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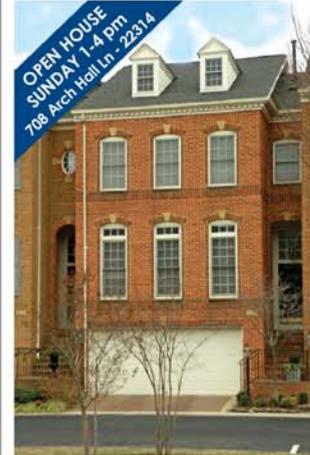
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BY SANDY LEVITZ LUNNER  
THE GAZETTE

**B**ack in November of 1975, long before there was a Dog Whisperer, England's Victoria Stilwell or Animal Planet, Sandy and Carlos Mejias opened Olde Town School for Dogs. With just 300 square feet of retail space that was previously a florist shop, they introduced Northern Virginians to the idea of sending their dogs to school.

"Dogs, I think, more than any other animal, are like an extension of the family," Sandy Mejias said. "And, just like with a child, you want to make sure your dog has good manners and exhibits proper behavior."

"Not training your dog is kind of like not teaching your child not to interrupt or run through a store pulling things off the shelves," she added. "It's almost imperative they learn the rules."

For the army brat who grew up all over the world, training dogs wasn't a career path she planned on. But shortly after graduating college in 1973, she enrolled in a 3-week dog-training course at the Captain Haggerty's School for Dogs in upstate New York.

"I've always been a big dog lover," Sandy Mejias said. "I think I learned every breed by the time I was age five. I was the kid that brought all the lost and stray dogs home and my parents didn't really like dogs," she added with a laugh.

Captain Haggerty's turned out to be more than just a new career path. It is also where she met her future husband and business partner Carlos Mejias who had trained to be a trainer at the famous N.Y. institution. She ended up staying in for more than two years honing her newfound career skills.

"In the early years here in Old Town, our



**Old Town School for Dogs owners Carlos and Sandy Mejias and Dakota an Aussiedoodle.**

first clients were people off the street or friends of my parents who just wanted their dogs to behave," Sandy Mejias said. "We did some specialty work (theatrical, protection, service dog, obedience ring). But, the bulk of our training was, and still is, educating dogs and their owners."

At Olde Town School for Dogs, they like to start early. The Puppy Head Start class is for dogs five months and younger, starting as early as nine-weeks old.

"We've developed and perfected unique ways to have the puppy find its place in the family," Sandy Mejias said. "And, we use only natural methods for correcting behaviors, such as holding the puppy on its side."

In three sessions, Olde Town School for Dog trainers teach puppies basic vocabulary using food and praise as a reward. The puppy learns to accept grooming, to come with a whistle, to socialize with people and



**Jill Schutt, owner of My Dog's Nanny, with Luke.**

other dogs.

"We want the owner to start realizing, 'Hey, I'm the leader, I'm the one in charge,'" Mejias said. "It's pretty laid back."

Not so with Obedience Training classes at Olde Town School for Dogs which she describes as stricter than most other obedience schools. One-on-one classes with a trainer are available. But Day Care training is their most popular program.

According to Mejias the first day of obedience training they try to have as few distractions as possible.

"But by day two, we use a 15-foot leash and bring the dogs around distractions and natural environments like the local parks, Market Square and King Street," she said.

In the day care program, dogs are trained 30 minutes at a time, three times a day, Tuesdays through Fridays. Owners get three one-hour private sessions to learn how to handle their dogs.

"With its busy streets near quiet streets and landmarks like the big fountain, Old Town is a great place to train a dog," declared Mejias.

While Olde Town School for Dogs draws clients from Arlington, Mount Vernon and beyond, they are by no means the only game in town.

**THE MOUNT VERNON** Dog Training Club is an AKC club and hobby organization that's been teaching obedience training since 1960.

"Ninety-five percent of people just want to be able to walk their dog without it practically pulling their arms off," said Cheryl Pratt, training director at the club.

**"... you want to make sure your dog has good manners and exhibits proper behavior."**

— Sandy Mejias

"Our goal is to get your dog to walk with you and not pull, to stop when you stop. We teach heel, come when called, and stay — sit stay, down stay, and stand stay."

According to Pratt, they offer basic group obedience training in one-hour sessions over the course of eight weeks. They don't deal with puppies under five months, so there's no housebreaking or socializing lessons.

Since they are an AKC obedience club, they also offer three advanced classes for those who want more than the basics for their dog, perhaps with an eye towards participating in an obedience ring competition.

"Even though we are an AKC Obe

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Cora Bragg with her kitties Wink and Nudge: They let me pet them even though I don't have much hand control yet and sometimes I come away with clumps of hair. I love the feel of their soft fur. It often makes me giggle. Before I was born the kitties would lay on my mommy's belly and purr and purr ... Mommy says that just like her, they were anxious to meet me.

— CYNTHIA BRAGG



Sir Barron is our 8-month-old Aussiedoodle. He is such a scrumpdilly delight and we absolutely love spending time with him, whether it's on the couch or in the park. His favorite pastime is to play in Founders Park with his many fury friends. When the weather is warm, we venture over to Del Ray where he indulges in a scoop of doggy ice cream at the Dairy Godmother. In general, Sir Barron likes to take long walks around Old Town meeting and greeting!

— KIMBERLY, R.B. & SIR BARRON



Pomeroy is an 11-year-old Pomeranian who was rescued four years ago from a Georgia puppy mill with 200 other dogs. Pomeroy loves visiting Barkley Square in Del Ray, where Kat bakes him his favorite peanut butter cup treats. After chowing down some treats, he enjoys returning to Old Town and Founders Park — either meeting new friends or just relaxing in the sun. Chasing geese at the park is another favorite pastime. Above, Pomeroy hard at work on Election Day 2010.

— SHARI BOLOURI



**Things To Do Today**

- 1. Breakfast w/ Mary & Bob—8:30
- 2. Tai chi group at 10
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Scotch ... our two-year-old male poodle. My daughter Ella refers to him as "Baby" when she wakes him in the morning or vice versa. Most of the time Scotch forgets he is a dog. That is, unless he is playing with the other small dogs in Rosemont. He is well-known in the neighborhood.

— BILL TURNER

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Nicole Kidman just woke up from her morning nap Jan 31.



**Cinco**



**Caesar**

The white cat is a kitten, a little character. We got him on May 5, 2009, from the pound and named him Cinco de Mayo (left). He replaced a beautiful orange Maine Coon, also from the pound, named Caesar (right). Our Caesar died at age 15, April 9, 2009, but we had him a long time. He really got along with kids.

— SUSAN D. DAWSON

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Cannoli "rides" on top of a concrete turtle in our garden.



Guinness, relaxing and cooling off in the back yard ivy.

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— BRIAN MARQUIS



Seamus is the friendliest and most admired Labrador in Old Town. We call him two stick Seamus because he will only fetch two sticks from the river or a stick and a ball; one stick is not enough!

He is looking for a wife at the moment, if there is a lonely Pedigree Labrador bitch looking for a husband please let us know. Seamus is an English hunting Labrador, he loves retrieving rabbits and pheasants. He is well traveled and has a pet passport. I take him to France and England every summer. Seamus lives with: Mrs Oenone Sparkman



This is Harissa, the 3-legged Tunisian wonder dog. Harissa started life as a wild dog living in the woods of Tunisia. When her leg was injured, she found her way to the grounds of the American Embassy in Tunis, seeking food and shelter. That's where we met her. Although her left front leg had to be amputated, she adapted well. Adjusting to domesticity — being inside of a house, walking on a leash, riding in a car, going to the vet for shots, trusting humans — was more difficult for Harissa. But these were things she had to master before she could make the long journey with us from Tunisia to America. Because the truth is, we could not bear to leave her behind when it was time for us to return home from Tunisia. This photo was taken on her first day in America. Harissa has now lived here for over 2 years and is loving life — and all her doggie and human friends — in Old Town.

"Harissa" is a fiery-hot Tunisian chile sauce.

— BILL CHIPLIS AND SUSANNE WOOD



Puck (the black one) and Leo (white and black) Ansari started watching TV when their people-grandmother sent them an animal planet DVD for Christmas. They have been enjoying the football playoffs as well.

— KAREN AND MOHAMMAD ANSARI



Max came to live with me when he was 10 after his owner, one of my best friends, suddenly died. Max adapted amazingly well to the change of scene and daily routine. Then he adapted yet again when he was diagnosed with bone cancer at age 12. In fact, this week is his two-year amputation date. He's amazingly fast with only 3 legs and has shown me that no matter what challenges life brings, it's possible to adapt and move on with dignity.

— LAURA PARTRIDGE WITH MAX



Some happy participants on the Potomac Riverboat Company's Canine Cruises. See [www.potomacriverboatco.com](http://www.potomacriverboatco.com)



Former Hotel Monaco general manager Nick Gregory and Charlie, the property's director of pet relations, at one of last year's doggie happy hour. Jackson 20 and Hotel Monaco's doggie happy hour, held in the restaurant and hotel's courtyard, will restart in April when it's warm again. Check <http://www.doggiehappyhour.com/> or [www.facebook.com/jackson20](http://www.facebook.com/jackson20).



George and Margaret with Daisy.



Lucy Brenner, a 4-year-old English bulldog. She loves to sleep!

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Dave Dodd from Alexandria with Barkley a mixed lab and spaniel. He is 12 years old now but Dodd got him when he was a puppy. "He's very people-oriented and likes to swim and play ball."

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Tania Page from Alexandria with Bono, a "spaniel mystery." He's 5 years old, Page got him when he was 4 and a half, "really easy going."

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Claudia Silva with Troy — Shiba Inu — got him almost a year ago, still a puppy. "He's adorable, a good boy."



Carlos de la Guardia owns his own consultant firm (DLG Group) and brings his dog, Paris, to work with him everyday. Paris, 8 years old, was adopted last summer from Delaware, he's an English pointer. "He loves being with people and is extremely obedient."



Anna Fitzgerald from West Alexandria (owner of The Dog Park on King Street) with Chester, an Australian cattle dog mix. He's 4 years old, was adopted by Fitzgerald at 8 months at the Washington Animal Rescue League. "He's a snuggler."



# Owner Dies, Pet Lives, Then?

A trust can assure a pet's care when the owner cannot.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW  
THE GAZETTE

**P**et owners, like most people, do not like to think about dying, or becoming incapacitated. Expressed informally or silently assumed, the ordinary owner expects a family member or close friend to provide good care for the loyal pet that has given such pleasure and affection.

Receipt of the veterinarian's bill after the first visit often curdles the new caregiver's best intentions. The pet owner can take steps to avoid this unfortunate outcome. One choice is to create a trust.

"Historically the law did not allow provisions for the benefit of pets in wills. Sadly, this often resulted in heirs giving the pet to a rescue organization and keeping the money designated for the pet," according to lawyer Peter King of the Tysons Corner firm Hauswiesner King LLP.

## More

"Estate Planning for Non-Human Family Members" by Texas law professor Gerry W. Beyer was written for law students and estate lawyers. However, any pet owner will benefit from reading it. An owner's choices to provide for a pet are examined. See <http://www.professorbeyer.com>, then "Articles" and "Animals."

King added, "In July 2006 Virginia joined the majority of states in recognizing a trust for the benefit of pets." He noted that roughly one in five estate plans now make provision for pets.

Apart from the pet, two parties usually are involved in the trust: The trustee, who holds and manages the money, and the custodian, who provides day-to-day care to the animal. Choosing the right people for these roles is vital if the pet owner's wishes are to be carried out.

A trustee should have ordinary experience handling money and a respect for animals.

Most trustees are individuals, not trust companies. This is because the amounts of money are modest.

Selecting the custodian requires much more care. The person's feelings for the animal and capabilities to provide the needed services must be weighed. An older person or someone with infirmities may not be able to exercise the pet or drive to the veterinarian. Someone with a job may not have the time for scheduled attention to the animal.

The pet owner should sit with the potential custodian and talk at length about the details of care. A detailed understanding and agreement must be reached.

King advises: "These trusts are extremely flexible, allowing the drafter to specify activities and treat

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# Trainers Help Family Pet Fit In

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dience Club, we take any dog," Pratt said. "Mixed breeds are now accepted at AKC Obedience Trials, and we'd love to see more mixed breeds compete."

What makes this organization a club has more to do with like-mindedness of the members than club fees or other financial obligations. While they do charge a nominal fee of \$80 for the basic obedience training, the trainer doesn't receive any compensation for the 8-week course.

"We're a group that makes sure we have what we need to carry out our programs," Pratt said.

That includes anything from securing venues for training to getting plaques made for a member's winning pooch to finding judges for the annual Obedience and Rally Trial in October.

And even though they are an obedience club, they do have their share of fun, including Halloween parties with prizes for the best canine costumes. There's also a Fun and Games night where one of the favorite activities features frozen hot dogs on the floor. Picture dogs searching for the right hot dog to bring back to their handler without chowing down on any of the other temptations on the floor.

Obviously these are not at the kinds of activities dog lovers have come to know and love during the Westminster AKC Club's Best of Show competition on television. "That's all pure breeds and more like the AKC version of a beauty pageant," Pratt said with a laugh. "That's not obedience."

**AFTER SPENDING** time and money to teach your dog manners, you don't want just anyone taking over the leash. What are dog parents to do when they have to go to work? Eight hours is a long time for even the most obedient pooch to wait for a potty break.

That's where "Your Dog's Nanny" comes in.

Arlington resident Jill Schutt, aka Nanny J, says the name of her business may sound cute. "But it's what I really do," she said with a laugh.

The native Australian has lived in the States since her early 20s. But it was back Down Under in her teens that her entrepreneurial spirit first spread its wings.

"I used to macramé dog leashes and collars and then sell them to local pet boutiques," Schutt said. "I owned my own business at age 15. And I'd always done training of dogs since I was 13. I knew I



Cheryl Pratt's Great Dane Stella shows off her jumping skills.

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wanted to continue in some way."

