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On Parade

The Alexandria Pipes and Drums band marches down King Street past the Ramsay House on Saturday, March 5, for the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

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Circuit Campaign

Three candidates emerge as potential replacements for retiring Circuit Court Chief Judge.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Last week's announcement that Donald Haddock Sr. will be stepping down from the Circuit Court represents a changing of the guard at the city courthouse, with the city's senior jurist hanging up his robe at the end of the year. But it also opens up a highly coveted spot on the bench, and three potential candidates have already emerged to succeed Haddock — General District Court Chief Judge Becky Moore, attorney Jim Clark and attorney Timothy Battle. More candidates could step forward before Friday's deadline to submit a questionnaire to the Alexandria Bar Association.

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PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Donald Haddock Sr. has been a Circuit Court judge since 1981, when he was appointed by Democratic Gov. Chuck Robb.

who is coordinating candidate interviews with potential candidates. "Of course, that's always a concern."

Recent years have seen some dramatic fights between House Republicans and Democratic members of the local delegation, in

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Replacing Ticer

Three Democratic candidates emerge.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Making a case to voters is an art and a science, although it's not always easy. Just ask state Sen. Dick Saslaw (D-35). Recalling his first campaign for the House of Delegates during a Democratic Committee meeting this week, Saslaw remembered being caught unprepared the first time a voter asked the most basic of ques-

tions: What do you stand for? He paused a beat, according to the raconteur senator, then offered the best answer he could come up with on the spot.

"Truth, justice and the American way," said Saslaw, who was 35 years old at the time.

"If it was good enough for Superman," the voter responded, accord

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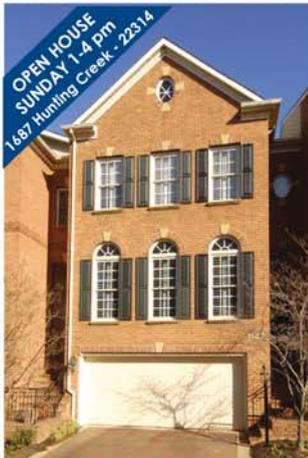
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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Slashing Paychecks

Dora Todd is one of the 1,250 city employees who will see her take-home pay reduced if City Council members approve a budget proposal presented last month by City Manager **Jim Hartmann**. Taking her case to City Hall during a budget public hearing on Monday, Todd was one of dozens of public employees who spoke out against the plan, which would increase employee contributions for retirement pensions and health care. Todd says Hartmann's proposal would reduce her biweekly paycheck by \$100 from July to October, when her merit-based increases kick in.

"It's not right," said Todd, a facilities manager who makes \$32,000 a year. "I've been a widow for 15 years, and ever since then I've been struggling to keep my home and pay my bills. This will only make things worse."

City employees say their paychecks could go down as much as \$120 for as long as 11 months, and the plan would hit those at the bottom of the pay scale the hardest. During Monday's public hearing, they packed the chamber to a standing-room-only capacity. Many said they had never seen so many people at City Hall. Sheriff **Dana Lawhorne** was among those who opposed the proposal, and he asked the City Council members to take the increased retirement contribution off the table.

"It's unfair," said Lawhorne. "I ask you to fix this."

Pork and Gridlock

Tuesday may have been Mardi Gras, but U.S. Rep. **Jim Moran** (D-8) was already in a state of deprivation when he arrived at City Hall for his annual appearance before City Council members. The yearly appointment is usually designed to discuss a long list of his earmark requests and funding for, as the congressman likes to say, "local projects of national significance."

Not this year.

Since the Republicans took control of the House of Representatives in January, the earmark process has been discontinued. That means millions of dollars that Moran was able to direct to Alexandria — even when Republicans were in charge of Congress — have suddenly been reduced to a pile of ashes. The good times, he said, were no longer rolling.

"We make no apologies for the earmarks," Moran said. "But they're gone."

Instead, the discussion turned to the subject of the Washington Headquarters Service — a massive new building currently under construction at the intersection of Seminary Road and the Shirley Memorial Highway. In September 1,200 people will show up for work. By December, all 6,400 employees will commute there everyday. Yet a new ramp from the high-occupancy vehicle lane won't open until 2014 at the earliest.

"This is a disaster," Moran said, predicting that the additional traffic would add one to two hours for commuters each rush hour. "It's going to be a parking lot."

One potential solution the congressman is pursuing involves appropriating federal money to a private organization that would reimburse Alexandria for officers to work the intersections, essentially getting around a prohibition against using Department of Defense money to aid a locality.

Colors of Redevelopment

When City Council members approve development, the buildings exist in a realm of imagination. But when the construction is completed, the vision doesn't always match up with what was expected. Such is the case in Parker Gray, where a public-housing complex is being replaced by a "mixed-income community" that mingles market-rate townhouses with public-housing units. Now that the occupants have moved into the first phase, the reality is a few shades removed from the mental image.

"The colors are not appropriate," said Councilman **Paul Smedberg**. "Maybe they would be if this were a beach community somewhere in Florida. But not here."

City planners said they are aware of the pastel-colored problem and have been working to find a way to create a more muted pallet for the neighborhood.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

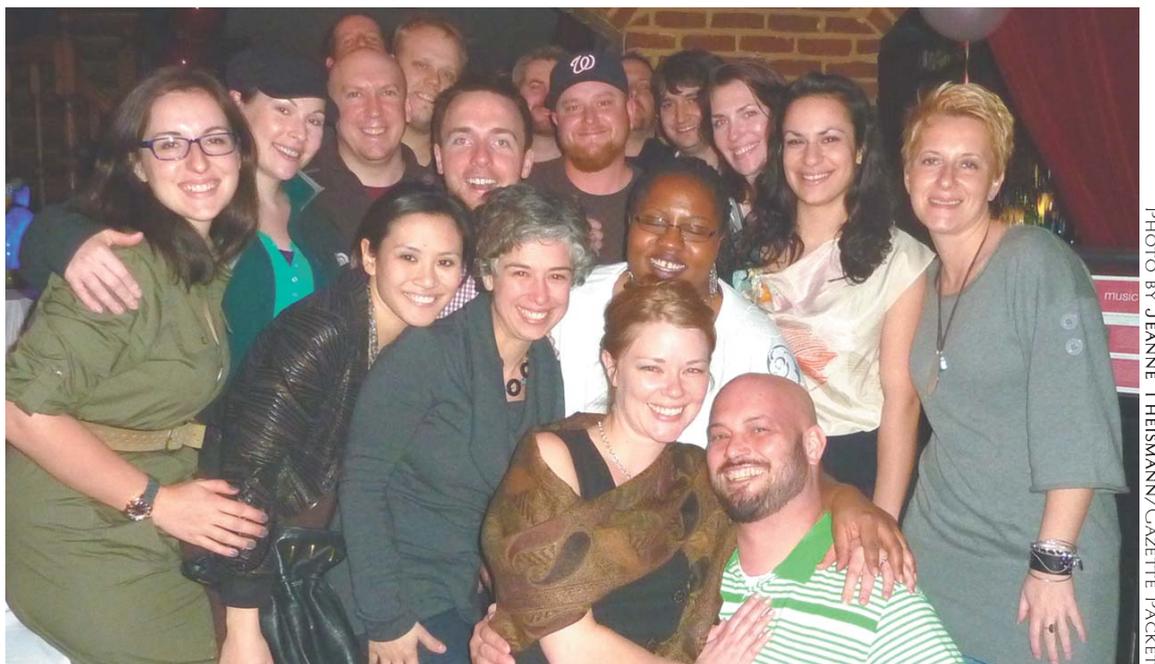


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Forrest Hair, bottom right, with fiancée Kristen Benson on his knee, thanks Vermilion employees and supporters at a fundraiser March 6 to help defray the costs of Hair's medical care. An employee of the Neighborhood Restaurant Group, Hair was diagnosed in October with brain cancer and continues to undergo chemotherapy treatments.

Vermilion Chef on Road to Recovery

Fundraiser raises \$7,000 for brain cancer treatment.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Forrest Hair finished his usual shift as a sous chef at Vermilion restaurant, went home for the night and without any warning, suffered a seizure.

"It happened that quickly," said Hair, 32, of the night of Oct. 28, 2010. "There was no indicator before that. I was always very healthy. I had chicken pox as a kid, but that was it."

Hair was diagnosed with glioblastoma multiforme — a form of brain cancer — and underwent surgery to remove the tumor. Since that time, he has undergone intensive radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

"The chemo will continue for an indeterminate

amount of time," Hair said. "But I'm fortunate that there haven't been any severe complications."

Unable to work and facing mounting medical costs surrounding his care, Hair's friends and employers at The Neighborhood Restaurant Group decided to host a "4Forrest" fundraiser March 6 at Vermilion Restaurant.

"Employees from all of the restaurants got together and collected about \$3,000 for Forrest," said Vermilion general manager David Hammond. "But we wanted to do something more and came up with the idea for this event."

Local bands Wes Tucker and the Skilletts and The Weathervanes donated their time and a silent auction and raffle helped proceeds reach close to \$7,000, all of which will be donated to Hair.

"This is all so overwhelming," said Hair, who will marry his fiancée, Kristen Benson, April 29. "The Neighborhood Restaurant Group is far and away the best employer I've ever worked for. I'm dumbfounded and can't say enough about how grateful I am to the people in this company."

Party Animals

Mardi Growl raises \$80,000 for AWLA.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

Supporters of the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria celebrated their own version of Mardi Gras with a "Mardi Growl" bash March 4 in

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A mysteriously masked David Martin roams the crowd at Mardi Growl 2011.

Mark Lohr, who spent the night on stilts, greeted guests at the AWLA Mardi Growl fundraiser.

NEWS

Going Green

City celebrates 30th annual St. Patrick's Day parade.

With shades of green and more than a few pints of ale on hand, Alexandrians awoke to visions of shamrocks and leprechauns dancing through the streets of Old Town as thousands of revelers descended on the city March 5 to celebrate the 30th annual St. Patrick's Day Parade.

"I remember that first parade," said parade founder Pat Troy of Ireland's Own. "It was drizzling rain and I drove myself in a small little car. Kids thought I was a leprechaun."

U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), who carried a banner to lead that first parade with his father and brothers, joined Grand Marshal's Nancy and Tom VanCoverden, Mayor Bill Euille and other dignitaries at a pre-parade breakfast at the American Legion Post 24 ballroom.

"It's quite an accomplishment to keep this parade going for 30 years," Euille said. "I am proud that as Alexandrians, we pause, reflect and celebrate the various cultures that make up our great city."

— JEANNE THEISMANN



John Dunleavy, right, chairman of the 250-year-old New York City St. Patrick's Day Parade, joins Pat Troy in welcoming the crowd at a VIP breakfast for the city's 30th anniversary parade March 5.



American Legion Post 24 Commander Mike Conner, parade founder Pat Troy and Sheriff Dana Lawhorne.



State Sen. Patsy Ticer in Chris Call's 1979 Corvette.



Charles Hulfish, right, and Councilman Frank Fannon in front of Hulfish's '55 Buick at the antique car show.

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The Alexandria Police Motor Squad leads the parade through town on Saturday afternoon.

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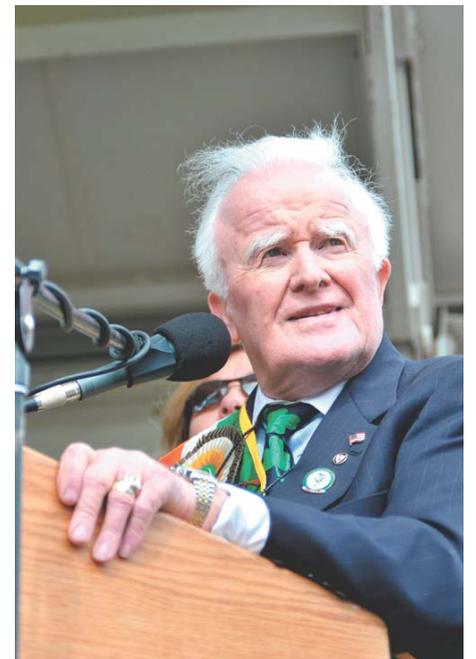
A Parade for St. Patrick



The Boyle School Irish dancers wave to the crowded sidewalks along King Street.



Grand Marshalls Tom and Nancy Van Coverden arrive at the reviewing stand.



Pat Troy celebrates the 30th year of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Alexandria.



Pat Troy, far right, surrounded by elected officials and special guests announces the parade line-up.



Dancers from the O'Neil James School of Irish Dancing.

Three Seek To Succeed Circuit Court Judge

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cluding a dramatic standoff in 2004. That's when the all-Democratic local delegation supported Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Judge Nolan Dawkins while House Republicans supported Battle. Attorney Lisa Kemler emerged as a compromise candidate and became a Circuit Court judge in March 2005. Then in 2008, a partisan disagreement over a regulatory position stalled a vote on judicial vacancies in Alexandria. Now legislators are hoping to fill Haddock's seat on the court during a veto session next month.

"We're hopeful this will be a non-partisan process," said Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49). "We'll deal with any difficulty when and if it arises."

HADDOCK HAS BEEN on the bench since May 1981, when Democratic Gov. Chuck Robb appointed him to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Chief Judge Wiley Wright. The General Assembly was supposed to take up the vacancy in its veto session that year, but wasn't able to get

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— Del. Charniele Herring (D-46)

around to it because of a large number of appointments to the state's new intermediate court of appeals. So Robb used his power to make an interim appointment, and the General Assembly later ratified the choice. Because Haddock is over 70, he would be ineligible for another term.

