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## Battlefront on the Waterfront

Old Town residents and city planners at odds over future of waterfront.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

City planners say the Alexandria waterfront offers an invaluable opportunity for development, one that could yield enough revenue to pay for a string of new parks along the Potomac River and a series of flood mitigation efforts. Yet many Old Town residents are skepti-



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City planners want to reshape the waterfront, adding a 200-foot pier to the foot of King Street and creating a new marina that would connect to a hotel where Robinson Terminal South is currently located.

“I don’t think we’re that far apart.”

— Mayor Bill Euille

cal that the plan will work, criticizing the planning director for not including a financial analysis in the draft small-area plan that was released last month. Some are calling for the plan to be delayed or scrapped altogether.

Members of the Planning Commission and City Council are caught somewhere in the middle, trying to find a solution that will please everyone before a series of public hearings in April and May.

“I don’t think we’re that far apart — the citizens, the community and the draft plans that’s before us,” said Mayor Bill Euille. “Certainly, there’s still room and time opportunities to tweak it and make it work and get the best out of it.”

For city planners, the elusive goal that’s

been at the center of efforts for decades is creating continuous access along the Potomac River — an objective that’s been repeatedly thwarted by private land owners that have blocked public access to parts of the waterfront for decades. The centerpiece of the draft small-area plan is a park at the foot of King Street, dubbed “Fitzgerald Square,” which would become the base for a new 200-foot pier that would extend into waters owned by the District of Columbia.

“The draft plan sticks things out into the run of the river to create more extensive economic-driven uses,” said Alexandria resident Bill Harvey during a recent public hearing. “This strategy exposes these new facilities to flood related flotsam and jetsam collection, ice jams, high currents, potential for collision damage and potentially significant environmental impacts.”

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## City’s ‘Green Zone’

West End businesses and residents prepare to become militarized.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

When the Center for Naval Analysis was looking for a new home in 1996, the Mark Center seemed like an ideal spot. According to the Mark Winkler Company’s proposal to CNA, the mixed-use community “reflects a campus setting with mostly low- to mid-rise buildings, with the occasional high-rise, situated among

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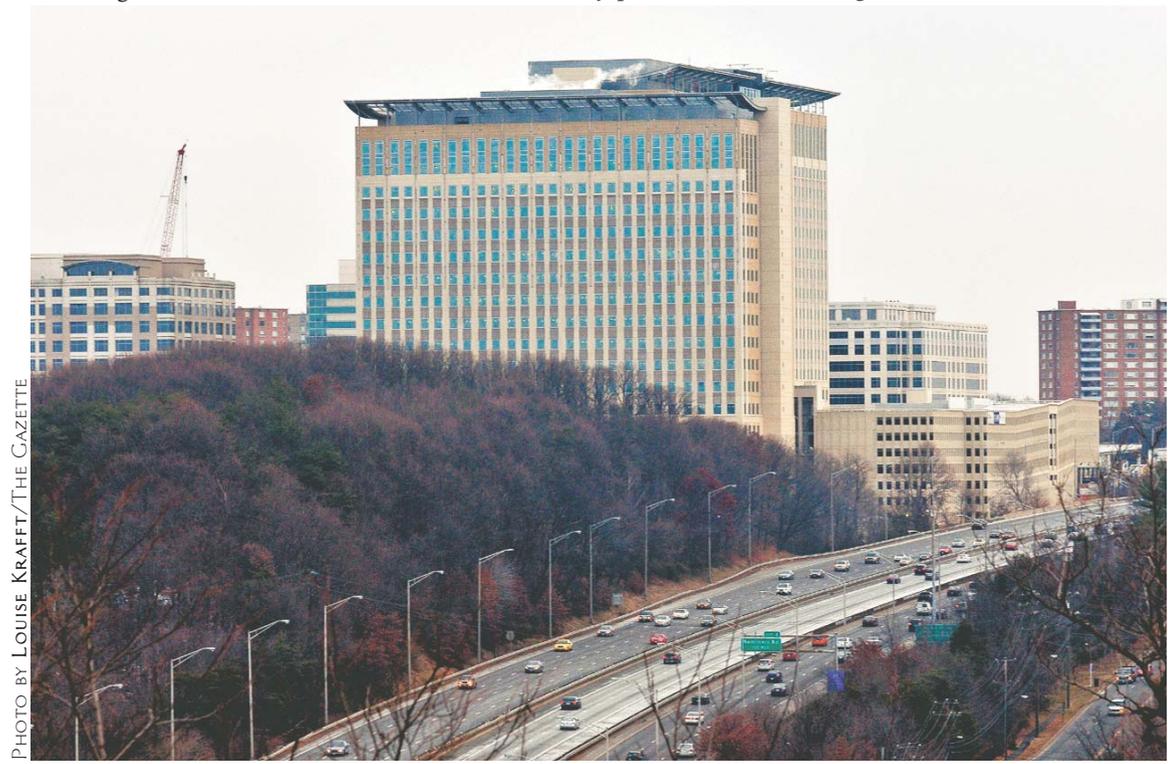


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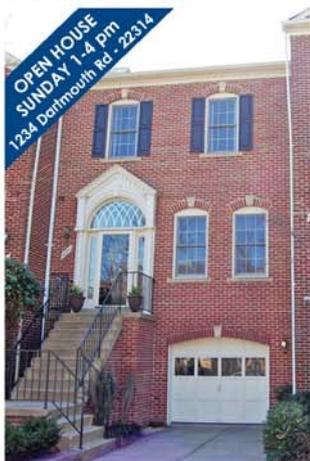
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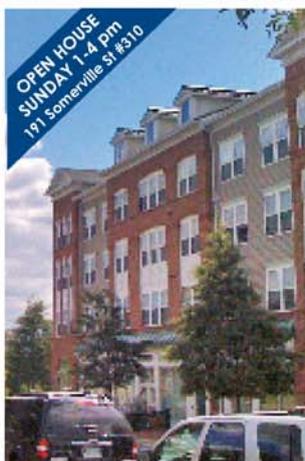
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## Hitting the Ceiling

Wondering if your tax bill is going to go up this year? The answer is probably yes. It's just a matter of how much.

Council members signaled a willingness to raise property taxes even more than **City Manager Jim Hartmann** proposed last month, voting to advertise a maximum tax rate of \$1 cents for every \$100 of assessed value. That would be an increase of 2.2 cents from the current tax rate of 97.8 cents for every \$100 of assessed value. The council's action also opened the door to adding 12.5 cents to the tax rate for commercial properties to generate money for transportation projects — the maximum rate allowable under Virginia law. Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** says this year is the right time to take action.

"To think that we're going to have a serious conversation raising either the real-property tax rate next year or the commercial add-on rate next year in an election year," said Donley, "if that's your sentiment, well then I've got a bridge I'll sell you in Brooklyn."

"These political hacks are poisoning the local economy, driving people out of their homes and destroying Alexandria," responded **Bud Miller**, former president of Alexandria Taxpayers United President who is considering an independent campaign for City Council next year. "A change in leadership is long overdue."

## Adding On

While the city's elected leaders are moving toward hitting commercial property owners up for money to pay for transit corridors, Alexandria's business community is mobilizing in the other direction. Reprising a fight from last year, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce has launched a coordinated effort to lobby against a proposal to tax commercial property at a higher rate than residential property. This week, chamber president **Tina Leone** sent an e-mail imploring members to sign a formal petition. More than 400 individuals have signed the petition, and Leone says her goal is to hit 500.

"I think we made an impression when we crossed 300, frankly," said Leone. "But the word is spreading because people are upset about this."

One option City Council members are exploring is lowering the commercial add-on less than 12.5 cents and raising residential property taxes beyond the current rate of 97.8 cents for every \$100 of assessed value. The logic behind this move would be that the burden would be shared more equitably, although commercial property owners would still pay the add-on.

"The question is where is there a diminishing return in terms of us getting matching dollars from the state or federal government?" asked Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes**, adding that she would not support a 12.5-cent add-on tax. "Where is the breaking point?"

## Exaggerated Assumptions

Will bike sharing work in Alexandria? Some are questioning the numbers.

The Capital BikeShare program is the brainchild of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, which has presented Alexandria with a plan that would help fund a startup operation with a grant from the United States Department of Transportation. Essentially, the program allows subscribers to pick up a bicycle at any station and return it to any other station — making it a convenient way to get around in Washington and Arlington. But some Alexandria residents say the council is playing fast and loose with the numbers.

"It would seem the COG proposal is insanely optimistic about bike usage in Alexandria and the region," said **Jack Sullivan** at Saturday's public hearing. "Each bike is estimated to be used 34 times a day — way above usage numbers in other cities."

Critics say COG's study presents a skewed picture by using Paris and Barcelona as models for predicting demand in Alexandria. Because those cities provide significantly more bikes, they say, the idea of using them as a model for how the program would work in Alexandria creates misleading statistics.

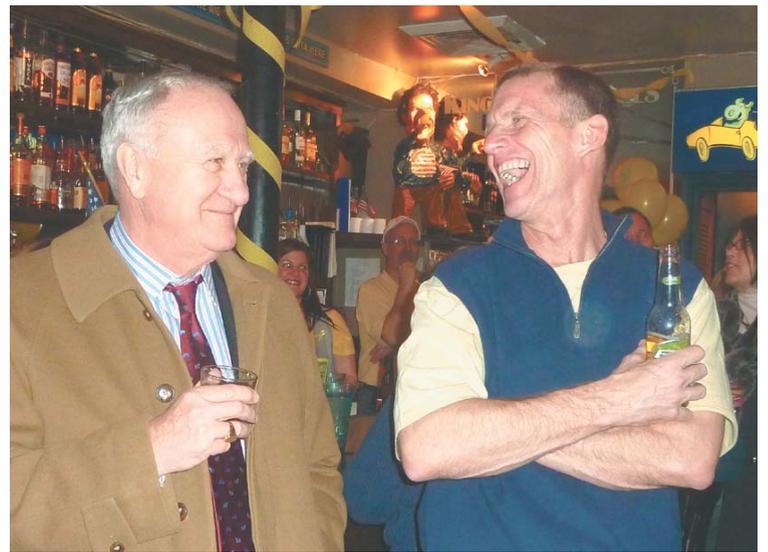
"The person that came up with the original bikeshare program in Copenhagen was a college classmate of mine," noted Old Town resident **Poul Hertel**. "But it's a different mindset over there, where you have a different infrastructure."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



**King Street Blues owner Lisa Capobianco oversees the Yellow Ribbon Fund event.**



**Gen. Stanley McChrystal, right, an Alexandria resident and former commander of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan, joins Paul Rapchak Feb. 23 at King Street Blues for a fundraiser for the Yellow Ribbon Fund.**

## Helping Injured Heroes

**King Street Blues fundraiser nets \$5,000 for injured servicemen.**

**R**etired four-star general Stan McChrystal, former Commander of U.S. Forces in Afghanistan, joined co-hosts Glenn Witucki and Louise Devers at King Street Blues Feb. 23 for a fundraiser for the Yellow Ribbon Fund, a non-profit dedicated to assisting service members and their families returning for rehabilitation at Walter Reed, Bethesda Naval Medical Center and most recently DeWitt Community Hospital at Fort Belvoir.

"We're just beginning to replicate our services at Fort Belvoir," said Yellow Ribbon Fund executive

director Mark Robbins. "While not as high-profile as the other medical centers, they do incredible work with our seriously injured servicemen."

Witucki and Devers, agents with Long and Foster in Old Town, organized the event with Lisa Capobianco and Rick Boyd of King Street Blues. They were assisted by Alexandria residents McChrystal and his wife Annie, who serve on the board of the fund.

"Through donations from guest bartenders like Glenn, we raised more than \$5,000 for the fund," Robbins said. "This will help allow



**Tim Geary and Amanda Chandler at the King Street Blues fundraiser.**

us to expand our work at Fort Belvoir helping the injured and their families."

— JEANNE THEISMANN



**Councilwoman Del Pepper presents a proclamation declaring March as Women's History Month to members of the Alexandria Commission for Women. Members of the commission took the opportunity to publicize their 31st Annual Salute to Women Awards Banquet, which will be on March 28 to raise funds for the Sexual Assault Program.**

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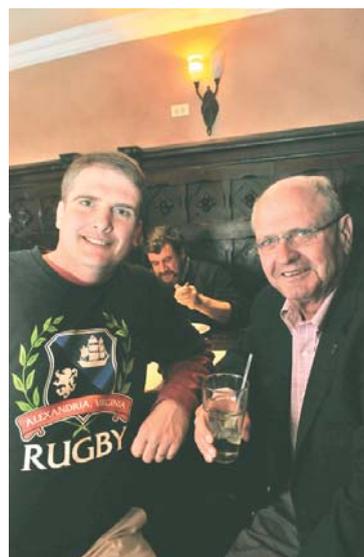
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## NEWS



A sandwich board on King Street advertises the Saturday fundraiser.



New Zealand Ambassador and former Prime Minister Mike Moore, right, and Alexandria Rugby president Fred Wixson.



A pail is passed through Daniel O'Connell's Bar and Restaurant collecting additional donations for the Earthquake Relief Fund.

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## Helping New Zealand Quake Victims

Alexandria Rugby hosted a fundraiser March 12 for the victims of the recent earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Alexandria Rugby, joined by the New Zealand expatriate organization Kea, gathered at Daniel O'Connell's Bar and Restaurant, in Alexandria. New Zealand Ambassador and former Prime Minister Mike Moore took a seat in the back sports bar to greet supporters and watch the game between Wales and Ireland. Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille was also in at-

tendance.

A weekend stay at Rhythm of the Sea Bed and Breakfast in Cape May, N.J., gift certificates to area restaurants, cases of New Zealand wine and other items were raffled off during the afternoon.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the America New Zealand Association's (ANZA) Christchurch Earthquake Relief Fund.

Donations to the ANZA fund may also be made at [www.AlexandriaRugby.org](http://www.AlexandriaRugby.org).



Using single sticks, Jackie Whipple shows the Cub Scouts a simple parry.

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## En Garde at Swordsmen's Rendezvous

Gadsby's Tavern Museum held a Swordmen Rendezvous on Saturday, March 12. Peter Ryan portrayed an 18th century Sword master who traveled from town to town lecturing and giving instructions on the latest fencing techniques.

Jackie Whipple demonstrated and instructed participating Cub Scouts on some basic fencing techniques in the ballroom.

For more information on activities at Gadsby's Tavern Museum visit [www.oaha.alexandriava.gov/gadsby/](http://www.oaha.alexandriava.gov/gadsby/)

## PEOPLE

# Undervalued Democracy

## Political refugee lives in Alexandria.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW  
GAZETTE PACKET

A political refugee of his native Panama lives near Landmark Shopping Center in Alexandria. Lawyer, scholar and author, Dr. Ricardo Lasso loves the law and passionately believes in democracy. He has recently published "Democracy on Trial: The Case for the Defense (Progressive Evolution or Revolution)."

"The major problem with democracy in our time is that its enemies are quite determined, whereas those protected under its wings are indifferent and uninterested in the long human struggle to obtain its guarantees," reveals his reason for writing. Lasso ruminates on that struggle, focusing on societal developments in England, France and Spain over the centuries.

In the waning days of the Noriega regime, Lasso declined to take a position in the government. It was something that one did not do, not if he wished to remain out of prison, or worse. The family removed to Venezuela for some years. When both daughters of his three children were attending university in the United States, all settled in Florida a short time before Noriega was toppled. Asked to serve certain Panamanian interests in the United States, he relocated to the Washington area in 1992.

Two of the children practice law, and the third is a business executive. Lasso and his wife, a former school teacher, are retirees. She devotes time to family, including a young grandchild.

Personal experience leads him to remind everyone that democracy is fragile and must be tended carefully; step one is to know how it grew in the first place.



**Dr. Ricardo Lasso**



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More than 200 students from George Mason Elementary School were recognized March 10 for their record participation in the 2010 Marine Corps Marathon Healthy Kids Fun Run. The school received a check for \$1,000 from MCM sponsor Sodexo as part of the award.

# Marine Corps Marathon Honors George Mason

## Students win Healthy School Award.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

A contingent of Marines from Quantico visited George Mason Elementary School March 10 to present the student body with the Marine Corps Marathon Healthy School Award for their record participation in the 2010 Healthy Kids Fun Run.

"We are so thankful for the Marine Corps

Marathon," said assistant principal Kate Graham. "We are continually working hard to make our bodies healthier and are proud of all our students."

George Mason registered 215 students for the race, making it one of the top five selected for the award. Nearly 3,000 students representing 747 schools from across the country participated in the one-mile, just for fun race, which took place in the Pentagon North parking lot on Oct. 30, 2010.

"I am very excited to see our students recognized for this," said PE teacher and race coordinator Julie Westcott. "They ran a great race and persisted to the very end."

