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## Ready, Aim, Fire

Before giving his company the order to fire during Fort Ward Civil War Camp Day on Saturday, Aug. 13, Sgt. Dave Tucker gave an order to the civilians, "Cover your ears!"



Austin Williams explains the use and purpose of the contents of a typical backpack carried by soldiers in his company. The packs weighed between 40 and 60 pounds.



Bishop Ireton graduate John Gerndt cooks up lunch for members of the 11th New York Volunteer Infantry.



Daniel Danielson and Bill Lynch portrayed infantry soldiers of the First Minnesota Company D, the first regiment to volunteer to fight for the Union.



Rebecca and Max Preas cook up ham and fresh corn for members of the Fifth Virginia.



The contents of a typical backpack and haversack carried by a soldier of the Fifth Virginia Company was on display to visitors at Fort Ward Park during Civil War Camp Day Aug. 13.

## Bottom Falls Out

Alexandria has the lowest test scores in Northern Virginia.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria ranks lowest among all school divisions in Northern Virginia, according to standardized test scores released last week by the Virginia Department of Education. The scores show a dramatic reduction in pass rates for students with disabilities and math as well as a slight reduction among all students in reading.

Because the benchmarks rose yet again this year, Alexandria logged its worst year ever in terms of meeting the federal expectations. Only one school — Barrett Elementary School — made adequate yearly progress compared to last year, when seven schools made the grade.

"It's kind of like sticking your

finger in the air and saying 'this feels like a good number,'" said Alexandria Superintendent of Schools Morton Sherman. "There was no scientific reasoning nor basis for the establishment of those numbers."

The No Child Left Behind Act was designed to increase standards each year until 2014, when all students will be required to meet minimum standards. As a result, the annual measurable objectives rise each year. This year, for example, that means that 83 percent of students are responsible for passing the math test and 86 percent of students are expected to pass the reading test. Next year the benchmark will rise again, with 91 percent of students expected to pass reading and 90 percent expected to pass math.

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## Coal Versus Gas

Natural gas industry proposes getting rid of Alexandria's coal-fired power plant.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

The slick broadside for Potomac River Green looks like something a developer might put together — colorful architectural drawings, detailed maps and pages of plans for the future. But the 67-page spiral bound document on thick cardstock is not a site plan or an application for a development special-use project.

In fact, it's not a plan at all. It's a "concept" for transforming

25 polluted acres into a mixed-use community. But there's a catch. The land is owned by energy giant Pepco and leased to GenOn, which operates a coal-fired power plant. Yet the colorful concept plan for the future was put together by the American Clean Skies Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose chairman is the chief executive officer for natural gas producer Chesapeake Energy Corporation. That means the foundation presented a concept for what should happen on land they don't

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## Supporters Rally

For months, members of a group known as Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan have been blasting a plan to increase density along the waterfront and allow hotels at three sites slated for redevelopment. They've appeared at public hearings and written letters to the editor to voice their opposition, suggesting that parks and a museum would be preferable. Their efforts culminated June with a protest in which dozens of people marched on City Hall chanting "no hotels" before a public hearing when the plan was on the agenda for a vote.

That vote didn't happen, and now a special work group has been appointed to find a solution.

Now supporters are trying to rally behind the plan that is before City Council, creating a counterbalance to CAAWP. The new group, known as Waterfront For All began a full-court press last week. Now the group is coordinating an email effort to make sure that City Council members know that the plan to increase density and allow hotels has support.

"As a Del Ray resident, I think we should have a waterfront that benefits all Alexandrians, not one that just provides open space and dog parks for a few in Old Town," said former City Councilman **Lonnie Rich**, a supporter of the plan. "The city's proposal is for a modestly developed, beautiful and active waterfront."

## Mission Misstatement

Speaking of the waterfront plan, the work group's new mission statement may have caused more problems than it solved.