"I think it's discriminatory, but those are the rules," said state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30). "In my opinion, throwing away experience for youth doesn't

Becky Moore, 51

A native of Norfolk, Moore graduated from McLean High School in 1978 in before studying political science at George Mason University. After receiving her law degree from the University of Richmond in 1985, Moore moved to Alexandria and became a litigator. She became a partner at Land, Clark, Carroll and Mendelson in 1990. Moore replaced former General District Court Judge Daniel Fairfax O'Flaherty in 1998. She is currently the chief judge of the General District Court, and she's the first female to serve as a judge on that court.



make any sense."

Before Haddock, the last time a governor had appointed a Circuit Court judge in Alexandria turned out to be a short-lived term. In 1973, Republican Gov. Linwood Holton appointed fellow Republican William Koontz to the bench. The selection sparked a fierce partisan battle in the General Assembly, and Koontz's term lasted only a few months. Democrats in the General Assembly selected Donald Kent, who served until 1996. In 2008, Haddock's son was appointed to the General District Court position previously held by Robert Giammittorio.

"I've been asked to say a few words about nepotism," Haddock cracked at his son's installation ceremony. "I'm in favor of it."

FOR TWO CANDIDATES, the selection process will rekindle a previous rivalry in which the General Assembly disregarded the will of the Alexandria Bar Association. In late 1998, when General District Court Judge Daniel Fairfax O'Flaherty announced his retirement, Clark and Moore were both seeking a seat and both partners at a firm then known as Land, Clark, Carroll and Mendelson (now Land, Clark, Carroll, Mendelson and Blair). The bar association chose Clark, but the local delegation chose Moore — the first female to serve as a judge on the General District Court. The Virginia General Assembly eventually selected

Jim Clark, 60

A native of Alexandria, Clark graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 1968 before studying economics at Bridgewater College. After receiving his law degree from the University of Richmond in 1976, Clark returned to Alexandria and took a position as a prosecutor under Commonwealth's Attorney William Cowhig. In 1978, he became a founding partner in a firm initially called Land and Clark, now known as Land, Clark, Carroll, Mendelson and Blair. He waged an unsuccessful campaign to be a General District Court judge in 1998.



Moore, although she has recused herself from hearing any cases that are argued by her former law partner.

"At this judicial level, many individuals come to court without being represented by a lawyer," Moore told the Gazette Packet in a 1998 interview. "So you have to be particularly sensitive to see that justice is done, and to see that the people before you believe in our system."

Since taking a position on the court, Moore initiated the use of video hearings and created a substitute judge's academy. She presided over a handful of high-profile cases, including the drunk-driving trial of U.S. Rep. Vito Fossella (R-N.Y.).

Clark has also maintained a high profile, representing clients such as Alexandria Police Chief David Baker after he was arrested for drunk driving. Clark also took on the case of Phillip Thurman, an Alexandria man who spent 20 years in prison before DNA evidence proved he was innocent.

"It's scary to think that the system worked the way that it was designed to work," Clark said in a 2005 interview. "And this injustice still occurred."

COURT WATCHERS are eagerly anticipating the vote of the Alexandria Bar Association, which could set the stage for another potential conflict with the local delegation. If Alexandria lawmakers decide to go with a choice other than the one selected by the

Tim Battle, 57

A native of San Francisco, where his father was stationed with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Battle graduated from Bishop Ireton High School in 1971 before studying economics and psychology at the University of Notre Dame. After receiving his law degree from the University of Virginia in 1978, he spent a year as a clerk for United States District Judge Oren Ritter Lewis before becoming a trial lawyer. He founded a solo practice 15 years ago in Alexandria, and he currently lives in the Alexandria section of Fairfax County. He waged an unsuccessful campaign for Alexandria Circuit Court in 2004.



bar association, that could create an opportunity for Republicans in Richmond to support their own candidate. On the other hand, if the bar association and the local delegation put their support behind the same candidate, that could seal the deal in Richmond. Whatever the case, lawmakers must make a selection during the veto session if they want to avoid a gubernatorial appointment.

"It's imperative we get cracking on this," said Ticer.

Circuit courts have the broadest legal powers in Virginia, handling civil cases with claims of more than \$15,000 and serious criminal cases. Circuit court judges also handle some family matters, including divorce, as well as cases that are appealed from the General District Court and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court. They also hear recount cases, such as the one initiated in 2009 by Republican Joe Murray against Herring. Even though the selection of circuit court judges can frequently lead to partisan intrigue, defenders of the process say it's far superior than subjecting judges to raising money and asking for votes.

"It's a Byzantine process," said then Del. Brian Moran (D-46) in a 2008 interview. "But I still think it's better than states that elect their judges."

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A Gross Plan

Danielle Romanetti owns a small business in Alexandria, but that doesn't mean she'll be eligible for small-business tax relief. Since she opened fibre space on North Fayette Street in 2009, she's struggled to make ends meet and pay six employees.

"I'm a 30-year-old woman who opened a yarn store," said Romanetti. "You don't get much smaller than that."

Last year, she made \$15,000 in net profit. Yet even with that modest earning, her business is ineligible for a reduction in the business and professional license tax designed to offset the increase in commercial property taxes. That's because the city's not taxing her profits. It's taxing her gross income, which includes the cost she pays for her inventory and employees.

"It's an incredibly unfair system to begin with," said Romanetti. "And what's under consideration will create more disparity."

Because her gross receipts are \$901,000, she would be ineligible for the tax reduction aimed at businesses with gross receipts under \$750,000. The proposal was designed to sweeten the sting of raising commercial property owners at a rate that's 12.5 cents more for every \$100 of assessed value than residential property owners. But during a public hearing at City Hall this week, several speakers were critical of the plan because it offers \$1.6 million in tax relief in exchange for \$12 million in higher taxes.

"That does not spell relief," said Alexandria Chamber of Commerce President **Tina Leone**.

The City's Imprimatur

What's the proper role of government in development? That's a question that often vexes elected leaders at City Hall, and it's one that was at the heart of a debate this week involving Pendleton Park — a 24-unit apartment complex near the intersection of Pendleton and Payne streets. This week, City Manager **Jim Hartmann** asked council members to approve a letter supporting an application of the city's public housing authority for federal tax credits that would be used for the purchase and rehabilitation of the property from a Baptist church that currently owns the building.

"If the Baptist church went out and sold the building, they very well might be able to get more money for it and then create more affordable housing units from the sale of the land," said Republican Councilman **Frank Fannon**. "I don't think that the City Council should be putting an influence on who the buyer is."

"We are not endorsing their offer to buy," responded Democratic Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**, who offered a motion to approve the letter. "We are only endorsing their tax-credit application should they be the contract owner."

"We don't have to endorse this because (Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority) could conceivably still get the financing without our signature on it," Fannon said. "And by us endorsing the letter, I don't think we are creating an even playing field."

Donley's motion carried on a four-to-two vote.

Bananas and Mortar

After 25 years in business, Banana Tree is shutting its doors and joining the growing trend of retail operations that are closing their brick-and-mortar locations in favor of online retail. Owner **Monique Bergin** said that recent years have seen retail sales slip while the store's website has become increasingly popular. After a final farewell sale this Saturday, the transition will be complete.

"I've got mixed emotions about it," acknowledged Bergin. "We are going to miss our customers."

Although Bergin says she considered opening the original store in Alexandria, she chose Occoquan instead. Old Town seemed "too fast-paced for us." That changed in 1988, when the King Street location opened its doors for the first time. Bergin says the Banana Tree merchandise will be just a few clicks away. "Retail has changed," she said. "People are not window shopping anymore, they are web browsing."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

PEOPLE

Feeding Seniors in Alexandria

Recipe for success: volunteers and fundraising.

BY HARRY COVERT

When a community steps up to help others, it's good. When these good works are done on a daily basis, it's even better and no one does it better than Janet Barnett of Alexandria.

Through her efforts in February, more than 2,200 hot meals were delivered to homebound senior citizens five days a week, two Saturdays and one holiday. Over the course of the past year, 44,000 such meals were delivered throughout the city seven days a week. The city sponsors the five days and Senior Services raises funds for weekends and holidays — working to make it possible to feed these seniors on Sunday. The goal is seven days a week.



Janet Barnett

This is no easy task. First, you've got to raise the money and that requires a constant effort to solicit contributions from citizens and businesses. And it's not a job for the timid.

Barnett is not timid. It's through her direction of Senior Services of Alexandria that seniors are being fed and that an exciting program of Companion Care is under way.

"I am thankful to our donors who make our work possible because these elderly and fragile people are so appreciative of what we do," Barnett said.

She makes no bones about it. To provide the necessities of life to the growing elderly population Senior Services must raise at least \$400,000 annually.

"No, it's not easy but we must do it and this is the kind of task that answers the prayers of hundreds of people," she said. "We've managed to do it by pounding the pavement and knocking on doors."

Senior Services has been serving the seniors community for over 40 years. Barnett has been at the helm as executive director since 2007. The organization was established in 1968 and its good works are well known. They don't turn anyone away.

The annual fund-raising event, tabbed as Genera-



Mary Lee Anderson of Senior Services discusses Companion Care for a prospective client.

tion to Generation Gala, is scheduled for March 26 at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. This year eight people are being honored at the black-tie event for their commitment to Senior Services. They are Sandy Calhoun and her son Andrew Calhoun; Cathy David and her niece Cathy Puskar; Carlton Funn and his daughter Tracye Funn; and Lillian Patterson and her daughter Marilyn Patterson.

Barnett is known for her ebullient and out-going personality. She doesn't "take no for an answer," according to her friends and acquaintances. "She knows so many people and she just reaches the goals for Senior Services through determination and hard work," another longtime supporter said.

Often, seniors need assistance to handle business affairs, mail letters, personal needs and other things.

"We have been matching home care companions with seniors who require a bit of extra help in their homes with meal preparation, dressing, light housework, taking a walk and just enjoying each other's company," Barnett said. "We can do it and we do."

Senior Services receives daily calls for assistance. Accolades are not sought out by Barnett. But she and the staff receive many notes of thanks and sometimes small gifts.

"We have the opportunity to help so many folks that these appreciations are more than enough to make our work worthwhile," she said. "Like I said, our donors and supporters make these things happen."

Senior Services of Alexandria works closely with other city groups such as Office on Ageing, Rebuilding Alexandria and numerous churches throughout the city. Senior Services has been recognized by the Catalogue for Philanthropy as "one of the best small charities in the Greater Washington Region."

Healthy School Award

William Ramsay Elementary School was the recipient of the Healthy School Award, one of only five presented by the Marine Corps Marathon for student participation in last year's Healthy Kids Fun Run. As part of the award, MCM partner Sodexo presented a check for \$1,000 to the school during a ceremony Feb. 24. From left are race director Rick Nealis, William Ramsay principal Rosario Casiano, Sodexo district manager Larry McMarlin and William Ramsay P.E. teacher Tom Kenney. This year's Healthy Kids Fun Run will be held Oct. 29 and registration opens March 9 online at www.marinemarathon.com.

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HOME SALES

In January 2011, 116 Alexandria homes sold between \$2,263,500-\$75,000. This week's list represents those homes sold in the \$2,263,500-\$130,000 range. For the complete list, visit www.ConnectionNewspapers.com

