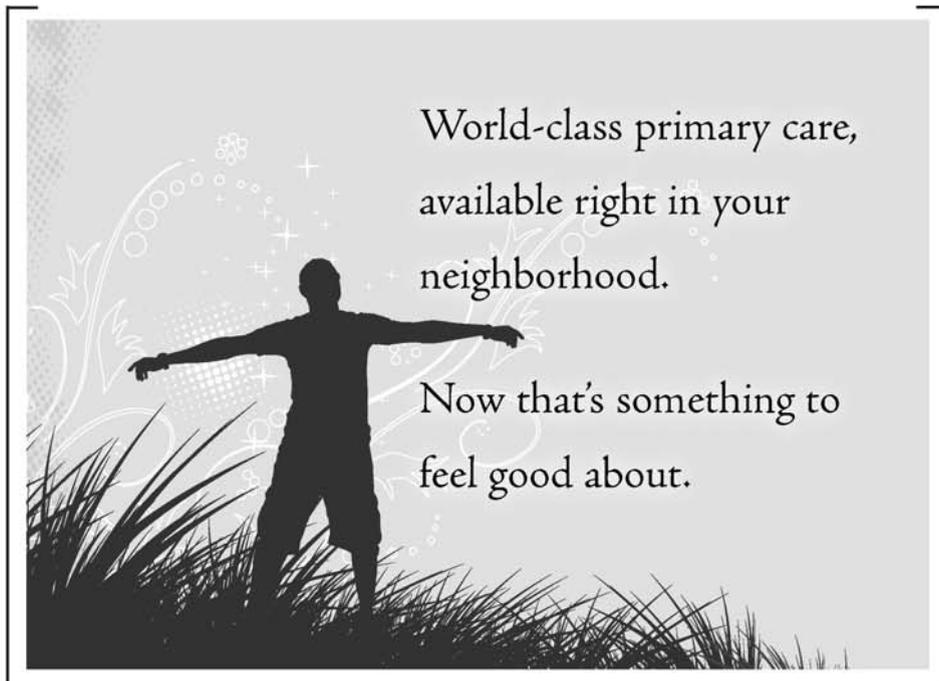
The Coalition strongly supports the development of a regional connected streetcar network in Northern Virginia. Arlington County and Fairfax County have enacted commercial real estate tax options to help

pay for regional transit projects, including streetcars. In order to help construct a truly regional high-capacity transit network, Alexandria should do the same.

The commercial real estate tax option is the primary broad-based tool that the Commonwealth of Virginia has given to localities in Northern Virginia to pay for transportation improvements. Alexandria should use this tool and consider other funding sources as well.

Streetcars and other light rail transit systems have induced “smart-growth,” mixed-

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An Afternoon with Martin

BY HARRY COVERT

It's a warm June afternoon in 1966. At about 4 o'clock I was in the vestibule of the Hampton Institute chapel. A light breeze flowed through the windows raised about 12 inches.



Martin, as he was called by his colleagues that day, was waiting to speak to the annual Hampton Institute Ministers Conference. About a 100 clergymen from across Virginia, dressed in dignified dark suits, chatted as they listened to the organ music of the Institute's music director, an internationally acclaimed musician.

I took advantage of the interlude and introduced myself to Martin as a reporter from the Newport News Daily Press. We shook hands and I thought it would be time-saving for me to get a quote or two from him in advance of his remarks. He was pleasant, commenting at how nice the Hampton weather was. He said it was his first time in Hampton, first time at the Institute, today Hampton University, and close by the famed Fort Monroe. Martin said that was the fortress that imprisoned Jefferson Davis, presi-

dent of the Confederacy.

Well, he knew his history and I knew I could come up with a front-page story on the Georgian's visit to the preachers' conference. After some 20 minutes, the conference leader brought Martin to the platform. I remained on the front row seat. Much to my surprise I was the only journalist in the building. I was also the lone Caucasian in the half-empty chapel. No other media figured it was an event to cover. No photographer came to record the event. In my mind I was a bit excited, not so much about the speaker and speakers but my front-page story coming up, exclusive mind you, a pleasant handshake and good talk. No other news seemed to be breaking that afternoon and I kept figuring and counting on a front-page byline.

These were the days before mobile telephones, the internet and cable television and radio. We had only three TV stations in Tidewater and one radio news station in those days. Both the morning and afternoon newspapers were owned by the same company. I was all alone today and I would have the jump on other Tidewater, Virginia news hounds.

Excitedly I took notes on cheap yellowed copy paper, trimmed from newsprint for note-taking and folded three ways so as to fit in my suit coat. At 26 I knew I was enjoying what I thought may be a booming

career.

Martin walked off the platform after 45 minutes of well-received remarks, greeted pastors with handshakes and came over and thanked me for attending.

There was no entourage with him that day, no security men around and no fire-brand remarks about the impending civil rights struggle. I had a few good quotes, I thought, and raced back to the newspaper office to write the news.

I called the city desk all excited. The city editor didn't fool around.

"You have one paragraph, Mrs. Bottom's orders." She was the owner.

Deflated, I appealed for him to reconsider and begged for more space. The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an eloquent speaker, I pleaded. He said he knew "America was changing and the South was changing, too." Pretty good story I thought then and still think so today.

"I said, 'one graph?'" And so it was, one paragraph, no byline, no front page, and printed near the classified advertisements.

This ignorance of Dr. King's following didn't last long among the old-time media editors and publishers because civil rights protests were on the way. Dr. King's "Dream" has become a reality and I had a preview of what was to come.

Editor's Note: Harry Covert writes from Alexandria.

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use, transit-oriented development in cities throughout the United States and around the world. The economic development and financial benefits provided by these systems have far exceeded their costs in other jurisdictions. Alexandria businesses would benefit greatly from such investment.

We believe that the City of Alexandria should dedicate the proceeds from this tax to high-capacity transit projects in the transit corridors identified by the City's Transportation Master Plan, particularly where the projects promote regional connectivity.

Tim Lovain
Board Chair

Northern Virginia Streetcar Coalition

New Tax Trade-off

To the Editor:

Bud Miller's incisive reductio trimmed Vice-Mayor Kerry Donley's "political hyperbole" advocating an add-on tax from 15 column inches to six succinct sentences.

But while Miller opposes the add-on tax, I favor it conditioned on a seventh factor both Miller and Donley avoided mentioning: once an add-on tax is adopted, over time, poco a poco, city hall will find ways to worm more and more routine transportation expenditures into the add-on tax-

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\$399,900

519 East Custis Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22301

Price Reduced! Beautiful updated townhouse with 3 fully finished levels, 2 bedrooms, den, 1.5 baths and landscaped, fenced in backyard with deck. Remodeled kitchen!



Phyllis Patterson
703-518-6158



Lake Devereux **\$579,000**
700 Dreams Way, Alexandria, VA 22315

Comfortable and classic colonial in cul-de-sac location. 5 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, kitchen with granite, sunny breakfast nook, nice backyard and wood patio. Close to Beltway and Ft Belvoir.



Karen Leonard 703-328-7041



Cameron Station **\$309,000**
191 Somerville Street, Alexandria, VA 22304

Coveted Cameron Station. 12'+ ceilings, 1 bedroom, 1.5 baths, garage, off street parking, LR with gas fireplace, floor to ceiling windows, track lighting, custom closets and cozy patio. This is the home you've been waiting for!



Jolee Rubin 703-548-0697



Kirk **\$475,000**
8109 Karl Road Alexandria, VA 22308

Just Reduced! This spacious and freshly painted 3 bedroom and 2 bath split level is ready for a new owner! Features include updated kitchen, hardwood floors, rec room with fireplace and large fenced yard! Great value!



Cindee Jackson 703-518-6157



Quaker Hill **\$279,000**
1100 Quaker Hill Drive #408, Alexandria, VA

Minutes to Everything! 2 private baths, 9+ cathedral ceilings, new appliances, gas fireplace, private balcony & more! Minutes to Old Town & King Street Metro.



Joy Deevy 703-930-5198



Savoy Park **\$188,800**
5573 Seminary Rd #210, Falls Church VA 22041

Terrific, sought after Savoy Park Essex Model condo. Garage parking, balcony hardwood foyer, nearly new carpet, dual enryr bath, lots of closets, serene views & neighborhood shuttle bus to Metro.



Sherry York 703-409-3377



Fairlington **\$388,500**
3319 South Stafford Street, Arlington, VA 22206

Open Sunday 2-4pm. Charming three-level, one bedroom/ two bath townhouse features all new windows, updated kitchen and express bus at your front door. Newly renovated Arlington County community center is right across street!