Schutt says her current business started about seven years ago and evolved from working in the animal hospitals she opened with her ex-husband, an Old Town veterinarian. One of her responsibilities was walking the dogs at the hospitals.

"I realized that people pay a lot of money to train their dogs, and it's important to keep the continuity going," Schutt described. "There's been a real need in the area for professional, courteous, trained dog walkers that know what they're doing."

Schutt not only provides dog walks that reinforce obedience training. She also has a doggy taxi service that includes taking small groups of dogs to a local dog park for socialization and exercise.

Schutt talked about a Portuguese water dog that won several obedience titles while under her instruction. She is still that dog's nanny, helping the owner who is home bound. The dog, in turn, is helping others. Schutt has involved the dog in the pet therapy program at Mount Vernon Hospital's head trauma unit.

"That breed has to be kept busy during the day. The more you give them to do or make them think, the happier they are," Schutt said. "It's very rewarding."

**THE MAIN** thing with dog training, according to Sandy Mejias, is no matter who you end up working with, you want to make sure it's someone that uses a balanced method of training in the real world.

"You have to build a team: you, your dog and the trainer," she said, noting that Cesar Milan, whose show "The Dog Whisperer" airs on National Geographic Television, has helped a lot of viewers see it's

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Jill Schutt, owner  
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important to be a team.

Mejias suggests that before you enroll your dog in a class, meet the trainers, ask about their credentials and how they learned their craft. Ask about the dogs they've trained. And, make sure it's someone you can get along with.

Be careful, she advises. There are some organizations that just about anyone can join and get a certificate that says they're a dog trainer, but there's no real licensing or examination to pass that actually qualifies a person to train dogs.

"We've had many dogs that were trained in other places come here for retraining," Mejias said.

It's like anything else, she added. When you're about shop for a new flat screen TV, you have to do your homework.

Be sure to do the same for the furry family member.

# Hartmann To Step Down

After six years at the helm, city manager to leave in May.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

After his sixth budget is approved by the Alexandria City Council in May, City Manager Jim Hartmann will step down from his position as chief executive. Although he hasn't lined up another job yet, he has applied for a job as county manager in Seminole County, Fla.

"I don't know exactly what I'm going to do yet," said Hartmann, who replaced former City Manager Phil Sunderland at the beginning of 2005. "But I didn't want to put the organization through the hassle of having a city manager who was also working through a career transition."

A native of Berkeley, Calif., Hartmann served two years in the Coast Guard before earning a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in public administration from the University of Central Florida. He started his career in government as a college intern for the Orange County, Fla., working his way up to become division director of administrative support. From there, he took a position as county administrator at Eagle County, Colo., then took another position as county administrator in Spartanburg, S.C., before coming to Alexandria.

"It's time to move on to the next challenge," he said, adding that the weather will be warmer in Florida.

The low point of Hartmann's career in Alexandria was in early 2008, when he failed to notify City Council members of a hazardous materials facility on the West End until weeks after operations began. That led to calls for his ouster, especially among people who lived near the Norfolk Southern property where liquid ethanol was transferred from rail cars to tanker trucks.

"We were angry," acknowledged former City Councilman Justin Wilson. "But that led to some changes that made the city better."

WEEK IN ALEXANDRIA

## Hold Your Wallet

The green eyeshades at City Hall have been burning the midnight oil this week preparing the real-estate property assessments, which will be mailed to property owners on Tuesday. Last year, city officials estimated a 4.5 percent decrease in property assessments for fiscal year 2011, which began over the summer. So far, that's a projection that seems to be bearing fruit.

"We'll meet the projection," Director of Finance **Laura Triggs** told City Council members during a recent financial report. "At this point, the news is that there's not a drop that we have to look at and decide what to do with the budget projections."

Each year, the city conducts assessments on 45,000 properties. According to an analysis of government activity under the Managing for Results Initiative, the cost to the city for each assessment is about \$10 and each appraiser is responsible for assessing about 6,500 properties. Only two of every 100 assessments are appealed, which adjusts the projected revenue about 0.3 percent.

Real-estate taxes are the city's cash cow, so mak-



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City Manager Jim Hartmann

Part of that change was clearing up the lines of authority, making it clear who was responsible to report to whom. For Hartmann, it became part of a larger effort at reorganizing the culture of City Hall in a process he called "collaborative realignment." Last year, for example, he oversaw the merger of three agencies into the newly created Department of Human Services.

"The ethanol thing was a low point, but it was also a learning experience for the city," said Hartmann. "It became a catalyst for change."

Hartmann's greatest effort at changing the culture at City Hall was the creation of the Managing for Results Initiative, a budgeting directive that put a price tag on every action performed by city government. The effort is now a staple of the city's annual budget process, which is set to conclude in May when Hartmann plans to leave the city after the operating budget for fiscal year 2012 is adopted by City Council.

"In his six years here, Jim Hartmann has served the city exceptionally," said Mayor Bill Euille in a written statement. "The legacy of his work is a strong government, focused on the future, that is more accountable, effective and responsive to the needs of its community and residents."

ing the right prediction on property values can mean the difference between solvency and disaster. This year, residential property taxes make up about 32 percent of the city's revenues and commercial property taxes constitute about 24 percent of the city's revenues.

For property owners, the question is what kind of assessment they'll receive next week.

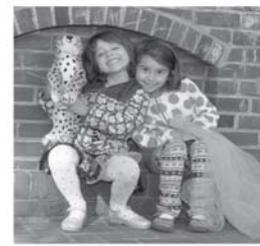
"I think we'll see the value of the condos drop in value, and we'll see the higher end properties drop in value," said Councilman **Frank Fannon**, a mortgage banker with Sun Trust. "But we'll also see a slight appreciation in the range of properties from \$300,000 to \$800,000."

## Waterfront Expectations

When planning officials release the long-awaited small area plan for the waterfront this week, the document will be decades in the making. But that doesn't mean everybody agrees with what Planning Director **Farroll Hamer** wants to do to the water-

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Meeting House Cooperative Preschool  
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## Making One's Own Pet Connection

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**A**re you considering adopting a dog or a cat or another animal? Be sure to rescue one in need. More people have turned in pets to animal shelters in the past couple of years, in part because of the recession and increased foreclosures.

Approximately 6-to-8 million pets end up in animal shelters each year, according to The Humane Society of the United States. Of that number, 3-to-4 million are adopted, but the remaining 3-to-4 million pets end up being euthanized.

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Here are a few places to adopt a pet who needs a home. There are many rescue organizations, including some that specialize in particular breeds. There are also networks of people, like PetConnect, mostly communicating on the

internet, who help save adoptable animals from overcrowded shelters from near and far.

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### Super Bowl Parties, Fun and Safe

This year's Super Bowl might even turn out to be a game worth watching.

Super Bowl parties are fun even for those who are not big football fans. It's a great reason to get together at home or out in a restaurant or bar with friends.

Just be sure that you or your guests get home safely.

The McLean-based organization Washington Regional Alcohol Program suggests tips for safe

celebrating on Super Bowl Sunday, Feb. 6. During Super Bowl Sunday 2009, 50 percent of all U.S. crash fatalities included drivers who were intoxicated according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Plan ahead: designate a driver if you're celebrating with alcohol, or use alternative transportation like taxi or public transportation.

If you're hosting the Super Bowl party: serve high protein food like meats and cheeses with alcohol; serve non-alcoholic beverages as an option; designate a bartender so guests don't mix their own drinks; close the bar at least an hour before you expect your guests to be leaving; don't serve alcohol to anyone who appears to be impaired; never serve minors; never allow anyone who has had too much to drink to get behind the wheel.

If you're driving on Super Bowl evening (or anytime), wear your seatbelt. "Wearing a seatbelt may be your best defense against a drunk driver," said Kurt Erickson, WRAP director. "The routine wearing of seatbelts is the single most effective measure to reduce crash-related deaths and injuries."

## New Bills Fail To Value Immigrants

BY ADAM EBBIN  
STATE DELEGATE (D-49)

**I**'m proud to represent the 49th District — the most diverse district in the state of Virginia. It represents 124 nations and speaks 94 languages. In neighborhoods throughout Arlington, Alexandria, and Fairfax, hardworking immigrants from countries like El Salvador, Guatemala, and Mongolia make valuable contributions to our economy, culture, and community.

That is why it's so offensive that the General Assembly is once again considering a slate of bills that will further harass, intimidate, and exclude immigrants. The cumulative impact of these bills will not be to reduce the number of undocumented immigrants in Virginia — something that can only be achieved through comprehensive immigration reform at the federal level — but to close the doors of opportunity and chase them deeper into the shadows.

One piece of legislation being considered this session would deny undocumented students the opportunity to attend Virginia colleges — even if the students or their parents are taxpayers.

These are kids who have no control over their legal status. They are often brought here at a young age by their parents, and have no available path to obtaining permanent legal residence. In almost every case, they're long-time residents who graduated from Virginia high schools, speak English, and consider Virginia their only home.

The proposed legislation would unjustly pun-



ish children for the actions of their parents — and all Virginians would suffer as a result. When we deny college admission to some of Virginia's best and brightest students, we're sending promising talent to other states, along with

the revenue they would generate as members of our workforce. Or they may stay, but instead of becoming doctors or teachers they will be waiting in line for off-the-books day labor.

Another bill would require that parents enrolling their children in public schools disclose their immigration status to school officials — even if the child is a citizen. It's not hard to see that the effect of this legislation — intended or not — will be to discourage these parents from enrolling their children in school and receiving the education they are entitled to as residents of the U.S.

Additional legislation has been introduced seeking to make state and local law enforcement responsible for enforcing federal immigration law, including a bill that will require police to check the immigration status of any person stopped, regardless of whether they are arrested.

Much like Arizona's controversial policy, this type of law would inevitably lead to racial profiling against Latinos, and discourage members of immigrant communities from cooperating with law enforcement or even calling 911 when

they have been victims of a crime. Our police's time should be keeping Virginians safe from dangerous criminals, not questioning immigrants and their families.

Unfortunately, these types of bills aren't new to the General Assembly. For too long, some legislators have denigrated immigrants, while failing to recognize their valuable contributions to our communities. They've been quick to make undocumented immigrants scapegoats for any number of problems facing the Commonwealth, but slow to acknowledge the obstacles to obtaining citizenship in the first place.

At least 10 percent of Virginia residents were born outside the United States. They came here for the same reason many of our ancestors did — in search of freedom, prosperity, and a better life for their families.

It's not only inhumane to harass new Virginians and deny them the same opportunities that our ancestors enjoyed — it's not in the best interest of the state.

By banning some immigrants from our colleges and intimidating them out of our public schools, we would deny them the surest path to becoming productive workers and fully integrated members of society. By requiring police to check immigration status and enforce federal laws that aren't their responsibility, we actually undermine public safety.

Immigrants — documented and undocumented — are a vital part of our communities and Virginia's economy.

I don't expect all of those in the General Assembly to welcome them with open arms, but the least we can do is treat them like human beings.

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# LETTERS

## In Today's Perspective

To the Editor:

History can be embellished like a dream. Recent "Letters to the Editor" have attempted to glorify Robert E. Lee's reputation as a selfless person, humanitarian, educator and a person with Christian virtues.

Robert E. Lee had slaves, he resigned his commission to take up arms against the United States in support of maintaining the institution of slavery; and he commanded an army and fought a war of attrition resulting in the deaths of over 600,000 Union and rebel forces. President Lincoln's desire to reunite the Union set the stage for the gracious terms of surrender. In today's world he would have been arrested, imprisoned and placed on trial, as a traitor or a terrorist.

**Dave Cavanaugh**

## Expand Healthy Snack Program

To the Editor:

As involved parents of elementary school students in the Alexandria City Public Schools, we want to express our support for expanding the Jefferson-Houston Elementary fresh fruit snack program to elementary schools across the city.

This program has been very successful at

Jefferson-Houston. We believe this success should be replicated to benefit all elementary students in the city.

Superintendent Mort Sherman has included the program in his budget proposal. We hope our school board and community will support this step toward better nutrition in our schools.

The goal of the program is to help students make the connection between staying healthy and eating fresh produce.

At Jefferson-Houston, fresh fruits and/or vegetables are currently served three days a week. They're served outside the regular breakfast and lunch periods to give the students an extra boost of nutrition between lunch and dismissal.

ACPS nutrition director Becky Domokos-Bays has worked with teachers to find creative ways to incorporate nutrition education into lessons on math, language arts and science. Students routinely sample produce from Virginia and even a few exotic treats like kumquats, rambutan and horned melons. Eating healthy food is essential to our children's proper development and can be an important factor in how well they do in school. Still, many families in Alexandria do not have access to fresh and healthy food. Nutrition education and exposure to fresh fruit and vegetables can help combat Alexandria's high rates of childhood obesity. In addition to being good policy for the schools, it fits with the city's "Healthier Alexandria" initiative.

The fresh fruit and vegetable snack pro-

gram could be an important component of improving learning and eating in ACPS. We hope that may be offered to all our public elementary school students starting next year.

**Jessica Tefft, Laura Dove, Dan Solomon, Leslie Duss, Sue Henry, Beth Coast, Katherine Sumner, Julie Segal, Jen Kenealy, Kiban Turner, Jenny Curry, Sara Lavan, Kathy Stenzel, Tom Stenzel, Shelly Cole, Justine Hudec, Marybeth Walsh, Heather Martin**

## Even-Handed Enforcement?

To the Editor:

Thank you for your article, "Biking in the Fast Lane," in the Alexandria Gazette Packet. In the article, it is noted that the police ticketed a bicyclist for riding 31 mph in a 25 mph zone.

I find myself wondering if the police commonly ticket motorists for driving only 6 mph over the speed limit. While I applaud our local police and their work to keep our community safe, I do hope that traffic safety efforts are being applied in an even-handed way.

**Jonathan Krall**  
Alexandria

## Sherman's Proposal

To the Editor:

[Superintendent of Schools] Dr. [Morton] Sherman has put forward a revised plan for modestly and reasonably extending the school year, for addressing adjustments to the school day, and for considering further school day adjustments.