| Address | BR | FB | HB | Postal | City | Sold Price | Type | Lot | AC | Subdivision |
|------------------------------|----|----|----|--------|------------|-------------|---------------------|------|----|-----------------------------|
| 725 UNION ST S | 4 | 5 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$2,263,500 | Semi-Detached | 0.05 | | BACKYARD BOATS |
| 508 QUEEN ST | 3 | 4 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$1,602,000 | Townhouse | 0.07 | | OLD TOWN |
| 715 LEE ST S | 4 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$1,600,000 | Detached | 0.08 | | OLD TOWN |
| 2708 FARM RD | 5 | 4 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$1,075,000 | Detached | 0.15 | | BRADDOCK HEIGHTS |
| 27 MYRTLE ST W | 4 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$907,800 | Detached | 0.10 | | ROSEMONT |
| 120 COLUMBUS ST N | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$900,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | CHURCH SQUARE |
| 404 RUSSELL RD | 4 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$850,000 | Detached | 0.15 | | ROSEMONT |
| 301 PRINCETON BLVD | 4 | 3 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$839,000 | Detached | 0.23 | | COLLEGE PARK |
| 101 FRANKLIN ST | 2 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$830,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | POMMANDER WALK |
| 725 FORDS LANDING WAY | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$820,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | FORDS LANDING |
| 13 NELSON AVE | 4 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$819,000 | Detached | 0.16 | | DEL RAY |
| 706 MILLER LN | 5 | 4 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$810,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | POTOMAC GREENS |
| 4216 PEACHTREE PL | 4 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$802,500 | Detached | 0.30 | | VAUXCLEUSE |
| 1714 CARPENTER RD | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$788,999 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | POTOMAC GREENS |
| 308 FAYETTE ST S | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$783,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | OLD TOWN VILLAGE |
| 627 SAINT ASAPH ST S | 3 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$755,000 | Townhouse | 0.09 | | THOMAS SHELTON ESTATE |
| 420 JOHN CARLYLE ST | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$732,500 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | CARLYLE CITY RESIDENCES |
| 1422 CAMERON ST | 4 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$695,000 | Townhouse | 0.05 | | OLD TOWN |
| 440 CHAUNCEY CT | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$690,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | CARLYLE CITY RESIDENCES |
| 908 HOWARD ST N | 5 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$688,000 | Detached | 0.48 | | VAUXCLEUSE |
| 217 FAYETTE ST S | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$675,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | OLD TOWN |
| 406 ORONOCO ST | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$675,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | CHATHAM SQUARE |
| 1707 OAKCREST DR | 3 | 3 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$670,000 | Detached | 0.11 | | BEVERLY HILLS |
| 614 COLUMBUS ST N | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$660,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | OLD TOWN |
| 824 DUKE ST | 2 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$658,600 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | OLD TOWN |
| 1630 HUNTING CREEK DR | 3 | 2 | 2 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$648,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | OLD TOWN GREENS |
| 5142 BRAWNER PL | 4 | 4 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$632,500 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | CAMERON STATION |
| 127 WALNUT ST E | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$629,900 | Detached | 0.10 | | DEL RAY |
| 1400 MOUNT VERNON AVE #D | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$615,000 | Multi-Family | | | DEL RAY |
| 12 EAST MASONIC VIEW AVE | 3 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$600,000 | Detached | 0.11 | | ROSEMONT PARK |
| 2050 JAMIESON AVE #1501 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$577,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | THE JAMIESON |
| 1 MOUNT IDA AVE W | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$575,000 | Detached | 0.05 | | DEL RAY |
| 1034 ROYAL ST N #1034 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$571,000 | Townhouse | | | WATERGATE OF ALEXANDRIA |
| 125 LEE N #DH-502 | 1 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$550,000 | Penthouse | | | TORPEDO FACTORY |
| 4630 LATROBE PL | 3 | 2 | 2 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$540,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | | STONEGATE |
| 2A MASON AVE E | 3 | 1 | 2 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$529,900 | Townhouse | 0.04 | | DEL RAY |
| 914 PORTNER PL | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$525,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | | BASHFORD LANE CLUSTER |
| 910 POWHATAN ST #203S | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$519,900 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | 900 N WASHINGTON ST CONDOS |
| 405 CLIFFORD AVE E | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$519,000 | Detached | 0.06 | | WILMAR PARK |
| 1105 MICHIGAN CT | 2 | 3 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$517,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | NETHERGATE |
| 542 LURAY AVE E | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$512,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | BRENTON |
| 436 NELSON AVE E | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$510,000 | Ath/Row Hse | 0.05 | | DEL RAY |
| 5051 KILBURN ST | 3 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$495,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | CAMERON STATION |
| 520 JOHN CARLYLE ST #408 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$490,000 | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors | | | CONDOS AT CARLYLE SQUARE |
| 264 GRETNA GREEN CT #38 | 3 | 2 | 2 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$486,000 | Townhouse | | | BRIGADOON |
| 3835 EISENHOWER AVE | 4 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$480,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE |
| 112 GLEBE RD E | 3 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$475,000 | Semi-Detached | 0.07 | | DEL RAY |
| 2723 FRANKLIN CT | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$470,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | CHAPEL HILL |
| 117 CAMERON PARKE PL | 4 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$465,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | | TOWNES AT CAMERON PARKE |
| 5821 PEARSON LN | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$464,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | SUMMERS GROVE |
| 1044 PEGRAM ST | 3 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$453,000 | Detached | 0.19 | | BROOKVILLE |
| 938 HARRISON CIR | 3 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$448,000 | Townhouse | 0.02 | | SUMMERS GROVE |
| 813 CHETWORTH PL | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$445,000 | Townhouse | 0.03 | | DEMPESEY |
| 2050 JAMIESON AVE #1506 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$436,500 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | THE JAMIESON |
| 400 CAMERON STATION BIVD#306 | 3 | 3 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$433,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | CAMERON STATION |
| 2923 MOSBY ST | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$424,999 | Townhouse | 0.04 | | WARWICK VILLAGE |
| 1735 KINGSGATE CT #303 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$389,000 | Townhouse | | | KINGSGATE |
| 2181 JAMIESON AVE #1210 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$387,500 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | CARLYLE TOWERS |
| 4951 BRENNAN PARK DR #407 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$383,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | CAMERON STATION |
| 665 ARMISTEAD ST #72 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$380,000 | Townhouse | | | BEAUREGARD HEIGHTS |
| 2151 JAMIESON AVE #409 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$375,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | CARLYLE TOWERS |
| 2121 JAMIESON AVE #1004 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$370,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | CARLYLE TOWERS |
| 207 BURGESS AVE | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$369,800 | Townhouse | 0.04 | | WARWICK VILLAGE |
| 1806 CLIFF ST | 2 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$362,500 | Duplex | 0.06 | | DEL RAY |
| 1735 BRADDOCK PL W #303 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$351,500 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | KINGSGATE |
| 400 CAMERON STATION BIVD#324 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$335,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | CAMERON STATION |
| 277 PICKETT ST S #401 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$329,999 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | HILLWOOD |
| 2946 SYCAMORE ST | 3 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$325,000 | Townhouse | 0.04 | | WARWICK VILLAGE |
| 181 REED AVE E #410 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$324,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | PRESTON |
| 1146 COLONIAL AVE | 3 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$320,250 | Ath/Row Hse | 0.09 | | WESTOVER |
| 130 CAMERON #CS-110 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$315,000 | Mid-Rise 5-8 Floors | | | TORPEDO FACTORY |
| 607 HENRY ST | 2 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$311,314 | Ath/Row Hse | 0.04 | | JEFFERSON HOMES |
| 3811 DUKE ST | 3 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$310,000 | Detached | 0.20 | | DELTA |
| 309 HOLLAND LN #228 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$300,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | THE ROYALTON AT KING STREET |
| 104 ROBERT'S LN #400 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$293,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | FORT ELLSWORTH |
| 3101 HAMPTON DR N #604 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$285,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | NORTHAMPTON PLACE |
| 1616 FITZGERALD LN #914-16 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$269,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | PARKFAIRFAX |
| 1708 ABINGDON DR W #302 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$265,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | POTOWMACK CROSSING |
| 4550 STRUTFIELD LN #2121 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$252,500 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | PALAZZO AT PARK CENTER |
| 15 CLIFFORD AVE | 2 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$249,500 | Ath/Row Hse | 0.03 | | WAVERLY TAYLOR |
| 1593 VAN DORN ST #A | 2 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$245,000 | Townhouse | | | PARKSIDE OF ALEXANDRIA |
| 1720 ABINGDON DR W #302 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$237,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | POTOWMACK CROSSING |
| 1707 DE WITT AVE #1707-D | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$206,950 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | ALEXANDRIA SQUARE |
| 4561 STRUTFIELD LN #3107 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$200,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | PALAZZO AT PARK CENTER |
| 316 ASHBY #7-316C | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$185,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | AUBURN VILLAGE |
| 6101 EDSALL RD #1506 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$181,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | ALEXANDRIA KNOLLS |
| 205 YOAKUM PKWY #621 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$180,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | WATERGATE AT LANDMARK |
| 6260 EDSALL RD #102 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$180,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | EDSALL TERRACE |
| 301 BEAUREGARD ST #308 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$177,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | THE FOUNTAINS |
| 6101 EDSALL RD #209 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$172,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | ALEXANDRIA KNOLLS |
| 9 GLEBE E #4-9B | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$171,500 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | AUBURN VILLAGE |
| 5910 MAYFLOWER CT #5910 | 2 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$170,000 | Townhouse | | | MAYFLOWER SQUARE |
| 301 BEAUREGARD ST #1008 | 2 | 2 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$170,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | THE FOUNTAINS |
| 5300 HOLMES RUN PKWY #613 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$165,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | GREENHOUSE |
| 3303 WYNDHAM CIR #141 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$162,500 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | POINTE AT PARK C |
| 6240 EDSALL RD #302 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$162,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | EDSALL TERRACE |
| 4600 DUKE ST #1521 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$149,990 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | FORTY SIX HUNDRED |
| 3307 WYNDHAM CIR #4164 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$145,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | POINTE AT PARK C |
| 5500 HOLMES RUN PKWY #218 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$140,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | PLACE ONE |
| 205 YOAKUM PKWY #310 | 1 | 1 | 1 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$140,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | WATERGATE AT LANDMARK |
| 801 PITT ST N #516 | 0 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$139,900 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | PORT ROYAL |
| 307 YOAKUM PKWY #215 | 1 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$130,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | WATERGATE AT LANDMARK |
| 17 CANTERBURY SQ #302 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$130,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | CANTERBURY SQUARE |
| 6301 STEVENSON AVE #405 | 2 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$130,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | OLYMPUS INCL |
| 6301 STEVENSON AVE #202 | 3 | 2 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$130,000 | Hi-Rise 9+ Floors | | | OLYMPUS INCL |
| 8 CANTERBURY SQ #204 | 2 | 1 | 0 | | ALEXANDRIA | \$130,000 | Garden 1-4 Floors | | | CANTERBURY SQUARE |

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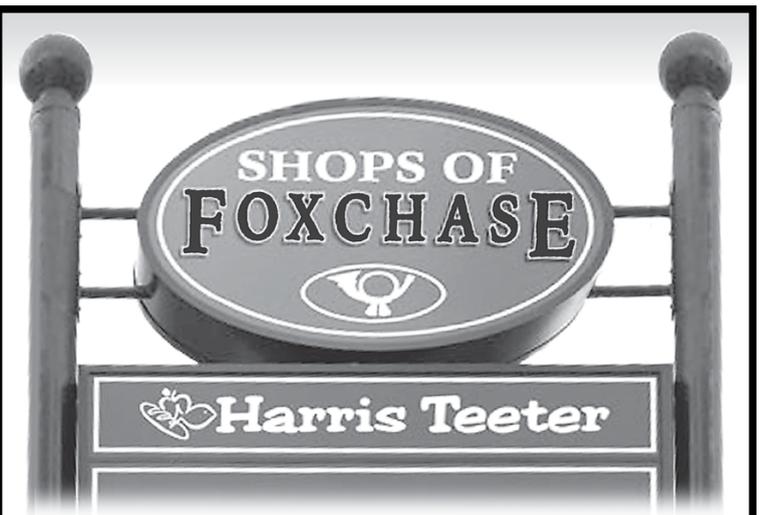


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Note to Gov: Sign the Autism Bill

Bipartisan effort supports early treatment.

A new law to mandate very basic and limited insurance coverage for treating autism in young children awaits the signature of Gov. Bob McDonnell. The added coverage will be a lifeline to many families already coping with major challenges.

The bill passed by wide margins with wonderful bipartisan support (including all of our Northern Virginia legislators). It passed 29-8 in the Senate; 73-24 in the House of Delegates.

The governor is facing a major lobbying effort by some business and insurance company interests to veto the bill, and he has not yet said what his intentions are. The law would save money over time, because it will result in young adults with autism functioning at a higher level.

Contact him and urge him to sign this bill into law.

<http://www.governor.virginia.gov/contact.cfm>; (804) 786-2211.

SB 1062/HB 2467 verbatim:

Health insurance; mandated coverage for autism spectrum disorder. Requires health insurers, health care subscription plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the diagnosis of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and treatment for ASD in individuals from age two to six, subject to

an annual maximum benefit of \$35,000 of coverage for applied behavior analysis. This requirement does not apply to individual or small group policies, contracts, or plans. The mandate will also apply

EDITORIALS

Safe for Saint Patrick's Day

Plan ahead to get home safe after celebrations.

While the City of Alexandria holds its Saint Patrick's Day parade early, that leaves that much more time for celebration on the day itself, March 17.

The Saint Patty's Day SoberRide program will offer 12 hours of safe passage from 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 17th until 4 a.m. the following day to keep impaired drivers off the road during this traditionally high-risk holiday.

First, plan ahead to manage this yourself: leave your car at home, take public transportation, arrange for a designated driver, or choose to abstain if a designated driver isn't available.

But if you find yourself needing a ride, area residents 21 and over celebrating with alcohol can call the SoberRide phone number 1-800-200-TAXI for a free, safe way home (up to \$30 cab fare).

to the state employees' health insurance plan and to the local choice health program. This measure will not apply to an insurer, corporation, or health maintenance organization, or to government employee programs, if the costs associated with coverage exceed one percent of premiums charged over the experience period.

Last Saint Patrick's Day, 525 possibly impaired people used the SoberRide service rather than possibly driving home impaired. More than a third of traffic fatalities on Saint Patrick's Day and the early morning hours of the next day are alcohol related nationwide.

Sponsors of this year's Saint Patrick's Day SoberRide include the Restaurant Association Metropolitan Washington, Volkswagen Group of America and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association, as well as some of the area's Irish restaurants, including Ireland's Four Provinces and Murphy's, Ri Ra and Sine Irish pubs.

Since 1993, this program on targeted holidays has provided 51,718 safe and free cab rides home to would-be drunk drivers in the area. See www.soberide.com.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Let's Set Record Straight

To the Editor:

Did you hear that Old Town residents are a bunch of naysayers and NIMBYs when it comes to redeveloping the City waterfront? If so, it's time to set the record straight

as nothing is further from the truth.

While chairing a Waterfront Committee for Old Town Civic Association (OTCA) in 2006 and 2007 under the leadership of President Van Van Fleet, a comprehensive questionnaire was sent to each OTCA member to see what they would like to see on the wa-

terfront — and what they wouldn't like. Since over 171 or 32 percent (541 mailed) members responded, which is a respectable number, many of the results are statistically reliable and relevant. (This questionnaire and results can be viewed at the website: OldTownCivic.org and are found under the News Heading.)

What stands out in the results is that OTCA members support waterfront planning with a few caveats. One concern is that property purchased with Open Space Money should not be resold to developers. Most OTCA members voted for flexibility as long as it doesn't affect historic buildings or lead to greater density, tall buildings or environmental damage. It was agreed that parking and traffic is a real issue.

What they do want: public access — both physically and visually; natural gardens and water uses; and it should be clean and uncluttered. Finally, they seek to bring the waterfront's history to life and encourage adaptive reuse of historic buildings. There is support for the mixed-use designation for some of the existing buildings and would like retail with residential on upper floors, a small European-size hotel (think Morrison

House), marine museum and a larger arts and cultural center.

What they do not want includes: destruction of historic buildings and an increase in special events; however, they do like the City's birthday party, arts festival and Red Cross event. Few favor increasing density but instead like the existing height limits. Additionally, there was little support for increased density in exchange for affordable housing or as the basis for increasing tax revenue.