Students who participated in the race wore their green Healthy Fun Run t-shirts and MCM mascots Miles and Molly the Bulldogs led the student body in a round of military physical training exercises.

As part of the award, MCM sponsor Sodexo presented a check for \$1,000 to the school and provided healthy snacks for the students.

"We're so excited to be able to buy new

PE equipment with this money," said Katie McMurdy, the PE teacher affectionately known as "Miss M." "And it means so much more because the kids earned this for us."

Three of the top five Healthy School Award winners were from Alexandria: James K. Polk and William Ramsay elementary schools were honored earlier this year, as were Lynbrook Elementary School in Springfield and Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary School in Woodbridge.

The 2011 Healthy Kids Fun Run will be held Oct. 29. Registration opened March 9 and is available online at [www.marinemarathon.com](http://www.marinemarathon.com).



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Marines from Quantico lead students from George Mason Elementary School in physical training exercises.

Marine Corps Marathon race director Rick Nealis, left, joins George Mason Elementary School PE teacher Katie McMurdy, MCM mascot Molly the Bulldog, assistant principal Kate Graham, Sodexo representative Larry McMarlin and PE teacher Julie Westcott at the March 10 Healthy School Award ceremony. McMarlin presented a check for \$1,000 to the school as part of the award.

## SCHOOL NOTES

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

The following students from Alexandria were named to the High List, Episcopal High School's academic honor roll, for the first semester of the 2010-

11 school year.

❖ **Hunter Joseph Fairchild**, senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Fairchild II of Alexandria.

❖ **Nancy Elizabeth Walker**, senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Walker of Alexandria.

**Shanna McClendon** of Alexandria graduated from Grantham University during the Commencement Ceremony held on Saturday, Aug. 14, 2010, at the

KCI Expo Center in Kansas City, Missouri. McClendon earned a bachelor of science degree in business administration.

**Jennifer Young** received a bachelor of science in Nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago at the May Commencement.

**James O. Yarborough** of Alexandria earned a bachelor of science degree

from Babson College in Wellesley, Mass. in May 2010.

**Rebeca Lynda Shackelford** has earned a bachelor of general studies from Fort Hays State University for the spring 2010 semester.

**Thomas Joseph Schultz Jr.**, who graduated in May from Hampden-Sydney College, was initiated into the Gamma Chapter of Chi

Beta Phi, the national honorary science society that recognizes and rewards academic excellence in the sciences.

Tommy was a member of the International Club, the Garnet & Grey Society, the Water Polo Club, and the social fraternity Theta Chi. A physics and applied mathematics major, Tommy is a graduate of Potomac Senior High School and is the son of Patricia Schultz of Alexandria.

## Stomping Grounds

When **Russell Keller** deployed to Iraq in August 2007, the commercial property under his Carlyle Square condominium was slated to be a day spa. By the time he returned in November 2007 the spa concept was long gone, and the property had become Zikrayet Lebanese Restaurant and Lounge. Since that time, he says, he's lived with a "severe noise problem." Speaking during a public hearing last weekend, Keller asked to City Council members to enforce noise restrictions in the restaurant's special-use permit.

"The stomping dancing that they were doing was going on until after 2 a.m. last night," he told council members Saturday morning. "I can even hear the Arabic singing going on at times it's so loud."

Keller says he's called the police on numerous occasions. But when the cruiser shows up, he told City Council members, the music quiets down and the officer leaves without filing a complaint. He said he would like to see code-enforcement officials show up at 1 a.m. to measure the noise, adding that they usually arrive during the day when noise is not a problem.

"It is wrong for people to have to live in a condition like that," said Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes**, adding that she witnessed the situation herself late at night working her previous job at the Patent and Trademark Office. "This is something that requires a resolution."

Mayor **Bill Euille** directed code-enforcement officials to investigate the matter.

## Blue Oyster Cult

Oysters have a grand tradition in Alexandria, dating back to the earliest days of the city in the 18th century. That was a time when taverns served hospitality on the half-shell.

"At the taverns," notes Alexandria historian **Gay Montague Moore**, "the gentlemen of town were wont to gather for an oyster supper, a turtle feast or a cockfight."

These days, cockfighting is long-gone. But oysters are here to stay. Just ask Alexandria Democratic Committee Chairman **Clark Mercer**, who launched a new business this week along with long-time friend **Matt Strickler**. The venture, known as Old Plantation Oyster Company, is based in Cape Charles on Old Plantation Creek. "My grandfather worked as a waterman before joining the Air Force, a move that ultimately led to my family living in Alexandria," said Mercer in an e-mail this week announcing the new business. "Over the years I have always enjoyed fresh oysters from Virginia, and in recent years I have become more and more interested in helping play a part in reestablishing the population of the Chesapeake Bay oyster."

By culturing the oysters in floating cages, Mercer explained, they'll be able to spawn before being harvested. As a result, the company's aim is to make a profit while repopulating the Chesapeake. "No, I'm not giving up my day job," added Mercer, who works for the Commission on Wartime Contracting, "yet."

## Back on TV

People who live here know that Virginia is for lovers. But do folks in other states?

Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** doesn't think so. That's why he's launched a new television campaign featuring a 30-second spot that will run in eight out-of-state media markets this month. The new commercial was made possible thanks to increased funding for tourism marketing as an economic development tool.

"Television advertising continues to be one of the most effective marketing tools for tourism destinations," said **Alisa Bailey**, president of the Virginia Tourism Corporation. "Every \$1 that Virginia invests in tourism marketing generates \$5 in return, providing significant tax revenue for key services across the commonwealth."

The commercial features scenes of vacationing multi-cultural families rising roller coasters, boating, surfing and hanging out at Monticello as a Beatles-inspired song plays in the background. The commercial ends with text filling the screen explaining "love will always be at the heart of every Virginia vacation."

"It's time to get Virginia back on TV and reach potential travelers as they start planning spring and summer vacations," said McDonnell in a written statement.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## BUSINESS

# DigiLink and Artists Team Up

### Event features Vander Zee Studio Painters and celebrates Alexandria businesses.

BY GALE CURCIO  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**s Alexandria business DigiLink celebrates its growing success, it also helps to promote other businesses — in this case local artists.

On Thursday, April 12, DigiLink, Inc. will host its third Celebrating Art program to recognize the contributions of art and artists. This year, Celebrating Art will feature the art of over a dozen professional artists of the Vander Zee Studio Painters.

While the Spring 2011 Celebrating Art will display the works of 15 artists in the Vander Zee Studio Painters, the works of gallery founder Rob Vander Zee, Nancy Varipapa and Roberta Gottesman will be the featured artists. Rob Vander Zee is an award-winning painter, art instructor and author of books on art.

According to Michael Wight, president/CEO and co-founder of DigiLink, Celebrating Art is the company's principal corporate social responsibility program. It was conceived around DigiLink's array of printing services including web to print, bindery, mailing/fulfillment and wide format printing it produces for artists and businesses in the metro region — and is a way of recognizing artists for their creative talents.

"The world of printing is changing every day and DigiLink is on the front line of bringing new technologies and services to Alexandria and the Washington, D.C. metro area to help our customers achieve better results for their budgets," said Wight. "As part of the Celebrating Art event, we will provide tours and demonstrations of the latest printing and web to print technologies available to our customers."

"I am thrilled that Celebrating Art is featuring the Vander Zee Studio Painters because they represent the same passion for their craft that we do for ours and they have grown into a group of artists receiving national and international recognition," said Wight.

"Our community and the entire Washington, D.C. metro region benefit significantly from the contributions that the Vander Zee Studio Painters make to our local culture and to our economy through their art exhibits and the sale of their paintings."



**Rob Vander Zee in his art gallery.**



**DigiLink Michael Wight with partners Jim Lerner, Hank Russo and Ed Hartman**

Vander Zee founded The Vander Zee Studio Artists in 2005, and said, "In a short period of time we have grown into a group of artists whose works are exhibited in galleries, museums, corporate offices and private collections here in the U.S. and abroad. Like DigiLink, we've experienced exciting growth and are thankful for this opportunity to share our art with Alexandria which is where our studio is based."

Vander Zee said that he and Wight connected last year when one of his students had an exhibition at DigiLink. VanderZee estimates that a total of about 40 paintings will be hung for the show. And while most of these students have shown before, some are exhibiting for the first time.

Vander Zee said that he helps artists to discover their individual voice; some of his students he has worked with for over five years. He also helps artists with a marketing program to help them get established in the field. Both DigiLink and the Vander Zee Studio Painters are Alexandria-based businesses pursuing innovative partnerships to survive and thrive in today's still-recovering economy. Since its founding in 2000, DigiLink has grown to become one of the largest commercial printers and mailers in the Washington, D.C. area. The Vander Zee Studio Painters started with a handful of artists and today is a group of over nearly 40 professional oil painters.

"Since 2000, along with my partners, we successfully started and grew our business, while navigating through two costly moves to larger locations. Each move has meant new long-term investment in our facility, employees and technology," said Wight. "While the economy of late has been brutal to our overall industry, at DigiLink we are excited to be investing in new key initiatives that we believe paint a bright future."

"The last two dips in the economy hit the arts hard. I learned just how important it is to diversify your revenue streams," said Vander Zee. "When you have multiple activities and revenue streams such as those I developed with both an art gallery and an art school, you can focus on one that's growing when others may be suffering from the economy. It gives you a place to put hope and see results."

Celebrating Art will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. at DigiLink Corporate Office, 840 South Pickett Street, Alexandria. For more information, visit [www.digilink-inc.com](http://www.digilink-inc.com).

# An Ambitious Proposal

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**THE 15-YEAR PLAN** could cost city taxpayers as much as \$42 million. If the financial assumptions are correct, the city will take in an additional \$45 million in new revenue from property taxes, meals taxes, sales taxes and hotel taxes. Yet many are skeptical that the numbers will add up, and the draft released in February did not have a financial analysis that would answer lingering concerns in the community about the cost of approving the small-area plan.

"The time has come for City Council to say, 'Stop,'" said Old Town resident Bert Ely, calling on the elected officials to delay consideration of the plan. "Stop pushing forward with this so-called plan until it is trimmed back to a more modest and realistic scale."

A recent survey conducted by the Old Town Civic Association showed that 79 percent of respondents are unfavorable to the plan as a whole. The most controversial aspects of the plan include constructing a new building at the western edge of Waterfront Park and allowing more than 600 new hotel rooms to the waterfront. City planners say the developments would bring revenue that would pay for the string of new parks, yet survey respondents were overwhelmingly against these parts of the plan.

"We think this plan is overly ambitious," said John Gosling, president of the Old Town Civic Association. "The community doesn't have the sense that the plan represents anything near what they would like to see."

Opponents of the new building at Waterfront Park

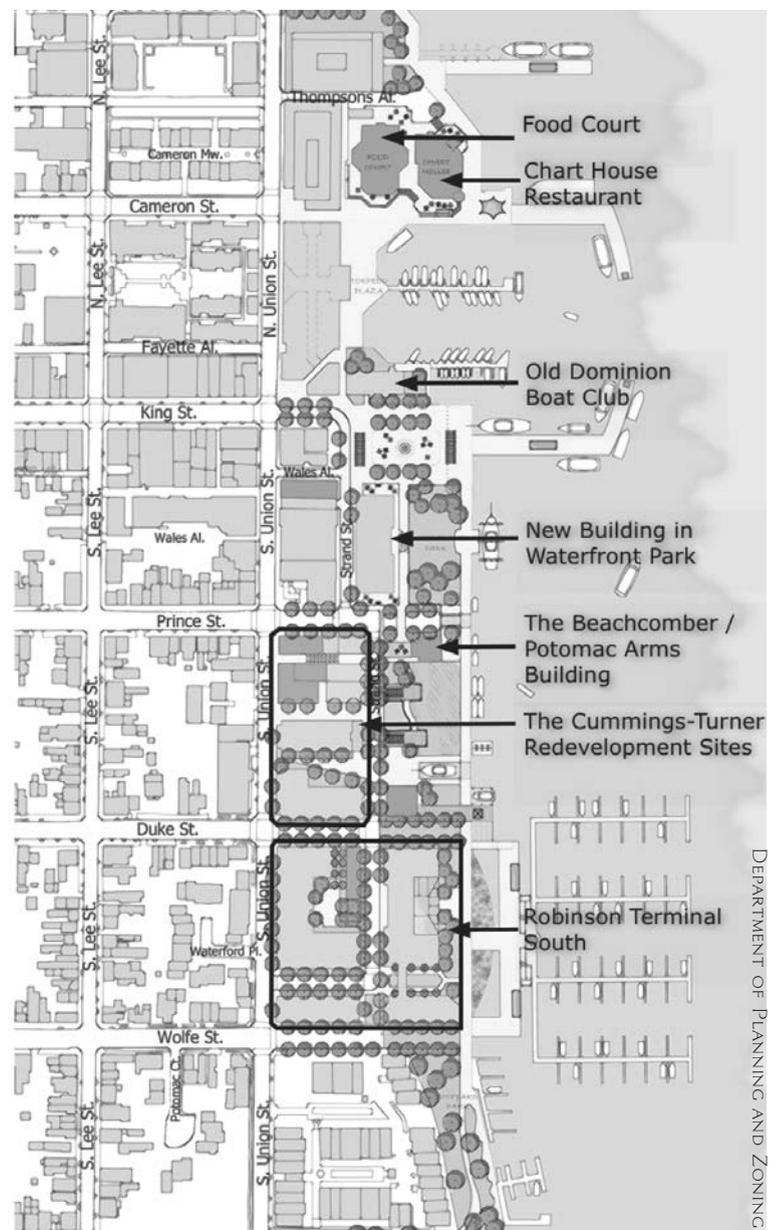
say the city should not encroach on one of Alexandria's best open spaces, a park that is currently one of the city's most recognizable venues. Planners responded to criticism by reducing the footprint of the building, adding that the reconfigured connection with nearby Fitzgerald Park would add almost five acres of new public space. They say the building could be used for parking and restaurants, which would be needed to potentially entice the Old Dominion Boat Club to give up its parking lot as well as add needed revenue to the city's tax base.

"The restaurant building is getting smaller and smaller," said Planning Director Farrol Hamer. "We're going to come out with an even smaller version that we hope will be more acceptable in terms of creating more park."

Another aspect that is raising concern in Old Town is the proposal to build new hotels at the twin Robinson Terminal sites. Planners say hotels should be encouraged because they would have limited interference with surrounding neighborhoods. Yet neighbors who live near the proposed hotels have been among the most vocal critics of this part of the plan. Old Town residents say the scale of hotel rooms called for in the plan would create traffic and parking problems.

"I don't see the goal maximizing commercial development," said Councilman Rob Krupicka. "I see the goal as paying for all the stuff we want to have in the plan."

"The current status — empty warehouses — isn't going to get us there," added Vice Mayor Kerry Donley.



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# West End Prepares To Become Militarized

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abundant open and landscaped areas."

Now, 15 years later, things have changed. The Mark Winkler Company sold the property to Duke Realty, and Mark Center is now a military installation — part of Fort Belvoir as the result of what is now known as "BRAC 133," which takes its name from recommendation 133 of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendations. As a result, CNA is suing Duke in a \$30 million lawsuit filed last week in Alexandria Circuit Court, charging that the Indiana-based corporation has trapped it in "Alexandria's new 'Green Zone' — an area of the Mark Center that is part-fort, part-gridlocked intersection."

"The landlord and its principal are reaping the benefits of the new buildings and all the new development, while CNA is stuck paying the tab through degraded conditions, lost productivity and a rent far higher than the market would support for this property," the lawsuit alleges.

Across the West End, residents and businesses are preparing to be militarized. U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8) says commuters who drive through the area can expect to add one or two hours to their daily commute. Although a ramp will eventually be constructed from the high-occupancy vehicle lane in 2014, it won't be available by the time the building opens in September. When all 6,400 employees are commuting to and from the building in December, the con-

gressman said, city residents and businesses can expect a traffic nightmare on an unprecedented scale. Although Moran is trying to get the Pentagon to kick in \$20 million to \$30 million for short-term improvements, even those won't be enough to sidestep catastrophe.

"This is just a disaster," Moran told City Council members earlier this month. "We're at the eleventh hour, and none of those proposals is going to be achieved in time to prevent this."

**THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT'S** selection of the Mark Center site has long been a source of frustration in Alexandria, especially considering the other two sites under consideration for the Washington Headquarters Service were near Metro stations. Yet Alexandria officials actively encouraged the Department of Defense to consider the Mark Center site, even though it was not near a Metro station and did not have the necessary capacity to handle increased traffic. In an August 2009 letter to BRAC officials, Deputy City Manager Mark Jinks said the road capacity could be achieved by widening Seminary Road and expanding the turning capacity from Seminary into the Mark Center site.