During the first meeting of the advisory panel, planning officials noted that the plan had no mission statement — and that no attempt at creating a mission statement had ever been attempted. Perhaps this was because of all of the various interests at stake, many of which conflict with each other. So the newly created work group set out to create a mission statement.

Unsurprisingly, it wasn't long before the mission statement became a target. This week, Alexandria Chamber of Commerce President **Tina Leone** criticized a word that was *not* in the plan. During the deliberations on the mission statement, she pointed out, an early draft set a goal of working toward "an economically viable waterfront." But after a brief discussion, the word "economically" was spiked, leaving the mission statement as setting a goal of a merely "viable waterfront."

"This is one of the first signs of trouble," Leone said of the work group. "It is critical to our future that we develop a revenue-neutral or revenue-positive waterfront plan. Otherwise, the City Council will be raising property taxes on all property owners in Alexandria in order to fund a watered-down plan that does not benefit the entire city."

## Meeting the New Boss

Members of the Alexandria City Council may be in recess. But they did conduct one meeting this month, only to convene a secret executive session. There, in the council work room at City Hall, with the portrait of **Lord Fairfax** looking on, council members conducted interviews for the next city manager.

Former City Manager **Jim Hartmann** announced his resignation back in January, and budget director **Bruce Johnson** has served as acting city manager since May. Three Alexandria candidates were interviewed as part of the selection process: Deputy City Manager **Mark Jinks**, Assistant City Manager **Debra Collins** and Fire Chief **Adam Thiel**. Council members also interviewed an undisclosed number of candidates from outside the city.

Although she declined to talk about specifics of the process, Councilwoman **Del Pepper** told members of the Upper King Street Civic Association this week that the city has hired a headhunter to help find the right candidate for the job. She also said that she hopes to have the process finished in the next few months, with a new occupant in the city manager's office by September or October.

"One of the nice things is how much everybody likes Alexandria," Pepper told the civic association. "We are apparently the place to go."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

## NEWS



PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE BALLYSHANERS

The City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums opens the Alexandria Irish Festival at Waterfront Park Aug. 13.

# When Irish Eyes Are Smiling

**Festival pays tribute to Doug Thurman, U.S. servicemen.**

BY HARRISON FALLON  
GAZETTE PACKET

For those seeking out St. Patrick's Day fun in mid-summer, the Alexandria Irish Festival occurred over the weekend at Waterfront Park where food, drink and entertainment emanated from Old Town in a celebration of all things Irish.

Pat Troy, owner of the Old Town restaurant and pub that bears his name, organized the festival.

"If this were somewhere else, they'd be charging \$15 or \$20 just to get in," Troy said. "We put on a great array of Irish talent, full dancing squads and the like. It's one of the best festivals around."

Traditional Irish foods, including shepherd's pie, corned beef and soda bread, were served at the event. In addition, the staple of any Irish-themed festival — beer — was also on tap.

The festivities abounded with bagpipes and traditional Irish dance. Opportunities were available to purchase Irish memorabilia like jewelry and learn

about Irish family genealogy.

The festival was organized by the Ballyshaners, which literally means "Old Towners" in Gaelic.

"We are all different people who come together from all walks of life to have a good time and support Irish history," said Troy, who is the founding member of the Ballyshaners.

The theme of this year's festival was remembrance. A special program honored the 30 fallen U.S. service members who died in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan two weeks ago, as well as longtime city resident Doug Thurman, who died earlier this year.

The playing of "Amazing Grace" by the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums was followed by a moment of silence.

Thurman was a member of a number of Alexandria institutions, from the Ballyshaners to city Republican organizations to the committee which picks Alexandria's Living Legends.

"Thurman was an intricate member of the Ballyshaners," Troy said. "He was a huge part of our city and preserving historic aspects of it. Anything that concerned the city, Doug was involved in."

The Alexandria Irish Festival is an annual event that serves as a fundraiser to pay for the St. Patrick's Day Parade in March.

For more information, visit [www.ballyshaners.org](http://www.ballyshaners.org).