Jane Cole 703-598-6198

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**Belle View
\$219,000**

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HOME SALES

In December 2010, 156 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,495,000-\$79,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,495,000-\$520,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot	AC	Subdivision
24 WOLFE ST #58	4	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$2,495,000	Townhouse			HARBORSIDE
516 DUKE ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,800,000	Townhouse	0.09		OLD TOWN
726 UNION ST S	3	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,650,000	Townhouse	0.04		FORDS LANDING
409 TYLER PL	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,435,000	Detached	0.33		JEFFERSON PARK
3717 TAFT AVE	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,217,563	Detached	0.19		COOPERS GROVE
323 MANSION DR	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,175,000	Detached	0.27		COLONIAL PARK
710 UNION ST S	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,175,000	Townhouse	0.03		FORDS LANDING
2502 DE WITT AVE	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,049,500	Detached	0.14		DEL RAY
210 FAIRFAX ST N	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$1,049,000	Townhouse	0.05		OLD TOWN
125 QUAY ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$960,000	Townhouse	0.04		BRANDT TOWNHOUSE
1851 POTOMAC GREENS DR	4	3	2	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$898,620	Townhouse	0.03		POTOMAC GREENS
12 KEITHS LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$895,000	Townhouse	0.02		FORDS LANDING
909 SAINT STEPHENS RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$870,000	Detached	0.24		SEMINARY RIDGE
5 GLENDALE AVE E	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$847,500	Detached	0.14		BRENTON/ ROSEMONT
219 ROYAL ST S	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$840,000	Detached	0.03		OLD TOWN
119 QUEEN ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$820,000	Townhouse	0.03		BRANDT TOWNHOUSE
807 CLOVERCREST DR	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$779,000	Detached	0.23		CLOVER
2807 HOLLY ST	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$731,000	Detached	0.16		MOUNT IDA
600 SECOND ST #205	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$710,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			LIBERTY ROW
406 YALE DR	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$699,000	Detached	0.28		COLLEGE PARK
3502 HALCYON DR	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$695,500	Detached	0.14		BEVERLY HILLS
10 SPRING ST W	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$695,000	Detached	0.10		ROSEMONT
318 HOWELL AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$685,000	Detached	0.20		DEL RAY
614 OAKLEY PL	4	3	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$675,000	Detached	0.29		TIMBER BRANCH
206 LURAY AVE	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$670,000	Detached	0.11		DEL RAY
301 RAYMOND AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$662,500	Detached	0.11		ABINGDON
917 SAINT ASAPH ST S	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$646,500	Townhouse	0.04		YATES GARDENS
193 CAMERON STATION BLVD	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$640,000	Townhouse	0.02		CAMERON STATION
5247 TANCRETI LN	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$632,500	Townhouse	0.04		CAMERON STATION
403 NELSON AVE E #A	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$624,000	Townhouse	0.06		DEL RAY
1400 MOUNT VERNON #C	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$605,000	Multi-Family			DEL RAY
512 ROYAL ST	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$600,000	Townhouse	0.02		CHATHAM SQUARE
2050 JAMIESON AVE #1505	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$599,900	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors			THE JAMIESON
416 CUSTIS E AVE E	3	1	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$590,000	Detached	0.13		DEL RAY
5069 DONOVAN DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$580,000	Townhouse	0.02		CAMERON STATION
158 UNION ST N #TH-158	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$570,000	Townhouse			TORPEDO FACTORY
173 BARRETT PL	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$559,000	Townhouse	0.03		CAMERON STATION
507 TOBACCO QUAY	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$558,500	Townhouse	0.03		TOBACCO KEY
320 MASON AVE E	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$557,000	Townhouse	0.06		DEL RAY
519 JANNEYS LN	3	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$550,000	Detached	0.17		MAPLE GROVE
505 MONTICELLO BLVD	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$549,000	Detached	0.18		MONTICELLO PARK
507 PATRICK ST S	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$539,000	Townhouse	0.06		OLD TOWN SOUTH
1215 POWHATAN ST	3	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$534,000	Townhouse	0.05		VIRGINIA VILLAGE
207 NELSON AVE	4	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$525,000	Duplex	0.16		BRENTON
1304 ROUNDHOUSE LN #505	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$525,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			OLD TOWN VILLAGE
1115 CAMERON ST #203	2	2	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$525,000	Garden 1-4 Floors			THE PRESCOTT
809 GIBBON ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$522,000	Townhouse	0.03		OLD TOWN
22 MAPLE ST E	2	1	0	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$520,000	Detached	0.10		ROSEMONT PARK
1235 MADISON ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA	..	\$520,000	Townhouse	0.02		BRADDOCK PLACE

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New Year, New Milestones

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO,
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

At 1:57 a.m. on Jan. 1 an Alexandria couple welcomed the arrival of their healthy, happy baby girl. It was the couple's first child, the first baby delivered at Inova Alexandria Hospital in 2011 and the first birth of the New Year for the City of Alexandria.

These firsts are a compliment to the many milestones the hospital has accomplished during its 139 years of providing quality care.

Inova Alexandria Hospital has a rich history of being a pioneer in health care. In 1872 it was the first hospital built in Northern Virginia and we should also note that it was the second hospital in the Commonwealth of Virginia. It may be of interest to you that in 1953 Inova Alexandria Hospital was the first hospital on the East Coast to regularly use an epidural for mothers delivering babies. In 1961, Inova Alexandria Hospital was the first in the nation to staff an emergency department around-the-clock with dedicated emergency physicians.

COMMENTARY

At the time, this was quite a radical idea but it was implemented in hospitals across



the country and was called Alexandria Plan. Our hospital made history again by being the first in Northern Virginia to provide MRI and CT imaging. It was also the first to use lasers for medical treatment

for certain vascular diseases. As we added to the complement of services offered at the hospital we introduced new and revolutionary treatment in Northern Virginia in the area of Sleep Disorders and began to use brachytherapy for prostate cancer and Trilogy, image guided radiation therapy for cancer patients. All of the items mentioned are just a snapshot of our past and a glimpse of our future, continuing to provide quality care and save lives.

Our "firsts" and other notable accomplishments could only be made possible by the continued support of the community and our efforts to improve the health of those we serve.

For more information about Inova Alexandria Hospital visit inova.org/iah.

Things To Do Today

- 1. Breakfast w/ Mary & Bob—8:30
- 2. Tai chi group at 10
- 3. Birthday Luncheon—Noon
- 4. Pottery class—1:00
- 5. Canasta club at 3:00

Notes:
Italian Night in the dining room!

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On January 29th from 5PM-7PM, simply spend \$50 or more at Pentagon Row and receive a free loop scarf. Choose from blue, grey or cream. Present your receipt(s) during the Ice Skating Gala at either the information booth located by Bally Total Fitness or at the Pentagon Row Ice Rink to receive your free gift.*

*Purchases must be made on 1/29/2011 at a Pentagon Row shop or restaurant. One gift per person regardless of purchase amount. While supplies last. Free Gift available on 1/29/2011 from 5PM-7PM only.

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4117
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\$719,000

Upgraded Throughout!
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JUST LISTED!

3805
Riverwood Rd
\$599,900

Super Value!
Remarkable Riverwood value! Rock bottom price on large home in premiere waterfront neighborhood where properties sell for significantly higher prices. Spacious home features 3 finished levels, large room sizes, 4BRs, 2 car side load garage, 3 masonry fireplaces, large exterior deck and more! Price reflects need for some updating. Unique opportunity to enter prestigious community at bargain price!



OPEN SUN!



Just Completed!
8826 Camden St \$879,900

Unique opportunity-Brand new custom home by Wakefield on stunning large tract spanning both sides of creek in prestigious Stratford Landing. Fabulous floor plan loaded with upgrades! OPEN SUN 1/23 1-4. GW Pkwy S, R-Straford Ln, L-Camden



OPEN SUN. 1-4pm!
700B Norfolk Lane
Old Town / Alexandria
\$549,900

Lovely townhouse in Old Town Greens featuring 3BR/2.5 BA, large living and dining rooms, plantation shutters, family room with gas fireplace off kitchen opening up to deck, hdwd floors thru-out plus one car garage. Community pool and lighted tennis courts.

Mary Bourke 703.906.5825



1250 S
WASHINGTON ST
Porto Vecchio / Alex
\$1,199,000

SELDOM AVAILABLE 3BR WATERFRONT PENTHOUSE! Night lights are spectacular in this smashing 3BR PH!

Stunning river & National Harbor vistas from ALL main rooms, almost 2,500 sf includes solarium, FP, high ceilings, Kit & more. BA recently remodeled. Extra storage & 2 garage spaces.

Pat Tierney 703.850.5630



1807 S 24th ST
Arlington
\$734,000

Newer property with "Old Virginia" charm features 3,200 sq ft of gorgeous townhome in an excellent location just minutes to DC, Crystal City, Pentagon & the National Airport. Highlights include 4BR/3.5BA, hardwood floors, an elevator, marble foyer & much more!

Jim Crowe 703.856.8244



OPEN SUN!

7406 Rippon Rd
\$759,900

Mason Hill—Stunner!

No Stairs— This spectacular home offer luxurious living on one level! Rare, large rambler with 2836 sq ft. Custom home features exceptionally bright, open floorplan and large room sizes. Other features include: high ceilings, updated kitchen, 4BRs including private master suite overlooking wooded grounds. Oversized garage. Expansive glass walls and back patio on 2/3 acre grounds. A truly unique property. OPEN SUN 1/23, 1-4. GW Pkwy S, R-Morningside, R-Fort Hunt, L-Mason Hill, L-Rippon.



NEW PRICE!

9316
Allwood Dr
\$489,500

Absolutely Impeccable!
New Price! Stunning home features bright open floor plan with soaring cathedral ceilings on main level. This fabulous property has been substantially updated and is in absolutely impeccable condition. Gleaming hardwood floors, track lighting, finished lower level, garage and much more! Gorgeous setting on half acre tract fronting a quiet street in the heart of Mt. Vernon.



4408
Tarpon Ln
\$625,000

Yacht Haven-Near River!

Spacious four level home has been meticulously maintained. Absolutely gorgeous half acre lot within walking distance of clubhouse and river in this fabulous waterfront community. Both home and grounds are in exceptional condition. Significant upgrades include luxurious baths, hardwood floors and much updating throughout. Unique opportunity to be near water at reasonable price.



2708
FARNSWORTH DR
Jefferson Manor/Alex
\$375,000

JUST LISTED! 2BR/2BA Charming Duplex just 2 blocks to Huntington Metro. Updated kit & baths, new appliances, wood floors, finished lower level, sep Dining room. Leave the car at home & take Metro everywhere! Enjoy Duplex living for a condo price — NO HOA fees or Condo dues! Off-street parking.

Susan Batchelder 703.919.8359



HUGE PRICE REDUCTIONS!

TWO AT NETHERGATE
\$549,900 1209 Portner Rd updated kit, brick patio, 3 wood burn FPs, 2 master suites, very cool!