"Since Duke Realty is funding these road improvements, this site does not require any Defense Access Roads funding," Jinks wrote in the letter, which is dated Aug. 13, 2008. "With these improvements, which are to be

made at the developer's expense, city staff is comfortable that sufficient capacity will be created by the proposed and developer-agreed to improvements and that no additional transportation studies are warranted."

Jinks has now changed his tune, noting that the letter was based on information that was available at the time. Since then, the Virginia Department of Transportation conducted an analysis pointing out a number of significant flaws with the traffic study Duke Realty submitted to the Department of Defense. For starters, the buildings had too many parking spaces to meet assumptions about how many trips would be generated at the facility. The VDOT analysis also indicated that Duke Realty may have underestimated the number of single-occupancy vehicles that would be coming and going every day, calling the assumptions "very aggressive."

"We should not be going forward with a proposal until we can project success from that proposal," said West End resident Carol James at a recent public hearing. "If this were money you were devoting to an investment, would you invest \$100 million in something that your broker is saying, 'This is going to be a failed investment?'"

Duke's traffic study also failed to make the grade for properly grading the level of service at key intersections during the afternoon rush hour around the military installation. For example, Duke's report indi-

cated that Seminary Road and Mark Center Drive would be at a level of C or average. But VDOT's study rated the intersection at F or failing. Duke said the southbound ramp from Shirley Memorial Highway to Seminary Road would be C. But VDOT gave it an E. Now that VDOT has committed to constructing a ramp, many West End residents say that will only make things worse.

"That interchange cannot handle the amount of traffic it has today," said Seminary Hill resident Nancy Jennings. "And adding another lane of traffic will not improve the gridlock on Seminary Road."

The story of how a military installation ended up in a leafy office park is a tale of location, location, location. Duke purchased the Mark Center complex from the Mark Winkler Company in 2006, making it one of the principal taxpayers in the city because the land is valued at more than \$225 million. Two years later, the Department of Defense released a request for proposals for a "build to suit" facility that could accommodate 6,400 employees and be ready by Sept. 15, 2011 — the statutory deadline in the federal legislation aimed at vacating leased space in Arlington.

"It's an overreaction," said Arlington County Board Chairman Jay Fissette in a 2005 interview. "The Department of Defense is attempting to evacuate leased space based on security rules that no one else

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# OPINION

# Racing for the Cure

**Global Race for the Cure is Saturday, June 4. Run, walk, sleep in or pitch in.**

Last year, Komen Global Race for the Cure conducted a study of breast health in the Washington Metropolitan area, showing that women diagnosed with breast cancer here are more likely to die from breast cancer than the national average.

One conclusion is that health care infrastructure in the area is overly fragmented, producing significant hurdles for many women, particularly women who are poor or whose first language is not English.

In announcing grants to local organizations and kicking off registration for the 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure, the organization cited the diverse population locally as a reason for more aggressive outreach here.

In Arlington, for example, there are women from at least 128 different countries speaking at least 95 languages. The event brings almost 50,000 runners and walkers to the National Mall in June and raises millions of dollars for breast cancer outreach and education.

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Some women are afraid of the screening process, some are worried about cost, some don't have a way to travel to medical appointments, some don't know what resources are available, some don't understand the benefits of early detection or the urgency of follow-up, and many aren't aware of the success of modern cancer treatments, believing a cancer diagnosis is a death sentence.

In the current environment, some immigrant women worry that accessing programs for the uninsured could lead to issues with immigration.

Based on its findings, Komen announced local grants of about \$4.5 million to improve both patient and provider education and to reduce fragmentation to enhance capacity to screen and provide follow-up care.

Two grants will focus on provider education, helping doctors and other breast health providers develop a better understanding of the myths, fears and needs of the different cultural populations of the women they serve. The

grants will encourage partnerships between providers in the region so that patients can be easily and efficiently referred from screening all the way through to survivorship, limiting difficulties with travel and work requirements, wait times, and financial assistance.

Eleven grants focus on patient education in a culturally competent manner to convey the importance of screening, effectiveness of modern treatments and survivorship. Among local organizations receiving grants: Arlington Free Clinic, From Education to Access; Prevent Cancer Foundation - Celebremos la vida!: Providing Educational Outreach and Screening, in Alexandria; Vietnamese Resettlement Association - Breast Cancer Education, Screening and Follow up, in Falls Church; Nueva Vida - Comprehensive Support Services for Latinas with Breast Cancer; American Association on Health and Disability - Bridging the Gap: No Woman Left Behind, in Rockville.

The 2011 Komen Global Race for the Cure will take place on Saturday, June 4, 2011.

You can run or walk the 5K, or even "Sleep In for the Cure," and there are special activities for children 12 and under.

For more, visit [www.globalraceforthe cure.org](http://www.globalraceforthe cure.org) or call 703-416-RACE (7223).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Unnecessary Expenditure

To the Editor:

The citizens of Alexandria already have four metro stations. Given our current population, the population growth rate, and the land area to be served, there is absolutely no need for yet a fifth metrorail station in Alexandria and the citizens of Alexandria should oppose the use of any funds for such a superfluous purpose.

Alexandria currently has four existing metrorail stations. These are: 1) King Street; 2) Braddock Road; 3) Eisenhower Avenue; and 4) Van Dorn Street station. According to the United States Census Bureau, Alexandria comprises a total area of 15.4 square miles of which 15.2 square miles is land and 0.2 square miles is water. Therefore, Alexandria already has a metrorail station for every 3.8 square miles of land. A fifth metrorail station would give Alexandria a metrorail station for every 3.04 square miles of land.

The 2010 Census shows that the total population of Alexandria is 139,966. Therefore, there is currently one metrorail station for every 34,991 Alexandrians. Thus, even assuming, for arguments' sake, that every Alexandrian, including every man, woman and child uses the metrorail regularly, Alexandria already has more than

enough stations to service every Alexandrian.

Moreover, based on the census of 2000, there were 128,283 people in Alexandria. Therefore, the population has grown by only 11,683 people in a full 10 years. Given the rate of population growth, as shown by the 2000 and 2010 census, Alexandria has enough metrorail stations to service Alexandrians not only now, but for decades to come.

Given Alexandria's close proximity to Washington, D.C., it must be assumed that many Alexandrians who commute to Washington will choose to commute to Washington by car. Likewise, it must be assumed that many Alexandrians who commute to other work places in Maryland and Virginia will choose to do so by car. This, despite the proximity of a metrorail station to their residence and despite the best intentions of city planners who believe that constructing additional metrorail stations will somehow alter this behavior. The metrorail's reputation for inconvenience, unreliability, breakdowns, lack of parking, and crime does nothing to increase ridership. Therefore, even assuming, for arguments' sake, that as many as one-fourth of all Alexandrians use the metrorail regularly, there is already a metrorail station for every 8,747 Alexandrians. Like

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# OPINION

## Hold City Council Accountable

BY ANDREW MACDONALD

I want to speak about the dismal state of planning in the City. It's a process that emphasizes growth over our quality of life, and is driven by special interests and a political process that look more like insider trading. The public is often misrepresented or ignored.

If you live in the West End, you have to look no further to see the results of bad planning than the Taj Mahal called BRAC, which the City sought, or at least did not vehemently oppose. There is no transportation plan and no funding to soften the arrival of thousands of government workers and contractors who will clog local streets.

At Potomac Yards, the City Council, with the advice and consent of developers' attorneys, crafted a deal that gives the developers millions of square feet of new density. That is, as long as they (the developers) agree to turn over the next 30 years of tax dollars. What a deal! This means we will not be able to use the money for other purposes than to fund the construction of a new metro station that has yet to pass environmental (or fiscal) muster, and by all accounts will not solve the transportation problems created by all of this Arlington-like "smart growth." Oh, and the current financial plan assumes that one group of homeowners, at Potomac Greens, should pay a special tax too!

In Old Town, a newly released waterfront plan calls for the expansion of commercial development in the form of hotels, restaurants, and still undetermined retail to help pay for the amenities, such as marinas and flood control. These amenities are supposed to offset the loss of potential public access to and use of the waterfront. But do they? Many residents of Old Town, who participated in a survey recently said they opposed the plan for a whole host of reasons, but primarily because it does not keep the waterfront public enough. They also want museums and other, more Torpedo Factory-like venues to be the framework of the waterfront plan, not hotels. Instead, the City has focused its attention on what happens at the bottom of King Street, at the Old Dominion Boat Club, purposefully, it seems, to avoid any discussion of the biggest land-use issue: whether and how to purchase (as I think we should) the two Washington Post warehouses. The future use of these big buildings will determine what the waterfront will look like — either a private or a public space.

To fix the transportation problems created by bad planning, and to enable new high-density develop-

ment that he says will lower the taxes paid by homeowners (where is the data for this assumption?), Vice Mayor Kerry Donley has been on a barn-raising tour to convince Alexandria residents and business owners that the City Council must adopt a special commercial tax during this budget cycle. That means we must tax small businesses an extra 12.5 cents to raise the money to borrow more money using revenue bonds that will (Donley says) not really affect our AAA bond rating, or threaten the survival of small business owners — the same business owners who help to make Alexandria look and feel a bit different from Arlington and Fairfax.

Who is responsible for these poor planning decisions? Who should be held accountable? I admire many of the people who are involved in the planning process, but we must change how we make these big decisions: Maybe we need a full-time City Council, and more politicians who refuse to accept campaign donations from influential developers? Certainly, planning decisions need to be based on facts, alternatives, and financial data that can be examined easily by citizens.

I spoke against the adoption of the so-called "add on" commercial tax for transportation at last week's public hearing on the 2011 budget, not because I am against more non-polluting transit services, not because I dislike bikes, and not because I don't want to see a resolution to the traffic issues in the West End. I argued against it because it is simply not a fair or equitable way to fund a public benefit.

Old Town residents and their civic associations are opposed to a plan that does little to recognize the value of the waterfront as an irreplaceable public resource and ignores other, more sensible and historically compatible ways to generate revenue. The City has been unwilling to consider alternative uses for the old warehouses owned by the Washington Post — saying in effect what developers want them to say. To heck with what local residents want, to heck with other options, to heck with any data to back up their claims that all this new development is needed or beneficial.

On April 5, the Planning Commission will hold the first of several hearings on the newly released waterfront plan, one of several that will determine the future of this unique public space. The waterfront belongs to us all, and we should be concerned about its future — and what goes on in other parts of the town too.

Such planning decisions affect the quality of our town and life for us all. Hold the City Council accountable. Get involved!

Moreover, the \$500 million is yet another mere "estimate" of the construction cost and financing cost of a major transportation project. Other estimates for metrorail stations over the years have proven to be dead wrong. Like all estimates before it, it is more likely than not that this "estimate" is equally wrong. Moreover, this estimate does not include ancillary costs incident to the maintenance and operation of a metrorail station (maintenance and repair costs, insurance, security, increased need for police,

emergency, fire, trash services, traffic problems, roads, crime, etc.)

Alexandrians have no need for yet a fifth metrorail station in Alexandria. Therefore, there is no justification for using any federal, state, or Alexandria tax dollars to support an unnecessary expenditure of this magnitude.

**Deborah A. Vitale**  
Alexandria

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wise, assuming that as many as one-fourth of all Alexandrians use the metrorail regularly, the construction of yet a fifth metrorail station would result in a metrorail station for every 6,998 Alexandrians.

The suggestion that taxpayers now need to spend an estimated \$500 million on yet a fifth metrorail station in Alexandria is unjustified. The fact that it will be located in Potomac Yards provides no support for the expenditure.

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# LETTERS

## Whose Interests Should Be Served?

To the Editor:

When Del. David Englin tells his constituents that legislation efforts to redress illegal immigration are misguided because only “comprehensive immigration reform” (a euphemism for amnesty) can remedy our immigration problems, he fails to understand several things.

❖ Thanks to a report, “The Fiscal Burden of Illegal Immigration on US Taxpayers” from the Federation for American Immigration Reform, we learn that illegal immigration costs each Virginia citizen-headed household on average over \$1000 per year. For every dollar states and municipalities spend on costs generated by illegal immigrants’ presence here, those immigrants pay in taxes and fees only a nickel.

❖ “Comprehensive immigration reform” would make illegal immigrants eligible for even more government benefits and increase their costs more than it would increase the taxes and fees they would pay. How does Del. Englin propose to pay for this, or is he content to fob the local costs off on Alexandria’s beleaguered budget?

❖ For every illegal immigrant in Virginia state colleges, a Virginian, other American or legal immigrant is denied that spot. And for every illegal immigrant spared the “underground economy” by being given what amounts to a special privilege of a state college education, another illegal immigrant will be enticed into that job. Whereas were the “underground economy” shut down because enforcement dried up its workforce, employers would have to offer legal workers better pay and working conditions.

When an elected official goes out on a limb on behalf of those who are not legally present and therefore cannot vote, against the interests of those who are citizens and can vote, one need ask whose interests he is serving. Is providing political cover for illegal immigrants really the kind of wink-and-nod a liberal can give to curry favor with those industries and employers who hire so many of them in an attempt to win business away from its normally Republican leanings by underwriting, at taxpayer expense, the social costs of cheap, illegal labor?

**Dino Drudi**  
Alexandria

## Admirable Qualities

To the Editor:

I am writing in support of Chief Judge Becky Moore to fill the position of Chief Circuit Court Judge following the upcoming retirement of Judge Donald Haddock, Sr.

While a letter was published in this newspaper last week eloquently listing Judge Moore’s professional qualifications, I would like to follow up with a mention of her admirable personal qualities I have appreciated during the years I have known her.

In addition to her busy and demanding career, Judge Moore has found the time and



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## Medals in Recognition

**Police Chief Earl L. Cook, right, was recognized with the Sons of the American Revolution Law Enforcement Commendation Medal at the Feb. 12 meeting of the George Washington Chapter. Presenting the medal was Paul Briggs (COL, USMC-ret), chapter vice-president.**



**Police Supervisor Jerry McHugh, right, a 34-year employee of the Alexandria Police Department, receives the Sons of the American Revolution medal for heroism from George Washington Chapter vice-president, Paul Briggs (COL, USMC-ret) at the chapter’s Feb. 12 meeting. McHugh, a retired vice/narcotics detective who now supervises the warrant and records division for the department, received the SAR Medal for Heroism for his actions Aug. 30, 2010, when he exposed himself to danger to aid an injured motorist trapped in a burning automobile on I-95 south of Alexandria.**

made it a priority to be a homeroom parent in her daughters’ classrooms, volunteer for school events and socials, chaperone field trips, serve as an elder in her church and support numerous charitable and educational organizations with her time and talent — all with a smile and gracious generosity.

Judge Moore’s personal character reflects well on our community, and I am certain her appointment as Chief Circuit Court Judge will benefit Alexandria, too.

**Lucie Holland**

## Undue Burden

To the Editor:

A few decades after Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court in 1992 gave states the right to enact their own restrictions for access to abortions, as long as it is not an “undue” burden to the woman. Less than two weeks ago, Virginia anti-abortion legislators passed a measure for abortion clinics to be held to the same standards as hospitals. This measure will likely force the closure of most of the 21 clinics in the state as conforming to new hospital standards would be too costly. This new law also creates an undue burden for a woman who would seek an abortion.

When this new measure goes before the State Board of Health in an accelerated 280 days from passage (why so quick?) will the Board members understand the ramifications of restricting access and what a woman will be forced to do to obtain an abortion, if that is their choice?

Why such sneakiness to pass this measure? Are procedures such as inserting this abortion amendment into a non-abortion-

related bill, to be the “new norm?” Wisconsin just used a similar gimmick to strip collective bargaining rights from public employee unions. These underhanded procedures need to stop and any measure to be voted on should be openly debated. Shouldn’t our state’s legislative business be conducted in an honest way? No matter what the issue may be, that is the right thing to do. And another reason to vote to retain our Democratic seats in Richmond.

**Carolyn Boyd**

Alexandria Democratic Committee

## Transforming The Waterfront

To the Editor:

The proposed Alexandria Waterfront Plan is outstanding in many respects. Among other things it would:

❖ Provide expanded public access to the waterfront, including splendid new views of the Potomac,

❖ Allow new restaurants with water views,

❖ Create new public open spaces and enhance existing spaces, including restoring some of the shoreline to a more environmentally “natural” condition,

❖ Expand the number and range of public activities, from arts performances to ice skating to tall ship visits,

❖ Dramatically increase the overall aesthetic appearance of the waterfront,

❖ More than pay for itself — revenues would eventually far surpass city investments in improvements.

The plan builds on past revitalization efforts with new ideas that would make the

waterfront a truly special place. Still, it respects the historic scale and fabric of the waterfront, and takes care to ensure that that fabric is preserved and enhanced.

The plan grapples with the fact that a number of property owners have significant development rights on the waterfront. But the development sites are limited to a very small part of the waterfront: a two-block section between Prince and Wolfe Streets and the Robinson Terminal North property.