No one can deny the manifest benefit of increasing children's access to the resources that the Division has to offer. And no one can deny that the communities and populations most likely to need and benefit from greater access are the least likely to speak up.

It's become clear, over the weeks following Dr. Sherman's initial proposal, that some of the most vocal and intractable opposition to Dr. Sherman's last proposal came from an extraordinarily limited number of parents. It now is clear from one released poll that the opposing respondent population constituted fewer than 15 adults at one school — possibly less than 2 percent of the school's total parent headcount.

It has also become clear that some opposition arose for reasons that are less than clear (and that, in some cases, seem to involve the most narrow of personal convenience issues). It's also become equally clear that claims that the announcement had received no prior airing were patently false

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**Stratford on the Potomac** \$649,000  
1917 Sword Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308

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**The Plaza** \$285,000  
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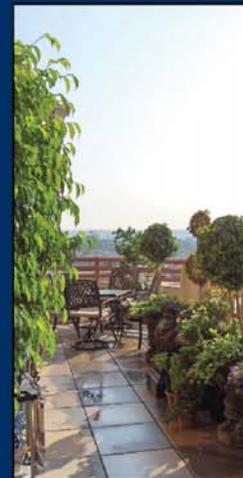


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## BUSINESS MATTERS

### Market Carts

This spring, Market Square will become a lot tastier. From April to October, the space around the fountain will become home to eight vendor carts that will sell food and beverages. The city has already selected five vendors to serve a range of lunch offerings and coffees: Bread and Chocolate, Columbia Firehouse, Fontaine, the Union Street Public House and Grape and Bean.

"The carts will be small, stainless steel, with umbrellas," wrote City Manager **Jim Hartmann** in a memorandum outlining the pilot project. "No signs other than a small, discreet plaque on the cart with the name and address of the restaurant with which the cart is associated will be permitted."

Back in October, City Council members approved an \$18,000 appropriation from contingent reserves to launch the program. The total cost of the program will be \$42,000, which includes tables and chairs that will be used by patrons as well as the cost of administering the program and regularly power-washing Market Square when it's over. But the vendors will kick in about \$24,000, leaving the cost to taxpayers at \$18,000. Participating restaurants will be responsible for purchasing the approved \$5,000 cart plus forking over a \$100 weekly fee.

"It's amazing that these restaurants are willing to do this even though they have no vending cart experience," said **Jay Palermino**, director of the Alexandria Restaurant Commission. "But they've embraced this as a way to expand their marketing reach."

The Department of Planning and Zoning is still accepting applications to fill the three remaining vending cart spaces.

### West End Signature

Landmark Mall hosts a carnival twice a year, and Ben Brenman Park has a seasonal farmers market and several ethnic festivals. But West End Events Productions owner **Sonia Agosto** says it lacks a signature event, the kind of thing that creates enough buzz to bring businesses together once a year for a blowout. That's why she's organizing the West End Art and Wine Festival, an October cultural affair that will showcase West End businesses, restaurants and artisans.

"We are going to bring all the flavors of the West End," said Agosto. "That includes a wide assortment of cultures from around the world."

She's already lined up four restaurants that will be part of the event — Tempo, Los Toltecos, Hana Tokyo and Hee Been Restaurant. But that's just the start. On Monday, Agosto will host a cocktail reception at Tempo so other West End businesses can find out more about the two-day event, which will include juried art vendors from across the country. Agosto expects about 20,000 attendees.

"People are eager to have an event in the West End," she said. "We're hoping more businesses in the area will want to partner with us to sponsor this."

### Moving On Up

The city's hotels are in the black, according to a recent financial analysis of transient lodging taxes. Tax receipts are up 10.4 percent compared to last year, and the nightly lodging fee collections are up 8.8 percent. "Tourism is really booming in the city," said Mayor **Bill Euille**.

Alexandria collects about \$10 million each year from the city's hotels, which are taxed 6.5 percent for the money paid for rooms plus a \$1 lodging fee for each night's stay. Back in 2008, City Council members raised the rate 1 percent in an effort to broaden revenue sources at City Hall, which tends to rely on property tax revenue for operating costs.

"One of the things we did see in some of the recent numbers is a move from budget hotels to higher end hotels," said Finance Director **Laura Triggs**. "So if there's some decline, we're still seeing the revenue because people are moving up to the higher end hotels."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

### BULLETIN BOARD

#### FRIDAY/FEB. 4

**Reagan Centennial Event.** Noon. Former Virginia Sen. George Allen is expected to deliver keynote speech. At Market Square in front of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria.

#### SATURDAY/FEB. 5

**Chairman's Tiki Ball.** 6 to 11 p.m. Alexandria Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Tiki Ball. Tickets are \$150/members; \$175/non-members.

At the Hilton Mark Center, 5000 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Contact 703-549-1000 or [www.alexchamber.com/TikiBall](http://www.alexchamber.com/TikiBall).

#### TUESDAY/FEB. 8

**Networking Breakfast.** 7:30 to 9 a.m. Sponsored by the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce. Cost — members-\$35, non-members-\$45 and passport-free. At the Tempo Restaurant, 4231 Duke Street, Alexandria.

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# Violence Behind Closed Doors

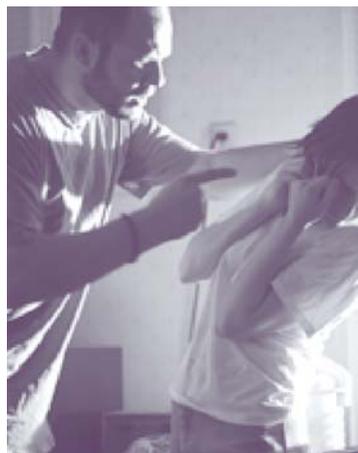
**Domestic violence is on the rise as the city's Battered Women's Shelter celebrates its 30th anniversary.**

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**L**ike many victims of domestic violence, Rachel felt like she had nowhere to turn. Trapped in an abusive relationship and afraid to leave her husband, she became trapped in a cycle of violence — until she reached out to a domestic violence service provider in Northern Virginia, where she found a support group and child care. Now that she's divorced, Rachel is one of 90 volunteers who help staff the city's Battered Women's Shelter — an anonymous single-family house tucked away on a quiet Del Ray street where women and children can escape until a restraining order has been issued.

"I actually enjoy working the hotline," said Rachel, who did not want to give her last name for fear that her abuser might track her down. "The person on the other end of the phone is in crisis, and I enjoy being able to give something back when it's needed the most."

The need has never been greater, according to experts in domestic violence and statewide statistics. A statewide database that collects information from local providers shows that the problem of domestic violence is on the rise across Virginia. The number of hotline calls has grown by 8 percent from 2009 to 2010, and the number of women, children and



**An image from a National Institute of Justice study on domestic violence.**

men staying in a domestic violence emergency shelter on an average night has increased 22 percent. More than 2,000 families were turned away last year because existing shelters were full, a 54 percent increase over the previous year.

"We've seen a downturn in the economy and an increase in substance abuse," said Gena Boyle, domestic violence advocacy manager for the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. "And we know both of these lead to an increase in domestic violence."

**HERE IN ALEXANDRIA**, the numbers also show an increased need for services at a time when local government is trying to cut back. In 2009, for example, the Battered Women's Shelter was home for 53 women and 38 children. The following year it was 61 women and 52 children. The court system has also seen an increase, with domestic spousal abuse cases rising from 165 in 2007 to 211 in 2009.

Prosecutors say domestic violence remains a problem despite changes in the last 30 years in how the cases are handled.

"I don't think you are ever going to eliminate the problem, in spite of your best efforts," said Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel. "But in the last 20 years there's been a sea change in the way these cases are handled."

When police are called to a domestic violence case, an arrest can be mandatory if probable cause can be established — even if the victim does not want to press charges. Suspects are taken into custody by a special unit of the Alexandria Police Department and prosecuted by a commonwealth's attorney who specializes in domestic violence

cases. Victims and their children have access to the Battered Women's Shelter — the first of its kind in Northern Virginia when it opened its doors 30 years ago.

"The idea was that it was supposed to be as anonymous and nondescript as possible," said Councilwoman Del Pepper, who was an aide to Mayor Chuck Beatley in 1981. "That way the women and children could feel secure."

**ALEXANDRIA'S SHELTER** became a city-owned

SEE SHELTER'S 30<sup>TH</sup>, PAGE 25

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS:  
POTOMAC YARD METRORAIL STATION EIS**

## You're Invited!

**Thursday,  
February 10, 2011**  
4:30 pm to 6 pm and  
6:30 pm to 8 pm

**Cora Kelly Recreation Center  
25 W. Reed Avenue  
Alexandria, VA**

The Federal Transit Administration, in cooperation with the City of Alexandria, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and the National Park Service, is initiating the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Potomac Yard Metrorail Station.

You are invited to attend either meeting to learn about the EIS process; ask questions; and comment on the purpose and need for the project, alternatives considered, key environmental considerations, and the public and agency coordination process. No RSVP is required and all members of the public are welcome.

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Transit to Cora Kelly: DASH bus route AT10 or Metrobus routes 10A/B/E. Parking is available on-site. Visual materials and a Spanish-speaking staff member will be available. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon advance request. Anyone who requires special assistance should call (202) 962-1745 or email [jashe@wmata.com](mailto:jashe@wmata.com) at least 3 days prior to the meeting. If City of Alexandria Schools are closed on February 10 due to inclement weather, the snow date for the meetings will be Tuesday, February 15.

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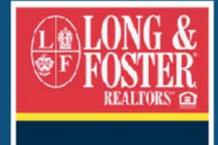


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## HISTORY

# Peculiar Insurrection

Celebrating Black History Month during Civil War sesquicentennial commemoration.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**t the beginning of February 1861, slavery was tearing apart the fabric of the nation. Seven states had already seceded from the Union, and more were moving closer to secession with each passing day. Here in Alexandria, voters were preparing for an election unlike any other before or since — selecting a delegate to a state convention to consider whether or not Virginia should secede from the Union and cast its lot with the slave-owning states of the Deep South.

“Today is the most important election is to be held that ever took place in this state since the formation of our present government,” wrote Alexandria Gazette editor Edgar Snowden in a Feb. 4, 1861 editorial. “There is no reason why we should be in haste to destroy a government which has been the admiration of the world before we see and know that it is impossible to have our just rights secured under that government.”

**“There is now, however, no knowing a day in advance what is to follow or what to expect.”**

— Alexandria Gazette editor  
Edgar Snowden

By a three-to-one margin, Alexandria voters selected attorney George William Brent, a lawyer who was a former member of the Virginia state Senate. During the election of 1860, Brent had been an unsuccessful candidate to be a presidential elector for Stephen Douglas, the candidate favored by the Northern wing of the fractured Democratic Party. Brent's opposition in the February 1861 elec-



Documents related to the slave trade in Alexandria on display at the Freedom House Museum in Alexandria.

tion was David Funsten, the leader of the local Southern faction of the Democratic Party who had supported Vice President John Breckinridge in 1860.

“We find the immediate secessionists in several quarters persistent, through their writings, and speeches, and in other ways, in still urging immediate secession as the panacea for all the evils we suffer,” Snowden wrote. “And we observe that the convention is, in these same quarters, evidently not regarded with any favor. Its complexion is not considered very flattering to Southern pride.”

**SOUTHERN PRIDE** was at the heart of the conflict that was tearing America apart in those cold February days in 1861. This was when delegates from across the Deep South gathered in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America, selecting Jefferson Davis as their new president and Alexander Stephens as their new vice president. The move was interpreted by many as a point of no return.



George William Brent

“We have now, therefore, actually two Republics, in what was once the *United States* — leaving the old name to the states that have not seceded,” Snowden observed. “There is now, however, no knowing a day in advance what is to follow or what to expect.”

Since the formation of Alexandria in 1749, slavery had been a sort of original sin — one that became increasingly difficult to navigate as the sectional conflict grew more intense. Slave dealers from across the region would purchase slaves and bring them to Alexandria, where they would be shipped or marched further south. Dealers would frequently kidnap free blacks and bring them here to be sold into bondage, creating a sense of outrage among the growing movement for abolition.

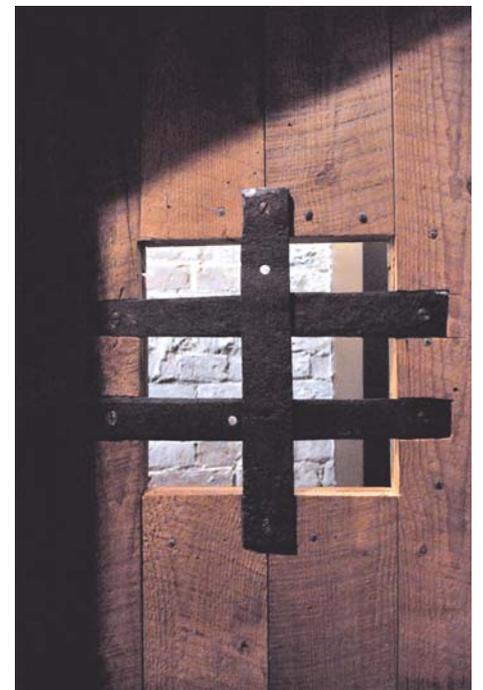
By February 1861, the abolitionists were cheering President-elect Abraham Lincoln, who was scheduled to be inaugurated in March. On the opposite end of the spectrum, calls for secession were growing louder and

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**June 28:** Hands on History Tent: The Civil War - Carlyle House Historic Park. www.carlylehouse.org  
**June 27-July 1:** Civil War Kid's Camp - Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. www.fortward.org

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**Sept. 10:** Civil War Fashion Show - Carlyle House Historic Park. www.carlylehouse.org  
**Sept. 24:** Civil War Nurses Program - Carlyle House Historic Park. www.carlylehouse.org

**OCTOBER**  
**Oct. 5:** Civil War Alexandria in 3-D photo lecture by Wally Owen at the Lyceum. www.historicalexandria.org

**DECEMBER**  
**Dec. 10:** Christmas in Camp - Learn how Christmas was observed during the Civil War. Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. www.fortward.org



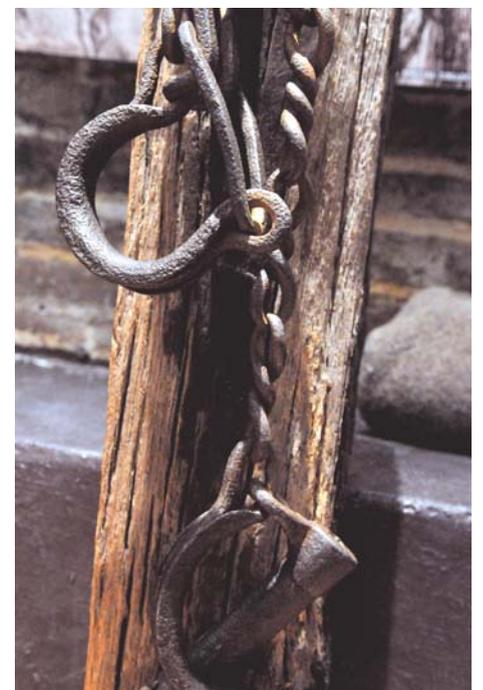
The door to the slave pen at the Freedom House Museum.

louder among those who supported the Confederacy. As Alexandrians gathered to celebrate the George Washington's birthday, the crisis gripping Virginia formed a grim backdrop for the festivities.