\$599,000 1111 Michigan Ct spacious brick end TH, 4 levels, 3 FPs, new kit, 2BR suites, fabulous urban space!

NethergateHomes.com
Renee Reymond
703.507.5330



OPEN SUN. 1-4pm!
828 SLATERS LN
Alexandria
\$534,000

SPECTACULAR CITY VIEWS from rooftop terrace! 1,763 sf. - 9ft ceilings - 3BR/2.5BA, 2 master suites, gourmet kitchen, gas fireplace, hardwood floors, plantation shutters, handicap accessible plus 2 garage spaces. One light to DC.

Mary Bourke 703.906.5825



4504
Neptune Dr
\$479,900

Prestigious Yacht Haven Estates

Great Potential! Large brick ramblor on gorgeous 1/2 acre lot near river in Yacht Haven Est. Many features include: maintenance free exterior. 4BRs on main level, including master with private bath, large room sizes, 2 FPs, hardwood floors, huge lower level family room w/fireplace plus storage area! Exceptional price provides opportunity to create your own masterpiece!



9316
Heather Glen Dr
\$650,000

Price Slashed- Large Colonial!

The most house for the money in area! 3 level, 4BR, 2 car garage colonial with the most spectacular family room addition you will ever find! Curved all glass walls and screen porch overlook fabulous custom pool. Originally priced in the \$800's. Owner wants immediate sale and has slashed the price accordingly!



NEW PRICE!

7106
Colgate Dr
\$499,500

Hollin Glen-Super Value!

WOW!!! MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! OWNER WANTS IMMEDIATE SALE. Owners have priced to sell immediately! Spacious home in prime location just minutes from Old Town. Many special features include: updated kitchen, 4 large BRs, 3BAs, hardwood floors, fin LL, 2 fireplaces, fenced in rear yard with two level deck. Move fast nothing like it at this price in prime 'close-in' market!



PRICE REDUCED!
4161 LEGATO RD
Fairfax / \$624,900

Sophisticated 3BR/3.5BA town-home in Centerpointe. With 4 finished levels, this home features an open gourmet kit, master suite, two gas fireplaces, finished loft w/full bath, rooftop terrace, two-car garage and more!

Dayna Blumel / Kerry Adams
703.587.7841



1428 DUKE ST
Commercial/Alex
\$950,000

3-story office building recently renovated to include 7 individual offices plus a reception area & large open finished lower level. 3BAs. Kitchenette on upper level. 5 deeded parking spaces + additional M-F by agreement. Within walking distance to King St metro - immediate occupancy or tenants can stay. Owner/agent

Michael Manuel 703.615.6317



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!
703 ARCH HALL LN
Old Town / Alexandria
\$849,000

Wonderfully appointed, light, bright 4BR / 3.5BA immaculately maintained TH! Spacious gourmet kitchen w/center island, brand new carpet, deck, brick patio, 3,000+ sq ft. Just minutes to Old Town, National Airport, Del Ray, Potomac Yards & less than 1 mile to the Braddock Metro!

Laura Biederman 202.309.1350



SOLD!

6515
Princeton Dr
\$749,900

Classic Colonial - Near Old Town!

PRICE REDUCTION!
Move in ready! Spacious home in Belle Haven area. Center hall colonial with up to date floor plan featuring kit with SS & granite, family room, 4BRs, 3.5BAs, fin LL & oversized 2 car gar. 'Close In' location with 2 tiered deck & seasonal river views.



SOLD!

8531
Mount Vernon Hwy
\$475,000

Huge House- Little Price!

Spacious 5 bedroom home in pristine condition! Many new features include large room sizes, recently remodeled baths, kitchen w/cherry cabs and corian counters, fresh paint, new carpet, new windows and siding, 2 car garage, patio and more! Deck overlooking beautiful backyard.



9110
Congressional Ct
\$725,000

Mt. Vernon's Finest!

One of Mt. Vernon area's most imposing homes. Stately columned front and exceptionally large lot with custom pool creates true 'estate' feel to this special property. Features include: large room sizes, 3 finished levels, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, 3.5 baths, masonry fireplace and large garage. Gorgeous setting on fenced lot in prime location on quiet cul-de-sac just off parkway.



910 PRINCE ST
Old Town / Alex
\$1,100,000

Stunningly renovated semi-detached 1880 Victorian row house. 3 levels include: spacious bedrooms, lavish master BA, walk-in closet, wood floors, 1 fireplace, spacious gourmet kit, sep DR, private outdoor space, 2-car off-street parking. Perfectly located bet. King St Metro & Potomac w/shops & eateries either way.

Michael Manuel 703.615.6317



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!
1911
JAMESTOWN RD
Alex / \$450,000

This home is ready for you! 3BR, 1BA in Hollin Hall Village. Beautiful refinished hardwood, wood fireplace, fenced backyard. Unfinished basement plumbed for bath - and too many more upgrades to list! www.susanmovesyou.com

Susan Haughton / Mindy Brubaker
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5306 CHIEFTAIN CIR
Alexandria 22312
\$439,900

LOCATION—LOCATION! Super convenient to both DC & Ft Belvoir * Townhouse w/2-3BR/ 2.5BA & a garage * Shows beautifully * Bathed in light * Open style kitchen w/ access to deck * Luxury master bath * Den w/fireplace * Great closet space * Community pool. For an appointment please call...

Annelise Smith 703.505.2533



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CAMPS & SCHOOLS

Send announcements to the Alexandria Gazette Packet, by e-mail to gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Photos are encouraged. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

High school senior semifinalists for the Intel Science Talent Search 2011, a pre-college science competition included:

❖ **William Bunting** of Alexandria — "Neutrino and Antineutrino Mass Bounds By a New Method"

❖ **Sanjeet Dat** of Alexandria — "Metamaterial integrated Solar Concentrator (MiSC)"

❖ **Sang Min Han** of Alexandria — "Excitation of Low Frequency Stimulated Electromagnetic Emissions"

❖ **Kelly Ivins-O'Keefe** of Alexandria — "Hydrogen Sulfide: A Novel Molecular Target for Breast Cancer Therapy"

❖ **Venkat Iyer** of Alexandria — "Crystallization of a Novel Malarial Protein CelTOS, for X-ray Crystal Structure"

❖ **Aman Kansal** of Alexandria — "Synthesis and Characterization of Indium Nitride Nanowires"

❖ **Rachel Marzen** of Alexandria — "Climate Induced Ecosystem Regime Shifts in the Bering Sea: Evidence from the Benthic Ostracode Assemblage"

Each semifinalist, selected from 1,744 entrants, receives a \$1,000 award from the Intel Foundation with an additional \$1,000 going to his or her respective school, resulting in \$600,000 in total semifinalist awards. This year's semifinalists hail from 30 states and the District of Columbia, and 172 high schools across the country.

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) or Georgeann Coote (gcoote@acps.k12.va.us) to provide name, phone number, and what to contribute to the reception following the memorial service.

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

Alexander Dorrier, class of 2010 at Connecticut College and a resident of Alexandria, has been named to the dean's honors list for the 2010 spring semester.

Alicia Nealon of Alexandria earned Dean's list honors at Saint Joseph's University for the Spring 2010 semester.

Alexandria resident **Beth Dickey** received a master's of arts in May 2010 from the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall University.

Stephanie Spano, an Alexandria resident, recently received a master's of arts in history degree from the Simmons College Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

Christopher John Hamilton of Alexandria received a degree in criminal justice from Norwich University at a May 16 commencement ceremony.

Michael Patrick Siren of Alexandria, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in animation, and **Christina Ann Powell** of Alexandria, who earned a bachelor of fine arts degree in illustration, recently graduated from the Savannah College of Art and Design.

Mark Lader of Alexandria received a bachelor of arts degree in history from St. Mary's College of Maryland.

Erin T. Coffey, **Thao T. Nguyen**, **Dale S. Placek**, and **Claudio C. Silva** of Alexandria were named to the Dean's list of Boston University for the spring semester.

The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech are among those named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester:

Madeleine R. Byrnes is a junior majoring in civil engineering in the College of Engineering; **Luke A. Navarro** is a senior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Conor B.** is a senior majoring in accounting and information systems in the Pamplin College of Business; **Katey L. Swanson** is a senior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Inga J.** is a senior majoring in architecture in the College of Architecture and Urban Studies; **Teresa A. Hadeed** is a junior majoring in human nutrition, foods and exercise in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; **Ossana S. Wolff** is a senior majoring in natural resources conservation in the College of Natural Resources; **George T. Buhl** is a junior majoring in aerospace engineering in the College of Engineering.

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Restaurant Week Is January 21-30

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 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 historic walking tour of Old Town.

Food lovers can feast their eyes on a participants at 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.

3 Local Theaters Draw 38 Nods

Nine shows vie for Washington Area Theatre Community Honors.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

Nominations for the annual Washington Area Theatre Community Honors, known as the WATCH awards, were announced Sunday evening at the Birchmere in Alexandria. Thirty-one community theater companies in Virginia, Washington and Maryland participate in the program, and work at 24 of them was nominated this year. This included work at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, the Arlington Players and Dominion Stage with a total of 38 nominations for work on nine shows, five of which were musicals.

Leading the list with 16 nominations for work in three shows was the Little Theatre of Alexandria where the musical "Chicago" drew 10 nominations including outstanding musical, direction of a musical (Susan Devine), music direction (Paul Nasto), choreography (Amy Carson), and properties design (Betty Dolan and Leslie Reed). Husband and wife team Ken and Patti Crowley drew one of their three nominations for outstanding light design for "Chicago." They were also nominated for the play "Play It Again, Sam" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria and "Frankenstein" at the Prince William Little Theatre.