The waterfront plan and the federal settlement agreement that set certain conditions for the use of these development sites require significant public access to them. The public, for example, would get access to the Robinson Terminal piers.

The city has determined that hotels, restaurants, retail, and cultural uses are the most appropriate and compatible uses in areas where there is significant public use. Hotels are also a good use because fewer people drive cars to get to them. In any event, developers will be required to provide all necessary parking on site.

All of the uses on the development sites, including the hotels, will be required to fit into the existing historic fabric of this area, and the city has a great deal of leverage in ensuring that this happens. In addition, in areas facing away from the waterfront on these sites, residential development will be allowed to buffer existing development.

A critical point to understand about this new development is that the developers will be expected to contribute significant funding for public benefits and amenities. In short, developers will help pay for parks, art and history projects, and other benefits

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# Keys to Fighting Colon Cancer

BY CHRISTINE CANDIO  
CEO, INOVA ALEXANDRIA HOSPITAL

**A** 35-year-old man with two small children suddenly developed abdominal pain and noticed a change in his bowel movements. His health issues continued for sometime but he dismissed these symptoms as being related to stress or simple indigestion. When he noticed blood in his stools he finally decided to visit a gastroenterologist for help. After undergoing a colonoscopy and other tests, sadly the man was diagnosed with an advanced form of colon cancer.

Many young adults, like the one mentioned, experience similar symptoms but believe they are related to stress or some other minor health issues. Knowing the symptoms of colon cancer and other deadly diseases can improve the ability to recognize the need to get medical help and detect the disease early.

Early detection is key in fighting any disease, especially colon cancer. At Inova Alexandria Hospital, we believe that knowledge about your health empowers you to be an advocate for your health. This month we would like to discuss colon cancer.

Colon cancer is caused by polyps, or growths forming in the colon and turning cancerous. A



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colonoscopy is the most widely used test for detecting polyps and the only test that removes them, thereby reducing the risk of developing colorectal cancer. The procedure is painless, has few complications, and requires very little time and no overnight stay.

Nearly 150,000 people are diagnosed with colon cancer each year, according to the American Cancer Society, making it the third most common cancer in the nation. Almost 50,000 people die annually from this disease, but you can help

reduce this number by educating yourself and others about the disease and getting a colon cancer screening or colonoscopy.

Some risk factors that can increase your chances of developing the disease are diets high in red meats, little or no exercise, smoking, alcohol abuse, and being overweight. All of these factors, including being 50 or older, are reasons to consider having a colonoscopy regularly.

If the results of the colonoscopy are negative for cancer or other colon diseases, physicians recommend repeating a colon screening every three to five years depending on an individual's background and family history.

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1906 Belle Haven Road Alexandria, VA 22307



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Turn key! Big, bright, beautiful on cul-de-sac! 4 spacious bedrooms with large closets, 3.5 updated baths. Large kitchen w/ granite countertops and island, Viking 6 burner cooktop, new stainless steal appliances. Kitchen opens to large TREX deck w/ spectacular back yard! In-ground sprinkler system, playset and cute shed. Luxury owners suite w/ jacuzzi & sep shower. Walk out lower level. Great flow for family and easy outdoor entertaining. ~\$885,000

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## JUST LISTED in Kings Cloister Open Sunday 1-4!



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624 Kings Cloister Circle Alexandria, VA 22302



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## Absolutely Charming in Belle Haven

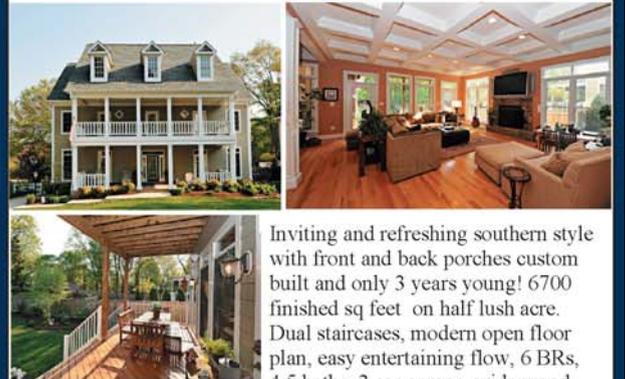


Absolutely charming light filled 4BR,3BA Belle Haven colonial featuring lovely moldings, hardwood floors, elegant living room with fireplace, formal dining room, family room, garden room, private patio for summer enjoyment, and professionally landscaped backyard. ~\$725,000

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## The "Light Horse Harry" Lee House



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**Fort Hunt \$559,000**  
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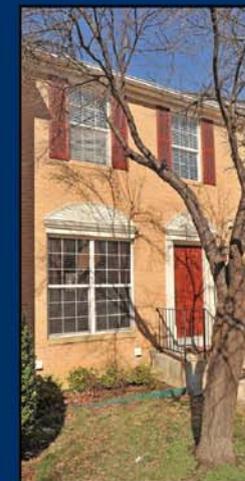


**The Arlington \$305,000**  
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## OBITUARY

### Eugene C. Smith

Eugene C. Smith, 84, who worked for the Department of the Army for more than 30 years, died Feb. 23, 2011 of natural causes at his home in Alexandria.

Mr. Smith was born in Remington, Va. and lived most of his life in Alexandria.

He served as a logistician with the Department of the Army for more than 30 years where he was directly involved with contacts with U.S. and Foreign Government Embassies to formalize and monitor Army transactions before retiring in 1984.

Mr. Smith was drafted in the Army in World War II where he served in the Pacific Theater obtaining the rank of Technical Sergeant. He continued his military service in the United States Army Reserves retiring in 1986 at the rank of Colonel.

He was a graduate of George Washington High School, Southeastern University and Central Michigan University. He also

graduated from the Industrial College of Armed Forces (ICAF).

Mr. Smith was a member of Del Ray Baptist Church where he was involved in the functions of the church, including service as a Deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years. He served on many church committees as well as with the Mount Vernon Association (now Northstar). He also served on the national level as a SBC Trustee on the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for eight years.

His marriage to Betty Jean Stanley ended in divorce.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth, son Gary Smith of Alexandria, two loving daughters Darlene Moore of Edgewater, Md. and Debbi Smith Reid of Front Royal, Va., five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, a brother Alvin Smith of Dumfries, Va., a brother-in-law Ralph Haymond of Fairmont, W.Va., extended family Randy Allen and several nieces, nephews and many friends.

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#### ONGOING

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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.

**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](mailto:DFSAAvolunteer@fairfaxcounty.gov). Visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices/volunteer-solutions.htm](http://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

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On Stage



St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Upper School Stage One Players gave four performances of the musical "Bye Bye Birdie" March 4, 5, 11 and 12. Above, leads Virginia Coffield and Greg Roland, in center, with the cast.

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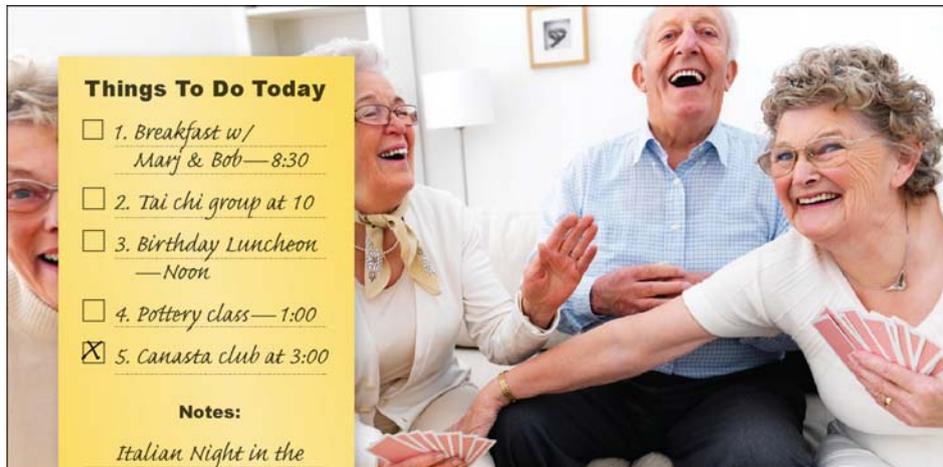
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Docents learn the museum tour and provide tours in 18th-century clothing during special events in the spring and summer. Applicants must be available for the training classes on the Sunday afternoons of March 20, and 27. Call 703-746-4739 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

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](mailto:erica.bannerman@alexandriava.gov). Visit [www.alexandriava.gov/gbrc/](http://www.alexandriava.gov/gbrc/) or call 703-746-4067.

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- 2. Tai chi group at 10
- 3. Birthday Luncheon—Noon
- 4. Pottery class—1:00
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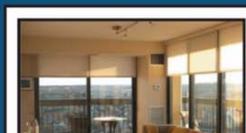
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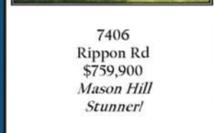
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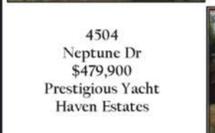


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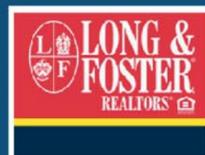
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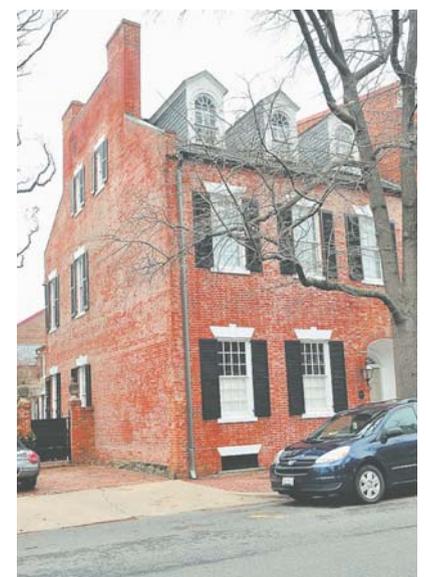
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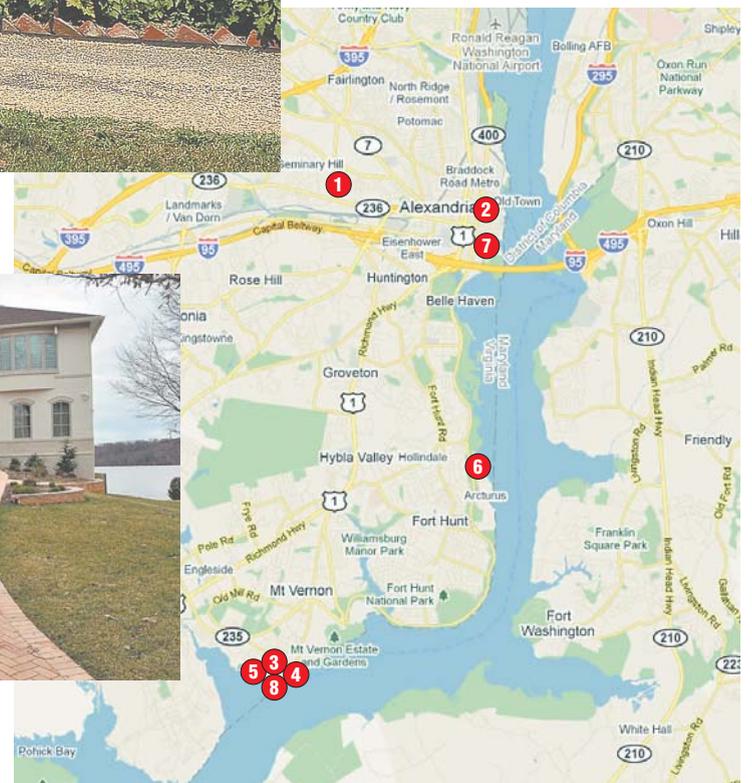
**1** 318 North Quaker Lane, Alexandria — \$8,950,000



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<b>3</b> 4511 CARLBY LN	FX7477183	10	10	3	ALEXANDRIA	\$4,995,000	Detached	2.374	FERRY LANDING	Long & Foster	Rima Tannous
<b>4</b> 9600 FERRY HARBOUR CT	FX7408434	5	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$4,995,000	Detached	5	FERRY LANDING VILLA	Long & Foster	Kim Harrison
<b>5</b> 4736 NEPTUNE DR	FX7511679	4	4	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$4,890,000	Detached	0.504	YACHT HAVEN EST	Long & Foster	Lillian Jorgenson
<b>6</b> 7808 SOUTHDOWN RD	FX7260580	6	6	2	ALEXANDRIA	\$3,925,000	Detached	0.645	WELLINGTON	Coldwell Banker	Will Roberts
<b>7</b> 414 FRANKLIN ST	AX7038719	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA	\$3,900,000	Detached	0.457	OLD TOWN	Coldwell Banker	Donnan C. Wintermute
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## Reaching for the Garden of Your Dreams

### Landscaping design trends for 2011.

By JEANNE THEISMANN  
THE GAZETTE PACKET

It's not just fashion that is influenced by Michelle Obama. Ever since the First Lady opened a vegetable garden on the South Lawn of the White House in 2009, landscaping trends have followed suit to include a variety of edibles along with the hardscaping elements to prepare and serve them.

"Edible plants and trees are very popular now," said Vanessa Wheeler, co-owner of Holly, Woods and Vines nursery and design center in Alexandria. "The trend is to combine the edible elements with easy, low maintenance and water-saving designs."

**"For an early burst of color, think apricot trees, forsythia and winter jasmine."**

**- Peggy De Wilde, Cravens tree and shrub manager**

No room for an orchard? The new 'fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruits from a single tree.

"We have an apple fruit cocktail tree and one that produces apricots, plums, peaches and nectarines," Wheeler said. "Since they are all in the same family, the fruits will cross pollinate so you only need one tree if

that's all you have room for."

Throughout the region, there is a strong growth in demand to incorporate eco-friendly, low maintenance plants into garden designs.

"No one wants to do heavy pruning and watering," said Rebecca Hughes, manager of the Burke Nursery and Garden Center. "And ground covers like pachysandra and periwinkle are replacing mulch and traditional grasses."

Wheeler suggests drought-tolerant plants to conserve water.

"Yucca and aloe plants are great water-conserving choices," Wheeler said. "And a non-invasive bamboo is drought resistant and can grow in the shade."

While visions of color dance in every gardener's head, experts say that the area's last frost date can be as late as Mother's Day, so the immediate focus should be on lawn care and design preparation.

"Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish," said David Watkins, manager of Merrifield Garden Center in Merrifield. "Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal?"

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PHOTO BY JEANNE THEISMANN/THE GAZETTE PACKET

Co-owner Vanessa Wheeler checks on a new shipment of annuals at Holly, Woods and Vines on Richmond Highway in Alexandria.



"Hardscapes," including patios, fire pits and outdoor living areas, are in high demand in landscaping.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF MERRIFIELD GARDEN CENTER

Merrifield Garden Center's designers like to have photos of their clients' yards to help guide the design.

### Landscaping Tips

#### EDIBLE AND COLORFUL

There are blue potatoes, red carrots, yellow carrots and purple cabbage. Cabbages come in more colorful varieties each year, as do lettuce and the extremely colorful Swiss chard. 'Fruit cocktail' trees produce several varieties of fruit on a single tree.

#### ECO-SCAPING

Transforming large tracks of turf into sustainable landscapes is achievable with the right plants that require less water and pesticides. Choose native plants that are low-maintenance and attract wildlife and beneficial pollinators like butterflies, bees and birds. Drought-resistant plants like yucca and aloe require less water.

#### LOW MAINTENANCE

Use plants that are native and require less upkeep to maintain. Choose sun and shade-tolerant varieties that suit your location as well as species that require less pruning. Ground covers can sometimes replace traditional lawns to reduce upkeep.

#### CREATE OUTDOOR LIVING SPACES

Invest in your own outdoor retreat. Fire pits, gourmet grills and outdoor kitchens top the list of trends in outdoor living spaces. Much more than just a barbecue grill and a lawn chair, outdoor rooms can be created for a fraction of the price typically required for indoor living spaces.

**"Are you looking for more color, more living space or simply more curb appeal? Now is the time to decide what you want to accomplish."**

**- David Watkins, manager, Merrifield Garden Center**

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## Home LifeStyle



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**Water elements add interest to any garden.**

# Spring Fever

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According to Watkins, incorporating more hardscaping into landscaping designs is a rapidly growing trend.

"Patios with fire pits and outdoor grills are very popular," Watkins said. "Our volume of work in that area has increased tremendously in the last few years, especially when it comes to designing outdoor kitchens."

According to Hughes, now is also the best time to do your spring yard clean up.

"There was a lot of storm damage the last two years, especially to dogwood trees," Hughes said. "Many people are going 'bare bones' - starting over and replacing aging and storm damaged areas. Landscapes do age out at times."