“Alas! that his fondest wishes and hopes should not be realized by those who have come after him,” Snowden wrote on Feb. 22, “and that they should have been thwarted and destroyed by men who have neither his wisdom, his prudence, his virtue, nor his patriotism!”

As February drew to a close, Snowden stepped up his appeal to readers of the Alexandria Gazette to avoid war at all cost.

“Among the warmest and truest Virginia men and Southern men in our State are the most decided Union men,” he concluded, “and those most opposed to Secession.”



A shackle on display at the Freedom House Museum.

## 2011 Civil War Sesquicentennial Events

### FEBRUARY

**Feb. 5:** R.E. Lee Camp Museum Open to Public for free tours. 703-519-2123  
**Feb. 5:** Civil War Reenacting Recruiting Day at Fort Ward Museum and Historic site. www.fortward.org  
**Feb. 26:** Black History Month Civil War Lecture - Historian Carroll R. Gibbs will present “Whirlwind Coming: African Americans in the District and Alexandria during the Civil War.” Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. www.fortward.org

### MARCH

**March 1-31:** The Civil War at Carlyle House “Mansion House Hospital” Exhibit. www.carlylehouse.org  
**March 12:** Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor Lecture - Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. www.fortward.org

### APRIL

**April 6:** “Alexandria in the Civil War” lecture by James Barber - The Lyceum. www.historicalexandria.org  
**April 30:** Did Grandpa Wear Grey or Blue? Civil War Records at the National Archives at the Carlyle House. www.carlylehouse.org

### MAY

**May 21:** Life in the Civil War Alexandria, a Living History Event - Market Square. www.historicalexandria.org  
**May 21:** Family Festival: Spies and Scouts of the Civil War — Carlyle House Historic Park. www.carlylehouse.org

### JUNE

**June 4:** Civil War Heritage Bike Ride. www.alexandriava.gov/archaeology  
**June 8-12:** Alexandria Archaeology Institute - Join Alexandria archaeologists in excavating Shuter's Hill, the site of two Union forts in the Defenses of Washington during the Civil War.

## THEATER

# Ethel Waters' Career in MetroStage's Spotlight

**"His Eye is on the Sparrow" more bio-play than bio-cabaret.**

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

With "His Eye is on the Sparrow," MetroStage adds Ethel Waters to the string of noteworthy African American vocalists of the 20th century who have been the subject of the bio-cabarets that have given audiences a chance to sample the performance style of the likes of Nat Cole, Duke Ellington, Pearl Bailey and Alberta Hunter while receiving something of a dramatized briefing on their lives and careers.

Often these programs have been light on the biography in order to provide playing time for the impersonation/performance. Those performances have been stellar while the bio material was briskly covered in interesting and digestible bite-size asides. This time, however, the evening adds up to more of a play and less a cabaret, and that sense of heft is welcome.

As Waters, Bernardine Mitchell returns to MetroStage where she starred in the bio-cabaret of gospel singer Mahalia Jackson in 2005 and again last year, as well as appearing in "Three Sistahs" in 2004 and again in 2007. She "got the joint jumpin'" with "Mahalia" to a greater extent than she does here, but that is because the material in this show is a bit more subdued and dramatic.

The life that Ethel Waters lived lends itself to this more dramatic tone. She was born in Pennsylvania as the result of the rape of her mother and she had a hugely difficult childhood. Indeed, she says in her autobiography (also titled "His Eye is on the Sparrow") that "I was never a child. I never was coddled, or liked, or understood by my family. I never felt I belonged."

She earned stardom, but as the play makes clear, it was not all a bed of roses. She was married by age 13 and divorced by 14. Touring the south as a black entertainer in the early part of the 20th century she'd sometimes have to lodge at houses of prostitution because no legitimate hostelry would admit her. She once arrived at the back door of a theater to give her show only to find a black boy had been lynched in front for having had the audacity to speak to a white lady. At another time, she was injured in an automobile accident and the white people in the area refused to rescue her from the wreckage, saying it served her right for being in a white man's car. Later she was forced to undergo multiple painful surgeries without the aid of anesthesia because such drugs were not made available for women of her race in that area of the deep south.

It is a history like that which gave her the depth of emotion on which to draw for songs such as "Little Black Boy," which Mitchell on opening night performed a capella with great impact, and "Stormy Weather," which was one of her biggest hits as a result of the pain she was able to communicate in its story of a hard life. Mitchell's full-length rendition of that singular torch song was full of mannerisms that bring Waters' performance to mind.

Waters broke many barriers over the course of her career but none quite so remarkable as when she became the first black woman to star with whites in



**Bernardine Mitchell stars as Ethel Waters in "His Eye is on the Sparrow."**

a Broadway revue, Irving Berlin's "As Thousands Cheer." Those who think of Berlin as the writer of such up-beat material as "White Christmas," "Easter Parade," "Over There" and "There's No Business Like Show Business" may find the song he wrote for her for that show a revelation. "Supper time" tells of the pain of a mother having to prepare dinner for her children despite the knowledge that their father won't be coming home as he's just been lynched. Mitchell imbues the song with an incredulous air that adds to its poignancy.

William Knowles provides single-piano and keyboard accompaniment from center stage on a set adapted from the design of R. Paul Thomason. It provides three main playing areas that the actress wanders among. Jessica Winfield provides overly obvious peripatetic lighting for these wanderings with the effect that the actress is often ill-lit or completely out of the pool of light while the projections and visuals displayed on the back wall are in shadow or

overwhelmed by the silhouette effect of overly intense backlight.

The view we get of Waters looking back at the end of her career is dramatically more interesting than the other bio-cabarets, but the script does raise some questions. It isn't clear precisely why it shows Waters singing "Sweet Georgia Brown" at the age of 14 when the song wasn't written until she was in her late 20s. But more importantly, Waters had a reputation as a strong-willed and demanding star with a temper. While that temper flares a few times in this production, a kinder, gentler Ethel Waters appears on stage than her reputation might lead you to expect. Perhaps that is because the playwright, Larry Parr, places the piece at the end of her career when she has joined the crusade of the Rev. Billy Graham and she may well have found a new sense of calm or acceptance with the advent of religion in her life. This is a theater review not a history evaluation and it is a pleasure to report that the play is dramatically interesting and holds together well. I'll leave to others the question of how well it squares with the stories of Waters' more combative periods.



COURTESY OF THE ARLINGTON PLAYERS

**Christina Paschyn and Hans Dettmar star in "The Seagull" at the Thomas Jefferson Theatre.**

## Brophy Directs Substantial 'Seagull'

**The Arlington Players present Chekhov's landmark.**

BY BRAD HATHAWAY  
THE GAZETTE

The most important decision a theater makes when choosing to stage Anton Chekhov's revolutionary (for the late 19th century) introspective play, "The Seagull," is selecting a director. After all, when the play premiered in St. Petersburg, Russia, in 1896 it was a flop. Two years later, however, with a new director it was a big hit in Moscow. Right now, The Arlington Players are reviving this gentle human drama and the production has all the marks of a director letting the material take its natural course toward a satisfying evening of theater.

TAP selected Blakeman Brophy, who has directed a dozen shows for them in the past, including another drama that requires a careful directorial touch, "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof." For this new production, Brophy brings a thoughtful touch that keeps the piece from feel-

ing like a museum piece. Instead, it has an impressive heft entirely fitting for its story of people involved in multiple triangular relationships — some romantic and some familial but none completely satisfying to the characters. Some are, however, completely satisfying to the audience in the hands of the cast that Brophy recruited.

This was Anton Chekhov's first major contribution to the Russian theater, and along with "Uncle Vanya," "Three Sisters" and especially "The Cherry Orchard," it revolutionized that country's theater arts and laid the foundation for big changes in drama world wide. Unlike the overly dramatic, classical tradition of his predecessors, Chekhov brought to the stage the light touch but sharp focus he had developed in his equally revolutionary work as a short story writer.

For "Seagull" he created not one or two starring roles with many supporting characters but, rather, a play for an ensemble with as many as six roles sharing prominence in different scenes.

There's a young playwright who, like Chekhov himself, writes plays not in the then-popular mode. Played here with a nice blend of emotion and naivete by Mark Jennings, the young playwright is in love with a neighbor girl (attractive Christina Paschyn) who appears in his new play in a performance staged at the lakeside estate of his uncle, the just nicely avuncular Gerald Kamens. The young playwright hopes to impress his mother, a professional

### Where and When

The Arlington Players' production of Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull" continues at the Thomas Jefferson Theatre, 125 South Old Glebe Road through Feb. 12. Performances are Friday - Saturday at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 - \$15. Call 703-549-1063 or log on to [www.thearlingtonplayers.org](http://www.thearlingtonplayers.org).

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# Talk of the Town

## SUPER BOWL '11

The Packers vs The Steelers? This is **SERIOUS** football! Since neither team has cheerleaders, The Wanderer has relegated himself to the...what else?...**PARTY FOOD!** Now his only questions are where to go, what to eat, and which hat to wear. Not necessarily in that order.

Talk of the Town is a new Alexandria Gazette Packet feature. Questions, comments, or suggestions can be e-mailed to [thewanderer@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:thewanderer@connectionnewspapers.com).

### JACKSON20 I

will serve specialty tavern items in celebration of the big game on February 6th. Between 5:00 p.m. to close, a special \$20.11 Super Bowl Menu will be available, featuring selections from Chef **Dennis Marron's** popular craft canned beer list, a burger, beer and a brownie, or all-you-can eat ribs. 480 King Street, 703.842.2790, [www.jackson20.com](http://www.jackson20.com)



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Alley Cat is home to the Steelers Mafia and this West End sports bar and restaurant is gearing up for the Big Game with big screens and big sound. Gather with like-minded fans and bartender **Beatrice** for good food, good fun and a great game! 2 South Whiting Street, 703 461-0450.

Photos by Louise Krafft



### A RUSTICO

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### B MURPHY'S

During the regular season Patriot's fans queue up early to insure a spot in the upstairs bar. The Super Bowl will certainly attract serious fans ready for football, pub fare and Irish specialties! 713 King Street, 703 548-1717. [murphyspub.com](http://murphyspub.com)

### F CHADWICK'S

Join the local Old Towners and order up some tailgating grub including "Primanti Bros." style Pittsburger sandwich or a chili cheddar bratwurst. Wash it down with a Candemonium (select \$2 cans of beer). 203 The Strand, 703.836.4442, [chadwicksrestaurants.com](http://chadwicksrestaurants.com)

### G SOUTHSIDE 815

Once again, this popular spot will have the game on their 14 TV's plus they are adding a projection screen in the dining room. price burgers, 35¢ wings and chili dog platters will make any hungry fan happy. 815 South Washington Street, 703.836.6222, [southside815.com](http://southside815.com)



### C DEL RAY PIZZA

This new spot on the corner of Mount Vernon and East Del Ray is already a popular place to enjoy a game. Family friendly with a nice selection of beer and pizza. 2218 Mt Vernon Avenue, 703 549-2999. [delraypizzeria.com](http://delraypizzeria.com)



### D BUGSY'S

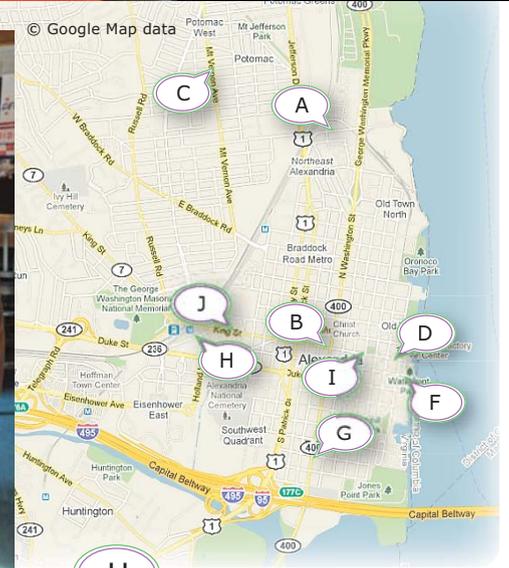
This place is all about sports! Enjoy the game in the upstairs Sports Bar where the walls are covered with sports memorabilia. Bugsy's famous pizza will keep you happy no matter who's winning. You may even get a glimpse of owner and past NHL hockey player, **Bryan Watson**. 111 King Street, 703 683-0313. [bugsyspizza.com](http://bugsyspizza.com)

### H JOE THEISMANN'S RESTAURANT

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### J BUTCHER'S BLOCK

Robert Wiedmaier's popular food market will offer a Super Bowl menu, where shoppers can pre-order the perfect party dishes to serve at home for the big game. Fan favorites like merguez 'liil' smokies' and baked beans with applewood smoked bacon and chicken, will also be available in the daily meat case on pick-up day. Get bulk discounts on pre-ordered cases of the new and expanded craft beer, too. 1600 King Street, 703.894.5253, [www.braborestaurant.com](http://www.braborestaurant.com)



## FINE ARTS

### FEB. 4 THROUGH MARCH 6

**Centerpieces for Valentine's Day.** The Ceramic Guild Show at the Scope Gallery at The Torpedo Factory. Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. At 105 North Union Street, Ground Floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call 703-548-6288 or visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope).