Caitlin Donoghue enjoys the food and entertainment at the Alexandria Irish Festival Aug. 13.



Councilwoman Del Pepper and Irish Festival founder Pat Troy greet the crowd.



**Charley John, pharmacy manager at Walgreens on Richmond Highway offers a walking kit and pharmacy information to Brenda Hackett.**



**Kim Purcell of the City of Alexandria Emergency Management hands out information on emergency planning.**



**EMS Deidre Marr offers firefighter helmets and personal information cards to visitors to the fair.**

# Inova Alexandria Hospital Hosts Safety Fair

**H**alf of the Howard Street parking lot was taken over by the first annual Emergency Management/Preparedness and Safety Fair at Alexandria Inova on Saturday, Aug. 13. How to be ready and safe in times of emergency in natural and manmade disasters was the recurring theme of nearly 20 participating offices and businesses including: ADT, Alexandria City Fire Department, Alexandria Health

Department, BFPE International, City of Alexandria Emergency Management, CrisisLink, CVS Pharmacy, DMV, FEMA, Medical Reserve Corps, MetLife, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Old Dominion Security, Target, Volunteer Alexandria and Walgreens Pharmacy. Hospital staff served up grilled hotdogs, water and sodas, ice cream and sno-cones. Family activities included a petting zoo, moonbounce and tours of a fire truck.



**Neol Martmez plays with a rabbit at the Leesburg Animal Park Zoo demonstration.**



**Renny Decourcey laughs as she takes a slide down the inflatable hill.**



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**Kinh Lakes, Angela Pixley, Sheryl Rhymes and Brenda Hackett.**



**Alexa and Cade Ojst look at a white baby chick.**



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**Alexandria Fire Department staff — EMS supervisor Deidre Marr, Jeremy Cenzer, David Fox and Mostafa Motaweh — hand out brochures.**



**Firefighter Mostafa Motaweh shows Devin Vigil how to check his blood pressure.**

# City Schools' Scores Lowest in Northern Virginia

FROM PAGE 1

"The bottom really fell out this year," said Charles Pyle, director of communications for the Virginia Department of Education. "This was a watershed."

**SCORES FELL** dramatically across Virginia this year. According to documents released last week by the Department of Education, 687 of the commonwealth's 1,838 schools made adequate yearly progress. That's less than 40 percent, compared to 61 percent last year.

Virginia Superintendent Patricia Wright said that this year's standardized test results indicated No Child Left Behind had outlived

## SCHOOL NOTES

**Theresa A. Meehan of Alexandria**, a member of the Spring 2011 class at Trinity College in Hartford, Conn., has received Faculty Honors for the 2011 spring semester.

**Katherine J. Bednarek, a resident of Alexandria**, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology from the University of Mary Washington.

**Eric J. Rolander, a resident of Alexandria**, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from the University of Mary Washington.

**Duy K. Bui, a resident of Alexandria**, graduated with distinction with a Bachelor of Professional Studies from the University of Mary Washington.

its usefulness and needed to be overhauled.

"Accountability is not advanced by arbitrary rules and benchmarks that misidentify schools," Wright said in a written statement. "During the coming weeks, I will begin a discussion with the state board on creating a new model for measuring yearly progress that maintains high expectations for student achievement, recognizes growth — overall and subgroup — and accurately identifies schools most in need of improvement."

Despite the decreasing performance review, Sherman was upbeat about the performance of city schools. He praised the teachers and administrators at T.C. Williams High School, which was designated as a "persistently lowest achieving school" last year. This year it failed to meet federal standards once again, although Sherman pointed out that only one subgroup — English scores for students with disabilities — failed to make the grade so the entire school is labeled as failing.

"T.C. Williams had a phenomenal year," said Sherman.

"You see the numbers there?"