Experts suggest walking your property and taking pictures of areas that might need some work or design help.

"We love for customers to bring in photos," Watkins said. "It makes it so much easier for us to help find effective design solutions that stay

**"Edible plants and trees are very popular now. The trend is to combine the edible elements with easy, low maintenance and water-saving designs."**

**- Vanessa Wheeler, co-owner Holly, Woods and Vines**

within a budget."

Watkins acknowledges that any landscaping project can be intimidating.

"People are afraid to jump in because they think they'll end up spending tens of thousands of dollars," Watkins said. "But not everyone needs a \$30,000 project done. Sometimes \$300-\$500 spent on azaleas and some screening trees can get the results you are looking for."

For some early spring color, pansies remain popular but there are other choices.

"For an early burst of color, think apricot trees, forsythia and winter jasmine," said Peggy De Wilde, manager of trees and shrubs at Cravens Nursery in Fairfax. "And container gardening allows you the flexibility to move things indoors if necessary to protect plants from the elements."

Don't worry if you're still thinking snow instead of sod.

"If you haven't started your planning, you're in the majority," Watkins said. "But it's never too late to think about what you want to do. There's almost never a bad time to start landscaping."



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**Helibores are colorful and reliable in early spring.**

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## THE INKWELL

Poetry Competition for Mature Adults  
 Sunday, April 3 at 7 p.m.  
 The Goodwin House  
 4800 Fillmore Avenue, Alexandria  
 FREE

The Quill Well Poetry Festival will include four events. The opening event will be "The Inkwell," a poetry competition for mature adults. This event will be hosted by The Goodwin House and is open to all mature adults.

## SPOKEN LESSONS

Poetic Teacher Showcase and Community Forum  
 Hosted by Sharaud Moore, Freedom Writer Foundation  
 Tuesday, April 5 at 7 p.m.

8301 East Boulevard Drive, Alexandria  
 Cost is \$10

"Spoken Lessons" is the second event in the festival and will be a showcase for all teachers from the area who will share first-hand classroom experiences in the form of poetry. The Collingwood Library and Museum will be turned into a poetic forum by allowing the audience to ask questions at the conclusion of the show. The goal is to inspire much-needed dialogue between students, parents, teachers, and the community as a whole.

## WRITE.SPEAK.LIVE!

Open Mic and Live Music  
 Wednesday, April 6 at 7 p.m.  
 Renaissance Hall  
 1121 King St., Alexandria  
 Cost is \$7

"Write. Speak. Live!" is the third event and is also the regularly scheduled open mic poetry event currently taking place the first Wednesday of each month. SCAS will advertise a challenge for the community to

write a poem a day beginning the Wednesday prior to the show, then ask the participants to share their poems at Renaissance Hall for the open mic.

## THE ILL QUILL

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## Recipe for Warm Lemon Pudding Cake

**Alexandria cook Karen Shaner** is sharing her Warm Lemon Pudding Cake recipe with thousands of others at Just A Pinch Recipe Club, the online social community for cooks in America at [www.justapinch.com](http://www.justapinch.com). Shaner is one of several residents participating in the club, known as "America's Great Recipe Swap".

Members can post their own "family tested and approved" recipes, try recipes submitted by other club members, print grocery coupons and enter recipe contests. They also have the opportunity to utilize a personal online recipe box to save recipes, compile grocery lists and plan meals. In addition, members can create and join discussion groups to chat about recipes, share cooking tips and build relationships as if they are sitting around one big kitchen table.

## WARM LEMON PUDDING CAKE

By **Karen Shaner (Alexandria)**

### Ingredients

- 1 pkg yellow cake mix
- 2 c cold milk
- 1 1/4 c water
- 2 pkg instant lemon pudding and pie filling (4 serving size)
- 1/3 c granulated sugar
- 2 Tbsp powdered sugar

### Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Prepare cake mix as directed on package. Pour batter into a greased 13x9 inch pan.
- Pour milk and water into large bowl. Add dry pudding mixes and granulated sugar.
- Beat with wire whisk 2 minutes or until well blended.
- Pour over cake batter in pan. Place baking pan on a cookie sheet to catch drippings.
- Bake 55 minutes to 1 hour or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean.
- Cool in pan 20 minutes. Mixture will thicken slightly as it cools.
- Sprinkle with powdered sugar. Serve warm or at room temperature.

## ENTERTAINMENT



**Little Big Town**



**Josh Turner**

### SATURDAY/MARCH 26

**Annual Concert for Epilepsy.** 7 p.m. With artists Little Big Town, Josh Turner, and The Wil Gravatt Band. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at <http://www.concertforepilepsy.com>. Proceeds go to the Epilepsy Foundation of America. At the Gaylord National Convention Center, National Harbor, Md. For information: [www.concertforepilepsy.com](http://www.concertforepilepsy.com) or contact: [chad@concertforepilepsy.com](mailto:chad@concertforepilepsy.com) or call 202-309-2440.



### THURSDAY/MARCH 17

**St. Patrick's Day Cruise.** Boarding at 5:30 p.m.; cruise from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a Spirit of Washington cruise along the Potomac while enjoying Irish-themed music and traditional Irish dishes like mashed potato/sausage combination Bangers & Mash, Drunken Swine (tender pork loin marinated in Guinness) and Corned Beef & Cabbage. Cost is \$45.90, includes one beer ticket. For reservations, call 866-302-2469.



### SATURDAY/MARCH 26

**Wonders of Science Demos.** 1 to 3 p.m. Discover curious objects, from poison bottles to dragon's blood, and find out how they were used. Tours will be held every 30 minutes. Admission is \$6. At the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-3852 or visit [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org).

### SUNDAY/MARCH 27

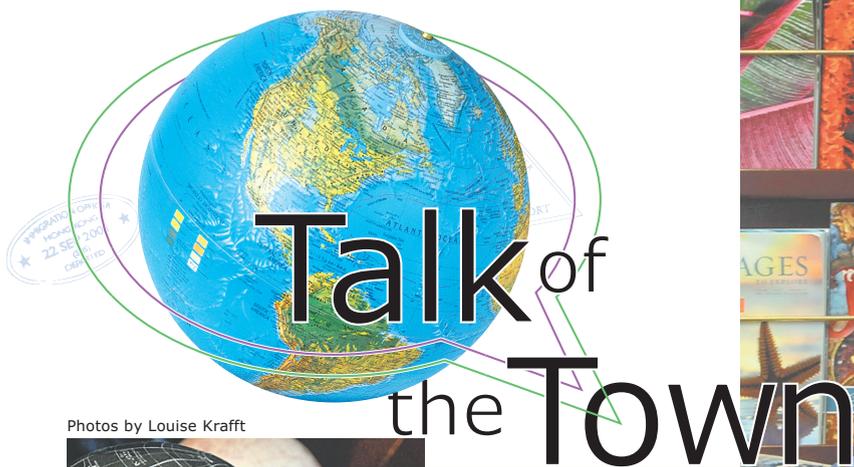
**Free Concert.** 4 p.m. Free. Pianist Sara Leila Sherman and soprano Aleksandra Dubov. The performance will feature a wide variety of styles from Baroque music of 17th Century Europe to 20th century American music. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria.



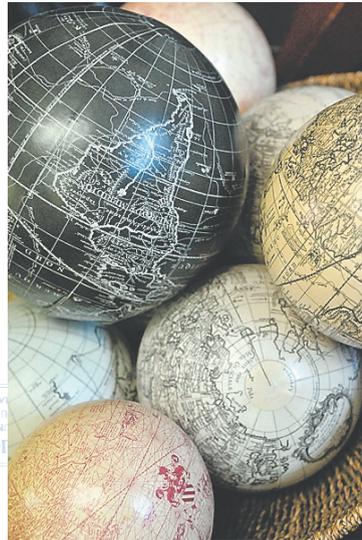
**Pianist Sara Leila Sherman and Aleksandra Dubov**

## Travel Notes

You may have guessed that The Wanderer is not big on going outside his comfort zone. He can amuse himself endlessly right here in our sweet city. However, after a long winter, he is aching for the sway of palm trees or the excitement of exotic escapes. He is off to introduce himself to our travel professionals. Actually packing the suitcase will be an adventure itself!



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# FINE ARTS



## APRIL 7 TO MAY 2

**"Food, Glorious Food."** Free. Artist Cindy Packard Richmond food-scapes on display. Meet the artist reception is Thursday, April 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At the Art League Gallery. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily; Thursdays until 9 p.m.; Sundays noon to 6 p.m. Visit [richmondlikethecity.blogspot.com](http://richmondlikethecity.blogspot.com).

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 10

**Asian Inspirations.** Jewelry, sculpture, clothing, and wall pieces are some of the items that will be exhibited. At Potomac Fiber Arts Gallery, Studio 18 of Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union Street, Old Town Alexandria.

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 25

**Exotics Et Cetera.** Some 25 works by Ruth Ensley, watercolorist. At Green Springs Garden Historic House. Contact Ruth at [rensleyart@yahoo.com](mailto:rensleyart@yahoo.com).

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 24

**Artistic Duo II.** Noon to 4:30 p.m.



**Handbuilt woodfired vase by Elke Seefeldt of Arlington**

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 3

**Kiln Club Annual Show.** At the Scope gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Hours are Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with Thursdays open until 9 p.m. At 105 North Union Street, ground floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call the Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288, visit [www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm](http://www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm) and [www.kilnclubwdc.com](http://www.kilnclubwdc.com).

daily. Featuring a joint display of landscape and floral watercolors by Carolyn Grossé Gawarecki and photographic subjects by Stephen J. Gawarecki. Meet the artist's reception is Sunday, March 27 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. At Green Springs Gardens Horticultural Center, 4601 Green Spring Road.

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 3

**The Kiln Club Show.** Porcelain potter Malcom Davis will judge the show. At the Scope Gallery, 101 North Union Street, Ground Floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call 703-548-6288 or visit [www.kilnclubwdc.com](http://www.kilnclubwdc.com).

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 27

**Objects & Apparitions by Renee Lachman.** The Objects and Apparitions exhibition is an eloquent tribute to its namesake; a poem written by Octavio Paz for Joseph Cornell. At the Schlesinger Center Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, NVCC Alexandria Campus, 3001 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria.

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 10

**"Bare Bones/Ruth Trevarrow."** Show contains a collection of powerful shapes and lines that dare us to see a lush beauty in bare bones. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.nvfaa.org](http://www.nvfaa.org).

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 27

**Beyond Form: Expressing Art Exhibit.** All-media show exploring the color, energy and simplicity inherent in abstract artwork. Details at [www.TheDelRayArtisans.org](http://www.TheDelRayArtisans.org) or [bplummer11@verizon.net](mailto:bplummer11@verizon.net).

## NOW THROUGH APRIL 4

**Water Marks.** Watercolorist Barry D. Lindley creates striking paintings portraying the effect water has on natural and man-made objects. Artist's Talk is Saturday, March 26 at 1 p.m. On Display in the Art League Gallery.

## MARCH 26 THROUGH APRIL 16

**Perception: Value and Form.** The Art of Lisa Tureson. Artist's reception is Saturday, March 26 from 5 to 8 p.m. At Broadway Gallery, 5641 B General Washington Drive, Alexandria.

## APRIL 10 THROUGH MAY 15

**The Nest Project.** A collaborative installation-based event that will consist of 12 outdoor nests. These nests, created by local art centers and groups, will be installed along the waterfront of the Potomac River in Old Town Alexandria. The exhibition Nest will be on exhibit in the Target Gallery from April 2-May 15. Nest is a national juried exhibition, which examines the nest as a symbol for home and refuge, both literally and conceptually. Visit [www.torpedofactory.org/nestproject](http://www.torpedofactory.org/nestproject).

## APRIL 6 TO MAY 1

**River Views and Moldau Visions.** Watercolor paintings by Helen Dilley Barsalou. Barsalou's exhibition is comprised of four parts: River Views, Moldau Visions, Florals, and Animals. An opening reception is Sunday, April 10 from 2 - 6 p.m. Watercolor painting demonstration on Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street in Old Town Alexandria's Boutique District. Visit [www.gallery-west.com](http://www.gallery-west.com) or call 703-549-6006.

## SATURDAY/APRIL 16

**Kelley Cares 5K Run/Walk.** Start time 8 a.m. Registration 6:45 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Admission is \$30 (13 and over); \$15 (6-12 years); Free (5 and under). T-shirts included. In memory of Kelley Swanson. Funds raised will support the Therapeutic Recreation Program, 1108 Jefferson Street, Alexandria. Race held at George Washington Middle School, 1005 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Send donations to Kelley Cares, 203 E. Luray Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## EVERY THURSDAY

**Environmental Activists Needed.** 6 to 9 p.m. Clean up your community, your country, your planet — meet with the Sierra Club at its new NOVA Hub in Del Ray, 2312 Mount Vernon Ave., Suite 206, Alexandria. RSVP to Phillip Ellis, Sierra Club Field Organizer at 571-970-0275 or phillip.ellis@sierraclub.org.

## FIRST AND THIRD SATURDAYS

**Line and Hand Dance Party.** 6 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5/class. At the Weyone Sports Lounge, Landmark Mall E-100, 5801 Duke Street, Ground Level, Alexandria.

## NOW THROUGH MARCH 31

**Woodlawn Needlework Exhibition.** America's oldest and largest display of historic and contemporary needlework will be showcased at the 48th Annual Woodlawn Needlework Exhibition. Hundreds of needle workers from around the world, both professional and amateur, enter their creations each year. Demonstrations throughout the month will highlight a variety of techniques for the visitor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesday - Monday during March. Admission prices are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students through 12th grade. At Woodlawn Plantation, 9000 Richmond Highway, three miles west of Mount Vernon. Call 703-780-4000 or visit [www.woodlawn1805.org](http://www.woodlawn1805.org).

## THURSDAY/MARCH 17

**"Meet the Legends" Reception.** 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Silent auction and live auction, special guests the Hon. William D. Euille, mayor of Alexandria and Gen. George Washington, portrayed by Don DeHaven. Tickets are \$35/advance; \$45/door. At the Patent & Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria. Send payments to Living Legends P.O. Box 10485, Alexandria VA 22310. Visit [AlexandriaLegends@natinasara.com](http://AlexandriaLegends@natinasara.com).

**Life Line Screenings.** Get screened for stroke/carotid artery (\$60); heart rhythm (\$60); abdominal aortic aneurysm (\$60); peripheral arterial disease (\$60); osteoporosis risk assessment (\$35). Or get all screenings for \$149. At St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 845 N. Howard Street, Alexandria. To make a reservation, call 1-800-364-0457 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com](http://www.lifelinescreening.com).

## MARCH 17 TO 27

**March Madness Fundraiser.** The Target Gallery and the March of Dimes are teaming up to raise money in an exhibition fundraiser called March Madness. This is an exhibition of 200, 10x10-inch works of art.

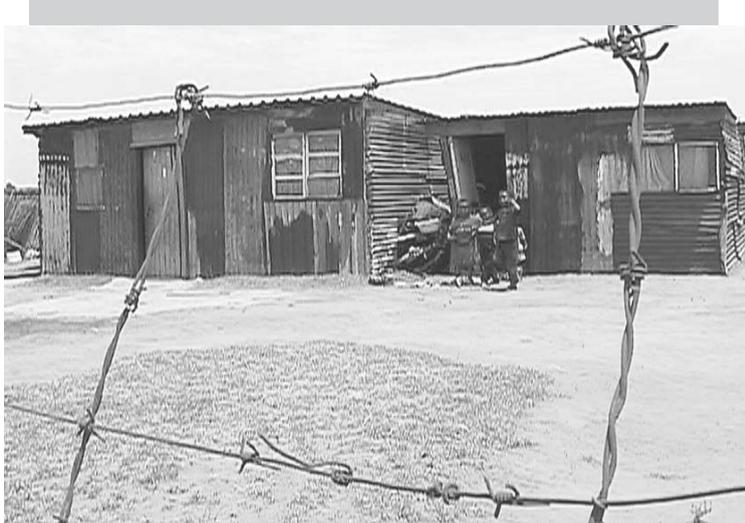
- ❖ Saturday, March 19, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Kids Art Activity: A March of Dimes-sponsored art activity for kids. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center's main hall. Free and open to all kids.
  - ❖ Friday, March 25, 7-11 p.m. March Madness Art Party: At the Main hall of Torpedo Factory Art Center, outside of the Target Gallery.
- Cost: "Beat the Buzzer" presale tickets, \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door.



**Joe Robinson**

## MARCH 29

**Kaki King with Joe Robinson.** 7:30 p.m. At The Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. To purchase tickets log onto: [www.Birchmere.com](http://www.Birchmere.com) or go to [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) or call 1-800-745-3000.