### FEB. 4 THROUGH FEB. 27

**Love Letters Exhibit.** A collection of love-inspired artworks paired with artist's love letter. Reception is Friday, Feb. 4 from 7 to 10 p.m. At the Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org)

### SATURDAY/FEB. 5

**Duo Mixed-Media Art Workshop.** Noon to 2 p.m. Transform everyday items into something amazing! Members: \$10, non-members: \$15, maximum 20. Instructors: Matthew Cuenca, multi-media artist, graduate of Parsons; Tracy Wilkerson, multi-media artist and found-art Ooak specialty card creator. Details: contact Matthew ([matthewcuenca@gmail.com](mailto:matthewcuenca@gmail.com)). Del Ray Artisans' gallery is at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

### NOW THROUGH FEB. 6

**Photographer Bruce Dale.** MemberShow. Bruce Dale has had more than 2,000 photographs published by National Geographic. In 1989 he was named White House Photographer of the Year. At the Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria.

### NOW THROUGH FEB. 7

**Understory.** Alison Sigethy's Solo Artist Exhibit. Environmental artist Alison Sigethy draws inspiration from the natural world surrounding her. At the Art League Gallery.

### FEB. 8 TO MARCH 6

**"Malaysia Journeys."** A Photo Exhibition by Blake Stenning. A reception will be held Saturday, Feb. 12 from 2 to 4 p.m.; Artist's Talk is Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7:30 p.m. At Multiple Exposures Gallery, 105 N. Union St., #312, Alexandria. Call 703-683-2205.

### FEB. 9 TO MARCH 6

**Gallery West Presents: The 14<sup>th</sup> National Show.** Reception is Saturday, Feb. 12 from 5 to 8 p.m. Juried by F. Lennox Campello. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 703-549-6006. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com).

### THURSDAY/FEB. 10

**Made With Love.** 6 to 9 p.m. Free. At 7 p.m., SPARK presents a spoken word event inspired by Target Gallery's Mixing Bowl exhibit, exploring immigration and diversity in America. Part of Second Thursday Art Night at the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org](http://www.torpedofactory.org); 703-838-4565.



**Tory Cowles**

## Tory Cowles Is Named 2011 Artist of the Year

Tory Cowles has been selected as the Friends of the Torpedo Factory Art Center Artist of the Year for 2011.

The award was announced on Jan. 10 in the Target Gallery of the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Also recognized for their artistic excellence was Torpedo Factory artists Joyce Zipperer (Second Place) and Brenda Townsend (Third Place).

The juror for the competition was Harry Cooper, Curator and Head of Modern and Contemporary Art at the National Gallery of Art.

An abstract painter, Cowles' background was in three-dimensional work such as stone wall building, woodworking, interior design, architecture, and carpentry, and her paintings were representational landscapes and portraits. When she started painting abstracts, she was able to incorporate the challenges and appeal of her previous 3D work onto the 2D canvas. Her large abstract canvases weave lush layers of color and spontaneous movement into mysterious stories.

Ms. Cowles will receive a cash prize of \$1,000 and a solo exhibition of her work in the Target Gallery from July 2-Aug. 14, 2011, with a reception at the Gallery on July 14 from 6 to 8 p.m.

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actress who has earned some fame but not much money in her career. The self-absorbed mother is played by Kelly Cronenberg with the most dramatic performance of the evening, which is appropriate for a character that is supposed to be an actress.

Add a slightly supercilious short-story writer played with panache by Hans Dettmar, the manager of the estate (the strong presence of Bill Fleming) and his wife (sharp-tongued Diana Shield) and their daughter (Rebecca Hausman) and, especially, Tom Flatt who makes more of the role of the family friend and town doctor than many actors might, and you have an ensemble of note. Others add to the mix. Particularly notable is Jimmy Garza scurrying about as the workman on the estate.

The action takes place on the wide and deep stage of the Thomas Jefferson Theatre on four fine sets designed by Amanda Acker. The exterior set for act one benefits from AnnMarie Castrigno's rippling lakeside lighting while the interiors of rooms in the main house are substantial and nicely subdued, almost not like stage settings at all. Unfortunately, most of the furniture, and therefore, much of the action is placed so far away from the lip of the stage that the feeling of intimacy the play requires is hard to achieve.

The Arlington Players had to make one other major

decision, one that probably came after the selection of the director, and therefore, had his full participation. That was the selection of the translation/adaptation to use for the production. There are nearly two dozen English versions available. Indeed, one of the premiere English playwrights of our day, Tom Stoppard, is quoted as saying that "You can't have too many English 'Seagulls.'" Of course, he might feel that way because he wrote one of the "English 'Seagulls.'"

The Arlington Players chose the version by Christopher Hampton, the author of the play "Les Liaisons Dangereuses" and the books for the musicals "Sunset Boulevard," "Dracula" and "Rebecca." He brings a modern sense of streamlining to the story while using a new literal translation from the Russian by Vira Liber. The result is a fine version that avoids the stilted feeling of a century-old play in a translation that requires footnotes for the out-of-date references.

Instead, everything flows nicely toward the final event, one that places Jennings alone on stage with no lines of dialogue but a cryptic instruction in the script that he's to spend "several minutes" tearing up his manuscripts. As Brophy has directed the scene and Jennings plays it, it is quite clear to the audience just what is going on in the character's mind as he reaches the final decision of his life. It is an effective and affecting piece of acting.

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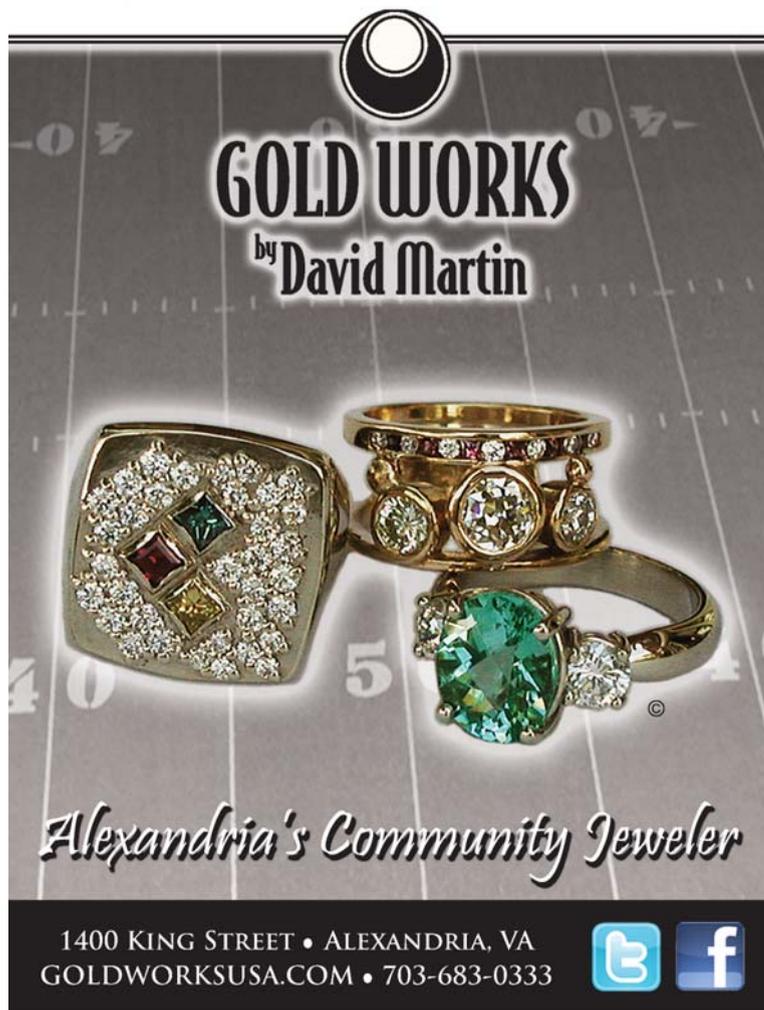
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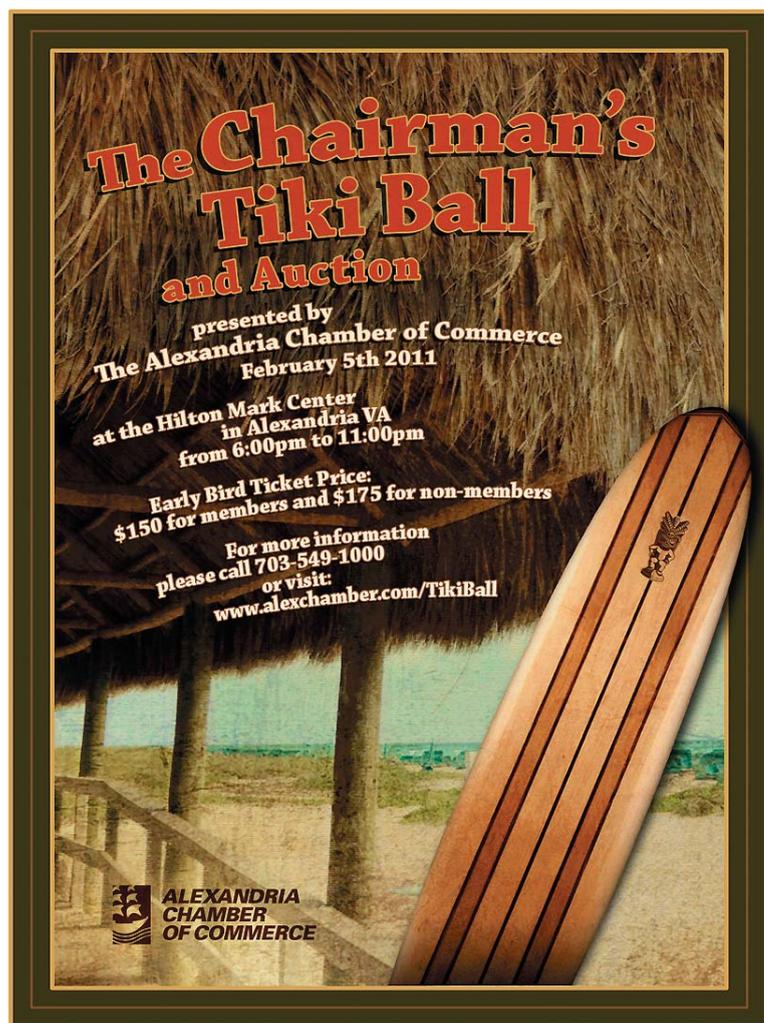


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### NOW THROUGH MARCH 16

**Shakespeare Shenanigans!** Wednesdays 11:30-1 p.m. At the Little Theatre of Alexandria in Old Town. Geared for the older adult, participants will discuss, read, and perform scenes from Shakespeare. Non actors welcome. Email Heather Sanderson at bardsplay@aol.com or call the Little Theatre at 703-683-5778, ext. 2.

### THURSDAY/FEB. 3

**Eighteenth-Century Dance Classes.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$30/series or \$12/class. Learn the dances of Jane Austen, George Washington, and Abigail Adams in Gadsby's Tavern Museum's historic ballroom. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242 or [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

### FEB. 3 TO MARCH 31

**StagePlay Stories.** Thursdays 4:15-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-9. Traditional children's stories come to life in this class where youngsters team up to enter into the world of make believe. Theatre games, improvisations, the unique StagePlay costume collection and an atmosphere of kindness, add to the merriment. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria. Cost: \$120. Email bardsplay@aol.com or call 703-963-9430.

### FRIDAY/FEB. 4

**"Crude Justice" Film.** 7 p.m. Documentary on the damage done by the BP oil spill to the lives and livelihoods of the people who depend on the waters of the Gulf of Mexico. At Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane. Call 703-721-0595 or [gpcourchot@yahoo.com](mailto:gpcourchot@yahoo.com).

**"Beyond Borders: The Debate Over Human Migration."** 7 to 9 p.m. Free. Film screening and panel discussion led by guest speaker Simon Burrow, executive producer. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center.

### 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](http://www.nvcwda.org) or call the hot line 703-860-4941.

**Recruiting Day.** Noon to 3 p.m. Free. Explore Civil War reenacting when soldiers and civilians of the 3<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will be on hand to talk about a soldier's uniform and equipment, demonstrate drills and explain the roles of military and civilian reenactors. At Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.fortward.org](http://www.fortward.org) or call 703-746-4848.

**Play Date With Pride.** 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Special Black History Month activity program for kids. Children ages 5 to 12 will enjoy this interactive workshop with hands-on creative arts like storytelling, crafts, music and dance. Cost is \$5/child. At the Alexandria Black History Museum in the heart of the Parker-Gray Historic District. Call 703-746-4356 or visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

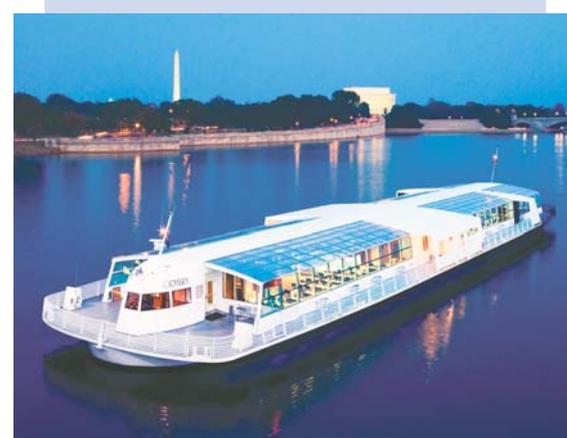
### SUNDAY/FEB. 6

**Marine Chamber Orchestra.** 2 p.m. New Horizons. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).



### 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](http://www.repertoryoperadc.org).



### FEB. 12-14

**Valentine's Cruises.** Cruise along the Potomac River on the Odyssey for \$129/person dinner; \$64.90/person brunch. Includes champagne, photos, souvenir glasses. Cruise along the Potomac on the Spirit of Washington is \$109.90/person dinner; \$40.90/person lunch. For reservations, call 866-302-2469.