The cast of "Chicago" was honored with four nominations. Andy Izquierdo drew one of his two nominations as outstanding lead actor in a musical as sleazy defense lawyer Billy Flynn. Both of "Chicago's" two "scintillating sinners," Bethany Blakey and Jordan Hougham, were nominated for outstanding lead actress in a musical, and John Keeling was nominated for featured actor in a musical for his work as the always ignored Amos Hart.

Also nominated for work at LTA were Kathy Dodson and Chris Macey for costume design and Paul Morton for hair design for "Lady Windermere's Fan," and Phillip Campbell and Patty Greksouk for properties, Russell Wyland for set decoration and Buffy Mechling for set painting, all for the play "Nude With Violin."

Two Arlington Companies had work on a total of five shows recognized with some 22 nominations between them. The Arlington Players' musicals "The Producers," with eight nominations, and "Cabaret,"



Andy Izquierdo, as "Billy Flynn" in the Little Theatre of Alexandria's "Chicago," one of two roles that earned him nominations for the Outstanding Lead Actor in a Musical award in this year's round of Washington Area Theatre Community Honors.

with six, had multiple design nominations, and "The Producers" is in the running for outstanding musical. Andy Izquierdo will be competing with himself as he was nominated in the same category, outstanding lead actor in a musical, for both "Cabaret" at the Arlington Players and for "Chicago" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria.

Other "Cabaret" nominees included choreographer Jeremy A. McShan, sound designer Keith Bell, set designer Dave Means, set construction chief Amanda Acker and hair designer J. Arthur Rodger. "The Producers" drew an outstanding featured actress nomination for Anne Marie Pinto who played the seductive secretary Ulla, and Mark Hidalgo was nominated for his cameo the Lead Stormtrooper. Other nominations for "The Producers" went to choreographer John Monnett, costume designer Barbara Esquibel, makeup designer Xandra Weaver, set painter Jared Davis and the construction

crew of Peter Finkel and Bill Wisniewski.

Michael Kharfen was nominated for the Outstanding Lead Actor in a Play award for his starring role as the composer Antonio Salieri who was driven mad by the genius of Mozart in the Arlington Players' "Amadeus."

Two of Dominion Stage's musicals this year had seven nominations between them. Jeffrey S. Auerbach was nominated for his lighting designs for both "Altar Boyz" and "Reefer Madness" and, in partnership with David Moretti, for outstanding special effects for the later. Tom Flatt, who was frankly hysterical as The Lecturer in "Reefer Madness," was nominated as lead actor in a musical and nominations also went to choreographer Catherine Oh, costume designer Jacquin Pierce Allen and set painter Jared Davis, who was also nominated for his painting for The Arlington Players "The Producers."

The winners will be announced at a gala banquet on March 6 at the Birchmere.

Old Town Boutique Clearance Sale Is Feb. 5

The region's most anticipated bargain shopping event is coming back to Alexandria on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Fine boutiques from Virginia and Washington will come together under one roof for their annual, one-day clearance sale.

"This is a once-a-year chance to find great boutique fashions, jewelry, and home goods at prices up to 70 percent off retail," said sale organizer Elizabeth Todd.

The annual event started in 2005 and has attracted a large and loyal following to the George Washington Masonic Memorial's

banquet hall near the King Street Metro Station.

"We have people who drive from far away every year just for this sale," said Todd, whose women's shoe and accessories store, The Shoe Hive, is one of the annual participants along with Treat, Red Barn Mercantile, Apple Seed Maternity & Baby, Hysteria, and Periwinkle.

More recent additions to the sale include La Cuisine, a purveyor of kitchen accessories, upscale consigner Diva, children's clothier Pink & Brown, and children's linen boutique Finnian's Moon.

Jewelry and accessories will be popular

items at this year's sale, with sellers including Fornash, Top It Off, Queen Bee Designs, Lawrence Miller & Company, Stanton Gallery, and Andrea Ambrosia.

The sale opens at 9 a.m. and closes at 4 p.m., although eager shoppers have been known to line up long before the doors open. The location at the Masonic Memorial affords quantities of both inside waiting area and on-site parking. It's accessible by Metro's Blue and Yellow lines — on Callahan Street across from Alexandria's Union Station.

For more information on the sale, log onto OldTownBoutiqueDistrict.com.

Talk of the Town

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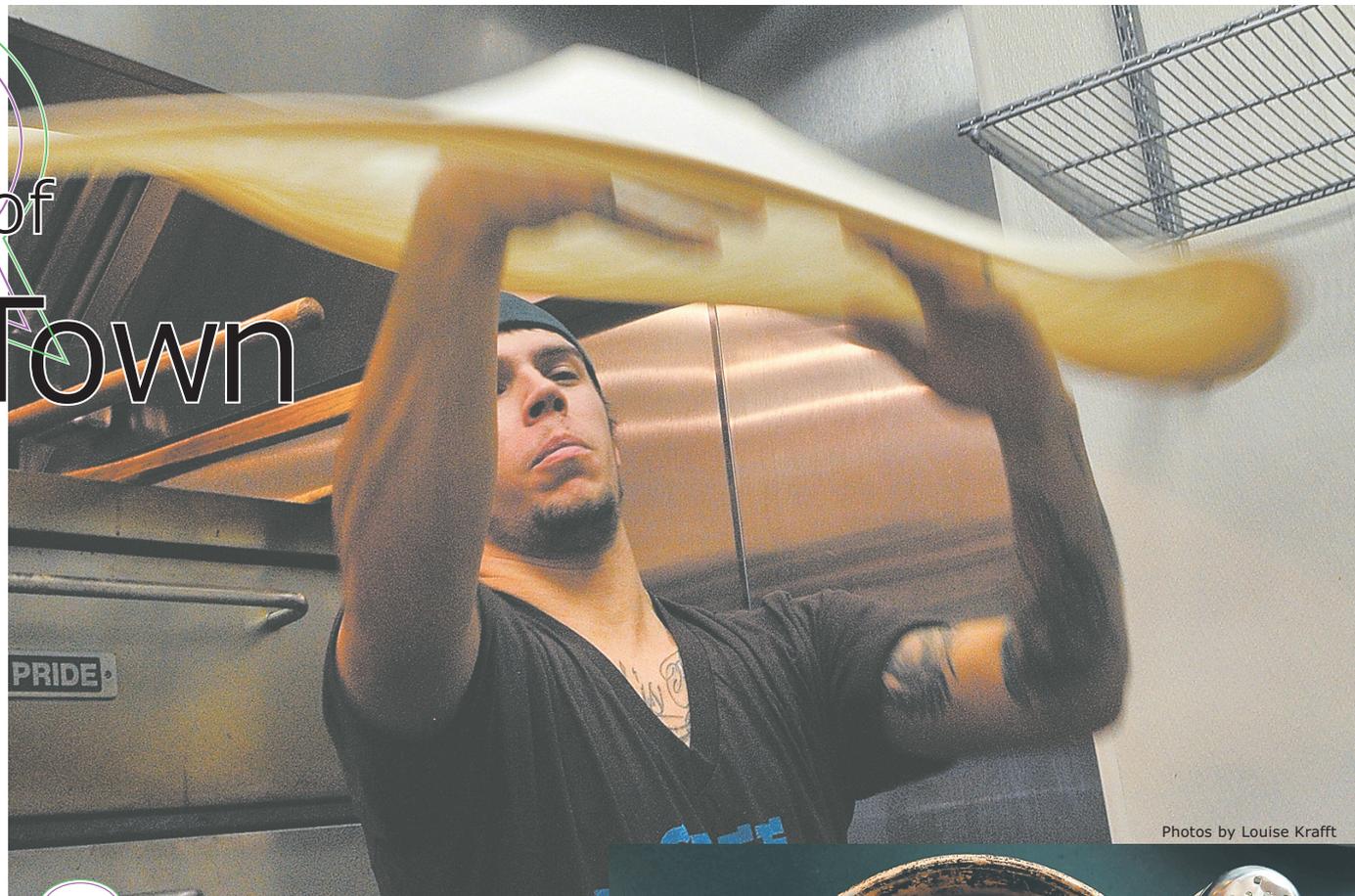
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THEATER

A Spirited 'Oliver' Opens At the Little Theatre

Adults Baker and Rohm sparkle along with youngsters.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

Every good production of Lionel Bart's musical version of Dickens' "Oliver Twist" amazes once again as a series of light-hearted, high-spirited English music-hall style songs make a bright and even frothy evening out of a tale of murder, child abuse, theft and the mistreatment of orphan children. The Little Theatre of Alexandria has just opened a very good production and once again, audiences are leaving the theater with a smile on their faces and lively tunes on their lips after the misogynist Bill Sykes has killed the lovely Nancy causing the pick-pocket king Fagan to retire from his life-long practice of exploiting orphans in the slums of London. Go figure!

Of course, it helps that the role of Fagan, that felon with a heart of gold to match his love of gems and precious metals, is in the capable hands of Mike Baker, Jr. who seems at every moment to be having the time of his life playing comic bits with his one-dozen young followers and singing out "(You've Got To) Pick A Pocket or Two," "Be Back Soon" and that classic comic routine "Reviewing the Situation."

The co-starring adult role, that of the barmaid unfortunately in love with a murderous thug, is played nicely and sung gloriously by Maureen Rohm in her first Little Theatre musical. While she helps contribute to the music-hall gayety in the second act opener "Oom-Pah-Pah," it is the two times she takes the show away from frivolity to deliver the torch song "As Long As He Needs Me" that impress the most. The first time she belts out the song, sitting alone in a circle of light provided by designers Ken and Patti Crowley, is a highlight. The second time, a reprise sung standing against the proscenium in a tighter spotlight, is even more affecting.

Sixth-grader James Woods is both cute and charming in the title role of the penniless young orphan who turns out to be the scion of a wealthy family after all, and seventh-grader Ben Cherington ads zip in his movements as the older member of Fagan's gang, living up to his character's moniker "The Artful Dodger."