Using the membership results, OTCA's Waterfront Area Planning Standards were developed and adopted by the membership on Jan. 9, 2007. These standards were meant to "facilitate future redevelopment of the Alexandria waterfront area in a manner that is harmonious with the history of the waterfront and the character of Old Town ..." The Standards were distributed to other waterfront civic associations. Founders Park Community Association, North Old Town Civic Association, Rivergate and Harborside associations officially endorsed them.

So, let's give Old Town residents their due. They should not be automatically labeled as naysayers if

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The air horn sounds as the runners in the George Washington Birthday Parade Mile start the race through Old Town on Monday morning, Feb. 21. Best overall time in the men's and women's groups were Jared Campbell at 4:44 and Heather Jelen at 5:30.

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LETTERS

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they want something other than what is being proposed by City planners. None of us likes being forced anything — in this case density.

Residents don't have to be architects or urban planners to have a grand vision for our waterfront:

"A special place on the Potomac River, shining and restored with lovely old buildings nestled next to artful landscapes and gardens, river walks, cafes and marinas, that is vibrant, green, open and inviting to all. A waterfront that successfully connects our present to our seaport past providing a unique experience for all residents and visitors from around the world."

Linda Couture
Alexandria

State Role On Immigration

To the Editor:

I am delighted beyond words that State Del. Adam Ebbin was able to get through the House of Delegates an anti-human trafficking bill prohibiting traffickers from withholding victims' immigration documents. This bill shows there is a role for states in immigration enforcement.

I eagerly await State Delegate Ebbin signing on to a bill taking Prince William County's successful immigration enforcement initiatives statewide.

Dino Drudi
Alexandria

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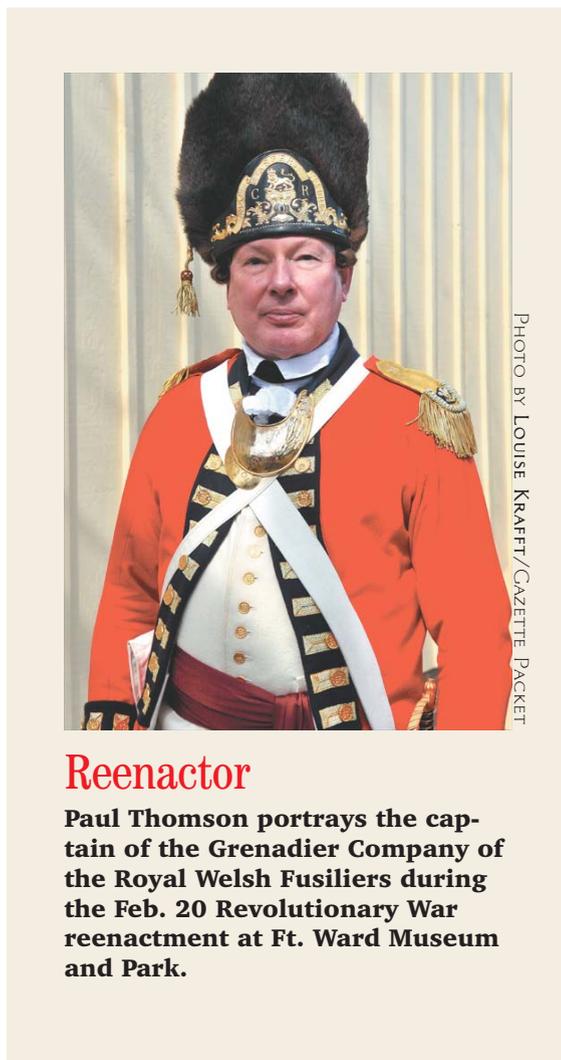


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Reenactor

Paul Thomson portrays the captain of the Grenadier Company of the Royal Welsh Fusiliers during the Feb. 20 Revolutionary War reenactment at Ft. Ward Museum and Park.

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Wellington Estates \$749,900
7945 Bolling Drive
Attention to Detail



Custom home built in 2004 filled with light from towering windows. Open two story dining room adjacent to chef's kitchen. 5/6

bedrooms, three full and one half baths. Versatile floor plan allows flexible use of rooms on all three levels. All this plus two story guest suite with separate entrance, kitchenette and laundry.

Waynewood \$524,900
8413 Conover Place
Move-In Condition



This classic home has many updates to include replaced windows, refinished hardwood floors, new carpet on

lower level, and newer HVAC systems, just to name a few. Four bedrooms, two full and one half bathrooms on two levels with over 2500 sq ft. Walk from formal dining room to deck and wonderful yard.

Waynewood \$649,900
8518 Culver Place
Living Large!



This home has over 2500 sq ft of living area with a huge addition that adds a master suite, extra bedroom, and family room. A total of 5 bedrooms and 2 full

plus 2 half baths makes this perfect for a large family. The kitchen has been completely remodeled to accommodate a busy lifestyle with top of the line appliances, cabinets, island and large dining area. A must see!

Alex/Hollin Hills \$724,500
7720 Elba Road
Contemporary Classic



Meticulously maintained by original owners. Deceptively spacious 2 level home with 5 bedrooms, 3 full

baths, 2 floor to ceiling brick fireplaces. Light filled living room and formal dining room, spacious eat-in kitchen, master bedroom suite with full bath and family room. Beautiful hardwood floors on main level.

Alex/Hollin Hills \$749,900
1808 Drury Lane
Secluded Two Level Contemporary



New features enhance the original mid-century modern aesthetic! This 2 level home has four bedrooms and three full

baths. This home will not disappoint with remodeled chef's kitchen, adjacent family room, large dining room, remodeled baths, and lower level recreation room. Too many details to list!

Alex/Hollin Hills \$649,900
1939 Marthas Road
Special Contemporary



Classic Hollin Hills contemporary with large master bedroom and family room addition with beautiful private yard and

carport! Three bedrooms, two full baths, den, large living room with fireplace, gourmet kitchen with Viking stove, parquet floors. Lots of light and space.

Alex/Hollin Hills \$749,900
1922 Marthas Road
Spacious One Level Living



Bright one-level contemporary with over 2300 sq ft of living space. On breath-taking landscaped and wooded

lot. Brand new bamboo flooring throughout, this 4 bedroom, 3 full bath house includes a huge master suite addition. Floor to ceiling windows throughout bring the outdoors inside!

Alex/Randall \$599,900
2200 Shiver Drive
Famously Designed Contemporary



Custom all brick two level home designed by Dr. Jerome Lindsay, former architect at Howard University.

This green home has triple pane windows, zoned heat, solar hot water heater, and generator back up. Each of the four bedrooms has soaring windows to let in the light.

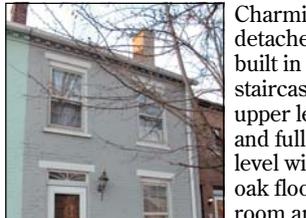
Alex/Virginia Hills \$379,900
3718 Logan Court
Expanded One Level Living Plus Garage



This expanded and upgraded rambler features an amazingly open and bright kitchen addition, master bedroom addition with

walk-in closet, large master bath and French doors to patio. Three bedrooms, two full baths, roof, windows, siding, HVAC replaced in 2004. All this plus oversized two car garage with walk-up storage!

Old Town \$429,900
902 Franklin Street
Historic Home in Great Location



Charming all-brick detached townhome built in 1820. Spiral staircase leads to two upper level bedrooms and full bath. Main level with wide-plank oak floors in living room and dining

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Alex/Quaker Ridge \$739,900
3549 Goddard Way
Almost New Four Level Townhome



This exceptional townhome with over 3400 sq ft of living space. Huge thought has been given to every detail with the entire third floor comprising of master suite with luxurious bathroom, two walk-in closets and den. Gourmet kitchen, second story deck and walk-out basement are just a few details for this 4 bedroom with 2 full and 2 half bath home.

Alex/Beauregard \$415,000
698 N Armistead Street
Large Townhome-Close In Location



This 3 bedroom with 3 full and one half bath townhome has over 2500 sq ft of living space on 3 levels.

Updates galore in this wonderful home to include Brazilian cherry floors, new carpet, paint, roof, windows and too many other details to list. This home is a must see!

Alex/Del Ray \$195,000
3311 Commonwealth Avenue #1
Charming and Quaint!



Wonderful one bedroom and one bath condo in convenient Auburn Village. This 700

sq ft condo has bright white kitchen cabinets and roomy dining and living room. Steps away from shopping, bus line.

Alex/Mt. Vernon \$899,000
3612 Becherer Road
Media Room for the Tech Savvy



Brick front colonial built in 2004 with over 5500 sq ft of living space. Huge bedrooms, soaring 2 story living room, and

gourmet kitchen. This home is designed for entertaining, including a finished lower level with a media room that begs for a bowl of popcorn. A must see home in move-in condition.

Alex/Del Ray
116 E Bellefonte
Two Story Addition!



This updated three story home offers lots of space and a great location just off Mount Vernon Avenue! Convenient to

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Three Democratic Candidates Kick Off Primary Season

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ing to Saslaw, “it’s good enough for me.”

The three candidates who appeared before the Alexandria Democratic Committee this week have obviously spent more time sharpening their arguments to replace long-time state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30), who announced last month that she will not seek reelection this November. Taking their turns at the microphone, each had a carefully calibrated message designed to set themselves apart from the other candidates for the August primary. So far, no issues divide the candidates — presenting a race that will likely be dominated by differences in biography and endorsements.

“The most important factor in these kinds of elections is name recognition,” said Isaac Wood, communications director for the Virginia Center for Politics. “Money plays an important part as well, because it can get your name in front of voters and increase name recognition.”

ADAM EBBIN has been a member of the House of Delegates since 2004. A longtime Democratic party activist, Ebbin managed campaigns for Alexandria City Councilman Paul Smedberg and Alexandria City Councilwoman Lois Walker. During his pitch to Alexandria Democrats this week, Ebbin’s message for this campaign is that he’s a seasoned member of the General Assembly who could use his existing relationships in Richmond to benefit Alexandria.

“From day one, I’m ready to hit the ground running,” said Ebbin, whose campaign kickoff will take place March 20 at the Alexandria Black History Museum. “These relationships don’t just happen overnight.”

In his speech, Ebbin cast himself as a leg-



Ebbin



Garvey



Krupicka

islator with “liberal values” who works in a “progressive tradition,” citing his efforts to rein in human trafficking, expand environmentally sustainable energy and fight against “blatant xenophobia” directed at illegal immigrants. Ebbin’s supporters include Del. Scott Surovell (D-44), Del. Mark Sickles (D-43) and Arlington County Commissioner of Revenue Ingrid Morroy.

“One of Adam’s strengths is raising money to help other Democrats,” said Paul Friedman, a volunteer on the Ebbin campaign. “In all due respect to the other candidates, his knowledge of Richmond puts him head and shoulders above the competition.”

LIBBY GARVEY has been a member of the Arlington County School Board since 1996. In 2005, she waged an unsuccessful campaign in the Democratic primary for the House of Delegates seat vacated by retiring Del. Marian Van Landingham (D-45), although she came in second place to winning candidate David Englin. During her speech to Alexandria Democrats Monday night, Garvey’s message for this campaign is that she’s been a successful Arlington School Board member who wants to expand her service in the state Senate.

“Borders are about politics, but people are about community,” said Garvey, whose official kickoff will be April 8 at the home of an

Arlington supporter. “To represent this community, you need to be about people and community, not borders and politics.”

In her speech, Garvey cast herself as a survivor — someone who has gained strength from the recent death of her husband as well as her fight against breast cancer. She said she’s got the sense of humor, humility and

charm necessary to be an effective lawmaker in Richmond. Garvey has some of the highest profile endorsements in the race, including Ticer and Van Landingham.

“She is a fast study and is committed to the issues important to me,” Ticer said in a written statement issued Monday. “She will be an excellent senator for the 30th district.”

ROB KRUPICKA has been on the Alexandria City Council since 2003 and a member of the Virginia School Board since 2009. In the last city election, he came in second place in a field of 10 candidates — a strong showing that put Krupicka six votes shy of becoming the vice mayor. Yet when he was sworn in to a third term, the councilman surprised many by announcing that he would not seek a fourth term on the City Council. Krupicka’s message for this campaign is that he’s a fresh voice who will bring bold ideas and new energy to Richmond.

“This campaign is about new ideas,” said Krupicka, whose official kickoff will be March 26 at the Birchmere. “If you believe we need new ideas in Richmond, if you believe that we can do better, if you believe that we can be more than we already have been, then I ask you to join our campaign.”

In his speech, Krupicka talked about how his childhood being raised by a single mother who valued education influenced his interest in education. He cast himself as

a candidate that understands Alexandria issues more than the other candidates, mentioning the city’s fight to clean up a coal-fired power plant and his efforts to help pass a transportation master plan for the city. Supporters include Mayor Bill Euille, Commonwealth’s Attorney Randy Sengel and former City Manager Vola Lawson.

“I am confident Rob is the progressive voice we need representing us in the state Senate,” Euille said in a written statement. “Rob is a true team player who has been an integral and innovative actor in much of the new policy work on the Alexandria City Council, from the environment and transportation to youth and education.”

REPUBLICANS FACE a steep challenge in the traditionally Democratic Senate district. In the 2009 race for governor, Creigh Deeds received 63 percent of the vote compared to Bob McDonnell’s 37 percent of the vote. That’s an indication that the party will face an uphill battle, especially with Democrats in charge of the redistricting process in the Senate.

“If the Senate Democrats make their weak districts stronger, they have to make their strong districts weaker,” said Chris Marston, former chairman of the Alexandria Republican City Committee. “That means it’s possible this seat will be more competitive for Republicans this year.”