### WEDNESDAY/FEB. 9

**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.

**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.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

### THURSDAY/FEB. 10

**Naked Blue.** 7 p.m. Part of the Second Thursday Music at the Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Tickets are \$10. Call 703-548-0035 or [nvfaa.org](http://nvfaa.org).

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### FEB. 12-20

**"A Midsummer Night's Dream."** Feb. 12, 18, 19 at 7:30 p.m.; Feb. 13 and 20 at 3 p.m. Performed by MVCCT and directed by Tiffany Ford. Tickets are \$10/adult; \$8/seniors and students. For tickets, call 703-360-0686. At Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.MVCCT.org](http://www.MVCCT.org).

### 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](http://www.alexsym.org). Call 703-548-0885.

**Swordsmen's Rendezvous.** 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Swordsmen tours last one hour and include re-enactment of 18th-century swordplay and a display and discussion of 18th-century weapons. Admission is \$5, ages 5 and up. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242.

### SUNDAY/FEB. 13

**Paul Robeson at the Carlyle Club.** 5 p.m. Experience the spirit of Black History Month with actor, scholar and activist Paul Robeson, in "Paul Robeson, A Play by Philip Dean Hayes." Following the 90-minute performance, guests will enjoy a two- or three-course meal. Tickets are \$40. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, in Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

**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](http://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.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

### 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](mailto:matthewcuenca@gmail.com)) or Tracy Wilkerson ([tlwideas@comcast.net](mailto:tlwideas@comcast.net)) or visit [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org). Del Ray Artisans' gallery is located at the Nicholas A. Colasanto

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Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

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## 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](mailto:haroldm@erols.com).

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

## WEDNESDAY/FEB. 16

**George Washington Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12/person; \$10/members. Join Dr. Peter Henriques, Professor Emeritus of History from George Mason University, as he presents "Those Who Labor For Me" - A Closer Look at Some of George Washington's Enslaved Workers. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum Society. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Swing Dancing.** 9 to 11 p.m. Cost is \$10. With Jim Stephanson and the Blue Dogs. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett St., Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/FEB. 17

**Eighteenth-Century Dance Classes.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Cost is \$30/series or \$12/class. Learn the dances of Jane Austen, George Washington, and Abigail Adams in Gadsby's Tavern Museum's historic ballroom. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street. Reservations are requested and can be made by calling 703-746-4242 or [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

## 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.

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

**Genealogist Char Bah.** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5. During

Black History Month, discover your own family history with expert techniques for tracing African-American ancestors. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4356 or visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org).

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## SUNDAY/FEB. 20

**President's Day Concert.** 3 p.m. Free. The 40-member Harmony Heritage Singers will present a barbershop concert at Mount Vernon Unitarian Church, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. A free-will offering will be taken to support the work of United Community Ministries. Contact Ron Brandt, 703-765-4779, [brandtron@verizon.net](mailto:brandtron@verizon.net).

**"Ready for Spring" Event.** 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Find products like Airbonne, doTerra, lia sophia, Miche Bags, Thirty One and Willow House. Purchases will benefit the Lee Fendall House Museum and Garden. Contact Jeri Hesson at 703-350-2385 or [jeri.hesson@cox.net](mailto:jeri.hesson@cox.net).

**Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic.** 3 p.m. Free. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Pre-concert lecture at 2:15 p.m.

**Marine Chamber Orchestra.** 2 p.m. The Compleat Percy Grainger. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

**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](http://FocusMusic.org).

## MONDAY/FEB. 21

**Surprise Birthday.** Free admission. Celebrate the 279<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.MountVernon.org). At Mount Vernon.

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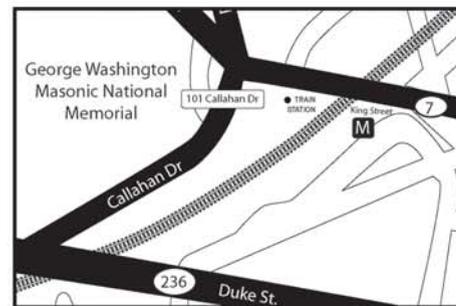
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# 'Mango' Mike To Lead Chamber

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

He's known simply as "Mango" Mike and for decades has given countless hours of his time, expertise and resources to organizations throughout the city. Come Saturday night, Mike Anderson will take on a new role when he is formally installed as the 2011 Chairman of the Board of the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce.

"My wife is actually the one who talked me into doing this," laughed Anderson as he sat down to review details of the appropriately themed "Tiki Ball" with Chamber president Tina Leone. "She said it could be my 'swan song' but I thought 'I'm not that old.'"

Anderson, who has been involved in business in Alexandria since 1972, has seen changes in the environment for business development. "Back in 1991, when I was opening Radio Free Italy on the waterfront, it seemed everyone from the city to the citizen's organizations was against new projects," Anderson said. "Now the city sees the value of growth and is getting better at streamlining the process."

Anderson will replace Mark Center Hilton general manager Charlie Banta and hopes to continue the work of his predecessor.

"Charlie and Tina have done such a great job this past year," Anderson said. "The core of the chamber is very strong and getting stronger by the day. I don't want to derail that."

Chamber membership has increased from 530 to more than 850 in the last year and Leone expects



Mike Anderson, left, reviews details for the Chamber of Commerce Tiki Ball with Chamber president Tina Leone and member Brooke Stoddard.

that growth to continue under Anderson's leadership. "Mike is a great example for the rest of the Chamber," Leone said.

"Over 90 percent of our members are small business owners and it's nice to have someone like Mike who 'gets it' — who knows what people have to go through to make a business work in the city. He will definitely help make Alexandria a stronger business community."

Anderson will open his newest venture — Pork Barrel BBQ — in a few weeks on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray. "I love Alexandria and doing business in the city," Anderson said. "And it's an exciting time to be involved with the Chamber. This will be great."

For tickets or information on the Chairman's Tiki Ball, call 703-549-1000 or visit [www.alexchamber.com](http://www.alexchamber.com).

# Krupicka Kicks Off Campaign for Senate

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Though his bid for Patsy Ticer's State Senate seat is not yet official, Alexandria City Councilman Rob Krupicka began rallying supporters at an organizational meeting held at his Del Ray home Jan. 29.

"We have incredible challenges in front of us as a state," Krupicka said in addressing the crowd. "But I have never been more optimistic about the potential of our state when it comes to education, energy and job creation."

More than 70 supporters turned out for the meeting and canvassing on Krupicka's behalf will begin Feb. 7.

"I think of Rob as my political surrogate," said longtime volunteer Sabrina Detlef. "For me, that's especially important when it comes to the environment."

Councilwoman Del Pepper and former councilman Justin Wilson were also on hand to support Krupicka.

"Rob brings a unique set of circumstances to the job of state

senator," said Wilson, who stressed the importance of supporters getting out the vote for the Aug. 23 Democratic primary. "He's a successful businessman and has worked in the education policy arena. Most importantly, he has served in local government and it's vitally important for us to have that perspective in Richmond."

Ticer, 76, hinted at retirement last year but has yet to

make an official statement. Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49) and Arlington County School Board member Libby Garvey have also announced their intent to run in the Democratic primary if Ticer steps down.

"Right now I'm still in the exploration and organizing stage until Patsy makes her decision," Krupicka said.

Krupicka, 39, cited the importance of small business growth to the future economic success of the state.

"I believe in the incredible innovation and entrepreneurship of small business and how critical this is to our success as a community over the long term," said Krupicka.



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# Trust Can Assure Pet's Care

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ment of the pet." Elements such as training, preferred veterinarian, a pet health insurance policy, food, exercise and anything else designed to provide the desired "good life" for the pet can be written. So can the inevitable arrangements for a pet cemetery or other disposition of remains.

Occasionally, a third party is involved: An advisor (read: enforcer), possibly a member of the local animal welfare organization. Designating such a person to "look in" once or twice a year confers "standing," that is, the right to enforce the trust in court.

Two additional factors deserve mention. Naming an alternate to serve in each role provides continuity in the event a primary designee cannot or will not perform the prescribed duties. Clearly, combining both (or all three) responsibilities in a single individual eliminates oversight of the trustee and custodian.

The amount of money to deposit in the trust is open to many variables, but can be quite reasonable.

The kind of animal, its expected lifespan, the level of pet health insurance and special wishes of the owner must be tallied. One place to begin considering costs is the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals' website ([www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org), then "pet care costs").

Attorney Sean A. Dunston of Alexandria developed a focus on pet care before the Virginia trust law came into effect. He explains what happened.

"I was updating an estate plan. The client said that any of three cats surviving her were to be 'put down.' That bothered me because I am a pet owner. Routinely, I began to recommend that pets become gifts to others who would care for them."

Dunston noted that not everyone needs a pet trust. However, where the animal is treated almost as a child in the family, a provision in the estate plan should be given serious consideration. Young people without children and older "empty nesters" are the most receptive to this suggestion, he said.

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# OBITUARIES

## Elizabeth deBullet Hall

Elizabeth Whiteley deBullet Hall, 100, died Jan. 9, 2011, just one day before her 101st birthday, at the Goodwin House, Alexandria.



Born in Catonsville, Md. on Jan. 10, 1910, she was a 1931 graduate of the Bouve-Boston School of Physical Education, Boston, Mass., now part of Tufts University. She worked as a physical therapist at the Baltimore public school for crippled children prior to her marriage in 1932. A resident of Alexandria since 1935, she was among a group of Presbyterians who helped to reopen the Old Presbyterian Meeting House in 1949 to meet the needs of a growing post-war congregation from the Second Presbyterian Church in Alexandria. Throughout the remainder of her life, she was very active in the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, serving in many ways. Elizabeth Hall was an avid birdwatcher and a gardener of herbs and scented geraniums. She created beautiful crewel embroidery designs and assembled a large collection of American-made baskets as she traveled. She moved to the Goodwin House, Alexandria in 1999.

Elizabeth Hall was the daughter of Leon J. and Laura Whiteley deBullet. She was married to the late R. Clifford Hall. She is survived by sons Leon and wife Anita, Vestal N.Y., Clifford and wife Diana Post, Silver Spring, Md., Edwin and wife Janet, Alexandria, and Eugene "Dinny" Hall, Glenwood, Fla., grandchildren Clifford and wife Kalpana, McLean, Jeffrey and wife Kathleen, Manchester, Conn. and Ellen Hall and husband Carl Crown, Centreville, and great grandchildren, Maya and Jai Hall, Connor Hall and Benjamin Crown.

Interment was on Jan. 22, 2011 at the Presbyterian Cemetery, Alexandria.

## James Graham

James Graham, 79, Alexandria restaurateur, died peacefully on Jan. 10, 2011, of natural causes. He was co-owner and proprietor of Scotland Yard Restaurant in Old Town Alexandria from 1978 to 2004. James, known as "Sir James" by the locals, was a fixture in Old Town, standing outside his restaurant for 25 years, outfitted in his full dress Scottish regalia. James emigrated from Scotland in 1967, having been granted a special visa based on his background as a well-known, internationally acclaimed, Scottish ballroom dancer and judge. James worked in the dance world for many years, and then turned to his more artistic pursuits.



He was an artist in all respects. He was a renowned oil painter, an expert in faux facades and grand woodwork, as well as a builder and renovator of historic properties in Alexandria. In 1997 he won the Historic Alexandria Foundation's Preservation Award for his work at 517 S. Washington Street.

In 1978, James and his business partner, Susan Troup, created Scotland Yard Restaurant in Old Town, with family recipes from Scotland, as well as modern interpretations of Scottish fare.

James grew up during WWII in war-torn Glasgow, Scotland, where overnight bombings of the shipyards were common with an estimated 100,000 people left homeless. For safety, James and his younger siblings were sent off to live in the Scottish countryside until the war ended. From 1950 - 1952 he served in the British Army in Malaya, now Malaysia, and was part of the Cameronians and the King's Own Scottish Borderers regiments.

He is survived by his son, Stuart Graham, 10 brothers and sisters, as well as Susan Troup, Lelia Troup Beall and Waldon Wayne Beall of Alexandria.

## Rose Marie Sandweg

Rose Marie Sandweg, 95, a local artist and master gardener, died Jan. 13, 2011 at Fairfax Inova Hospital after a brief illness. She lived in Annandale.

Born in Alexandria, Mrs. Sandweg was the daughter of Frederick S. Jackson and Marie Fannon Jackson. Mr. Jackson was the chief engineer in the construction of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the re-design of Arlington Cemetery's entrance in the 1940s.

Mrs. Sandweg was a painter of pastoral scenes, mostly of her beloved Virginia countryside. Her paintings hung in the Prince Royal Gallery and Hodges Gallery in Alexandria as well as in the Island Gallery in Manteo, N.C.

Known as the "azalea lady," Mrs. Sandweg's gardens were the backdrop for many wedding photos as well as a destination spot for many sightseers every spring. Frequently found working in her beloved garden into her 90s, Mrs. Sandweg encouraged passers-by to stop and enjoy her yard.

With an associate's degree in drafting from George Washington University, Mrs. Sandweg worked at the United States Geodetic Society prior to her marriage. Married in 1942 to FBI Special Agent William H. Sandweg, Jr. of St. Louis, Mrs. Sandweg moved with her husband to Houston, Seattle and Chicago before being transferred back to the Washington Field Office in 1954. Her husband predeceased her in 1996. They were married for 54 years.

Mrs. Sandweg is survived by five children; William Henry Sandweg III of Phoenix, Ariz., Jean Marie Valenta of La Plata, Md., Robert F. Sandweg of Land Harbour, N.C., Frances Anne Canavan of Davidsonville, Md. and John Paul Sandweg of West Bloomfield, Mich., 11 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

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front.