## SATURDAY/APRIL 9

**Movies with a Mission.** 4:30 p.m. Free. "Promised Land." Though apartheid ended in South Africa in 1994, economic injustices between blacks and whites remain unresolved. As revealed in this award-winning film, the most potentially explosive issue is land. 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.

## MARCH 18 THROUGH APRIL 3

**"Design for Murder."** A whodun' it murder mystery by George Batson, produced by Bailey R. Center and directed by Liz Owens. Presented by Aldersgate Church Community Theater. Tickets are \$15/adults; \$12/youth/seniors. March 18-April 3 Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; March 20, 27, April 3 Sunday Matinees, 2 p.m.; and March 31 Special Thursday, Dinner Show, 7 p.m. Dinner show tickets are available online and must be purchased by Monday, March 28 before 5 p.m. Dinner show ticket prices are \$30 for adults and \$25 for youth. Discount tickets at [www.acctonline.org](http://www.acctonline.org). At Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Rd. Alexandria. Call 703-660-2611.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 18

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

**Bizet to Broadway.** 8 p.m. Choruses from Opera, Operetta and Broadway. Presented by the Northern Virginia Chorale and the Northern Virginia Community College Annandale Chorale under the direction of Robert S. Webb Jr. At The Richard J. Ernst Community Cultural Center Theater Northern Virginia Community College, 8333 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. Tickets \$15/Advance (\$20 at the door); Students 12-24 \$10; Children under 12 free. Visit [www.northernvirginiachorale.org](http://www.northernvirginiachorale.org) or call 703-239-2180.

## MARCH 18, 19, 22

**Twig Thrift Shop Designer Sale.** Includes handbags, shoes, sport and evening wear and features new or gently worn St. Johns, Chanel, Escada, Vera Wang, Eileen Fisher, Burberry, Ferragamo. Sale hours: Friday, 3/18 (9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.), Saturday, 3/19 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m.), and Tuesday, 3/22 (9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.). The Twig is the Junior Auxiliary of Inova Alexandria Hospital and all proceeds benefit the hospital. At 106 N. Columbus Street, Alexandria (corner King Street). Visit [www.thetwig.org](http://www.thetwig.org) or call 703-683-5544.

## MARCH 18 TO 26

**Green in the Spring Show.** 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Stop by and meet both business owners — Gold Works and Truly-Life — and discover the combined collection of custom jewelry and eco-friendly gifts. At Gold Works, 1400 King Street, Alexandria.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 19

**"Her Story."** 1:30 to 2:40 p.m.; and 3 to 4:10 p.m. A panel of former Girl Scouts will share their memories of Girl Scouting and how scouting empowered them. This program fulfills the requirements for the Her Story "Try-It" for Girl Scout Brownies. Advance registration is required and can be done at [www.alexandriahistory.org](http://www.alexandriahistory.org) or by calling 703-746-4994. Fees are \$6 per person. At the Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria.

**National Craft Month.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Open House with photography/paintings (anything hand painted)/paper (greeting cards). At A Show of Hands, 2301 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

## NOVA Bridal Catwalk Fashion Show & Expo.

Noon to 5 p.m. Hannelore's of Olde Town fashion show featuring wedding gowns. With numerous wedding professionals including dressmakers, caterers, cake designers, musicians and DJs. Food and beverage tasting by Catering by Uptown. Dance moves and demonstrations by the area's leading dance instructors. Tickets are \$5/online; \$7/door. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Visit [www.gwmemorial.org/bridalshow.php](http://www.gwmemorial.org/bridalshow.php) or call 703-683-2007.

**Spring Luncheon.** Noon. Will feature an interactive panel discussion on health and work-life balance. Tickets are \$55. RSVP [springluncheon@nuxizeta.org](mailto:springluncheon@nuxizeta.org). Sponsored by Alexandria Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. (Nu Xi Zeta). At the Army Navy Country Club, 1700 Army Navy Drive, Arlington.

**Reading: A Family Affair.** 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Free books, storytelling, puppet shows and more for the entire family. Presented by the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, at the James Lee Community Center, 2855 Annandale Road, Falls Church. Contact Suzie Eaton at the Literacy Council of Northern Virginia, 703-237-0866 or [seaton@lcnv.org](mailto:seaton@lcnv.org).

## SUNDAY/MARCH 20

**Free Organ Concert.** 3 p.m. Celebrate Johann Sebastian Bach's 326th birthday. At Grace Episcopal Church, 3601 Russell Road, Alexandria. Contact [www.gracealex.org](http://www.gracealex.org) or 703-549-1980.

**Opera.** A concert performance of Puccini's "La Fanciulla del West." 2 p.m. Tickets are \$25/\$10. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Visit [www.GoldRushOpera.com](http://www.GoldRushOpera.com) or call 703-765-4342.

**Angels and Demons.** 2 p.m. Presented by the U.S. Marine Band. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

**Roy Zimmerman with Jean Bayou.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance at [FocusMusic.org](http://FocusMusic.org). At Church of the Resurrection, 2280 N. Beauregard St., Alexandria.

## TUESDAY/MARCH 22

**Quilting Lecture.** 12:30 p.m. Free. "Scrappy Lady" quilter Augusta Cole will present "A Stroll Through My Garden." At Mount Vernon Quilters Unlimited, which meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500



## SATURDAY/MARCH 26

**"Young at Heart."** 7 p.m. Spring modern dance performance. Sponsored by the Choreographers Collaboration Project, a modern dance company based in Alexandria. Admission: \$10/adults; \$5/kids 12-17. At Minnie Howard Middle School, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-683-2070, or [ccpdance@gmail.com](mailto:ccpdance@gmail.com) or [www.ccpdance.org](http://www.ccpdance.org).

Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact [MVQUPresident@gmail.com](mailto:MVQUPresident@gmail.com)

**Detour Berlin: Meet the Author.** 7 p.m. Ruth Baja Williams, author of Detour Berlin, shares her story of life, love and friendship against the backdrop of Cold War Berlin. At Kingstowne Library, 6500 Landsdowne Centre, Alexandria. Call 703-339-4610.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 23

**Free Lecture.** 7:30 p.m. Author, historian and curator James C. Kelly, Ph.D., talks about "English Faces: Virginia Places," about the royals for whom Virginia counties are named. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Alexandria. Visit [www.alexandriahistorical.org](http://www.alexandriahistorical.org)

**Novelist Ellen Byerrum.** 7:30 p.m. Will introduce her mystery novel, Shot Through Velvet. Hosted by the Friends of the Duncan Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

**DJ Dance Party.** 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$6. With DJ Dabe Murphy. At Nick's Nightclub, 642 South Pickett Street, Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/MARCH 24

**Toast to Fashion.** 6:30 to 10 p.m. Hosted by the Junior Friends of The Campaigna Center. Fashion show, marketplace, raffle, gift bags, food, drinks and awards ceremony. Tickets are \$45/advance; \$60/door. At Belle Haven Country Club, Alexandria. Visit [www.campaignacenter.org](http://www.campaignacenter.org) or call 703-549-0111.

## MARCH 24-26

**Annual Book Sale.** Mount Vernon Unitarian Church annual book sale has been a fixture in the Mount Vernon/Alexandria community for years. Hours are Thursday, March 24 from 1 to 5 p.m.; Friday, March 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Saturday, March 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Special \$5/bag of books. At 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-765-5950.

## FRIDAY/MARCH 25

**Very Hungry Caterpillar Storytime.** 10:30 to 11 a.m. The Very Hungry Caterpillar will help celebrate Very Hungry Caterpillar Day. Don't miss this special storytime, the only D.C. area appearance of this fun costume character! At 1555 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092. [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

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King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-4092. [www.hooray4books.com](http://www.hooray4books.com).

**NOVA Idol Finale.** 7 p.m. Cost is \$10/general admission. Nine of NOVA's top singing sensations will battle for the title of NOVA Idol. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC Alexandria Campus, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Contact Brenda Lewis-Holmes, 703-845-6162, [blewisholme@nvcc.edu](mailto:blewisholme@nvcc.edu).

**Mount Vernon Choral Pyramid Concert.** 7 p.m. Free. All the schools that feed into MVHS are having a USO-themed concert. At Mount Vernon's Field House. Includes music from Ella Fitzgerald, the Andrews Sisters, as well as patriotic songs.

**Evening of Music.** 8 p.m. Free. Presented by the U.S. Air Force Band Chamber Players. At George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit [www.usafband.af.mil](http://www.usafband.af.mil).

**St. Petersburg Trio.** 7:30 p.m. Presented by the Washington Balalaika Society. The Trio, all members of the Washington Balalaika Society orchestra, met while studying at the prestigious Rimsky-Korsakov Conservatory in St Petersburg, Russia. A Meet the Artists reception will follow the performance. Tickets are \$25/door; \$20/advance. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington Street, Alexandria. See [www.balalaika.org](http://www.balalaika.org) or call 703-549-0760.

## MARCH 25 THROUGH APRIL 2

**"Little Shop of Horrors."** At the Theatre at Bryant High School, 2709 Popkins Lane, Alexandria. Friday, March 25 - 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 26 - 2 p.m.; Saturday, March 26 - 7:30 p.m.; Friday, April 1 - 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 2 - 2 p.m.; Saturday, April 2 - 7:30 p.m. Visit [www.metrotheater.org](http://www.metrotheater.org) for tickets.

## SATURDAY/MARCH 26

**National Craft Month.** 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Open house with fiber/children and baby items. At A

Show of Hands, 2301 Mt. Vernon Avenue, Alexandria.

**Concert.** 7:30 p.m. Ron Erler, oboe, and Neil Weston, organ, in recital. Music of Telemann, Vivaldi, Reicha, Solak, Parry and Bitsch. Cost is \$20/adults; \$15/seniors; \$10/students; \$5/children under 10. At St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4342.

**Fort Hunt Preschool Rummage Sale.** 8 a.m. to noon. Features high-quality used infants', children's and maternity gear, including clothing, toys, games, books and furniture. There will also be some great household bargains on linens, kitchenware and decorative/seasonal items, etc. At Fort Hunt Preschool, 1909 Windmill Lane, Alexandria. Visit [www.forthuntpreschool.com](http://www.forthuntpreschool.com) or call 703-768-7584.

**Great Rum Punch Challenge.** 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Enjoy different rum punch creations from local distilleries, restaurants and caterers and vote for your favorite, as Bacardi defends its title. The winner will be announced at the end of the evening. Tickets, which include admission (food and drink all evening), are \$50 per person, or \$100, which include admission and a special VIP pre-event tasting of Bacardi's special rums. At Gadsby's Tavern, 134 North Royal Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit [www.gadsbystavern.org](http://www.gadsbystavern.org).

**Wonders of Science Demos.** 1 to 3 p.m. Discover curious objects, from poison bottles to dragon's blood, and find out how they were used. Tours will be held every 30 minutes. Admission is \$6. At the Stabler-Leadbeater Apothecary Museum, 105-107 South Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-746-3852 or visit [www.apothecarymuseum.org](http://www.apothecarymuseum.org).

**"Young at Heart."** 7 p.m. Spring modern dance performance. Sponsored by the Choreographers Collaboration Project, a modern dance company based in Alexandria. Admission: \$10/adults; \$5/kids 12-17. At Minnie Howard Middle School, 3801 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-683-2070, or [ccpdance@gmail.com](mailto:ccpdance@gmail.com) or [www.ccpdance.org](http://www.ccpdance.org).

**Annual Concert for Epilepsy.** 7 p.m. With artists

Little Big Town, Josh Turner, and The Wil Gravatt Band. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased at <http://www.concertforepilepsy.com>. Proceeds go to the Epilepsy Foundation of America. At the Gaylord National Convention Center, National Harbor, Md. Visit [www.concertforepilepsy.com](http://www.concertforepilepsy.com) or contact: [chad@concertforepilepsy.com](mailto:chad@concertforepilepsy.com) or call 202-309-2440.

**Rae Pica In Person.** 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Will be speaking on "The Whole Child: Thinking, Feeling, Moving." Sponsored by Children Together at the First Baptist Church in Alexandria. Visit [www.children-together.com](http://www.children-together.com) or [www.movingandlearning.com](http://www.movingandlearning.com).

**Black Opal: Celebrating a New Generation of Leaders.** 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$65. A fundraising event to support scholarship and other community empowerment programs. Sponsored by Northern Virginia Urban League Young Professionals Network. At George Washington Masonic Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Tickets available for purchase at [www.nvulypn.org](http://www.nvulypn.org).

## SUNDAY/MARCH 27

**Free Concert.** 4 p.m. Free. Pianist Sara Leila Sherman and soprano Aleksandra Dubov. The performance will feature a wide variety of styles from Baroque music of 17th Century Europe to 20th century American music. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington Street, Old Town Alexandria.

**Celebrating a Century.** 2 p.m. Presented by the U.S. Marine Band. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or [www.schlesingercenter.com](http://www.schlesingercenter.com).

**Concert with a Cause.** 4 p.m. Betsy and Annie Trimmer, mother and daughter flute duo with flute choir and organ. Accompanied by Sherry Graveson, organist of the First Baptist Church on King Street and Flute choir. At the Old Presbyterian Meeting House, 321 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria.

**Community Lodgings Spring Event.** 5:30 to

9:30 p.m. Community Lodgings' 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Event, "Spring Forward to Union Street," to raise awareness and funding for Alexandria's homeless. To purchase tickets, call 703-549-4407. At Union Street Public House, 121 South Union Street, Old Town, Alexandria. Visit [www.communitylodgings.org](http://www.communitylodgings.org).

**Scrapbooking Workshop.** 1 to 3 p.m. Join scrapbooking expert Claudia Lopez-Viñas for this hands-on scrapbooking workshop. Materials will be provided. Cost is \$7/person. RSVP to 703-548-1789. At Lee-Fendall House Museum and Garden. Visit [www.leefendallhouse.org](http://www.leefendallhouse.org).

## TUESDAY/MARCH 29

**Fearless Ladies Breakfast.** 8 a.m. Suggested donation: \$20. Sponsored by the Full Cup. Two keynote speakers will share their stories about living through domestic violence. Proceeds benefit Becky's Fund ([www.beckysfund.org](http://www.beckysfund.org)). RSVP to [lindsey@thefullcup.com](mailto:lindsey@thefullcup.com) by March 25.

## WEDNESDAY/MARCH 30

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

## THURSDAY/MARCH 31

**"Straightlaced — How Gender's Got Us All Tied Up."** 7 p.m. Free film screening. How pressures around gender and sexuality are shaping the lives of American teens. At the Durant Center, 1605 Cameron St., Alexandria. RSVP to [Erika.Kleiner@alexandriava.gov](mailto:Erika.Kleiner@alexandriava.gov).

## MARCH 31 THROUGH 2012

**"Nurses, Spies and Soldiers: The Civil War at Carlyle House."** Free admission. Hours are Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sundays noon to 4 p.m. At Carlyle House Historic Park, 121 N. Fairfax Street, Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-549-2997 or e-mail: [Carlyle@nvrpa.org](mailto:Carlyle@nvrpa.org).



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It's the City's budget season and its crunch time to figure out how to fund our critical transportation needs.

We, the business community, need to be loud and clear in our opposition to this inequitable, burdensome tax. SIGN OUR PETITION [www.ipetitions.com/petition/alexchambercatpet.com](http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/alexchambercatpet.com)

Alexandria must be part of a regional transportation system to alleviate traffic congestion, to introduce new modes of eco-friendly transit and to foster future growth to and along commercial corridors. Once again, the business community is being threatened with shouldering the lion's share of a transportation bill in the form of a real estate commercial add-on tax.

**This tax is not right for Alexandria.**

Unlike our neighboring jurisdictions, Alexandria's business tax base is comprised of small, locally owned and operated businesses thriving on narrow profit margins. Over 90% of the City's 9,000+ businesses have fewer than 20 employees. To expect small business owners to bear tax burdens in a manner similar to the way our neighbors tax their businesses is unrealistic.

**This tax is inequitable.**

Residents and businesses alike will benefit from transportation improvements, and thus, the funding of such improvements should result from a uniform tax rate. Instead of killing the small businesses that make up our commercial tax base, the City needs to focus on expanding our tax base through thoughtful development and diversity of business uses so there is an adequate complement of larger businesses to help pay a proportionate, larger share of taxes. Imposing a commercial add-on tax now will merely hurt existing businesses and discourage new businesses from relocating to Alexandria.