The Republicans have at least one potential candidate who has emerged already for the 30th District of the Virginia Senate. Alexandria businessman Michael Maibach has filed a statement of organization with the Alexandria’s registrar’s office, and more could emerge before the June deadline.

“I’m in the exploratory state,” said Maibach, who votes at the City Hall precinct. “I’ll be making a decision in the next few weeks.”

At the St. Patrick’s Fun Dog Show

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Chelsea as the Irish Medusa waits by the fountain with Elizabeth and Catherine Owens.



Haley Shields dresses up Cassie in a look-alike blond wig.



Flash, the Bassett Hound makes an entrance at the show.



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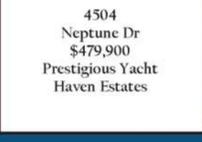
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Vanessa Moore, right, with
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Kathryn Kluge, ASO Maestro Kim Allen Kluge and U.S.
Rep Jim Moran (D-8).



Honorary guest Alberto
Manai, right, director of
the Italian Cultural Insti-
tute, with Domenica
Carrabbia.



Vola Lawson and son Peter
Lawson.



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Retired Chief Judge Robert Giammittorio, Steve Coangelo,
Dr. David Giammittorio and Greg Giammittorio.

'La Bella
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The Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria hosted its 24th Annual Symphony Ball, celebrating "La Bella Sinfonia" —the Beautiful Symphony — at a gala March 5 at the Carlyle Westin Hotel in Alexandria.

Director of the Italian Cultural Institute Alberto Manai was the guest of honor as more than 270 people joined Maestro Kim Allen Kluge for a night of dinner, dancing and silent and live auction bidding to support the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra.

Councilman Rob Krupicka served as master of ceremonies for the evening and Councilman Frank Fannon and Adron Krekeler were the live auctioneers.

Working with Hope for the Warriors, ASO board members Suzanne Brock, Craig Miller and Mr. and Mrs. James Singerling sponsored several members of the U.S. military from Walter Reed Medical Center and Bethesda Naval Hospital to attend as guests for the evening.

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Team from 'Chicago' Reaps Awards

Work on Little Theatre of Alexandria's musical honored.

BY BRAD HATHAWAY
THE GAZETTE

There may have been many Alexandrians and Arlingtonians who walked away from this year's Washington Area Theatre Community Honors (WATCH) award ceremony at the Birchmere Sunday evening without the trophies in their hands that they had hoped to get, but the quality of the creative work on one show, the Little Theatre of Alexandria's production of the Kander and Ebb musical "Chicago" simply could not be denied. That show's director, its musical director and its choreographer copped a trifecta of awards.

There had been no fewer than 16 nominations for awards for work at the Little Theatre of Alexandria as well as 15 for The Arlington Players and seven for Dominion stage, but the productions of Elden Street Players who perform in Herndon dominated the evening. They had entered with 32 nominations and their victories were announced a total of 17 times throughout the evening.

The big winner of the evening was Elden Street's production of the musical "Rent" and it happened to have been nominated in many of the same categories as the Little Theatre of Alexandria's "Chicago." In the 18 categories for which work on "Rent" was nominated, it won in 14. But its juggernaut could not totally displace "Chicago."

"Chicago" at the Little Theatre of Alexandria had been nominated in eight categories, often in direct competition with "Rent" and the nominee from "Rent" walked away with the trophy. However, twice the result was a tie between the two, with trophies going to both, including the prizes for Susan Devine who won the Outstanding Direction of a Musical award in a tie with Todd C. Huse who directed "Rent" and orchestra conductor Paul Nasto who won the Outstanding Musical Direction of a Musical award in a tie with "Rent's" John-Michael d'Haviland.

Amy Carson didn't have to share her award. She walked away with the single trophy for Outstanding Choreography for a Musical.

One other award was given for work at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. It went to Paul Morton for Outstanding Hair Design for a Play for his work on "Lady Windermere's Fan." In addition, Barbara Esquibel won the Outstanding Costume Design for a Musical for her designs for The Arlington Players' production of "The Producers."

The Washington Area Theatre Community Honors program was launched with the 2000 season and has grown to cover 31 community theatre companies in Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia. Those companies presented 121 eligible productions in 2010 which were adjudicated for this year's awards. Other theaters garnering multiple awards this year included the Port Tobacco Players of Maryland with seven awards, Colonial Players of Annapolis (three) the Reston Community Players (two) and Silver Spring Stage (two).



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Cast, crew and supporters of the Little Theatre of Alexandria celebrate at the Washington Area Theatre Community Honors Awards ceremony March 6 at The Birchmere. LTA took home four awards.



Jordan Hougham and Bethany Blakey perform "Nowadays" from "Chicago" at the WATCH Awards ceremony March 6 at The Birchmere. Hougham and Blakey were nominated for Outstanding Performance by a Lead Actress in a Musical for the LTA production.

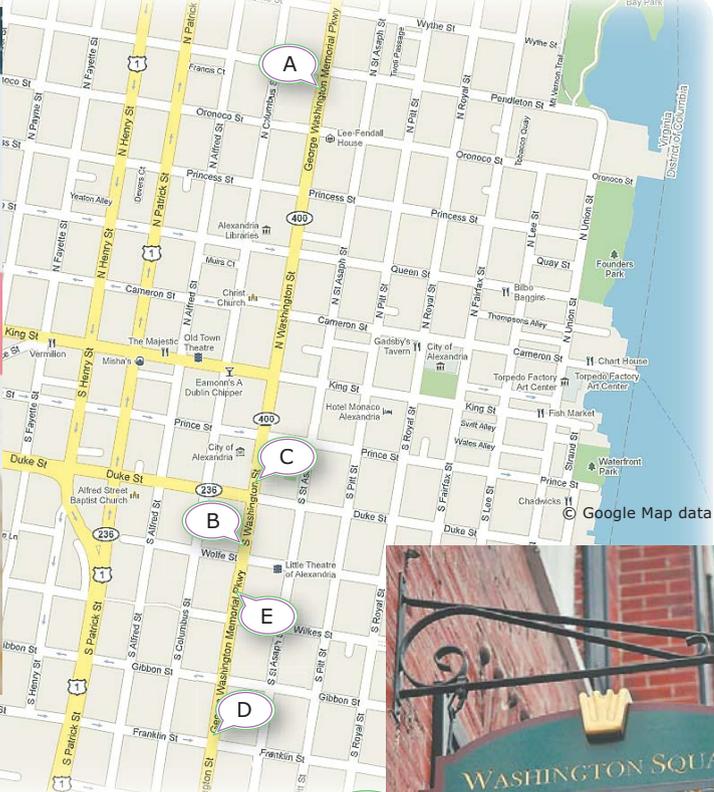


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Susan Devine, left, took home the Outstanding Achievement in Direction of a Musical award for her work on the LTA production of "Chicago." Devine shared the award with Todd Huse, who won for his direction of "Rent" at the Elden Street Players theatre in Herndon.



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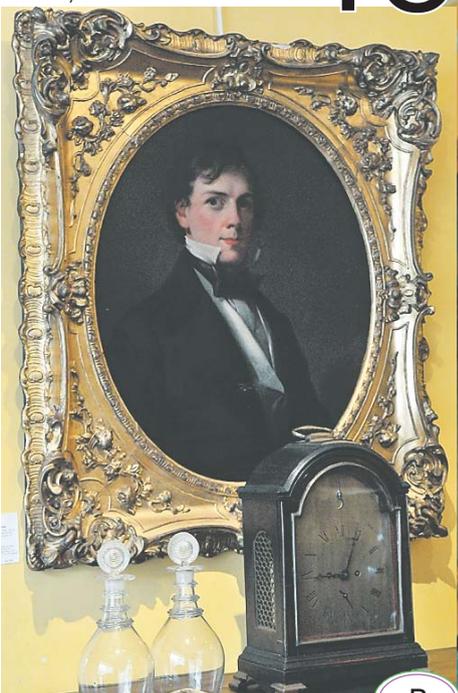
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Laughter in Two Languages

Teatro de la Luna stages "How to Avoid Falling in Love with the Wrong Man."

BY DAVID SIEGEL
THE GAZETTE

With a burst of energy and expressive presence, Graciela Rodriguez, a teasing mistress of comedy decamps into the theater spotlight. Giggles and laughter begin quickly as she shares some life lessons and warns others to recognize "How to Avoid Falling In Love with the Wrong Man." And Arlington's Teatro de la Luna once again provides contemporary theater with "a Latin American flavor," this time with this short run visit with humor from Uruguay. The production is Spanish with live English dubbing.

In a fast paced one actor, cabaret-like theater production, the vivacious, ever confident Rodriguez flirts with the audience kicking away the normal wall between performer and audience. She pokes fun, with a soft

fingertip rather than a sharp fingernail, at masculine foibles and "stupidity". She makes the audience hers with a non-stop smile and twinkling mascara covered eyes, coral lipsticked full lips and curves used to bring a delightful sensuality of clean bawdy fun to the evening.

AS THE PROGRAM notes state, Rodriguez's words are "filled with humor, say many things that should not be taken seriously." And do know that her words are mature; bawdy, naughty and streetwise open to all the absurdity that the sexes bring to life. The humor aimed at men is not meanly hurtful but rather spot-on mimicry of male strutting and preening. And know as well that the humor was originally concocted and written by a man, Marcelo Puglia who penned the book upon which the performance is based. Jorge Denevi directed the



Graciela Rodriguez stars in "How to Avoid Falling In Love with the Wrong Man."

show and also adapted Puglia's book for the stage.

Rodriguez comes across as an older more experienced talkative girlfriend among girl friends or perhaps "that" woman at a bridal shower who after too much coffee or a drink or two has loosened up not only her but the others attending. Maybe a comparison is in order; for some think Kathy Lee Gifford not on her morning television show, but perchance at some late night event talking with Hoda.

Yet when Rodriguez is nearly finished with her non-stop perfor-

mance, she clearly admits that all those male foibles, well there are equal and equivalent female ones. We are all in this together, it seems.

There may not be anything new in the humor or content of the production. Men are clueless as to what women want and need. Women need a handbook not to fall prey to the wrong man; the narcissist, the too suave, the commitment phobic, the "dumbo" or worse. Then there are targeted zingers that create a hush leading to knowing nods ... "for women loves comes first than desire, for men desire comes than love."

Where and When

Theater II, Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington. Continues through Sunday, March 12. Thursday-Friday-Saturday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$20-\$30. Call 703-548-3092 or Logon: www.teatrodelaluna.org. In Spanish with live dubbing in English.

This is a good cross cultural experience even if production is spoken in Spanish. Teatro de la Luna makes a great decision to use immediate, live English language dubbing. With headsets on and the wonderful ability of a skilled, expressive translator, the dialogue and humor is understood just as the Spanish language audience hears it. Laughs are simultaneous whether the language heard is Spanish or English.

Some scenes do drag on, such as one between a mother and daughter and their differing views of a particular man. And the plot-less performance can feel like a well-choreographed cruise ship or comedy club act. Costumed in a fitted chocolate and ivory lounging outfit, caressing her curves, Rodriguez is a brassy delight. As for the minimalist set, it fades away quickly from view with all lights on Rodriguez.

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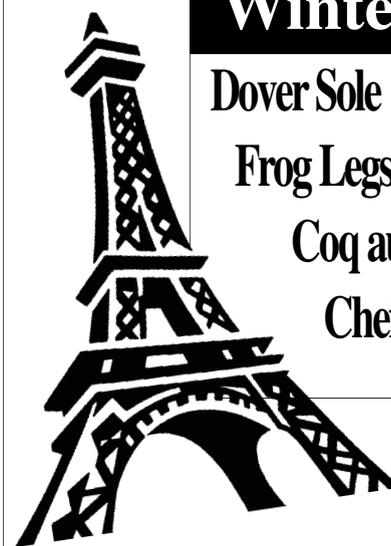
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THURSDAY/MARCH 10

"Race to Nowhere" Screening. 7 to 9 p.m. Documentary film examines the culture of education and achievement in America. Tickets are \$15/door; \$10 online at <http://www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/4135>. At Mt. Vernon High School Little Theatre, 8515 Old Mount Vernon Road, Alexandria.

Pat Victor. 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.

MARCH 10-13

"Cultivating Nonviolent Speech." His holiness Paramhans Swami Maheshwarananda (known as Swamiji), a spiritual leader and Mahamandaleswar, humanitarian, environmental advocate, author, and founder of Yoga in Daily Life, brings his teachings to a three-day program held at Yoga in Daily Life, 2402 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. The schedule and fees for the March 10-13 conclave are: Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m., Welcome Satsang. \$15 suggested donation. Friday, March 11, 7 p.m., Public Lecture - Cultivating Nonviolent Speech; \$15. Saturday, March 12, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Yoga Workshop including asanas, talk by Swamiji, yoga nidra (deep relaxation), pranayama



SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Movies with a Mission. 4:30 p.m. Free. "Good Fortune." This film explores how massive international efforts to alleviate poverty in Africa may be undermining the very communities they aim to benefit. Screening will be followed by a discussion and gallery walk. Reservations are requested, as seating is limited. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe Street, Alexandria. Contact 703-746-4356.

(breathing techniques), and meditation. Lunch included; \$45.

Saturday, March 12, 7 p.m., Stewards of the Earth - an evening of music and inspiration featuring Eco Voce and the Earth Sangha; \$20.

Sunday, March 13, 7 p.m., Farewell Satsang. Suggested donation, \$15.