First, there's the idea of transforming the parking lot of the Old Dominion Boat Club into a new public square that would lead to a new 200-foot pier into waters owned by the District of Columbia. Members of the boat club are openly hostile to that idea, although Hamer seems to think she'll be able to negotiate a settlement.

"We've negotiated before," said Hamer. "We could conceivably continue to negotiate."

Then there's the part of the plan that would construct a new building at the western edge of Waterfront Park. The plan calls for the new building to become a parking garage for the Old Dominion Boat Club.

"There's been a lot of talk about listening to what people want," said Old Town **Poul Hertel**. "But I have yet to hear anybody say they want a new building in Waterfront Park."

Finally, there's the part about replacing the last remaining industrial uses on the waterfront with hotels. Many Old Town residents say Alexandria already has enough hotels, and that the last thing they want to see is new development along the waterfront. The plan is expected to include two new hotels at the two sites owned by Robinson Terminal, although this has become another controversial part of the document.

"We should be looking for the highest and best use of this land," said former Vice Mayor **Andrew Macdonald**. "And I just don't think hotels and restaurants is the direction we should be going in."

## Managing Chef

Here's something you may not have known about City Manager **Jim Hartmann**, who announced this week that he'll be stepping down from his position in May. He's a gourmet chef.

"I love to cook," said Hartmann. "Although I haven't been doing a lot of cooking since I've been in this job."

The city manager said he enjoys cooking Chinese and Italian food, although he said he enjoys cooking anything with meats. His signature dish?

"Oh," he mused, "that would have to be marinated flank steak."

No word yet as to whether or not he'll be catering any city events during his remaining months in office.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEIGHBORHOODS

### Seminary Valley

Well, it looks like that dreaded day is upon our neighborhood, when we become an official parking district. Due to the BRAC development, the City has a number of proposals designed to keep BRAC employees from parking their cars in the Valley. Proposals range from having large or small parking districts; they also involve options regarding specific days and times parking restrictions would be in effect. Go to [www.Alexandriava.gov/tes/info/default.aspx?id=42458](http://www.Alexandriava.gov/tes/info/default.aspx?id=42458) to see maps and additional information.

There will be a parking meeting, open to all, at the Beatley Library on Thursday, Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. The City's Parking Coordinator will prepare a draft plan by Feb. 15, present recommendations for an ordinance change to the parking code by Feb. 23 and start implementing the plan by Feb. 25.

Keep your prayers and good wishes coming for one of our neighborhood "stars," Bob Moran, who has again left his crossing guard post at Richenbacher and Pegram to launch treatment for lung cancer.

Patty Chamberlain reports that Bob is in excellent spirits and that he misses his Polk and Hammond kids very much. If you would like to drop Bob a line, you can send it to: Bob and Lois Moran, 7820A Harrowgate Circle, Springfield, VA, 22152.

Many congratulations to Hammond 8th Grader Brendan Zack, who was recommended by his Orchestra Teacher, Mr. Hodge, for an Optimist Club award. Fourteen-year old Brendan and his parents, Marie and Jeff, attended a luncheon at the Belle Haven Country Club, after which Brendan played the Minuet No. 3 on his cello. Brendan also received a \$100 savings bond. Marie reports that she was tickled to find out that many Optimist Club members are ACPs grads or have had children go through the City Schools. Largely due to efforts by John Porter, the Club has initiated awards for middle school children who excel in the arts. Another way in which our neighbors rise a notch above, wouldn't you say?

Kassy Benson, our Hammond High School Alumni contact, reported recently that Coach Keith Kischbauch passed away on Jan. 22. Coach Kischbauch was a teacher and coach at Jefferson Junior High School and Hammond High School; he was T.C. Williams' first athletic director.

— MIA JONES

## Women's Shelter's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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property as the result of a clash between city officials and a sitting member of the Alexandria City Council.

In the late 1970s, Councilman Nicholas Colasanto owned a property in Del Ray where the windows were boarded up, the paint was peeling and weeds were choking the lawn. Neighbors complained, and the property ended up on the city's list of blighted properties. City officials ended up taking the property by eminent domain against Colasanto's protests, and he stepped down in 1979.

Today, a park on Mount Vernon Avenue and the building that houses the Del Ray Artisans Gallery are named in his honor. But those aren't the only contributions Colasanto made to Alexandria.

**BY 1981**, city officials were looking for a place to open a shelter for battered women. This was a time when the women's movement had started to change public perceptions about the nature of domestic violence, and Alexandria wanted to be on the cutting edge of the movement.

That's when Colasanto's old property in Del Ray

entered the discussion. It was the right size in a great location that was comfortable and anonymous, a place where women and children could feel comfortable escaping the cycle of violence and starting a new life.

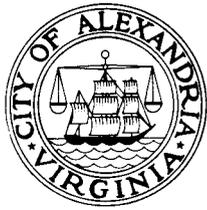
"It was a place where women could go, even in the middle of the night," said Vola Lawson, who was assistant city manager for housing at the time. "In many cases, it's a matter of life or death."

**SINCE THE SHELTER** opened in 1981, additional office space has been added and handicapped accessible features have been installed.

The 2006 special-use permitting process obscured the address of the Del Ray house to prevent its location from becoming public knowledge in an effort to prevent abusive spouses from seeking out the location of their victims.

According to the city's Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs, which oversees the shelter, "Most women who come here are in relative danger of being found by their abuser," said Claire Dunn, coordinator of the program. "We are able to provide a safe and supportive environment until they can get a protective order, which allows them to go back home."

**Legal Notices**



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 16, 2011 beginning at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia on the following applications:

**CASE BAR2011-0022**

Request for alterations at 612 South Lee Street, zoned RM Residential.  
APPLICANT: Dan and Sarah Lipson

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

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Pursuant to the provision of section 4-1-16 of the code of the City of Alexandria, the Alexandria Police Department located at 2003 Mill Road, Alexandria, VA 22314 is now in possession of unclaimed bicycles, mopeds, lawn equipment, money, scooters, and other items. All persons having valid claim to the property should file a claim to the property with reasonable proof of ownership or the items will be sold, destroyed, converted or donated. For a complete listing go to <http://alexandriava.gov/police/> and contact the Police Property Unit at (703) 838-4709.

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ROWAN COUNTY DISTRICT COURT DIVISION

FILE NO 09 JT 192, 09 JT 169-172

IN RE:

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS

Isabella Moro Leonard, BY PUBLICATION

Alexandra Moro,

Christian Moro,

Puelai Moro,

Aniya Moro.

Minor Children.

TO RESPONDENT: Adabra Ruth Marie Moro, mother,

Miguel Angel Gutierrez Vaca,

Jose Catalina Guerra, aka: Jose Portillo,

Vidal Antonio Martinez Medrano,

Angel Arthur Ceferino, aka: Victor Hugo Apolo,

Unknown Fathers.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition has been filed by the Rowan County Department of Social Services (petitioner) for the purpose of terminating your parental rights with respect to Isabella Leigh Diane Mie Moro Leonard, born on or about July 8, 2009 in Davidson County, North Carolina; Alexandra Leigh Tina Mary Moro, born on or about February 14, 2007 in Rowan County, North Carolina; Christian Duane Richard Lee Moro, born on or about February 14, 2007 in Rowan County, North Carolina; Puelai Leigh Christina Marie Moro, born on or about April 6, 2006 in Rowan County, North Carolina, and Aniya Leigh Ruth Marie Moro, born on or about March 15, 2005 in Cabarrus County, North Carolina so that they can be placed for adoption. The biological mother of the juveniles named above is Adabra Ruth Marie Moro. You are notified to appear and answer the petition by serving the original of your written answer upon the Clerk of Superior Court, Juvenile Court Division, Rowan County Courthouse, 210 N. Main Street, Salisbury, NC 28144, within forty (40) days from the date of the first publication of this notice. You also must serve a copy of the answer on the petitioner's attorney (address below). You will be notified of the time, date and place to appear for a hearing upon the filing of your answer. The purpose of the hearing is to seek termination of your parental rights as they pertain to Isabella Leigh Diane Mie Moro Leonard, Alexandra Leigh Tina Mary Moro, Christian Duane Richard Lee Moro, Puelai Leigh Christian Marie Moro, and Aniya Leigh Ruth Marie Moro. You are entitled to appear at the hearing. If you cannot afford an attorney, you are entitled to an appointed attorney to assist you provided you request one before the time set for the hearing. If you fail to request counsel, you may waive your right to appointed counsel. You may request an attorney by contacting the Clerk of Superior Court, Juvenile Court Division, 210 N. Main St, Salisbury, NC 28144 (704) 797-3054. This is a new case and any attorney appointed previously to represent may not represent you in this termination of parental rights proceeding unless otherwise ordered by the court. If you fail to file an answer within the time specified the Petitioner will apply to the court for termination of your parental rights. Your parental rights may be terminated if you do not respond within the time required.

This the 19th day of January 2011.

Cynthia Dry, Attorney for Petitioner

Rowan County Dept. of Social Services  
1813 East Innes Street  
Salisbury NC 28146

(704) 216-8442

Please publish on the following dates: January 27, February 3, & February 10, 2011.

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**OBITUARY**

**Lottie Marie Beach**, 50 of Woodbridge, VA died Jan. 29, 2011 is survived by her mother Ella J. Formando, stepfather Albert M. Formando, 3 sisters Mary J. Heard, Donna J. Beach, Dorothy A. Beach, 1 brother Irvin A. Beach Jr, 1 daughter Rebecca "Becky" Cruz, 2 sons Kevin H. Logan Jr, Michael L. Jones, nephews, nieces, grandchildren and other relatives. Viewing will be held Thursday Feb 3, 2011 6pm-8pm at Cunningham Funeral Home. Funeral Services will be Friday Feb 4, 2011 at 10:30am followed by burial at 12pm at Mount Comfort Cemetery.

**ORDER OF PUBLICATION**

Case No JJ011737-01-05  
Commonwealth of Virginia  
VA. CODE § 8.01-316  
Alexandria J & DR Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court  
Commonwealth of Virginia, in re  
DOMINIQUE ROBINSON  
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**LETTERS**

FROM PAGE II

— we recall Dr. Sherman announcing his intent to explore proposing schedule enhancements a full year ago (and being met with applause).

The City's residents have placed remarkable demands on the Alexandria school system, and on school leadership and faculty. That's reasonable — everyone agrees that opportunities to improve both performance and perception must be created and pursued.

This is one key opportunity.

It would be unreasonable for Alexandria to maintain demands for improvements while depriving the School System of an essential tool to improve Division-wide performance.

We hope to see strong support for Dr. Sherman's reasonable and unintrusive plan, and we are delighted to support it ourselves.

**Maureen and Mark Williams**  
Alexandria

**Ensuring Civil Rights**

To the Editor:

Every year brings new issues we are faced with here in the Commonwealth. Not to be lost in the shuffle is a critical issue — there are over 300,000 people who are without one of their civil rights, the right to vote.

Del. Charniele Herring has proposed HJ 543, a constitutional amendment that allows the General Assembly to create a process to allow former, non-violent felons to have their voting rights restored without relying on the approving stroke of a Governor's pen. The people who are covered under this proposal have completed their sentence, paid fines, and paid restitution to their victims. Non-violent former felons are people who made a mistake, but they should not be denied the right most essential to participating in democracy — their right to vote and have a voice in their elected officials.

HJ 543 will allow the General Assembly the flexibility to create a restoration of rights law to allow individuals to be full citizens. This proposal takes nothing away from the Governor's Office, which currently sets restoration of rights policy; however, it gives the General Assembly the ability to have a meaningful discussion on how we can move forward with a consistent process.

Virginia is one of only two states which leave voting rights restoration up to the Governor's Office.

Governor McDonnell has put in place a program for requesting the restoration of rights that has restored the rights of 91 percent of the non-violent former felons who have applied.

What happens when the next Governor takes office? He or she does not have to follow the policies of the current Governor and is not obligated to restore anyone's voting rights. We need a consistent process in the Commonwealth, and HJ 543 will allow for this to happen. Thank you in advance for helping make this issue a more public conversation.

**John Chapman**

President

Alexandria, VA Branch

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (N.A.A.C.P.)

**Remembering Correctly**

To the Editor:

I am responding to the exceptionally long paean extolling Robert E. Lee, the long deceased commander of the Army of Northern Virginia. It was written by Ellen Tabb and published in last week's Gazette Packet.

Regardless of his many noble attributes so eloquently enumerated by Ms. Tabb, they are all eclipsed by Mr. Lee's decision to take arms against the United States. He did so to preserve a way of life based on human slavery. No effusiveness about his character can disguise this reprehensible fact.

At the outset of the civil war, Lee was offered command of the entire United States Army. Instead, he submitted his resignation. The person who received this profound rebuff was Winfield Scott, the current commander. Upon receipt of Lee's letter of resignation, General Scott replied: "You are making the biggest mistake of your life."

There is nothing noble or even Christian about the subsequent conduct of Robert Lee. He caused the deaths and injuries of nearly a quarter million young men to preserve enslaving human beings as a right available to any Virginian not of African origin.

If you feel compelled as Ms. Tabb to remember something about Robert Lee, recall that the rose garden behind his home atop a hill in Arlington was transformed into a cemetery when some of the first Union dead were buried there. Over the years, this rose garden became Arlington National Cemetery.

**James Roberts**

Alexandria



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**On Stage**

**Lyle Lovett and John Haibt perform at the Birchmere Sunday, Jan. 23.**



Landon Moss and the T.C. boys basketball team have dropped four of their last five games.

## T.C. Suffers First Northern Region Home Loss Since '05

Titans have dropped four of five after 13-0 start.

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Back when the Titans were still doing just enough to remain undefeated, T.C. Williams head boys basketball coach Julian King criticized his team's lack of focus before acknowledging they continued to get the job done.

"Did they respond?" King asked, hypothetically, after defeating West Potomac on Jan. 19. "Yes, they always seem to respond."