Some of the smaller supporting roles get notable performances. Will Monahan is particularly good as the elderly gentleman who turns out to be Oliver's grandfather. Jeffrey Clarke and Mary Ayala-Bush throw themselves into the high comedy roles of the operators of the orphanage and Paul Caffrey presents an evil presence as the murderous Bill Sykes.

Director Roland Branford Gomez has assembled a cast of no fewer than 19 adults and 14 youngsters (from age about 7 to mid-teens) and then given each all the direction needed so that every one of them knows exactly what they are expected to do each moment they are on stage. This is often a failing of



Mike Baker Jr. as Fagin in "Oliver Twist" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria.

PHOTO BY SHANE CANFIELD

large community theater productions, which are marred by moments of distraction as one or more cast member stands obviously self conscious on the stage waiting awkwardly for his or her next cue. No such distractions interrupt the concentration on the story and songs in this show.

What is more, Gomez directs each scene with a zip that is often missing from community theatre musicals. He keeps the focus on the unfolding story while matching the spoken scenes to the pace of the songs so that there is a flow that isn't even interrupted by the multiple location changes required by Bart's 12 scene script. Part of the credit for that must go to set designers Erin Cumbo and John Downing.

Music Director Mark V. Deal gets each cast member to sing out with gusto even when they lack the ability to hit each note on key. There's such a feeling of commitment in each solo and such power in the ensemble numbers that all of the songs — from

the opening "Food Glorious Food" to the finale's reprise of "Consider Yourself (One of Us)" fill the hall and carry the audience along. A well-designed and

operated sound system amplifies some of the voices without drawing attention to itself while sound designer David Correia helps with scene changes by providing atmospheric sound effects establishing the new location even before the lights come up. A 13-member orchestra is hidden from view but provides solid support and some nicely executed figures.

Brad Hathaway reviews theater in Virginia, Washington and Maryland as well as Broadway and writes about theater for a number of national magazines. He welcomes feedback from those he writes about and those he writes for. He can be reached at brad.hathaway@verizon.net.

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THURSDAY/JAN. 20

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Book Discussion. 7 p.m. Great Books Discussion Group Meeting on "Hekabe," a play by Euripides. At the Beatley Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Contact Bill Scouton at 703-931-3559.

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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.

Premiere Concert - The Modern Dance Society of T.C. Williams. 7 p.m. Free. At the T.C. Williams auditorium, 3330 King Street, Alexandria.



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. In preparation for the ball, 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. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Old Town Alexandria.

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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. There will be sanders and hand tools available for the Scouts to perform additional work on their cars.

SUNDAY/JAN. 23

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JAN. 23 TO MARCH 27

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"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.

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THURSDAY/JAN. 27

"9500 Liberty" Film. 6:30 p.m. Free. Showing of the documentary film about illegal immigration with special guest, film producer Eric Byler, who will host a discussion after the film. At VCU's Northern Virginia School of Social Work, 6295 Edsall Road, Suite 210, Alexandria.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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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.

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. In preparation for the ball, 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. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Old Town Alexandria.

TUESDAY/FEB. 1

National Chamber Players. 7:30 p.m. Free. With guest artist Rohan de Silva. At Pendleton Hall, Ainslie Arts Center, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.episcopalhighschool.org or call 703-933-4135.

"The Enduring Legacy of the Harlem Renaissance." 1 p.m. Free. Art, poetry, music and key figures from this period. Hosted by the Hollin Hall Senior Center. At 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact Lee Maguire at 703-765-4573.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 2

Baseball Talk. 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Friends of Duncan Library will host a talk by Michael Green and Roger Launius to introduce their book Charlie Finley: The Outrageous Story of Baseball's Super Showman. As sports fans, they run a website (charliefinleybook.com) and have written a book about Charlie Finley, the colorful figure who bought the Kansas City Athletics 50 years ago and as owner-manager helped transform major-league baseball. At The Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. DJ Dance Party with DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

FEB. 4, 5, 11, 12

"The Elixir of Love." 8 p.m. Opera presented by the Repertory Opera Theater of Washington. Conducted by Christopher J. Redden-Liotta; directed by Jennifer Randall; sung in Italian, with English supertitles. At Immanuel Church-on-the-Hill, 3606 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Call 571-403-0814 or www.repertoryoperadc.org.

SATURDAY/FEB. 5

Country Western Dance. 7:30 p.m. line dancing; 8:30-11 p.m. dancing. Scotty and Lynne Inman will teach an advanced beginner West Coast Swing lesson at 8 p.m. Includes Two Step, Waltz, line, Swing, Cha Cha, and specialty dances. Sponsored by the Northern Virginia Country Western Dance Association. At Luther Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallow Road, Falls Church. Visit www.nvcwda.org or call the hot line 703-860-4941.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 9

Chilean Wine Tasting. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. At the Lee-Fendall House Museum & Garden, 614 Oronco St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-1789. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org.

FEB. 12-20

"A Midsummer Night's Dream." Performances are Feb. 12, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m.; and Feb. 13 and 20 at 3 p.m. Presented by Mount Vernon Community Children's Theater. At Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/FEB. 12

Countertenor Thomas Fallon. 8 p.m. Mozart/Rossini arias and Dvorak. Alexandria Symphony Orchestra welcomes Thomas Fallon for evening of vocal selections. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. For tickets, visit www.alexsym.org. Call 703-548-0885.

SUNDAY/FEB. 13

Seeds of Independence Program. 2 p.m. Oral History Film Premiere: Segregation & Civil Rights: Mason Neck, Black & White, 1950-1970. Talk by Juan Williams, Civil Rights scholar and author, journalist and commentator for FOX News. Suggested donation: \$9/adults; \$8/seniors. At Gunston Hall Visitors' Center, 10709 Gunston Road, Mason Neck. Call 703-550-9220.

Valentine Tea. 1 p.m. Cost is \$30/person. Tea and tour of Woodlawn. Tea, finger sandwiches, breads, and desserts with harp music played by Chris Van Dyke. Call 703-780-4000, ext. 26333. Visit www.woodlawn1805.org.

Make-your-own Victorian Valentine. 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$5/crafter. At Lee-Fendall House and Garden, Alexandria. Visit www.leafendallhouse.org.



SATURDAY/JAN. 29

Irish Singers Aoife Clancy and Robbie O'Connell. 8 p.m. An evening of music that ranges from traditional Irish songs to ballads and contemporary folk. Tickets are \$22 advance, \$25 door. Reservations can be made at www.sunspotpro.com or by calling 800-404-9049. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria.

MONDAY/FEB. 14

Valentine's Day Mixer. 7 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10/person. Love-inspired artwork, mood music, food and more. Call Matthew Cuenca (matthewcuenca@gmail.com) or Tracy Wilkerson (tlwideas@comcast.net) or visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org. Del Ray Artisans' gallery is located at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

Burlesque-a-Pades, February Frolic. 7:30 p.m. For 18 and over. Valentine's Day-inspired production from purveyors of sexy stockings and classy lingerie Secrets in Lace as well as The World Famous Pontani Sisters. Tickets are \$29.50 plus standard booking fees. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave, Alexandria. Visit www.ticketmaster.com and www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.

TUESDAY/FEB. 15

Mount Vernon Genealogical Society. 1 p.m. Free. Presentation entitled "Records of the Civilian Conservation Corps - Record Group 35" by Charles S. Mason. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call Harold McClendon at 703-360-0920 or haroldm@erols.com.

Irish Musicians. 8 p.m. John Doyle, Niall Vallely and Gillian Vallley. Tickets are \$25/advance; \$29/door. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., in Alexandria. Reservations can be made at www.sunspotpro.com or by calling 800-404-9049.

SATURDAY/FEB. 19

Broadway Night. 8 p.m. The Hayfield Choir Boosters present Broadway Night 2011. Complimentary Dessert Reception at 7 p.m. and entertainment by the Hayfield High School Jazz Band. Tickets are \$10/adults; \$7/students and seniors. At the Rebeca S. Wilburn Auditorium, Hayfield Secondary School.

SUNDAY/FEB. 20

Folk Singer Pierce Pettis. 7 p.m. With special guest Rj Cowdery. At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Tickets are \$18 general, \$15 in advance at FocusMusic.org.

George Washington's Birthnight Supper and Ball. Features cocktails, a unique silent auction, raffle, seated dinner and live music. Hosted by the Neighborhood Friends of Mount Vernon. Tickets are \$175. To attend, call 703-799-8647 for reservations. At Historic Mount Vernon.

MONDAY/FEB. 21

Surprise Birthday. Free admission. Celebrate the 279th birthday for George Washington. Daily from Feb. 19 through Feb. 21, the party features "General Washington" receiving birthday cheers, 18th-century music and birthday gifts presented from his 18th-century friends. On Saturday, Feb. 19, and Sunday, Feb. 20, have a taste of Washington's favorite breakfast — hoecakes swimming in butter and honey with "the General" himself! The weekend leads up to a grand holiday party for the first president on Monday, Feb. 21, with free admission, military demonstrations, the new "Surprise Birthday Party" celebration, and a wreathlaying ceremony at Washington's tomb. Visit www.MountVernon.org. At Mount Vernon.

Meet President Woodrow Wilson. 11 a.m. Actor Brian Hilton brings President Woodrow Wilson to life. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4994.



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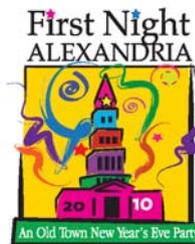
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Double Trouble

Swimming sisters make a splash at T.C. Williams.

BY ANA APOSTOLERIS
GAZETTE PACKET

Abby Cox, 16, of Alexandria is no stranger to success in the pool. Since her freshman year competing for T.C. Williams High School, she's been the Titans' top talent, setting team records and qualifying for state and regional meets. But this year, lone-star success has become a thing of the past, as Cox's 13-year-old sister, Colleen, has started making her own waves for the team.