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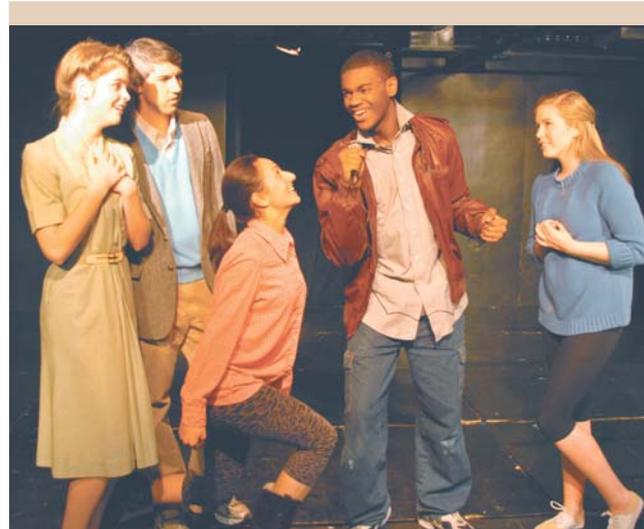
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MARCH 11, 12, 18, 19

A Night of Broadway. 8 p.m. Featuring Lisa Anne Bailey and Kat Brais, accompanied by Charlie Manship. Presented by Zemfira Stage. Tickets are \$15/general; \$10/students/seniors. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street,



Greg Roland as Conrad Birdie (center) sings one of his hit songs while the MacAfee family looks on. (From left): Heather Hartzell, Dru Hortum, Sibet Partee and Virginia Coffield.

MARCH 11-12

"Bye Bye Birdie." March 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m. At St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Upper School, Chapel/Performing Arts Center, 1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria. Visit www.sssas.org/arts

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SATURDAY/MARCH 12

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Scout Day. 1 to 3 p.m. Fee is \$10/Scout. Scouts will learn how to explore their own family histories through oral history, story-telling, and games. At Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden. Call 703-548-1789 or visit www.leefendallhouse.org.

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.

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MARCH 12-13

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The TC Williams' Odyssey of the Mind team presented its solution for the "Good as Goldberg" problem on Saturday, March 5, at West Potomac High School. The team beat its only competition, Thomas Jefferson High School, to take first place for the competition! Students are excited about moving on to the next level of competition where they will proudly represent TC Williams High School at the upcoming Odyssey of the Mind state tournament at TC Williams on April 16.

Two of The Child & Family Network Centers' lead teachers, **Arnita Willis** and **Tiffannie Carey**, were nominated for membership into The National Society of Collegiate Scholars by Northern Virginia Community College. Both teachers are working towards an associate's degree in early childhood education and maintained a 3.6 GPA or higher and a ranking among the top 20 percent of their class, which are requirements for membership into the society. Willis is a lead teacher at CFNC's Charles Houston location. Carey is a lead teacher at CFNC's Cora Kelly location and has been with CFNC for 5 years.

Alexandra Knights of Alexandria, daughter of Mr. David A. Knights, was among 251 seniors at Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, Conn., to graduate at the school's 120th Commencement on June 6. Knights will attend New York University in the fall.

Peter Robert Loftus, a St. Stephens & St. Agnes School student from Alexandria, was among the 519 graduates awarded diplomas at Denison University's 169th commencement held May 16. Loftus earned a bachelor of arts degree with a major in English literature. Loftus studied abroad with the Perugia program in Italy.

Colleen Lineweaver, a freshman from Alexandria, has been named to the dean's list for the 2010 spring semester in Villanova University's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Villanova, Pa.).

Andrew Blacker, a Marine cadet, is a junior majoring in history in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences; **Stephanie Romero**, an Army cadet, is a freshman majoring in management in the Pamplin College of Business, and **Justin Firaben**, a civilian track cadet, is a senior majoring in political science in the College of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences, were named to the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets Commandant's List.

Kevin Bloomfield from Alexandria has been named to the dean's list for the 2010 spring semester in the Villanova School of Business (Villanova, Pa.). Bloomfield is a senior.

Megan Miller and **Ethan Hertzberg** of Alexandria have been named to the dean's list for the 2010 Spring quarter of DePaul University.

Alexandria students were awarded degrees during SMU's 2009-2010 Commencement ceremonies: **Jeffrey Strickland** received a master's of science in electrical engineering, and **Ashley Ludlow** received a bachelor of arts in sociology and English.

Genevieve Petrovna Adams, a freshman studying pre-journalism in the College of Communications & Information Studies, and **Mary Elva McIsaac**, a senior studying anthropology in the

College of Arts & Sciences, were named to the UK dean's list of The University of Kentucky.

Michael Patrick Siren of Alexandria, who is a Visual Effects major and is seeking a bachelor of fine arts degree, was named to the dean's list at the Savannah College of Art and Design for the spring quarter 2010.

Brandon Donovan of Alexandria graduated from DePaul University in Chicago in June with a bachelor of science degree from The College of Computing Digital Media.

Jon Thieme of Alexandria has received his master's of Business Administration from Western Governors University. The online, non-profit university awarded over 200 graduates degrees at its semi-annual commencement ceremony held in Salt Lake City on July 17.

Samuel McCann, son of Daniel McCann and Mary Jane Malinchak-McCann of Alexandria, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications.

Marjorie Glassco of Alexandria, daughter of Richard and Sarah Glassco of Alexandria, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's School of Humanities and Sciences.

Samuel McCann from Alexandria, son of Daniel McCann and Mary Jane Malinchak-McCann, was named to the dean's list at Ithaca College's Roy H. Park School of Communications for the spring 2010 semester.

Nicole Williams, a architectural engineering major and a resident of Alexandria, and **Zelaxis Morse**, a biology major and a resident of Alexandria, were among over 2,500 students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University who made the Spring 2010 dean's list.

Pamela Ukpoma from Alexandria was awarded a master's of Science degree at the NJIT Commencement held at the Prudential Center May 17, 2010.

Camille Gaines of Alexandria, a student on Fairleigh Dickinson University's Metropolitan Campus, located in Teaneck, N.J. has graduated as of May 2010.

Ian Olmstead of Alexandria graduated from Randolph-Macon Academy on May 29. Ian is the son of Daniel Olmstead and Kristy Paolillo of Alexandria, and Kelly Olmstead of Waverly.

While a student he was manager of the Academy's varsity football team. He also participated in the Academy's Air Force JROTC program. Ian plans to attend Kalamazoo Valley Community College in the fall.

Seventeen Alexandria residents graduated from Radford University at the end of the spring semester: **Carrie Lorah Beltz**, art and music; **Leanne Michelle Medders**, interdisciplinary studies; **Trent Anthony Walsh**, design; **Morgan Roberts Goodale**, communication; **Cameron John Cash**, criminal justice; **Lehra Nicole Bogino**, biology; **Deborah Lee McKenna**, design; **Nicholas Ryan Brady**, geology; **Joseph Charles Shaul**, psychology; **Tedros Mehari Kedane**, marketing; **Derek Wade Bayliss**, accounting and finance; **Stephanie Ann Robey**, finance; **Dannithza Claros-Cano**, accounting and economics; **Elenor A. Brown**, media studies; **Amanda Jagusiak**, theatre; **Johannah MacKenzie Mosley**, dance, and **Audrey Lynn Lewis**, art.

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OBITUARY



Mrs. Lorraine Florence Lewis of Alexandria, died Monday, February 28, 2011 at the age of 91. She was born in Pennsylvania on October 18, 1919. She was married to the late J.B. Lewis. She was a lifetime member of Tall Cedars Masonic Lodge in Alexandria and was a homemaker. Survivors include a son, Cliff Hertzog of Halifax; a granddaughter, Audrey Powell; and a close family friend, Lois Hamm. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by a grandson, Jeffrey Polk. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Brooks Funeral Home, South Boston. The family requests that those wishing to give memorials please consider the Halifax Co. Humane Society, PO Box 969, South Boston, VA 24592.

ABC LICENSE

Mongolian Management, LLC trading as Genghis Grill, 7001 Manchester Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22310. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Mixed Beverage on premises, Beer & wine on premises license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Vernon Keith Sullins, owner

ABC LICENSE

TJ Stones, Inc trading as TJ Stones, 608 Montgomery Street, Alexandria, VA 22314. The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL for a Wine and Beer on and off, Keg, Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Stephen Mann, owner

LEGAL NOTICE

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.

OBITUARY



Carleton H. Gray, 100, entered into eternal rest at Greenfield of Fredericksburg on Friday, March 4, 2011. He will be truly missed by his family and all the lives that he touched.

He was born on August 11, 1910 in Artas, South Dakota. His loving wife of 57 years, Zianna A. Gray who passed on March 11, 1996 and five brothers preceded him in death.

Carl built his first radio receiver in 1923 from instructions in the Boy Scout Handbook and the Radio News Magazine. He obtained his amateur radio license in 1926 and his commercial license in 1930. During World War II, he served nearly four years on active duty with the Army Signal Corps. He worked as an engineer at several Mid-West broadcasting stations, one of which was where he met his wife Zianna. After their marriage, he accepted a civil service appointment, in 1941, as a Radio Engineer and was assigned to the Army Signal office in Omaha, Nebraska. In 1962, he transferred from Omaha to the Office, Chief of Engineers in Washington, DC. He retired in 1973 as Chief of Engineers. In 1988, he received the Veteran Wireless Operators Association's DeForest Audion Gold Medal Award that recognizes the achievements of men who have distinguished themselves within the electronic field. Silent Key W4ACM.

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Carl was an elder in the Presbyterian Church (USA) and a member of Heritage Presbyterian Church in Alexandria Virginia. He was also a member of QCWA, VWOA, and the ARRL. He was an avid fan of the Baltimore Orioles and the Nebraska Cornhuskers. They have lost a true fan.

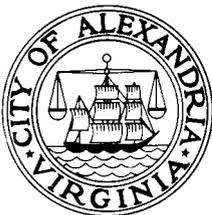
He leaves to cherish his memory, a son, Alan S. Gray and his partner, Natalie Balderson of Richmond; a son, Richard M. Gray of Fredericksburg and his wife, Vickie; a daughter, Linda L. Rayner of Charlottesville; grandchildren, Alan Stephen Gray, Jr. and his partner, Dani Barker of Inwood, West Virginia; Kristin L. Rayner of Charlottesville; Kelly D. Gardner and her husband, David of Italy and Jennifer Brown of Fredericksburg; and two great-grandchildren, Alex Gray of Inwood, West Virginia and Thomas Gardner of Italy, as well as many other loving family and friends.

A service will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, March 11 at Covenant Funeral Service, 4801 Jefferson Davis Highway, Fredericksburg, Virginia, 22408. Burial will follow at Noon in Quantico National Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service.

Memorials may be made to The American Cancer Society or to charity of one's choice.

The family would like to thank the caregivers of Greenfield and Mary Washington Hospice for their special care over the last several months. We would also like to thank Chancellors Village, where he lived for 12 years.

Online guest book at covenantfuneralservice.com.



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

AN ORDINANCE of the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Capital Improvement Bonds in the estimated maximum amount of \$69,950,000; and providing for reimbursement to the City of Alexandria from bond proceeds.

The proposed ordinance authorizes the issuance of general obligation capital improvement bonds for various public improvements in the estimated maximum amount of \$69,950,000.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the tenant of the property located at 1125 Queen Street in the City of Alexandria, Virginia to construct and maintain an encroachment for outdoor restaurant seating at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the restaurant located at 1125 Queen Street to establish outdoor seating in the adjacent sidewalk areas.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 5-602 (COORDINATED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS CREATED, CONSISTENCY WITH MASTER PLAN, REQUIRED APPROVALS) to Article IV (MIXED USE ZONES) of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2010-0004.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2010-0004 to amend CDD No. 10 to reflect changes to the use and floor area allowances.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reorder the 1992 Master Plan (1998 ed.) of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by City Council to the Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan Chapter of such master plan as Master Plan Amendment No. 2010-0004 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said master plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2010-0004 to amend the CDD Guidelines for Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens in the Potomac Yard/Potomac Greens Small Area Plan chapter of the master plan and to adopt a revised height map.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 11-1103 (STANDARDS FOR VARIANCES) to Division C (BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS), Article XI (DEVELOPMENT APPROVALS AND PROCEDURES), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, to revise the standard for granting a variance in accordance with the text amendment

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heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2011-0001.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2011-0001 to revise the standard for granting a variance.

AN ORDINANCE to amend Section 2-100 (DEFINITIONS) of Article II (DEFINITIONS), Section 4-1400 (NR/NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL ZONE [ARLANDRIA]) of Article IV (COMMERCIAL, OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES), and Section 6-600 (MT VERNON AVENUE URBAN OVERLAY ZONE) of Article IV (SPECIAL AND OVERLAY ZONES), all of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, to clarify that check cashing, payday loan and pawnshop businesses are not permitted in the Neighborhood Retail (Arlandria) and the Mount Vernon Avenue Overlay zones and to add title loan companies to the list of prohibited uses in accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Text Amendment No. 2011-0003.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Text Amendment No. 2011-0003 to clarify that check cashing, payday loan and pawnshop businesses are not permitted in the Neighborhood Retail (Arlandria) and the Mount Vernon Avenue Urban Overlay zones and to add title loan companies to the list of prohibited uses.

THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS MAY BE MADE TO PROPOSED ORDINANCES WITHOUT FURTHER PUBLICATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT PERSONS INTERESTED IN ANY OF THESE ORDINANCES OBTAIN FREE FULL-TEXT COPIES FROM THE CITY CLERK AT CITY HALL. JACKIE M. HENDERSON, MMC, CITY CLERK

OBITUARY

Schultze, Lee, 78, passed away at his residence in Gainesville, VA, on March 3, 2011 after a battle with cancer. Lee was born in Washington, DC on April 2, 1932. He spent his childhood in Alexandria, VA and married Phyllis English on August 2, 1958. In 1967, Phyllis and Lee moved to Manassas to raise their three children. Lee is survived by Phyllis, his wife of 52 years; his three children, Diana Eisenstat and her husband, Larry Eisenstat, Lee Miller and her husband, Jerry Miller and Steve Schultze and his wife, Jan Schultze; five grandchildren, Jess and Sydney Miller; Tyler Schultze; and Sam and Jake Eisenstat; his brothers Charles Schultze and William Schultze and many nieces and nephews. Lee was a sports enthusiast and a big supporter and fan of the Osborn High School Football team in Manassas. He also loved to golf and ski at Bryce Mountain. Lee's family will host a celebration of his life on Saturday, March 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the Heritage Hunt Clubhouse located at 6901 Arthur Hills Drive in Gainesville, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Osborn High School Football Team FR, 9005 Tudor Lane, Manassas, VA 20110.