Three losses later, the Titans hosted Lake Braddock on Tuesday with a chance to show they had learned from their mistakes. Instead, T.C. allowed a nine-point fourth-quarter lead to slip away, and when crunch time arrived, it was the Bruins, not the Titans, who found a way to respond.

Lake Braddock defeated T.C. Williams 56-52 at The Garden. The Titans lost at home

to a Northern Region opponent for the first time since December of 2005 and have now dropped four of their last five games after a 13-0 start.

Lake Braddock senior Bob Freedman sank a pair of free throws to give the Bruins a 53-52 advantage with less than 30 seconds remaining. T.C. had two chances to tie or take the lead and came up empty each time.

Freedman scored 24 points and grabbed 15 rebounds against T.C., which was out-rebounded 35-22. The Titans turned the ball over 17 times and lacked rhythm on offense.

"It's within [the Titan players]," King said when asked what he could do to help turn things around. "Whatever you want to say, the coaching staff can't make layups — we're talking about point-blank shots; we're missing layups. We can't rebound for you. If the ball goes off the rim and you just put your hands in the air, that's not going to cut it. Not only do you have to box out, you have

to jump and reach for the ball. We're not doing the second and third part of each play.

"If there's a loose ball, we have to dive on it. It's supposed to be our ball, but we stand there [and] we bend over instead of diving for loose balls. That's not blue-collar like. We've completely started to act like a bunch of prima donnas and this program wasn't made that way."

**T.C. FELL** to 14-4 but remains in first place in the Patriot District with a 9-2 mark. Lake Braddock (10-8) moved to within a game in the district standings (8-3) with three to play.

T.C. led by nine in the fourth quarter, when a basket by Rick Mathews gave the Titans a 46-37 advantage with 6:45 remaining in the contest. Lake Braddock responded with nine consecutive points to tie the score and later took its first lead since the opening quarter when a Tyler Snow free throw gave the Bruins a 49-48 advantage with 2:50 to play. The teams traded baskets un-

til Freedman knocked down a pair of free throws put Lake Braddock ahead to stay.

The Titans led by as many as 11 in the first half but couldn't put the Bruins away.

"There were a couple times where they had their foot on our throat," Lake Braddock head coach Brian Metress said, "and we didn't wilt."

How did T.C. lose the nine-point lead, managing only six points during the final 6 minutes, 45 seconds of the game?

"Lack of focus," T.C. guard Tyrell Sitton said. "We didn't continue to play at all, really. We slacked off."

The senior said the venue made this loss feel different than the previous three.

"We don't normally lose at home," Sitton said.

Sitton led T.C. with 11 points and Jamal Pullen added 10.

T.C. will host South County at 7:45 p.m. on Feb. 4 and will travel to face national-power Montrose Christian at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 5.



T.C. Williams' Rick Mathews, right, goes up for the ball against Lake Braddock's Matt Zanellato on Tuesday.

## Area Rowers Compete in Mid-Atlantic Erg Sprints

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Rowers from across Alexandria were among the more than 1,300 high school, collegiate and masters athletes competing Jan. 29 in the Mid-Atlantic Erg Sprints, the largest official qualifier for the World Indoor Sprint Championships.

Hosted by T.C. Williams High School and sponsored by the Alexandria Crew Boosters, rowers competed in 100 different events, each averaging 2,000 meters (approximately 1.25 miles).

"We had 1,367 finishers who collectively rowed 1,738 miles (2,797,791 meters)," said event organizer Jeff Byron. High school rowers — those in the Junior division — made up about 70 percent of that number.

The University of Virginia Men's Rowing team sent 45 competitors and Capital Rowing's Adaptive program for soldiers and veterans with physical disabilities sent nine athletes.

Three rowers qualified for the World Championships — also known as the CRASH-B sprints — in Boston Feb. 20: Robert Spusta of the Occoquan Boat Club, Paul Siebach of the Northern Virginia Rowing

Club and Matt Miller from the University of Virginia. T.C. Williams' Maggie McVeigh was the first-place finisher in the Junior Women's (age 13) 1,000-meter with a time of 00:04:04.7.

Top Alexandria finishers in the Junior division are listed below. For complete results, go to [www.ergsprints.com](http://www.ergsprints.com).

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# SPORTS

## Competing in Mid-Atlantic Erg Sprints

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### Junior Men (age 18-19) 2000M

3. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Will Dalton 00:06:44.5
7. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Matthew Craddock 00:06:57.9
9. TC WILLIAMS: Robert Anderson 00:07:06.3
11. TC WILLIAMS: George Alberts 00:07:17.00

### Junior Women (age 17) 2000M

4. BISHOP IRETON: Olivia Babiec 00:07:36.2
5. TC WILLIAMS: Emily Leidolf 00:07:42.00
9. BISHOP IRETON: Brianna Burke 00:07:49.7
20. TC WILLIAMS: Marianne Wolz 00:08:00
23. BISHOP IRETON: Allison Lee 00:08:04.00
24. TC WILLIAMS: Nora Willkomm 00:08:05.7
36. ALEXANDRIA CREW BOOSTERS: Christina Wohler 00:08:16.4
45. WEST POTOMAC: Anna Leonard 00:08:28.8
54. BISHOP IRETON: Tess McCabe 00:08:39.2

### Junior Men (age 17) 2000M

17. BISHOP IRETON: Jacob Ramey 00:06:55.00
23. BISHOP IRETON: Joshua Martini 00:06:58.7
26. BISHOP IRETON: Justin Roczniak 00:06:59.3
43. BISHOP IRETON: James Fonda 00:07:12.7
44. BISHOP IRETON: Neil Heitbrink 00:07:12.7
53. BISHOP IRETON: Stephen Barlow 00:07:20.5
63. BISHOP IRETON: Billy Colbert 00:07:35.2
70. BISHOP IRETON: Zachary Deforge 00:07:49.7
74. BISHOP IRETON: Daniel Paczak 00:08:06.4

### Junior Women (age 17-19) 2000M (lightweight/135lb)

3. TC WILLIAMS: Emma Carlisle 00:07:54.00
14. TC WILLIAMS: Kelsey Donley 00:08:22.7
30. BISHOP IRETON: Olivia Ciardi 00:08:50.2
40. BISHOP IRETON: Meaghan Reilly 00:09:06.5
43. BISHOP IRETON: Reagan Miller 00:09:10.5
47. BISHOP IRETON: Emilia Paynor 00:09:22.1
51. BISHOP IRETON: Daphne Reynolds 00:09:35.4

### Junior Men (age 17-19) 2000M (lightweight/155lb)

8. WEST POTOMAC: Matthew Bird 00:07:08.6
30. TC WILLIAMS: Constantine Psaltis-Ivanis 00:07:39.5
32. BISHOP IRETON: Jake Hayhurst 00:07:41.4



**Olivia Babiec, a senior at Bishop Ireton High School, ends the 2,000-meter sprint with a time of 00:07:36.2. She placed fourth among all competitors in her division.**

### Junior Women (age 16) 1500M

2. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Erin Slatery 00:05:36.1
22. MOUNT VERNON: Kaitlyn Schneider 00:06:15.00
35. MOUNT VERNON: Madeline Ryan 00:06:31.7

### Junior Men (age 16) 1500M

20. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Michael Cooper 00:05:22.1
31. WEST POTOMAC: Jeff Barger 00:05:31.2
43. ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY ROWING: Rieder Grunseth 00:05:51.7

### Junior Women (age 15) 1500M

2. WEST POTOMAC: Karen Munyan 00:05:39.7
4. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Emily Bartlett 00:05:45.4
6. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Christine Lucky 00:05:51.6
24. TC WILLIAMS: Katie Pickup 00:06:11.00
25. MOUNT VERNON: Gabriela Jones 00:06:11.2
54. TC WILLIAMS: Kate Arnold 00:06:40.2
64. BISHOP IRETON: Alexandra Mattoch 00:06:55.7
71. BISHOP IRETON: Annalisa Dow 00:07:38.9

### Junior Men (age 15) 1500M

1. TC WILLIAMS: Maggie McVeigh 00:04:04.7

3. TC WILLIAMS: Madison Weitekamp 00:04:53.9
4. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Emory Ruscus 00:04:54.3
6. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Scott Gibson 00:05:00.3
9. THOMAS JEFFERSON: James Bollinger 00:05:09.3
12. TC WILLIAMS: Marvin Montenegro 00:05:18.1
27. BISHOP IRETON: Rolf Lundberg 00:05:32.5
28. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Benjamin Hatanpaa 00:05:32.8
29. WEST POTOMAC: William Hodges 00:05:33.8
32. TC WILLIAMS: Sam Hanoura 00:05:38.6
34. TC WILLIAMS: Casey Flanigan 00:05:40.2
47. TC WILLIAMS: Devin Shanahan 00:05:58.9
59. TC WILLIAMS: Daniel Powers 00:06:18.2

### Junior Women (age 15-16) 1500M (lightweight/135lb)

8. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Grace Zeng 00:06:09.7
14. TC WILLIAMS: Nadia Magallon 00:06:15.6
39. TC WILLIAMS: Kayla Shoemaker 00:06:38.8
51. WEST POTOMAC: Nelson McKeown 00:06:50.4
59. WEST POTOMAC: Madeleine Little 00:07:13.3
62. BISHOP IRETON: Mikaela Schaller 00:07:39.7

64. BISHOP IRETON: Emily Peterson 00:08:11.3

### Junior Men (age 15-16) 1500M (lightweight/155lb)

1. THOMAS JEFFERSON: Nicholas Skeen 00:05:04.7
28. BISHOP IRETON: James Lewiski 00:05:31.5
30. TC WILLIAMS: Ethan Vannatta 00:05:32.4
34. TC WILLIAMS: Henry Anderson 00:05:35.2
53. TC WILLIAMS: Mark Larsen 00:06:06.1
55. TC WILLIAMS: Calvin Heimberg 00:06:11.9
64. TC WILLIAMS: Michael Meehan 00:07:34.6

### Junior Women (age 14) 1000M

7. BISHOP IRETON: Jessica Kammen 00:03:54.5
25. BISHOP IRETON: Margaret Mc Cabe 00:04:19.8
27. BISHOP IRETON: Madison Miller 00:04:22.00
31. BISHOP IRETON: Audrey Sisel 00:04:24.1
46. TC WILLIAMS: Heather Tweedlie 00:04:57.2

### Junior Men (age 14) 1000M

7. BISHOP IRETON: Weston Birkett 00:03:34.2
22. BISHOP IRETON: Ian Munro 00:04:05.1
27. BISHOP IRETON: Walter Lohmann 00:04:34.7

### Junior Women (age 13) 1000M

1. TC WILLIAMS: Maggie McVeigh 00:04:04.7

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### SPORTS BRIEFS

## Pink Zone Game

The T.C. Williams girls basketball team has dubbed its Feb. 8 game "The Pink Zone Game." A portion of the proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to help provide free mammograms at Inova Alexandria Hospital to women in the City of Alexandria who are uninsured or in financial need. The home game against Lee High School begins at 7:45 p.m. at T.C. Williams High School, 3300 King St., Alexandria.

## Softball League

The Golden Girls of Northern Virginia, a senior women's softball league, is looking for players. Anyone over the age of 40 is encouraged to join. All skill levels are welcome. They play on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings in Vienna. For more information, call Donna at 703-938-0387 and check out the web site [www.goldengirls.org](http://www.goldengirls.org).

### SCHOOL NOTES

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The following students enrolled at Virginia Tech were among those named to the dean's list for the spring 2010 semester: **Hannah H. Levy** is a sophomore majoring in psychology in the College of Science; **Alexandra M. Pauls** is a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Christopher N. Rider** is a junior majoring in wood science and forest products in the College of Natural Resources; **Joolan S. Saroor** is a junior majoring in biochemistry in the College of Science; **Ryan A. Schuyler** is a senior majoring in sociology in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Witt A. Smith** is a sophomore majoring in university studies at Virginia Tech; **Daniel T. Bryant** of is a junior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Jared E. Denniston** is a sophomore majoring in music in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Torin J. Denniston** is a junior majoring

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Cleanup efforts at Fort Belvoir include evaluation of Munitions Response Sites (MRS), Solid Waste Management Unit (SWMU) investigations, and petroleum remediation.

Remedial Investigations (RI) are being conducted at 8 MRSs to determine whether these sites warrant further response action pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA). The RI will determine the nature and extent of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) and Munitions Constituents (MC) and determine the risk posed to human health and the environment by MEC and MC.

SWMU investigations, in accordance with United States Environmental Protection Agency and Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (VDEQ) requirements, were performed at 50 Main Post sites and over 30 sites at Fort Belvoir North Area (BNA) consisting of former spill, dump, and landfill sites. Investigations included soil and groundwater sampling. At Main Post, 14 sites plus a former tank area will be investigated further. Three other Main Post sites and 6 BNA sites may also require further action.

Fort Belvoir Buildings 305, 324, 1124, 2209 and 3161 are the five petroleum remediation sites under the RAB. Site remediation at Buildings 324, 1124, 2209 and 3161 consists of ground-water, soils and vapor treatment to reach remedial endpoints that are required in Corrective Action Plans approved by the VDEQ. The remediation at Building 305 is complete and post-operational gauging and sampling is occurring at that site at this time.

Community members interested in serving on a RAB are asked to contact Mr. Patrick McLaughlin, Directorate of Public Works, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, at [environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil](mailto:environmental-fb-dpw@conus.army.mil), 703-806-4007, or 9430 Jackson Loop, Building 1442, Suite 200, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5116. If enough interest is generated Fort Belvoir will form a RAB and provide information on membership and responsibilities.

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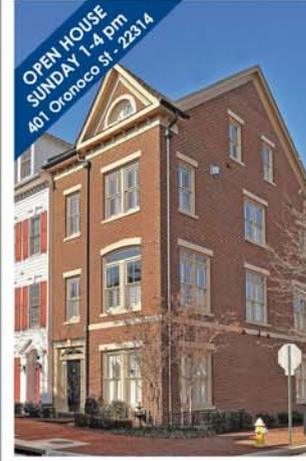
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