Abby, a junior, is still the "girl to beat" in local high school swimming — "she has been [our MVP] since joining the team as an eighth-grader," Titans coach Brett Eanes said. She's made regional cuts each of her high school years, and in her sophomore year she finished 16th in the state in the 2000-meter individual medley, which Abby calls her favorite event. This year, she's already qualified for regionals in the 500-yard freestyle, and Eanes said that she is also expected to qualify for states in the 500.

Colleen, however, is not likely to be outshone by her sister. An eighth-grader unofficially competing on the high school team, she has already made an impression.

"[Her] times ... have been very impressive," said Eanes, adding that he expects her to step into first-string relays as soon as she is eligible and "perhaps help those relays to break some team records."

She has already reached qualifying times for 14-and-under Junior Olympic Age



T.C. Williams sisters Colleen and Abby Cox push each other to succeed while during Titan swim meets.

"[I want to] help my sister succeed as a Titan."

— T.C. Williams junior Abby Cox

Group Championships in the 100-yard breaststroke, and is close to qualifying in several other races.

"Breaststroke and the IM are my best [events]," Colleen said.

Competition, however, hasn't bred ill-will or gotten in the way of sisterly support.

"[I want to] help my sister succeed as a Titan," Abby said of her final few high school seasons.

"Competing with [Abby] is really fun and challenging," Colleen said. "[We] compare times and push each other to swim faster every time."

Their mother, Missi, who serves as the Titans' parent representative, agreed.

"They ... have a great attitude [and] are supportive teammates," she said.

Both girls started swimming at age 4, and were on competitive teams by 5.

"We have been members of a fabulous summer pool, Dowden Terrace [in Alexandria], for the past 14 years," Missi Cox said, "and that is where their love of swimming started."

Both girls now swim for three teams, including the Arlington Aquatic Club, and compete year-round.

"I think the key to the girls' success is their hard work and dedication," their mother said. "Abby practices 20 hours a week, and Colleen practices 12 hours."

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And the hard work has paid off for both, as Colleen is primed for a successful high school career, and Abby is on the cusp of greater aspirations.

"My goals for the rest of my high school career include qualifying for states again ... qualify[ing] for Junior Nationals [in club swimming] and keeping my GPA above a 4.3," Abby said. "As for the rest of my swimming career, I hope to swim in college for a respectable university. I have been e-mailing back and forth with many schools so far, especially the Washington & Lee Generals. My other top choices for college include University of Virginia, Mary Washington, James Madison, Dickinson, and Gettysburg."

However, outside of their impressive work in the pool — although Abby joked, "When am I ever out of the pool?" — the girls describe themselves as typical teenagers.

"My No. 1 activity is sleeping," Abby said. "A close second would be eating, [and] then hanging out with my friends."

Colleen cited shopping and hanging out with friends as favorite pastimes. This balance of normalcy and athletic excellency has not been lost on their coach, who offered praise of their characters as well as of their prowess in the pool.

"Both girls are very happy and hard-working individuals," Eanes said, "which makes them easy to coach and fun to be around."

TC's Massaquoi Commits to Marshall

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Joe Massaquoi played prep football at a high school made famous by a movie. He'll step into a similar situation at the college level.

The T.C. Williams senior defensive end on Sunday committed to play football at Marshall University during an official visit to the Huntington, W.V., school. Massaquoi missed the final six games of the 2010 season with an injured left MCL, but the 6-foot-5, 230-pound lineman said he is healthy and ready to go.

"It felt good to finally have [my college decision] off my chest and not have to worry about that anymore," said Massaquoi, who also had an offer from East Carolina. "... I felt comfortable with the coaching staff. Most of the coaches are 'players coaches,' so they understand things from our point of view."

Massaquoi said Marshall receivers coach and recruiting coordinator Zach Smith joked with the lineman about transitioning from T.C. Williams High School, known for the movie "Remember the Titans," to Marshall University, known for the movie "We are Marshall."

"He said we're a perfect match," Massaquoi said.



T.C. Williams defensive end Joe Massaquoi (73) on Sunday committed to play football at Marshall University during an official visit.

Massaquoi's status for next season will depend on what kind of shape he's in during the summer, the TC senior said. If he's not physically ready to play at the Division I level, Massaquoi will redshirt.

"I feel like I haven't played football in such a long time," he said. "When I get there I'm

going straight to work."

Massaquoi finished with 19 tackles and one sack in four games as a senior.

Marshall competes in Conference USA. The Thundering Herd finished the 2010 season with a 5-7 record, winning four of their final five games.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TC Boys Improve To 11-0

The T.C. Williams boys basketball team defeated Lee 68-45 on Jan. 13, improving the Titans' record to 11-0. The Titans will host West Springfield at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 and will travel to Green Run High School in Hampton to face Phoebus at 8 p.m. on Jan. 22 during the Virginia Prep.com Classic.

TC Girls Win

The T.C. Williams girls basketball team defeated Lee 79-44 on Dec. 13, improving the Titans' record to 8-6, including 3-3 in the Patriot District. TC will travel to face West Springfield at 7:45 p.m. on Jan. 21.

SSSAS Boys Drop Sixth in Seven

The St. Stephen's & St. Agnes boys basketball team lost to Benedictine 60-46 on Jan. 15 and Landon 52-48 on Jan. 14, giving the Saints six losses in their last seven games. Breaking up the losing streak was a 60-57 win over Bullis on Jan. 13.

SSSAS (8-6) will travel to face St. Albans on Jan. 22.

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OBITUARIES

Mark Richard Allen

Mark Richard Allen, 63, died Jan. 14, 2011, in the arms of his wife at his home in Alexandria after a year-long battle with neuroendocrine cancer. He had lived in Alexandria for 32 years.



Mr. Allen was born Dec. 27, 1947, in Philadelphia, Pa., to David Hector and Ruth Isabel (Chilton) Allen. At the age of seven, the family moved to Wildwood, N.J., where he graduated from high school in 1965.

He attended Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, from 1965 to 1968. After being drafted into the U.S. Army in 1968, he received Medical Corpsman training at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, then was stationed at the Ft. Dix Military Hospital in New Jersey until his Honorable Discharge in 1971. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

Mr. Allen then moved to Ann Arbor, Mich., where he attended the University of Michigan from 1972 to 1974, earning a B.S. degree in Natural Resources. While there, he was employed at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens. After graduation, he was employed as a Park Ranger in the State of Michigan Park System. Between 1975 to 1977 he worked for the City of Des Moines, Iowa, Department of Urban Forestry. He then moved to Charles County, Md., where he was employed by Southern Tree Service until late 1979. From September 1979 to October 1989 he was employed at George Washington's Mt. Vernon Estate, first as Assistant Supervisor of Gardens and Grounds, and later as Supervisor. He lived on the estate and served in the estate's in-house fire and medical aid departments. His two children, by his first marriage to Linda Lee Anderson (which ended in divorce in 1989), were the last children born on the estate. While at Mt. Vernon, he was in charge not only of the maintenance of the estate's grounds and gardens, but also the livestock. He gave many tours of the estate's wooded areas to local schoolchildren, sharing his vast knowledge of flora and fauna.

After leaving Mt. Vernon, Mr. Allen became the Arborist/Horticulturist for the Town of Vienna, in which capacity he worked until his retirement in August 2010. Mayor M. Jane Seeman declared April 22, 2010, as "Mark Allen Day" in Vienna in recognition of his years of service in Vienna's Department of Parks and Recreation, during which time he cataloged all the trees in Vienna, created many new flower beds, planted countless trees, and shared his knowledge with garden clubs and residents.

While he and his wife Juanita lived in Old Town Alexandria at the Robert E. Lee Camp Confederate Veterans Home from 1990 to 1995, he spent many hours maintaining the historic building and its gardens, and assisted his wife in surveying Confederate graves in Alexandria. He also placed memorial wreaths on the Confederate statue on Washington and Prince Streets for many years.

Mr. Allen was an avid birder and naturalist. He wrote detailed journals from 1977 until the time of his death, outlining his observations of birds and other wildlife, trees, flowers, and

wetlands – from his backyard to the many parks and wilderness areas he visited in the United States including Alaska and Hawaii, Canada, Panama, France, Italy, and Spain. His bird list totaled 717.

Mr. Allen was a voracious reader and frequent user of the Sherwood Hall Library. Throughout his life, he was a deep and introspective thinker, exhibiting great integrity, high morals, unfailing fairness, a keen intellect, a strong work ethic, and an iron will.

The funeral service will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 (visitation at 6 p.m.) at Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, 8523 Ft. Hunt Road, Alexandria. Burial will follow on Jan. 22 at Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery in Cape May County, N.J. Arrangements by Jefferson Funeral Chapel of Alexandria.

He is survived by his wife, Juanita Elisabeth (Wright) Allen, son Aaron David Allen of Annapolis, Md., daughter Emily Lynn (Allen) Goodman of Fairfax, granddaughter Avery Lynn Allen of Annapolis, and brother Bruce David Allen of Del Haven, N.J. His family and friends were honored to have such a fine man in their lives and he will be greatly missed.

Barbara Crann

Barbara (Bobbie) Crann, 89, died Jan. 4 at Spring Hills Assisted Living in Alexandria.



She was born in Evanston, Ill., where she attended Northwestern University School of Speech, before joining the Navy in WWII. She served as a WAVE recruiter for two years, and in 1945 married Lawrence Crann. They moved to the Mount Vernon area in 1949 where they lived for the next 62 years.

Barbara was active in the Mount Vernon/Alexandria community throughout her life. In the 1950's and 60's, she organized and directed a neighborhood children's theater each summer. She was active in PTA and Girl Scouting before joining the staff of the Alexandria YWCA as the Program and Youth Director, a position she held for 10 years. She then served as director of Camp Tappawingo in Manassas, a summer camp for special needs children and adults.