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Final Virginia Budget Represents Progress

... but transportation plan is only a short-term fix.

BY DAVID ENGLIN
STATE DELEGATE (D-45)

After extending the legislative session by a day, the General Assembly on Sunday evening passed a final version of the state budget that is consistent with the fiscally responsibly, socially progressive values of the people of Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax. We also passed an improved version of Gov. Robert F. McDonnell's transportation plan that will make some legitimate short-term progress but still does not address our long-term transportation infrastructure needs.

When we debated the budget proposed by House Republicans on Feb. 10, Democrats time and again argued that transportation is important, but it is wrong to take

from schools, public safety, and our already meager services for the poor, the sick, the elderly, and the disabled to build roads. House Republicans ridiculed us at the time, but they ultimately listened and they did as we Democrats urged.



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The final negotiated budget is fully balanced, and it uses a combination of savings from cuts and efficiencies and new revenue from growth to add \$75 million into public education, more than \$100 million into higher education, and make major increases to health care services for the poor and to critical community-based services for the intellectually and developmentally disabled. Locally, the budget adds money that will allow us to fill the vacancy on the Alexandria Circuit Court when Chief Judge Donald M. Haddock reaches the mandatory retirement age this year, and it restores money Governor McDonnell had proposed cutting that pays the salary and benefits for several police officers in Alexandria.

I was especially pleased that the final bud-

get includes language nearly identical to my proposal to repeal the "accelerated sales tax" gimmick that artificially inflates state revenue by forcing small businesses to pay sales taxes they have yet to collect from customers. This will eliminate a significant financial burden for 80 percent of businesses throughout Virginia, including the mom-and-pop businesses and restaurants that are part of our vibrant, diverse community here in Alexandria, Arlington, and Fairfax.

Governor McDonnell's initial transportation plan relied in part on \$150 million from core services like education, health care, water quality, and public safety to create a Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank to provide grants and low-interest loans for transportation projects. While I was always open to the Virginia Transportation Infrastructure Bank concept, I could not support funding it with money from education, health care, and the like. However, the final version of the plan will be funded only with existing transportation resources.

Governor McDonnell's proposal also relies on \$2.9 billion of bond debt. However, \$1.8 billion of that is an acceleration of

bonds the General Assembly had already approved, so the debt service was already built into the budget. The additional \$1.1 billion in new bonds will be backed by Federal highway money, and I remain concerned that this debt is tied to an unpredictable Federal appropriation. However, it is also our community's best opportunity to pay for the road improvements necessary to mitigate the impending traffic crisis from the Department of Defense's new building at the Mark Center.

Since the transportation plan no longer robs schools to build roads, and since the bonds in the proposal are our best chance to address some critical local transportation needs, I voted for the final version of the plan. However, we should be very clear that this short-term infusion of transportation funds expends the state's bond capacity and leaves us with few transportation resources after Governor McDonnell leaves office in 2013. As he continues to pay lip service to the need for a long-term solution, we must continue to hold his feet to the fire to support one of the many bipartisan plans on the table that would deliver the \$1 billion or more per year we need in new, sustained transportation dollars.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Eliminate 'Superfluous'

To the Editor:

I would like to thank Vice Mayor Donley for confirming what many taxpayers in Alexandria have believed for years: millions of our dollars are being wasted every year on "superfluous" items in the City Budget.

Being a banker by trade and, possibly, out of touch with us working folks, Donley may have missed one of the less than subtle

trends currently being embraced by most Americans whether they are Democrats or Republicans; Liberal or Conservatives; Left or Right: We don't want to pay for any "superfluous stuff."

How many of our most needy residents could be fed or provided with life skills and job training with the funds from such "superfluous" programs? How many people could be employed if our taxes were lower after these "superfluous" projects were eliminated?

As such, I urge Donley to take the next logical step and identify and eliminate all such budgetary waste before he once again approaches our good people for yet more tax monies.

Bud Miller
Alexandria

This editorial reflects my personal views and not any organization I am or have been associated with.

Maximum Tax On Businesses

To the Editor:

The City of Alexandria has proposed a \$553.4 million budget for the upcoming year — an expansion of 4.1 percent over the year before. Part of that budget includes a new tax, known as the "commercial add-on tax," that will hit 9,000-plus of the area's businesses, 90 percent of which employ less than 20 people. This tax on our local small business amounts to an average increase of over \$6,000 per year, per business. In an uncertain economy still

struggling to turn around, this new tax could mean the difference between a business hiring new employees, or even keeping the ones they have.

The roughly \$12 million worth of revenue generated from this tax will be used to fund various transportation projects in the City. We can all stipulate that transportation improvements, in the form of roadway projects, new public transit systems and roadway maintenance, are issues that need to be addressed. But is this really something that should be shouldered solely by the business community, and at the maximum rate? Before rushing to raise taxes we should first ensure that the City has looked for other areas of its budget it could cut to come up with the necessary transportation funding.

Raising taxes on business is ultimately a tax on us all. Higher business taxes only lead to commensurate price increases, and with inflation already ticking upward, specifically for food and fuel, this is something we should all care about.

Patrick Murray

Need Sensible Health Law Reform

To the Editor:

The vice chair of the Alexandria Democratic Committee, Becky Arnold, writes that we should "Reform, not Repeal" the new health law (Gazette, March 3-9). She lists early provisions that have taken effect — health care changes that could have been done in a few hundred pages of legislation, not the 2,801 health care overhaul that was enacted a year ago.

The American people rose up in opposition to this law because they know that it does much, much more than provide early insurance reforms. In fact, it will put one-sixth of our economy under government control. We will be forced to purchase expensive health insurance, as defined by the Secretary of Health and Human Services, that may be the first or second most expensive items in our family budgets, or face federal fines. Whether or not the federal government can force us to purchase this expensive insurance is the key constitutional question that is likely to be decided by the Supreme Court next year.

But that is not all. The big wallop is coming when the full impact of ObamaCare hits in 2014. President Obama says we will like the law once we understand what's in it. But it isn't clear what he thinks people are going to like about what comes next. Is it ...

❖ The \$575 billion that's going to be taken out of Medicare, dramatically impacting seniors' access to care

❖ Or the huge expansion of Medicaid that could bankrupt states or force them to slash spending on schools, police, and transportation?

❖ The \$500 billion in new taxes on wages, investment income, medical devices, prescription drugs, and health insurance that will cause costs to go even higher

❖ Or maybe the many new, expensive rules and mandates on business that are destroying job creation

❖ Or is it trillion-dollar deficits as spending soars far beyond initial projections?

Which part, exactly, are we supposed to like? The American people knew this law

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POETRY

A Spring Poem Of Butterflies

Butterfly colors
In my hands
Not too tightly
I try not to hold
For it's free to fly
If it please to
Silly butterfly

It makes me laugh
As a child I see no colors
Why don't you fly so freely
Silly little butterfly I must say
All the colors in my hands
I hold not too tightly

In the palms of my hands
It landed on its own
I can not keep it
For it's free to fly
If it pleases to

— Geri Baldwin
Alexandria

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was wrong for America. We do have problems that must be solved in our health sector but we need a step-by-step approach to reform that moves us toward a patient-centered, not a government-centered, approach to reform. This law should be repealed and replaced with more sensible reforms that fit with our economy and a 21st century health sector.

Grace-Marie Turner
Alexandria

Admirable Qualities

To The Editor:

I understand that the great City of Alexandria faces a vacancy soon with the looming retirement of Chief Circuit Court Judge Donald Haddock, Sr., and that Chief Judge Becky Moore of Alexandria General District Court is seeking to fill the position.

In 2008, when I was a Washington correspondent for a New York City tabloid newspaper, I had a front-row seat for one of the longest, most complex and high-profile drunk driving bench trials in memory, which Judge Moore presided over impressively. A New York congressman was convicted by Judge Moore of misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol and sentenced to five days in the city slammer.

It wasn't an easy case by any means. The popular congressman's arrest exploded into a national political scandal that grabbed headlines for a year because it had exposed embarrassing details about his personal life.

It is rare — if not unprecedented — for the intense scrutiny of the New York news media (and this former newsman) to be turned on Alexandria General District Court. But Judge Moore was so cool under pressure during the trial that you'd think it was just a normal day for her typically busy docket.

She handled the matter dispassionately and deftly in her unusually jam-packed courtroom, as the congressman's trio of lawyers challenged the evidence against him for eight grueling hours of testimony in a case that had dragged on for five months — yet, remarkably, did not exhaust her considerable patience.

The judge also ensured a horde of interloping journalists had reasonable access and were treated respectfully — even after we jogged after our quarry down the courthouse steps.

Judge Moore will be a fine circuit court jurist, should she be granted elevation in the Commonwealth's courts. From what I saw in 2008, the City of Alexandria would do itself a service by backing her play.

James Gordon Meek
Arlington

Reasonable Offer to ODBC

To the Editor

The new Alexandria Waterfront Plan proposes a dazzling public plaza, promenade,

and pier with splendid views of the Potomac River in the area where King Street meets the river. It would certainly be the best public civic space the city has ever created and would provide a range of activities, from arts performances to ice skating.

Creation of this outstanding new public area is dependent on relocating the parking lot of the Old Dominion Boat Club. The city has made what appears to be a reasonable, even generous, offer, including money, to the boat club for its permission. But the club has resisted, for reasons that remain unclear.

The city has proposed moving the club's parking lot to a location in the ground level of a new restaurant/retail building that would frame a redesigned Waterfront Park — a location that is immediately adjacent to where the lot is now located. The city has also offered to give the boat club a portion of the revenues from the new restaurant/retail uses.

The boat club would also benefit in another way. The new public space would dramatically improve the aesthetic appearance of this area, and in the process, would elevate the boat club to a much more prominent position on the waterfront.

Of course, a key part of this aesthetic improvement would come from removing the club's surface parking lot, which hardly seems an appropriate use for one of the most historic spots of one of the nation's most historic cities.

It would provide the boat club with even more benefits in return for the parking lot relocation. The city should offer to restore the exterior of the boat club building to its historic architectural appearance.

Given what would appear to be obvious benefits to the boat club, why is it resisting the city's plan?

Since learning about the club's public-spirited charitable activities a number of years ago, I have thought very highly of the club. I hope that club members will once again summon up their civic pride to support this important project to revitalize our historic waterfront.

Bill Hendrickson
Alexandria

Historic In Danger

To the Editor:

I am against the Old Town Riverfront Project. This project would violate and destroy the character, history, of a great American city. The city is no ordinary city since it is full of our nation's connection to our history from Robert E. Lee to George Washington. In no way should this area be violated with the commercialism this development would bring.

Alexandria has so many areas of development that little is left of its original landscape. Old Town Alexandria is sacred ground to our history. The historic townhouses, and those occupied by businesses would lose their charming environment by commercial buildings lined by the Potomac River. These townhouses represent our past and its environment and Potomac



PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Civil War Ball

The dance floor in the ballroom was filled with hoops and gowns on Saturday, Jan. 29, as Corky Palmer, the dance master, led the guests in 19th century reels and waltzes. Gadsby's Tavern Museum hosts a number of dance balls each year. Classes are available for the perfection of the dance steps. Information on upcoming events is available by visiting <http://alexandriava.gov/GadsbysTavern>. Above, Giovanne Lynch and Robert and Christine Anderson chat while taking a break from the dancing at the ball.



Marilyn Court cools down after the first vigorous dances at the assembly hall for refreshments at the Civil War Ball.



Marilyn Court and Emily Sue Markiewitz discuss dress and manners on the era during a break in the dancing.

River are essential to achieve the historic colonial atmosphere.

Looking out from the townhouses to the Potomac River should create a sense of place, and this development would interfere with and destroy with that sense of place in our history.

I worked in Old Town for over 13 years. And there is a strong undeniable feel to what it offers to all who visit or live there.

You cannot buy or manufacture what Old Town Alexandria is to the community and the country.

The plan is described as small, however the impact would not be small and it would increase the traffic, which the original streets would not be able to withstand.

This could lead to widening roads which further violate the historic area. Once development starts small it could open up to a larger development in a domino effect.

There is good development and there is bad development and this is bad development. Old Town would lose the meaning behind the word "Old."

As such an historic area, I cannot believe anyone who serves this city would even consider this plan or let it go beyond where it is today.

Audrey Przybylski
Alexandria

Huggins Shines in TC Victory at States

Titans win rematch with Phoebus in quarterfinals.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Trailing 19-13 in the first half of Friday's AAA state quarterfinal matchup with Phoebus, T.C. Williams junior T.J. Huggins darted toward the basket, elevated, and followed a teammate's miss with a one-handed dunk.

"It was his type of game. He's a great athlete and Phoebus has a lot of athletes and the game's up and down, so it's the perfect setting for him."

— T.C. Williams head boys basketball coach Julian King on T.J. Huggins

The play electrified Huggins and his teammates and was a sign of things to come during the Titans' 58-51 victory over the Phantoms at Robinson Secondary School. The 6-foot-5 Huggins finished with 10 points and made several big defensive plays, including a steal with less than a minute to play in the fourth quarter and TC leading by four.