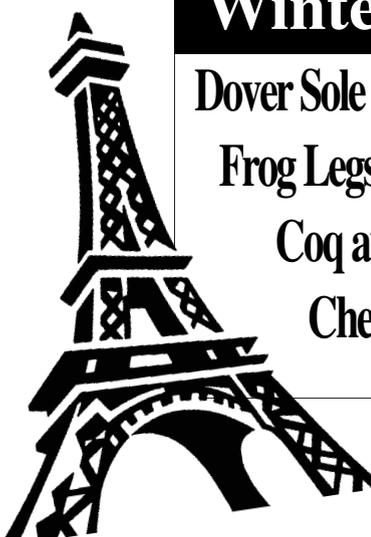
**This tax is not the only tool in the toolbox.**

The Chamber recognizes the need to generate revenue to solve its transportation conundrum. Transportation improvements should be funded through general fund revenue as when the city established a precedent for dedicated funds raised through the general real estate tax base in its creation of an open space fund. Funds can be raised through localized tax districts that raise funds for transportation improvements in connection with new developments. For example the funding options implemented in conjunction with the North Potomac Yard Plan, in which special tax districts create an additional dedicated revenue stream.

Contact Alexandria City Council: <http://alexandriava.gov/Council>  
Post your opposition on the City's website: <http://Alexandriava.gov/TransportationAdOnTax>  
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# OPINION

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that the city would otherwise have difficulty funding on its own.

The plan proposes a new restaurant/retail building on part of Waterfront Park, which would seem to be an alarming discrepancy in a plan that calls for much more public open space. But there is more here than meets the eye.

The plan proposes a new public plaza, pier, and promenade at the foot of King Street, all of which would connect to and effectively become part of Waterfront Park. The result would be a nearly 30 percent increase in overall open space in this area.

The proposal for the restaurant/retail building reflects an important principle of urban design; that is, buildings are essential for framing and defining public spaces and animating them. Without such framing, open spaces can become devoid of life.

Today, Waterfront Park is lightly used because it is physically and visually separated from King Street and public activity around the boat docks. The recommendations in the waterfront plan would help transform it into one of the gems of our waterfront.

**Bill Hendrickson**  
Alexandria

## Attention To Detail

To the Editor:

The announced retirement of the much beloved Patsy Ticer from the Virginia State Senate has occasioned a Democratic primary next August to select a candidate to run for the seat in November. Because three outstanding candidates are running, each has significant support for the nomination. With the utmost respect for the others, my choice is the current councilman, Rod Krupicka.

Why? Because of his attention to detail and ability to solve problems — qualities dearly needed in Richmond. Let me give an example:

About 10 years ago then Councilwoman Joyce Woodson attempted to help the drivers for large taxi companies in Alexandria realize a better share of the fares than they were being given. Aware of the raw deal the drivers were getting, I volunteered to help her. We ultimately were stymied by strong opposition from City Hall and I eventually gave up.

Only a few years later Councilman Kupricka delved into the complexities of the situation, proposed a solution, and got approval of the City Manager and Council. The result was the creation of the Union Cab Company of Alexandria, which over the years has proven its viability and benefit to drivers.

Just as impressive as Mr. Kupricka's cutting that Gordian knot was his modesty about it. To my knowledge he put out no press release on the accomplishment nor did the story about his behind-the-scenes work get picked up by any Alexandria media outlet. As a result few people realize what he accomplished.

Having been involved in politics for al-



## Acting Scholarship Audition

**Corey Latta, daughter of Pat and Ken Latta of Alexandria, and a senior at Sweet Briar College, has received recognition for her work in the lead role of Mary in the College's fall musical, "The Secret Garden." Latta has been nominated for The Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival's Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship audition. She will compete along with two Sweet Briar classmates against other regional nominees at Daytona State College in February. Regional winners advance to the KCACTF National Festival in Washington, which will be held in April. Latta is a theater major with a minor in music performance for horn and voice at Sweet Briar.**

most a half-century, I find such an attitude of public service not only unusual but truly remarkable. The episodic nature of the legislative sessions makes it all too easy to miss the nuances of legislative action. It will advantage Alexandria in the State Senate to have a representative like Mr. Krupicka who not only can find the "devil in the details" but on the positive side help bring solutions to difficult problems.

That is why I am supporting Rob Krupicka for State Senate.

**Jack Sullivan**  
Alexandria

## Those Nasty NIMBYs

To the Editor:

No one disagrees that some of the ancient commercial properties along Old Town's waterfront should be developed to conform to the historic jewel that the rest of our downtown has become. At the same time any reasonable person with no financial stake in the outcome can see that trying to squeeze this old world charm into a National Harbor paradigm would, by definition, destroy what makes this city the tourist attraction that it is today.

That's a reasonable discussion, intellectually honest and worthy of those who live, govern and work here. But current efforts to distort that civil discussion by accusing those who oppose National Harbor model as "NIMBYs" is a cheap shot, reminiscent, unfortunately, of my neighborhood's recent effort to keep pile-ups of tour buses from running down pedestrians who cross Pendleton Street from Oronoco Bay Park, tourists walking from North End hotels to

King Street, and the elderly residents and small children who live in multi-family housing that borders North Pendleton and Fairfax Streets. We tried to stop the games of chicken that drivers were fighting over a few illegal "parking" spaces which were, according to Code, prohibited to buses but which the city would not sign. We jumped through hoop after higher hoop attending meetings, writing letters, taking photos, organizing meetings, and the elderly president of our Homeowners Association dutifully walked icy, freezing streets in the dark of winter to attend each meeting that senior officials directing the Motor Coach Task Force told him that he absolutely must attend. When all was said and done, months later, the No Bus Parking signs were put up, to be sure, but on the residential streets where Council members lived. Our community was disdainfully told that we would not get signage on Pendleton Street because the city administration does not respond to "NIMBY requests." Sound familiar?

According to Wikipedia: "... NIMBY is also used more generally to describe people who advocate some proposal (for example, austerity measures including budget cuts, tax increases, downsizing), but oppose implementing it in a way that would require sacrifice on their part." Whose sacrifice are we talking here?

1. City officials who live elsewhere so they don't have to pay the exorbitant costs of maintaining historic homes that bring tourist dollars here in the first place: We "NIMBYs" who live here do;

2. Those officials who live elsewhere but drive in to assigned parking spaces while they confiscate the scarce few available to the 24/7 year-round "NIMBYs" who live here?

3. Those officials who enjoy clean air,

water and outdoor spaces beyond our borders while sacrificing ours (we "NIMBYs") to developer and corporate interests?

4. Those officials who enjoy an evening on their private patios and yards elsewhere while we "NIMBYs" can't even carry on a conversation outside the walls of our homes?

5. Those officials living elsewhere to avoid the devaluation of their homes and businesses for the profit of others who pay no price? Who just raise the tax rates on we "NIMBYs" to make sure their own salaries aren't adversely affected?

6. Those officials who earn their livings here while telling the nasty NIMBYs to "just leave" the homes they love, the communities they've nurtured, the historic ambiance they've created and the lives they've spent raising their families here? Or is it

7. Those officials commuting from out of town, out of state, to tell the nasty NIMBYs that the endangerment of their personal safety, health and welfare "is just the price of progress"?

Now consider again the definition of "NIMBY" and "sacrifice" and ask yourself to whom that really applies.

**Andrea Stowers**  
Alexandria

## Committee's Recognition

To the Editor:

Congratulations to the Alexandria Democratic Committee. On Feb. 19, the Alexandria Democratic Committee (ADC) was named "Committee of the Year" by the Democratic Party of Virginia at its annual Jefferson Jackson Dinner in Richmond. The award is in recognition of all of the hard work and community service that Alexandria Democrats have put in over the past years. From collecting canned food every month to sending a congratulatory postcard to every new voter who registers in the city, the ADC has been quite busy. Obviously as a political committee we advocate for the Democratic Party and our candidates; for example we support our public schools, we believe in a woman's right to choose, and we believe that healthcare should be affordable and accessible to all. But we also put our beliefs into action: at our last monthly meeting we wrote over 100 letters to members of the House of Delegates urging them to extend legal protection for gay employees in the state workforce (the Democratic-controlled State Senate supported this, the Republican-controlled State House of Delegates did not); this summer we led a cleanup of Four Mile Run and will do so again this summer; and last week before we marched in the George Washington Birthday Parade our members delivered meal to seniors through Meals On Wheels. Congratulations to all Alexandria Democrats on being recognized as doing a great job of putting our Democratic beliefs into action.

**Clark Mercer**  
Chair,  
Alexandria  
Democratic Committee

## LIVING LEGENDS

# Many Lives of William E. Clayton

BY SHERRY W. BROWN

### About Living Legends

Which Bill Clayton do you profile for the Living Legends? There is Bill Clayton, community activist — 32 years on the Board of the North Ridge Citizens' Association including one year as chair. There is Bill Clayton, arts advocate — former secretary and former treasurer of the Alexandria Arts Forum. Or Bill Clayton, civic activist — past chair of Agenda:Alexandria and current secretary.

There is also Bill Clayton, former chair of the annual Lasley Scholarship Competition of the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria (SOLA) which brings us to another Bill Clayton. Alexandria rejoices in having two William "Bill" Claytons and it was the other one that the Alexandria Symphony wanted to organize their competition. The Living Legend Bill Clayton is listed first in the phone book so it was he SOLA inadvertently contacted and he who enthusiastically became a vital figure in Symphony volunteer activities.

Living Legend Bill Clayton, retired reporter, is married to Theodora (Teddy) Clayton, former president of the Master Gardeners and retired editor. They are a delightful team who are celebrating 50 years of marriage this year. As frequent world travelers, they would need a very special destination for their annual trip to mark this milestone. This summer, they will be going on an African safari. In addition to seeing wild life in Tanzania, the Claytons will take several side trips including one to Victoria Falls.

It is not surprising that Bill enjoys international travel. He was born in El Paso where his father was an Assistant U. S. Attorney. The family moved to Mexico in 1942 where his father was an intelligence agent at the Embassy. They lived there until 1948 and Bill attended the American School that included both American and Mexican students. He learned Spanish quickly and has kept up his proficiency. He has combined it with the study of other languages, usually in preparation for a trip abroad. He and Teddy still travel to Mexico on occasion to

Now beginning its fourth year, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria's Living Legends. The project was conceived by Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria. Platinum and Gold Sponsors this year are Club Managers Association of America, Erkiletian Real Estate Development, Inova Alexandria Hospital, Renner & Co., Rotary Club of Alexandria and the late Douglas Thurman.

This is one of a series of 12 profiles that will appear this year. For more information or to nominate a Legend for 2012, visit [www.AlexandriaLegends.com](http://www.AlexandriaLegends.com).

visit one of Bill's former grammar school mates.

**THEY ALSO KEEP UP** with many of their former colleagues from their days in journalism. Bill was a reporter with UPI for 23 years who worked in Oklahoma City, Austin, Houston, Dallas, and Washington. In UPI's waning days, he took a job as reporter with the Houston Chronicle from which he retired after 18 years. During his career, Bill saw the mechanics of journalism evolve from steno pads and ticker tape through small recorders to computers. He also spoke with regret of seeing reporters' personal opinions find their way into what purports to be hard news stories.

Bill did not start out to be a reporter. He thought he wanted to be a rocket scientist but one year at MIT changed his mind and he transferred to the University of Texas at Austin where he earned bachelor degrees in Journalism and in English. After graduation, Bill worked briefly in Oklahoma before returning to Austin where a friend introduced his former girl friend to Bill. Teddy was a student at the University of Texas and she also became a journalist after graduation. As was the pattern then, each time Bill moved to another place for his career, Teddy dutifully quit her job and started over in the new location. Bill is quick to credit Teddy's sacrifice. Bill's eventual move to the Washington area gave Teddy the opportunity to stay in one job and she retired as managing editor of *Psychiatric Services*, the journal of the American Psychiatric Association.

Bill's journalism career almost came to a premature end while he was in Oklahoma. He was covering a police raid on a local bawdy house. Unfortunately, when he in-

cluded the address, he transposed the house numbers. The owners of the house Bill identified were not amused and complained to everyone above him in the Scripps-Howard news organization. Bill just barely held on to his job and is probably the only Living Legend whose career was almost ended by a youthful mistake involving a bawdy house.

### BILL'S "RETIREMENT" William E. Clayton

has been as active as his journalism career. His volunteer involvement with North Ridge began in 1973 shortly after they bought their home in Alexandria. Bill became concerned about teenagers smoking and drinking in the park that adjoins their property. The Claytons' house was burglarized and vandalized several times. Bill began patrolling the park for litter but also to be a presence there. Eventually, he organized volunteers to plant flowers and maintain the park, an activity in which he continues to participate. He also contributed research and writing to the sequel to the book on the neighborhood history, *North Ridge Lore*.

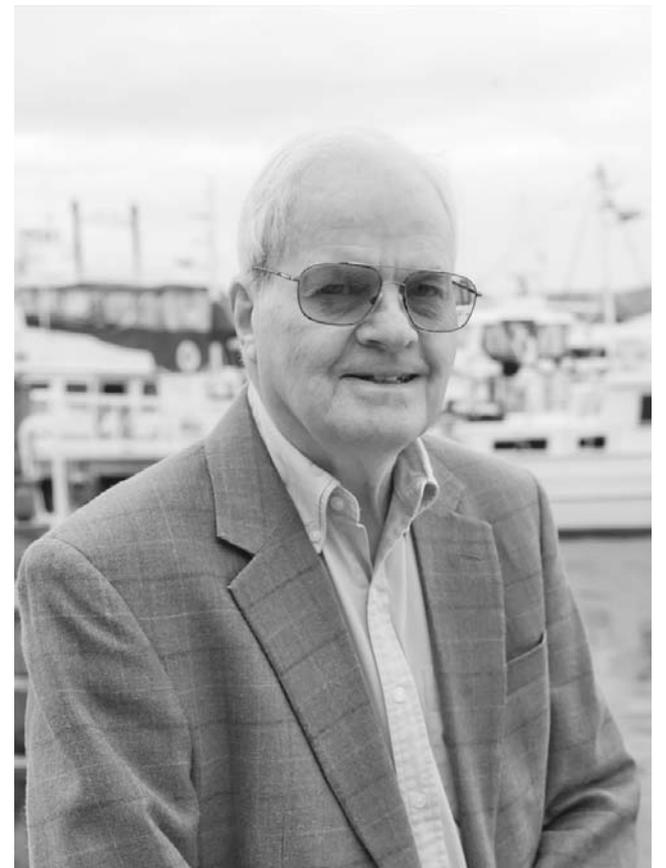
He was an early supporter of the proposed King Street Gardens Park and spent many Saturday mornings at the Market Square Farmers' Market selling bricks to help finance construction of the Park. (In the interest of full disclosure, I report that I met Bill when he convinced me to buy two bricks, a 49th anniversary present for my parents and a signature brick for myself.) He continued his involvement during con-

struction and after the Park opened. He and Teddy donated one of the benches in the Park in honor of Bill's Aunt Panchita.

Bill's newest volunteer activity is editor of the *At Home in Alexandria!* (AHA!) newsletter. AHA! is a new nonprofit organization whose goal is to create a "membership village" that enables Alexandrians to "age" in their own homes. Using a cadre of volunteers, AHA! will provide assistance and references for approved service providers.

Once while Bill was covering the Billie Sol Estes story, he was caught in a UPI photograph (his own employer) and described in the caption as "the man pictured at left is unidentified." He is not unidentified any longer. Whichever Bill Clayton you encounter, community activist, arts advocate, civic activist, musical impresario, park sponsor, newsletter editor, they all add up to the ultimate Bill Clayton, a dedicated volunteer who truly deserves to be recognized as a Living Legend of Alexandria.

*Sherry Brown is executive director of Agenda:Alexandria*



## Helping Dominican Republic

**The children of Saint Rita School recently raised \$605 to provide livestock to families in the Dominican Republic. The Student Council led the effort which was inspired by the missionary work done by the pastor of Saint Rita**

**Church, Father Daniel Gee who was pastor of the Diocese of Arlington mission in Banica, the Dominican Republic, from 2003-2008. The Student Council sponsored an "out of uniform" day as well as a bake sale to raise the targeted fund of \$600. All students in the school then voted as to what animals would be donated through the "Food for the Poor" program that provides services to underdeveloped countries. The vote resulted in a donation of two donkeys, two goats, three pigs and 20 chicks for families.**



## PEOPLE NOTES

**A poem by Klare Murray, 9**, of Alexandria, has been selected for publication in *Spider* magazine. In November, readers were asked to submit an original poem about a holiday comfort food. Klare's poem, "Miso Soup" appears on the *Spider's* Corner page of the March 2011 issue and at [www.spidermagkids.com/corner](http://www.spidermagkids.com/corner).

**Lizzie Donelan** of Alexandria was one of three James Madison University students rated No. 1 in their respective categories in the Region II Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival held at Towson University in Maryland.

Donelan, a senior majoring in theater, earned an all-expenses-paid trip to the KCACTF national festival in Washington, D.C., in April.

Donelan received the Barbizon Costume Design Award for her designs for the spring 2010 production of "bobrauschenbergamerica" by Charles Mee and the fall 2010 production of

"Letters to Sala" by Arlene Hutton.