She was a member of the Alexandria Chapter of the National League of American Pen Women, serving two terms as president and one as chaplain. She was a member of First Christian Church of Alexandria, serving at various times as a deacon, elder, and choir member. Until the age of 88, she co-facilitated the "Serious Thinkers" Sunday School class, a class for mentally challenged adults. She was also active at St. James Episcopal Church in Mount Vernon, attending a weekly Bible study and singing in the choir.

She is survived by her husband, Larry, of 65 years, three daughters — Wendy Newcomer of Richmond, Va., Laurie Kitchin of King George, Va., and Chris Bramante of Bethesda, Md., seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at First Christian Church, Alexandria, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12.

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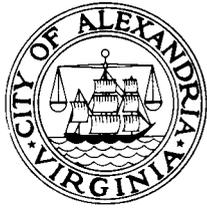
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Alexandria Board of Architectural Review
Old & Historic Alexandria District

LEGAL NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing will be held by the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2011 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

CASE BAR2011-0006

Permit to Demolish a portion of the roof at **427 N Lee St**, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Ancona and Associates for Joel Rhoades

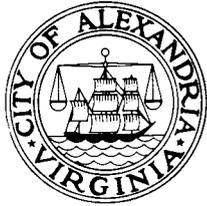
CASE BAR2011-0007

Request for alterations to existing windows at **427 N Lee St**, zoned CD Commercial.
APPLICANT: Ancona and Associates for Joel Rhoades

CASE BAR2010-0373

Request for roof replacement at **917 Prince St**, zoned CL Commercial.
APPLICANT: Mark Stevenson and John Schmidt

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



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Chapter 5 (LANDLORD-TENANT RELATIONS BOARD), Title 12 (EDUCATION, SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELFARE) of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended.

The proposed ordinance amends the number of members who will make a quorum of the Landlord-Tenant Relations Board from six to five.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Alexandria City School Board will hold a FY 2012 Budget Public Hearing during the meeting scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 27, in the School Board Meeting Room at 2000 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Budget information is available at <http://www.acps.k12.va.us/budgets/>. For more information or to register to speak at the public hearing, please contact Clerk of the Board Rosemary Webb at 703-842-6614 or rwebb@acps.k12.va.us.

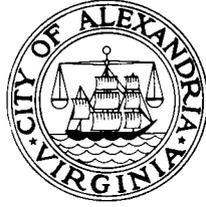
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Fraternal Order of Eagles, Inc trading as Alva Aerie No. 871, 1015 Cameron St, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a wine and beer on and off premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages.
Peter C. Wintermute, trustee

ABC LICENSE

Riva Enterprises, Inc trading as Euro-Bistro, 6027 Richmond Hwy, Alexandria, VA 22303. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer on Premises/ Mixed Beverages on Premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Alma Mijlkovic/President

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ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION
FEBRUARY - 2011

The items described below will be heard by the Planning Commission and the City Council on the following dates. NOTICE: Some of the items listed below may be placed on a consent calendar. A consent item will be approved at the beginning of the meeting without discussion unless someone asks that it be taken off the consent calendar and considered separately. The Planning Commission reserves the right to recess and continue the public hearing to a future date. For further information call the Department of Planning and Zoning on 703-746-4666 or visit www.alexandriava.gov/planning.

ALEXANDRIA PLANNING COMMISSION

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The Planning Commission will hold a work session to discuss the Waterfront planning process on Feb. 1, 2011 at 6:30pm in the City Hall Council Workroom.

TEXT AMENDMENT #2011-0001
VARIANCE STANDARD

A) Initiation of a text amendment; B) Consideration of an amendment to the zoning ordinance to revise the standard for the grant of a variance, consistent with Virginia law. Staff: Planning and Zoning

TEXT AMENDMENT #2011-0002
TEMPORARY FAMILY HEALTHCARE STRUCTURES

A) Initiation of a text amendment; B) Consideration of an amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow temporary family healthcare structures in a single family zone, consistent with Virginia law. Staff: Planning and Zoning

TEXT AMENDMENT #2011-0003
PROHIBITED USES

A) Initiation of a text amendment; B) Consideration of changes to the zoning ordinance, including to the NR zone and the Mount Vernon Overlay Zone to clarify that pawn shops, check cashing and payday loan businesses are prohibited and to add title loan companies to the group of prohibited uses. Staff: Planning and Zoning

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0078

4536-4598 EISENHOWER AVENUE
CLAREMONT INVESTORS, LLC
Public hearing and consideration of a request to extend an expiration date of an existing special use permit (SUP#2003-0118); zoned OCM(100)/Office Commercial Mixed Use (100). Applicant: Claremont Investors, LLC represented by M. Catherine Puskar, attorney

SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0082

1012 KING STREET
RESTAURANT
Public hearing and consideration of a request to operate a restaurant; zoned KR/King Street Retail. Applicant: Boccato, LLC represented by Rob Shelton

DEVELOPMENT SPECIAL USE PERMIT #2010-0028**SPECIAL USE PERMIT (TMP) #2011-0002**

800 NORTH MADISON STREET
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Public hearing and consideration of amendments to a previously approved development special use permit, with site plan, to make a series of changes, including the reduction of designated retail spaces; an increase in residential units; a decrease in the number of parking spaces; revisions to amenities; revisions to green building requirements; changes to the roof treatment, changes to the configuration and design of courtyards, building facades, and streetscape; and an amendment to the transportation management plan. Applicant: EQR-Madison & Henry, LLC by Duncan Blair, attorney

THE FOLLOWING WILL BE HEARD BY PLANNING COMMISSION ONLY, (AND BY CITY COUNCIL ONLY UPON APPEAL.)

SUBDIVISION #2010-0007

209 PINE STREET
SUBDIVISION
Public hearing and consideration of a request for a subdivision; zoned R-8/Single Family
Applicant: Russ-Pine, LLC represented by Duncan Blair, attorney

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funded projects, expenditures now covered by existing taxes. This will free up the money outside the add-on tax for other purposes, tantamount to a sleight-of-hand tax increase.

To prevent this, adopting an add-on tax should be conditioned on cutting the base tax rate by 1) repealing the most recent tax-rate hike and 2) rescinding the underlying legal authority for a special tax for Potomac Greens homeowners.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

Hurting Homeowners

To the Editor:

After reading the letter from Bud Miller entitled "More Taxes: Only Answer?", I was pleasantly surprised that I am not the only one who is opposed to a tax increase for any reason in the City of Alexandria until I lost my job last June, quite unexpectedly. I am now working in the District, as a teacher, with a pay check that is minus \$30,000 compared to last year's paycheck. One half of my monthly salary goes to my mortgage payment, and I am sending the City monthly installments to try to pay off my property taxes. I am not alone in this scenario. I now qualify to live in section 8 housing, actually my income is thousands of dollars less than the qualifying salary for a single parent, one child family.

What are the goals of Kerry Donley and Bill Euille? Are they trying to chase people out of their homes, and force them to rely on the City programs as an excuse to raise taxes? I would like to stay in my house, but it is getting almost impossible. I have been a resident of this City since 1987, and I consider this my home. Maybe all City officials should stop thinking of ways to build the City infrastructure, and put a halt to all of this spending. If the City cannot build right now, then it shouldn't. Who is supposed to live in Alexandria? Who is supposed to own a business in Alexandria? What happen to the term "Main Street?"

What is the point of going to work if I am giving more than one-third of my paycheck to the government? The time has come to stop taking the money out of the constituent's pockets, and to let people feed and cloth their families without creating a budget for it. Buying food, clothing, gas, and heating your home, should not be such a thought-provoking, penny-

saving, stressful situation. Help! We're drowning here!

Jennifer Fahey
Del Ray resident
Alexandria

Celebrate Robert E. Lee

To the Editor:

Do come on Saturday, Jan. 22 at 11 a.m., to the crypt at the U.S. Capitol for a celebration of Robert E. Lee's birthday anniversary. Held by the University of the District of Columbia, the featured speaker is recently retired judge Richard Abell on "RE Lee: The Quintessential American." It's free and open to the public. You must go through security and the crypt is smallish with large columns so come early to get a good seat.

Ellen Tabb

More Than Money Is Needed

To the Editor:

In a scenario familiar to everyone, a new building is erected down the street, traffic cues at nearby intersections lengthen, accidents occur more frequently, air and noise pollution increase, pedestrians feel less safe, and elected officials tell residents that they are working on the problems, often after it's too late to intervene effectively. So what, then, should we do to prevent this situation from repeating itself and eroding the quality of life in our neighborhoods?

According to Vice Mayor Donley (see recent commentary), the answer is to invest in projects like the Purple Line (a metro extension so costly no one is sure how to pay for it) and the Intercounty Connector, ICC (a road opposed by many community groups for environmental and other reasons). To pay for such improvements, the City wants to adopt a special transportation tax that will add as much as 12.5 cents per \$100 of assessed value to the real estate bill of all commercial property owners, many of whom are small businesses. This additional money is needed, he says, to spur on growth that is "desirable" from a strategic perspective, and to prevent Alexandria from lagging behind Arlington and Fairfax, which have implemented this tax. But, is this growth really good for Alexandria? And what will it cost us to prevent, or mitigate at least, any harmful side effects?

Despite the estimated \$500 mil-

lion price tag, a new metro station is being planned, if it passes environmental muster, for a much denser Potomac Yards – because we always wanted one there and hope it will make the project more profitable. Arlington meanwhile has decided to spend about \$140 million to build a transit system along Rt. 1 that will end at the Alexandria line at Four Mile Run and may be a much more cost-effective way of reducing congestion along this already overburdened commuter corridor. These sorts of issues should be resolved before large new development projects are approved, not afterwards.