"It was [Huggins'] type of game," TC head coach Julian King said. "He's a great athlete and Phoebus has a lot of athletes and the game's up and down, so it's the perfect setting for him."

Huggins' dunk started a 9-3 TC run to close first half and tie the score at 22.

"It felt good because I had missed a few earlier in the season — I had missed about three," Huggins said. "So that one, to get it in this big game, meant a lot. ... I think it's instinct for me. I just go up whenever I see it go up."

Junior guard Jordan Byrd also had a big night for TC, scoring 13 points. Byrd scored nine points in the second half, including a three-point play in the third quarter that gave TC a 32-31 lead.

Byrd "played great," King said "He's done exactly, what I want him to do at all times. Whenever he gets an open look, be aggressive, take the shot. If you're not open, one dribble, pull up and he did exactly that."

Jamal Pulled led TC with 15 points. He knocked down 7 of 9 free-throw attempts in the final five minutes. The Titans made 15 of 21 attempts in the fourth quarter to hold off Phoebus.

"I don't know why we can't throw it in the ocean the first half, but we've been able to finish the games lately with free throws," King said. "I'm proud of that. At least we're ending the game focused."

The victory avenged a loss to Phoebus earlier in the season and advanced TC to the semifinals.

"It was a great group effort defensively," King said. "We hunkered down toward the end of the fourth quarter and got a few good stops, some def rebounds and brought it back down to the other end and executed our offense. We just played, finally, the way we're supposed to play."



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T.C. Williams junior T.J. Huggins showed off his athleticism during a state playoff victory over Phoebus on March 4.

SPORTS BRIEFS

TC Girls End Season at States

The T.C. Williams girls basketball team ended its season with a 66-49 loss to Princess Anne on March 5 in the quarterfinals of the AAA Virginia state tournament at William & Mary.

Princess Anne of Virginia Beach is ranked No. 19 in the nation in the latest USA Today's latest Super 25 poll.

Led by first-year head coach Keshia Walton, TC finished the season with a 19-11 record and was the Patriot District and Northern Region runners-up behind West Springfield.



PHOTO BY CRAIG STERBUITZEL/GAZETTE PACKET

Junior guard Gaby Moss and the T.C. Williams girls basketball team ended its season on March 5 with a loss in the state quarterfinals.

was a member of the second team.

Willis led the Eagles with 11.4 points per game this season, averaging 4.8 rebounds per game. He also added 19 blocked shots and 18 steals for the Eagles, who won 16 games, seven more than last season.

UMW's Willis Named to All-CAC Men's Basketball Team

University of Mary Washington freshman guard E.J. Willis (Alexandria, Va., T.C. Williams) was selected to the 2011 All-Capital Athletic Conference men's basketball team, as was voted on by the league's coaches. The only freshman named to the first or second team, Willis

Alexandria Titans, Yoast Honored

The Alexandria Titans Youth Football Program and T.C. Williams High School were well represented by the induction of David Curtis, Anklebiter Coach of the Year, and former Francis Hammond High School and T.C. Williams High School coach Bill Yoast at the 21st Annual Fairfax County Youth Football Hall of Fame Banquet, March 6 at the McLean Hilton.

This year in the Alexandria Titans Youth Football Program, Curtis led his 2010 Anklebiters team to the Fairfax County Youth Football League Championship. Yoast's career was remembered in the movie "Remember the Titans."

City Seeks Youth Coaches

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach youth baseball, softball, field hockey, swimming, track and field, Rugby, summer basket-

ball and football. Criminal history background checks are required. Interested persons should call the sports office at 703-746-5402 or e-mail mac.slover@alexandriava.gov or Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov.

Baseball, Girls Softball Begins

Registration is running through March 15 for the Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' youth girls fastpitch softball for girls ages 6-16, and youth baseball program for boys ages 5-8. Anyone interested in registering should pick up a registration form from any of the neighborhood recreation centers or contact the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the department's Web site at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation. Registration fee is \$30.

Youth Rugby Program Opens

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural; Recreation Services Division is

now accepting registration for non-contact and tackle rugby from March 15-May 31. Boys and girls ages 6-14 are eligible to participate and the registration fee is \$30. For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Recreation Department's Web site at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

New Field Hockey Program Begins

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities' Sports Office are accepting registrations for the new Girls Summer Field Hockey Program League for girls ages 9-14. The program will begin on June 6 and will run through the end of July at the Minnie Howard Field, 3801 West Braddock Road. The cost is \$50 per participant. The deadline for registration is May 31. Call the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Youth Sports web site at www.alexandriava.gov/recreation.

Mardi Growl Raises \$80,000 for AWLA

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historic terminal A at Washington Reagan National Airport.

"This is a resounding success," said former City Manager Vola Lawson, for whom the AWLA shelter building is named. "It's the best fundraising event we've had. People are having a great time."

The event attracted more than 300 supporters, many donning festive masks and feather boas, and raised \$80,000 for the AWLA. Silent auction bidding was fierce, with many attendees like Lawson hovering over their bids to ensure success.

"I was determined to win Kerry," laughed Lawson of her bid for a lunch date with Vice Mayor Kerry Donley. "I made sure I was standing there when the auction closed."

Another bidding war took place between



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Celebrity chefs Joe Cacciola, Rock Harper, James Sinopoli and Charleen Huebner donated their talents to the AWLA fundraiser. Alexandria native Harper was the winner of Season 3 of Hell's Kitchen.

AWLA board chair Gordon Kromberg and columnist Robert McCartney, who was authorized by the Washington Post to bid on lunch with Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli. McCartney had the winning bid of \$500.

"We were hoping Gordon would have the opportunity get in front of the AG," said AWLA executive director Martha



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Bittersweet's Jody Manor and Alexandria Cupcake owner Adnan Hamidi donated food to support the AWLA.

Armstrong. "We'd like to have a conversation with him about the role of open admission shelters like AWLA. There's a strong push for no-kill shelters but we can't hang a 'no vacancy' sign on our door. We could accomplish so much if we all worked together."

Armstrong was thrilled with the success of the Mardi Gras-themed event.

"I had a friend do something similar in New Orleans called 'A Howling Success,'" Armstrong chuckled. "This is definitely the best idea I've ever stolen."

Taylor Run

SAINTS DO BIRDIE

The faculty at St. Stephen's and St. Agnes School once again has given their students a chance to perform in a really good show.

An enormous cast of 49, ably directed by the intrepid Jim Marvin, (I was particularly impressed by what he did moving them around in the opening scene) is putting on "Bye Bye Birdie."

ORCHESTRA STANDS OUT

The very good pit orchestra, including as it does both students and faculty, directed by Jerry Mirlani, is a great strength of the production.

Matthew Mirlani bounces joyfully through the lead role of Albert, finally realizing the secretary Rose, well-played by Adhana Reid, is what he wants.

Drew Hortum, playing a put-upon father, sings well and seems to enjoy his part. Greg Rowland, playing the part of the rock star, is an outstandingly good dancer.

Virginia Coffield and Bethel Tesfai play charming teenagers.

SURPRISE VISITOR

Rucker Place looked unexpectedly exotic one day last week. A large white stork flew in, inspected the surroundings, and ate a fish from the ornamental pool.

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ONGOING

Two new Girl Scout troops are meeting at the Creekside Village community center after school on Monday afternoons — Troop 716 and Troop 922. The Brownie and Junior troops meet together on the second and fourth Mondays of the month. The troop members are working on the "Write All About It" badge and plan to earn the "Looking My Best" badge as well as the "Theater" badge. The Girl Scouts also hope to go camping this spring. Contact troop leader Kathy Lehner at kathy.lehner@gmail.com.

Free tax preparation assistance is available to low-income residents through April 13 at the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services, 2525 Mount Vernon Ave. Low-income City residents can get help filing federal and state income tax returns and applying for all applicable credits and deductions on Saturday mornings beginning at 9 a.m. and Wednesday evenings beginning at 6:30 p.m. Spanish-speaking preparers will be available. To request a reasonable disability accommodation or to receive materials in an alternative format, contact Suzanne Kratzok, Coordinator of Community Resources, at 703.746.5663 (703.836.1493 TTY) at least 48 hours prior to the session you wish to attend.

The Alexandria Historical Society is calling for nominations for the 2011 T. Michael Miller Alexandria History Award, to be presented to a person or persons who have made noteworthy contributions to the preservation of the historic, cultural, and artistic heritage of Alexandria. Honorees will be presented with a certificate and gift at a special awards ceremony on Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m., at The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street. Four outstanding history students from each of Alexandria's high schools will also be honored at the ceremony. A reception will follow the awards ceremony and lecture.

Nominations should be mailed or delivered to the Office of Historic Alexandria, 220 North Washington Street, Alexandria, VA 22314, and must arrive no later than Friday, March 11. For more information, contact Anne Paul of Alexandria Historical Society at 703-535-3570 or visit www.alexandriahistorical.org.

Separated? Divorced? Widowed? The Rebuilding Program helps people who are separated, divorced, widowed and want to move on with their lives. The nine-week program starts Sunday, Feb. 27 and meets Sundays from 5:30 to 8 p.m., at St. Martin DePorres Center in Alexandria. A \$45 fee covers book and other expenses. Contact Carrie Schaffer at 703-519-1751 or email CopingRebuilding@hotmail.com.

Volunteer to drive older adults to medical appointments in the Alexandria area. Contact Volunteer Solutions at 703-324-5406, TTY 703-449-1186 or DFSAAVolunteer@fairfaxcounty.gov. Visit www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm.

Women's Domestic Violence Support Group. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Confidential weekly support group sessions in City of Alexandria for survivors of domestic violence or those who are currently in an abusive relationship. Contact 703-746-4911 to register and for location information.

Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, is now accepting 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade applicants for the Junior Docent Program. Junior Docents learn the museum tour and provide tours in 18th-century clothing during special events in the spring and summer. Applicants must be available for the training classes on the Sunday afternoons of March 13, 20, and 27. Due to the popularity of this program, applicants must call to reserve an audition time, where the child can tell about one of his or her favorite events in history. Call 703.746.4739 to make an appointment or to learn more. Auditions will be held on Sunday, February 6 between noon and 5 p.m. To learn more about Gadsby's Tavern Museum, please visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

Pre-Construction Meeting. 7 p.m. For Park Improvements at Witter Property Athletic

Facilities. The contractor and City staff will present information and answer questions concerning the upcoming construction of approved athletic improvements to the property, including a new diamond field, two new rectangular fields, restrooms, park pavilions and parking. At Bishop Ireton, Cafeteria, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/44608.

"Handling Mental Health Concerns in the Workplace." 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Enjoy coffee, pastries and networking while learning practical strategies on how to recognize individuals who may be suffering from mental illness. Registration required. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/MARCH 12

Pruning Shrubs and Trees. 10 a.m. to noon. Free. Offered by Master Gardeners of Northern Virginia. At 2416 Ridge Road Drive, Alexandria. Pre-registration is required; please contact Master Gardener Help Desk at 703-228-6414; ex013mg@vt.edu.

March Madness Festival. 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. At the Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria.

"Singing Books with Emily" with Children's Author Emily Leatha Everson at 10:15 a.m.

Local Adult Author Andrew Wingfield discussing Right of Way at 10:45 a.m.

"Card Auntie's Wonder Workshop" with Children's Author Sharon Hickey at 11 a.m.

Face Painting with Erica Exline from Sweet Cheeks from 10:15 am to 3:45 p.m.

Greg's "Mayhem Magical Circus" for kids from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Don and his children's music show from 2:30 to 3:45 p.m.

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SUNDAY/MARCH 13

Explore Veterinary Medicine. 2:30 to 5 p.m. Meet practicing veterinarians and learn about veterinary medical career opportunities at a Veterinary Medical Career Fair and Information Session. At Westin Alexandria Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Contact diversitymatters@aavmc.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Business Development Roundtable. Noon to 1 p.m. This is your chance to network and share with other businesses in pertinent discussion that impacts your business. Topic: "Marketing to Different Generations." At the Durant Community Arts Center, 1605 Cameron Street, Alexandria. Contact Patricia Melton at 703-778-2960, pmelton@alexandriasbdc.org.

Lupus Support Group. 7 p.m. The session is led by a trained professional who understands the challenges of lupus. Meets at Beatley Library, 5005 Duke St., Alexandria. Call or 202-349-1176 or 1-888-349-1167 or e-mail info@lupusdmv.org.

SATURDAY/MARCH 19

Green Building Workshop Series. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Energy Audits for Your Home and Small Business. The workshop will provide insight into why an energy audit is beneficial, the elements of an audit, what to expect from an audit report, and much more. At the Charles E. Beatley Jr. Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Community Meeting Room, Alexandria. Participants are encouraged to RSVP by e-mail to erica.bannerman@alexandriava.gov. Visit www.alexandriava.gov/gbrcl/ or call 703-746-4067.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

Social Networking Tools for Small Business. 8 to 9:30 a.m. Continental breakfast, \$7/ nonmembers. At the Washington Suites Hotel, 100 S. Reynolds St., Alexandria. For reservations, brahmopticians@aol.com or at 703-772-6716.

SATURDAY/MARCH 26

Generation to Generation Gala. 6:30 to 11 p.m. Eight Alexandria residents will be honored for their records of community service at the "Generation to Generation" Gala hosted by Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA). The 2011 honorees are: Sandy Calhoun and her son Andrew, Cathy David and her niece Cathy Puskar, Carlton Funn and his daughter Tracey Funn, Lillian Patterson and her daughter Marilyn Patterson. Sponsored by McEneaney Associates, Inc. At the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center in Alexandria. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org.

Myers-Briggs Seminar. 10 a.m. to noon. Held in partnership with the Alexandria Jaycees. Presented by Cathy Lada. At the Beatley Central Library in Alexandria.

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