**Hannah Grover** of Alexandria returned to the United States in November after a journey to Israel. As a student at the American Hebrew Academy in Greensboro, N.C., Grover had been in Israel for three months as a participant of The Alexander Muss High School in Israel (AMHSI) program.

**Russ Randle**, a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Alexandria, has been chosen by Bonnie Anderson, president of the Episcopal Church's House of Deputies, as the first recipient of the President of the House of Deputies Medallion for Exemplary Service.

Randle, a three-time Deputy to the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, was chosen for his 14-year commitment to aiding the Episcopal Church of Sudan in the midst of that nation's civil war and its aftermath. He received the award on Friday, Jan. 21.

# A Memoir: 'My Alexandria Tales'

BY SENITRA MCCOMBS  
GAZETTE PACKET

**A**t first glance, "My Alexandria Tales" looks like a children's book with the colorful illustration of Barbara Cousens' dogs peeking from behind the door of her Alexandria townhouse.

However, "My Alexandria Tales" is actually a memoir of her first few months settling in Old Town after emigrating to the U.S. from South Africa in 2001.

She used personal letters home to family and friends in the United Kingdom and South Africa to create anecdotes along with colorful illustrations to vividly portray experiences faced by any newcomer.

Cousens is a native of South Africa and has a BA degree in English and Art from Wits University.

After completing college and a secretarial course, she traveled around the world that included a visit to the U.S. She worked in personnel consulting jobs as well as publishing material in mining, print and export journals.

Cousens then started her own public relations company specializing in mining, industrial design and medical sectors as well as the hotel industry. She's been in the U.S. for 10 years during which time she worked sporadically to put together this memoir.

She is now a Realtor with McEneaney Associates.

**INITIALLY** the area's diverse climate drew her to Old Town.

The plethora of arts and cultural activities within Old Town and the D.C. Metropolitan Area sealed the deal; Cousens admitted that she's a big opera and arts lover.

"I love being close to musical events, museum exhibits, and other cultural activities in Old Town and D.C.," she said.

She came to love the sense of community and other qualities the area has to offer.

"I love the ambience of Old Town. I love the historic houses, cobblestone streets and the river. It has

a great community feeling," Cousens said.

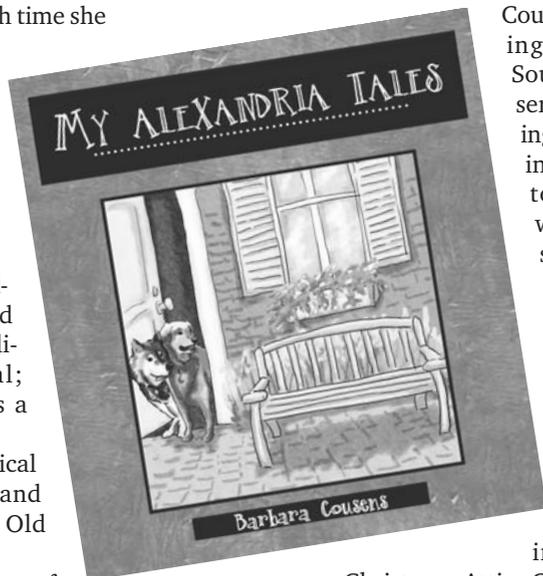
In addition, she loves the dog-friendly nature of Old Town and the closeness of the parks. When she first arrived, she would spend many hours walking her two dogs — a male Siberian/ Alaskan named Kiote and a female golden retriever named Lucinda to and from the local parks.

Cousens credits both dogs with helping her adjust to her new home.

"Having the dogs with me kept me grounded. I didn't have time to be homesick because I had to take their needs into consideration," she added.



Barbara Cousens



area has

**HER DOGS** also provided a way for her to meet people and helped her meet her partner at a local dog park. She was amazed that her dogs settled in within a few weeks — considering that they weren't used to living such close quarters.

Besides her dogs, her hobbies — swimming, playing tennis and entertaining — keep her busy.

Whether you move across the country or to a new country, one naturally misses what one had. "The people there [South Africa] have a wonderful earthiness about them, they love to take their shoes off and feel the earth beneath their feet," Cousens said.

Besides missing her family, Cousens also missed the easy-going nature of the people in South Africa and the game reserves. "Spending time watching game is a wonderfully healing past-time and allows you to glimpse a much bigger world that we are only a small part of," she added.

Her biggest adjustment was learning how to deal with the pace of life in the U.S. and different sense of time. In South Africa, no one works on a Sunday unless they really have to.

"My Alexandria Tales" is available at the following Old Town stores: The

Christmas Attic, Classics & Country, The Virginia Shop, Hooray for Books, Fetch/Chateau Animaux and Olde Town School for Dogs.

It is also available as an ebook online at [www.atlasbooks.com](http://www.atlasbooks.com).

## Trigiani Named President of VBA

The Virginia Bar Association (VBA) installed Lucia Anna "Pia" Trigiani as 2011 president during the Association's annual meeting held in Williamsburg, Va. The VBA is a statewide, voluntary professional organization with more than 5,500 lawyers and judges as members.

Trigiani, a real estate attorney and founding partner of MercerTrigiani law firm, is an authority on common interest own-

ership community associations. Her previous leadership experience includes chairing the 2009 VBA Board of Governors and VBA Real Estate Section Council and serving as a member of the VBA Administrative Law Section Council.

A graduate of Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, she received her law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1983.



Lucia Anna "Pia" Trigiani



Sheila Whiting, regional director, during Customer Appreciation Day at Charles Houston Recreation Center.

## Appreciating Customers

BY MCKENYA DILWORTH-  
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**H**ere at the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, we truly try to show how much we appreciate our customers. Charles Houston Recreation Center recently had an event just to say "thank you"

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to their customers. On Feb. 26, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. customers were given the royal treatment as they enjoyed demonstrations and special treats.

The Customer Appreciation Day at the Charles Houston Recreation Center located in Old Town was a success. The main goal of the day was to simply show how important customers are to the smooth operation of the Charles Houston Center. The regional director, Sheila Whiting, stated "We are striving to build continual healthy customer relationships."

The center is committed to

having such an event at least twice a year and they are already in the planning stages of their next success. The day consisted of the marketing of the center's programs and classes, giving tours of the beautiful and expansive center, providing class demonstrations and giveaways like free fitness passes and other essential trinkets. Refreshments were available during the event and the turnout was a good one.

It is worth repeating this. We want all community stakeholders, members and all other customers of ours to know that without your presence and continual participation, we would not exist. Here at the Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities we strive to give the best customer service possible.

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# TC Suffers Overtime Loss in State Semifinals

**Titans finish season as district, region champions.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**.C. Williams head boys basketball coach Julian King sat next to seniors Jamal Pullen, Rick Mathews and Tyrell Sitton as the group prepared to answer questions in the media room at VCU's Siegel Center in Richmond. The Titans had just suffered a heartbreaking defeat in the AAA state semifinals and emotion was still evident in King's eyes and voice.

TC's season of redemption ended on March 9 with a 60-54 overtime loss to L.C. Bird. While any defeat stings, this loss was particularly painful considering what the Titans went through to reach the final four.

After three consecutive Northern Region titles, last year's TC team failed to even qualify for the regional tournament in a season marred by eligibility issues and forfeits. This year, the Titans started 13-0, but King continued to say the team's lackluster play would eventually catch up with it. Sure enough, TC lost three straight games and five out of seven, including a home defeat against Lake Braddock — the first time since 2005 a Northern Region team beat TC in The Garden.

The Titans, however, found a way to respond, winning nine straight games. TC defeated Annandale in the Patriot District championship game and again for the region title. After beating Phoebus in the opening round of the state tournament, the Titans were in control against L.C. Bird midway through the third quarter, leading 39-28 and on the verge of advancing to the state championship game. But everything started to fall apart for TC, which fell behind late in the fourth quarter and had to scramble to force overtime. In the extra period, L.C. Bird buried a pair of clutch 3-pointers and held on for the win.

After building a 39-28 lead, TC managed 15 points during the final 15 minutes of regulation and overtime.

"What's been happening all year long, our bad shooting, caught up with us and it just wasn't our night to try to mount a comeback," King said. "We ran across a team that was just as scrappy as we are and probably a lot more talented on offensive than we are and they got on a roll with a couple shots. It was hard to come back once you're down six points with a couple minutes left and a team plays defense just like you do."

TC shot 36 percent from the floor, knocking down 22 of 62 attempts, including 1 of 8 from 3-point range. Regardless, the Titans held a 32-24 advantage at halftime and led by as many as 12 points in the second



**T.C. Williams senior Rick Mathews scored six points against L.C. Bird.**



**T.C. Williams senior Tyrell Sitton scored 11 points against L.C. Bird.**

**"We accomplished something a lot of people didn't expect us to do, coming back, basically, from the dead."**

**— TC head boys basketball coach Julian King**



**T.C. Williams senior Tyler Driver, middle, reacts after the Titans lost in overtime to L.C. Bird in the AAA state semifinals on March 9.**



**T.C. Williams fans react during the Titans' overtime loss to L.C. Bird in the AAA state semifinals.**

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## SPORTS

# Overtime Loss in State Semifinals

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half.

"We've run across a couple junk defenses that have stifled us at times, but we've been shooting a poor percentage all year long, so this is nothing new," King said. "As I talked about us digging a hole, I don't mean point-wise, I mean emotional-wise. It's kind of disheartening for the kids to have such a big lead and then all of the sudden see it whittled down and you look up and time is winding down and it's a tied ball game and it's not what you expected coming out of halftime. We did get a little complacent and didn't keep the same intensity. Late in the fourth they picked up. Their intensity level went to level 10 and we couldn't match it."

Pullen and Sitton tied for the team lead with 11 points. TJ Huggins and Landon Moss each scored seven points for the Titans, and Daquan Kerman and Mathews each scored six.

After the game, King told his players the pain of the loss would eventually subside. Pullen, Sitton and Mathews each shared what they would remember about the season.

"We just stayed together after all that stuff that happened," Pullen said. "We just stayed as a team."

We didn't want anything to let us go back like last year. We just stayed together the whole year."

Sitton said he'd remember the good and bad experiences, saying the loss to L.C. Bird would stand out.

"[I'll remember] all the big games," he said. "We played and we fought and we won and [sometimes] we lost and we learned from it."

Mathews was named MVP of the regional tournament.

"[I'll remember] the playoffs, mostly," he said. "I hate the feeling of losing. We fought hard together as a team. We overcame a lot of stuff — the three game losing streak, playing Annandale a couple of times this season — I'll remember it all."

The Titans' season ended sooner than they had hoped, but TC put itself back among the top teams in Virginia.

"As I just told the guys in the locker room, don't hold your heads down," King said. "I can't take away the pain with words, but in time you will realize and understand we had a great season. We accomplished something a lot of people didn't expect us to do, coming back, basically, from the dead. They'll have a chance as they move on to bigger and better things to look back and reflect and say, 'You know what, we had a great year. We lost to a really good team.'"

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Youth Coaches Needed

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 basketball 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](mailto:mac.slover@alexandriava.gov) or Tamika.coleman@alexandriava.gov.

standing long jump. Note: 7-8-year-olds will not advance beyond the city-wide event. Registration period is from March 15-May 1. The Hershey's Track and Field Program is open for City of Alexandria residents only.

For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Recreation Department's web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### Youth Rugby Program Registration

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. This program is designed to incorporate the basic rugby skills of running, passing, team support and decision making in a physically safe and non-threatening environment. 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](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### Alexandria Titans Youth Tackle Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Centers, Playgrounds and Youth Sports Division is now accepting registrations for the Alexandria Titans youth tackle football program. Teams are formed in the following weight divisions and participate in the Fairfax County Youth Football League: Anklebiters, 75 lbs, 85 lbs, 95 lbs, 110 lbs, 125 lbs, and 150 lbs. Participants will be weighed and assigned to teams according to their weight and age. This program is for participants ages 7-16. Registration fee is \$30. All participants must have a Division of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Identification Card upon registration. For more information, call the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402.

### Wahoos Swim Team Registration

The Wahoos swim program offers youth ages 6-18 of all abilities the opportunity to develop their own unique potential. The program will promote individual achievement and team camaraderie in an atmosphere of friendly competition. Developing and experienced swimmers alike can refine their freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly, turns and starts with an experienced coaching staff. Swim meets are scheduled every Saturday morning from mid-June through early August. There will be a parents meeting and the first team practice on May 31 at the Chinquapin Park Recreation Center. Swimmers must be able to swim 25 meters continuously. Registration will take place March 15-May 27. For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or go on the Recreation Department's Web site at [www.alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://www.alexandriava.gov/recreation).

### Hershey's Track and Field Youth Program

The Hershey's Track and Field Program is a city-wide track meet where winners can advance through district, regional, state and national competitions. Participants can register at any City Recreation Center. The local meet will be held at 9:30 a.m. on May 21 at T.C. Williams High School. Youth can compete in the 50-, 100-, 200-, and 400-meter dash; 800- and 1600-meter run, 4x100 relay, softball throw and

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**Joseph William Roberts, 88**, of Linden, beloved father and grandfather, passed away Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Winchester Medical Center.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday at 12:00 noon at Riverton United Methodist Church conducted by Pastor Mike Derflinger. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. All are invited to join the family for a luncheon immediately following the service in the fellowship hall. Inurnment will be private.

Mr. Roberts was born January 24, 1923, in Alexandria, son of the late Rev. Norman Roberts and Edith Ellen Potter Roberts. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps., a volunteer firefighter for the Alexandria Fire Department, and a master electrician. He was married to the late Edith Stephens Roberts.

He is survived by his daughter Millie Lederer; two grandchildren Carla Morris and Stephen Puccini; four great-grandchildren; two nieces Ellen Beach and Janet Brooks; and three nephews Kenneth Dawson, Dale Dawson, and Dwayne Enoch. In addition to his wife and parents he is predeceased by two sisters Norma Enoch and Margaret Dawson.

Honorary pallbearers will be Stephen Puccini and Dr. Ethan Morris.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Riverton United Methodist Church, 55 E. Strasburg Rd., Front Royal, VA 22630.

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"In my opinion, the city should have only endorsed one site — the Victory Center," said Vice Mayor Kerry Donley, who was not a member of City Council at the time and has been critical of the decision. "Instead they left the door open for Mark Center, and I have yet to hear a clear rationale for that decision."

Now city officials are trying to prepare for the crush of vehicles that will descend on the West End later this year. Part of that solution involves hiring off-duty police officers and sheriff's deputies to work key intersections that will be swamped with new vehicles during rush hours. Moran said the Pentagon could get around a prohibition against the Department of Defense contracting directly with localities by having a private company reimburse Alexandria for the program, a scenario that would be similar to an arrangement in Arlington at the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

"I have to say, though, that it's too late to stop what's going to be chaos," said Moran. "It's going to be a parking lot, and the backup will extend at least down to the Springfield mixing bowl."

Even if they make things marginally better, the traffic mitigation efforts will also have a downside. When the ramp is eventually completed, for example, the interstate will have to be widened on the east side for the general purpose lane. That means a stand of trees on that side of the Shirley Memorial Highway will be clear-cut to make room for the ramp. For many West End residents, that only adds to lingering concerns about an overall reduction in tree canopy that's already been experienced at the Mark Center site.

"When you look at what is referred to as the 'Behemoth on Beaugard' or the 'Darth Vader Building,' you see no trees," said West End resident Shirley Downs during a recent public hearing. "You just see this humongous, looming building."

Duke Realty would not comment on CNA's lawsuit because it's a matter of ongoing litigation in the Alexandria Circuit Court. But senior vice president Peter Scholz said the VDOT study from 2009 is one of a half dozen studies that have been conducted over the last few years. "The studies have all come to different and varied conclusions," said Scholz. "The engineers will tell you that it's difficult to make a conclusion about who's right and who's wrong."

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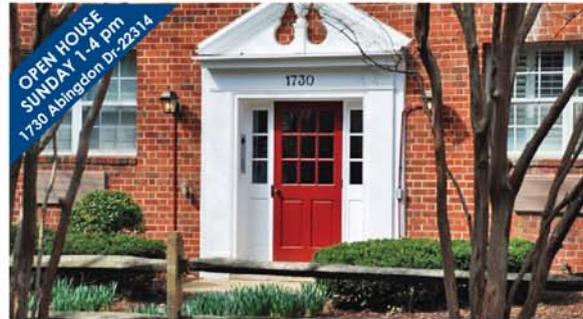
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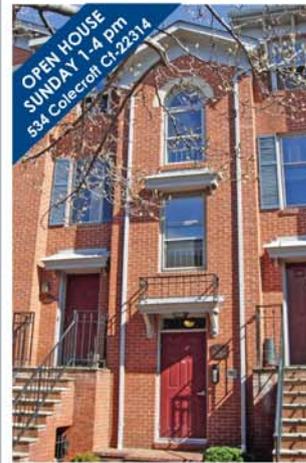
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