I spoke out against a rezoning plan for the Mark Winkler site in 1995 because I thought it would harm the Winkler Nature Preserve (a development pawn since its creation) and in 2004, as a member of Council, I tried unsuccessfully to pass a motion that would have required an in-depth study of the traffic problems caused by development here. I say this with regret, not glee. So I'm not surprised that City officials did not object to (they encouraged it actually) the construction of an enormous BRAC building beside the same quasi-public park, in a part of town that cannot handle the current traffic. Why should Alexandria's taxpayers have to pay millions now for transportation improvements to mitigate the damage from this planning nightmare? It also illustrates what seems to be at play in Alexandria: attracting more development is more important than protecting our quality of life.

Alexandria has compiled a list of transportation improvements that it wants to fund with this new tax revenue, which will be used to borrow more money and increase our debt. Supporters argue that the money will attract yet more business and generate more tax revenue and result in lower residential property taxes. But new growth hardly ever lowers property taxes, and transportation improvements should improve our quality of life and be cost-effective. The new King Street Trolley, for example, benefits us all by reducing traffic and helping small business owners thrive in Old Town, an historic landmark that should also be a beneficiary of this "greener" tourism.

All taxpayers pay to run the DASH bus system, and I think that's equitable, but I'm not sure it's fair to add a special tax to every small business (or a specific group of homeowners) to raise money to reduce major traffic problems created by big develop-

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Working To End Budget Gimmicks in Richmond

BY DAVID ENGLIN
DELEGATE (D-45)
VICE CHAIRMAN,
HOUSE DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS



Remember the excitement of catching up with old friends on first day of a new school year? That is a lot like the opening days of the General Assembly session, which began Wednesday. After coming together to honor U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Ariz.) and the other victims of the tragedy in Tucson, we got down to business. While there were some first-day shake-ups of committee assignments, I remain on the Finance Committee, the Health, Welfare, and Institutions Committee, and the Agriculture, Chesapeake, and Natural Resources Committee.

As perhaps the only openly liberal member of the House Finance Committee, I embrace my responsibility to present progressive alternatives to some of the fiscal challenges we face. That means balancing the budget without relying on gimmicks or passing along debt to our children while

strengthening our investment in key priorities like education and health care.

To end the General Assembly's reliance on gimmicks to balance the budget, I have proposed the Virginia Retirement System Lock Box Amendment, which has already received some bipartisan support. Last year, over my dissenting vote, the General Assembly raided \$620 million from the state's already-underfunded pension trust fund.

In December, the General Assembly's auditing arm confirmed that the pension trust fund has a \$17.6 billion shortfall, putting the state's long-term finances at risk. This constitutional amendment would make it far more difficult for legislators to dip into the pension trust fund in the future, forcing us to make the tough choices people elect us to make by either cutting spending or raising revenue.

I am also working to end the Accelerated Sales Tax gimmick that falsely inflates state

revenue by requiring small businesses to remit sales taxes to the state that they have not yet collected from customers so the state may shift revenue between fiscal years. To be fiscally responsible and offset the resulting revenue loss, I am working to reduce the size of the proposed Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank, which Governor McDonnell intends to use to bailout the corporation trying to build the I-95/395 HOT Lanes, which failed to secure private-sector financing on Wall Street.

Beyond trying to repeal gimmicks, I am working on several practical, progressive, fiscally responsible solutions to address key priorities. For example, more than 6,000 Virginia families are on a waiting list to receive services for their disabled children, and it is increasingly difficult for poor Virginians to find doctors who can afford to see them. Therefore, Del. Patrick Hope (D-47) and I on Thursday proposed the Medicaid Preservation and Protection Act, which would bring in more than \$400 million per year to address these problems by raising the state sales tax on cigarettes up to the national average of \$1.45 per pack.

My effort to repeal the regressive tax on

groceries continues, and I have proposed replacing the lost revenue for education and transportation with a one percent increase in the marginal tax rate on income over \$300,000. (In other words, there would be no change for income up to \$300,000, but each additional \$1,000 beyond that would result in a \$100 increase while still benefiting from the complete elimination of the grocery tax.)

To expand affordable college access and access to quality preschool, I have proposed two innovative solutions that leverage the return on investment we know these programs deliver, and I look forward to sharing the details of these new ideas in a future column.

Much more information about my agenda and my work for our community in Richmond is available at www.DavidEnglin.org, where you can also sign up for my weekly newsletter from the General Assembly throughout the session. As always, if you have ideas or feedback, or if I can be of assistance in any way, please contact me at DelDEnglin@house.virginia.gov or 703-549-3203. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

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ment projects. However, what all these cases above show is that we need to fundamentally change the way in which we plan for growth. That should include a better working relationship with the community and a more rigorous financial plan, to ensure that money we spend is used wisely. As it now stands, Alexandria, unlike Arlington, doesn't appear capable of analyzing and implementing anything but the simplest transportation improvements.

I think many Alexandrians wonder if this new tax and others like it, and the development that it spawns, will actually make our City more livable. These decisions are complex and difficult, but answering that question in a fair, thoughtful and analytical manner is essential. That's more important than a new tax and new revenue.

Andrew Macdonald

Assess Then Change

To the Editor:

To those watching the Jan. 13 spectacle put on by Alexandria's School Board to Nowhere and the Backpedaling Superintendent, what was most shocking was not what was presented by rightfully outraged parents, teachers, and students who had been dismissed from the Democratic process, it was what was embarrassingly lacking from the school system's presentation. Lacking were any details to the system altering proposals of extending both the school year (eventually increased to 190 student days, all front loaded in the month of August) and school day (increased to an additional 45 minutes by the 2012-2013 school year) as laid out by Alexandria's Superintendent.

Lacking was a draft calendar of the proposed 2011-2012 school year so parents, students, and teachers could plan accordingly. Lacking was a clear timeline outlining the increase in school days and hours from one academic year to the next (the community was led to believe the plan just called for two additional days and 30 extra minutes to be added). Lacking was an economic impact analysis showing how the increased time proposals would affect local businesses reliant on high school student employees. Lacking was a clear plan outlining how the extra time would be utilized within the schools. Lacking was a fiscal impact analysis of how the increase in hours and days would affect Alexandria's cash-strapped budget. Lacking was information about how the increase in time would impact students' intellectual, cognitive, neural, social, or moral development. Lacking was a legal analysis of the impact to federally mandated IEP services. Lacking was information as to the impact of the longer school days on Alexandria's special education students (Alexandria has over 1,660 special education students). Lacking was a means of assessing the effectiveness of the proposals. Lacking was survey data from parents, students, and teachers (the community was led to believe that teachers were in favor of the added time). Lacking was research from a multitude of sources supporting either the lengthening of the school year proposal or the addition of 30 minutes to the school day proposal.

Thursday night's debacle was just another notch in the Backpedaling Superintendent's belt of poor planning, haphazard implementation, and utter lack of collaboration. Over the past two and a half years Alexandria

has watched the Superintendent backpedal or attempt to explain hastily laid out initiatives such as:

- T.C. Leadership
- New Middle School Model
- Jefferson Houston Public-Private Endeavor
- Math and Literacy Coaching Models
- Early Childhood Program
- Extended School Day
- Extended School Year

The list is astonishing and should be a cause of great concern. Yet, still more and more initiatives are rolled out at massive costs to the taxpayers. Here are some of the initiatives put into place by the Superintendent since coming to ACPS:

- Columbia Teachers College Writer Project
- Skillful Teacher program
- Skillful Leader program
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program
- International Baccalaureate Programme
- Habits of the Mind
- MindUp
- Individualized Achievement Plan
- Open AP Enrollment
- Increased Algebra I Enrollment

What do all of the above initiatives and many other initiatives within ACPS have in common? Not a single one of them has been repeatedly and continually assessed to determine their effectiveness on student achievement in Alexandria. So naturally, in the course of gathering good scientific data, Alexandria's Superintendent wants to add yet another variable into the equation of public school student achievement. Acknowledging that "time is a variable," the Superintendent wants to increase the school year and day before first assessing the ef-

fectiveness of the initiatives already in place in ACPS. This notion is one that even the youngest of Alexandria's public school students would immediately recognize as foolish and scientifically flawed. There has to be at least a few controls to the Superintendent's experiment. Time should be one of those controls. The school day should not increase nor should the length of the school year increase until the already implemented initiatives can be evaluated.

Why the rush to make dramatic changes to the school schedule which will impact the amount and quality of family time, local business staffing and revenue, teacher compensation and workload, facility maintenance and operating costs, transportation and scheduling logistics, specialized services to students, extracurricular activities, school athletics, tutoring, sports camps, vacations, childcare, and many other important community concerns ignored by the Superintendent? The Superintendent claims that the rush is needed because our students are "on the path to greatness" and that ACPS is the "model to the future." What is a guiding principle which ACPS uses to hurriedly usher our students along this "path of greatness?" According to the Superintendent, it is using "data on what works and evidence about effective practices."

Precisely what data and evidence demonstrates that extending the school year and increasing the school day will be an effective practice for ACPS? When asked this very question by members of the School Board at the Jan. 13 meeting, the Superintendent stated "There is none."

It is time we chose a different path, under the direction of a different leader.

Tim Leary

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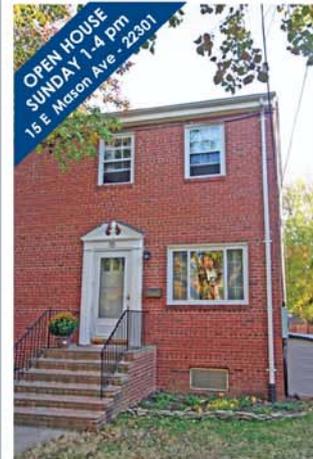
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