The superintendent pointed to email he sent to School Board members boasting of "remarkable" progress at the high school, describing the 94 percent pass rate in English and 95 percent pass rate in Math as "the highest levels ever" since No Child Left

Behind was created. He also noted that math achievement at Cora Kelly School for Math, Science and Technology had the highest-ever math pass rate for math in Alexandria, which was 97 percent.

"A trend which is clear in the area of reading ... our elementary schools' reading scores are not moving in the direction we know they should," Sherman wrote to School Board members. "This will be the major area of focus for this coming year."

**MANY PARENTS** are skeptical that the standardized test results reflect what's happening in Alexandria classrooms. One of the chief complaints shared by parents across the city is the expectation that 100 percent of the students will meet minimum standards by 2014, a goal that some see as idealistic while others disparage as unworkable.

"It seems like an unrealistic expectation to me," said Julie Forsht, president of the Cora Kelly Parent-Teacher Association. "There's got to be a better way that takes a holistic approach rather than just relying on one high-stakes test that stresses the kids out."

Students with disabilities posted the lowest test scores of any subgroup, with 51 percent of the students passing the English test and 49 percent passing the Math test.

## Alexandria Test Scores

### English Pass Rates

White	95 percent
Black	78 percent
Hispanic	76 percent
Economically Disadvantaged	76 percent
Limited English Proficiency	74 percent
Students with Disabilities	51 percent

### Math Pass Rates

White	94 percent
Black	73 percent
Hispanic	73 percent
Limited English Proficiency	73 percent
Economically Disadvantaged	72 percent
Students with Disabilities	49 percent

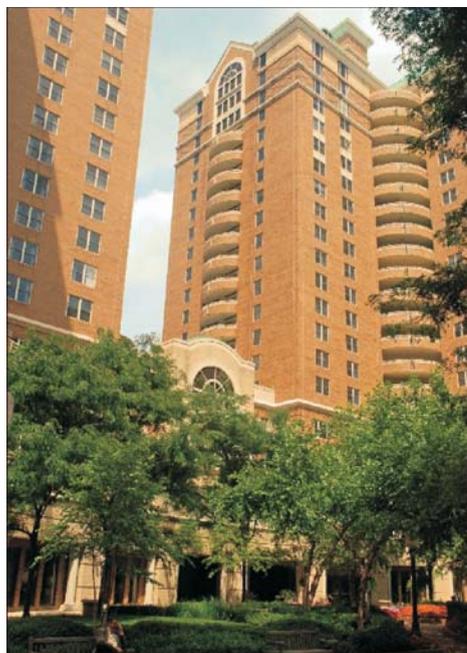
source: Virginia Department of Education

That's significantly lower than the statewide average, which was 67 percent for English and 66 for Math.

It's also a significant drop from last year, when Alexandria's special-education students posted a 69 percent pass rate in English and a 64 percent pass rate in Math.

"This is really disturbing news," said Paul Wilson, a member of the Special Education Advisory Committee.

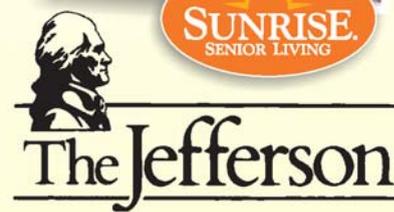
"We're spending \$25 million a year, so it's frustrating that we just can't seem to get our arms around this."



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# Gas Industry Targets Coal-Fired Power Plant

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“This is not an altruistic plan,” said Elizabeth Chimento, a member of a monitoring group the city set up to closely observe the coal-fired power plant. “This is about money, and it’s a fight for dominance between the coal industry and the natural gas industry.”

The Clean Skies Foundation concept also suggests that some of a \$32 million settlement might be redirected toward getting rid of the coal-fired power plant rather than making it cleaner. Because the engineering contract to install the “baghouse” filters is still being negotiated three years after the settlement, the natural-gas industry group suggested that investing the money in a coal-fired power plant might be used to remediate the site.

“How dare they,” said Poul Hertel, another member of the monitoring group. “It’s the height of irresponsibility for this group to suggest that we endure another decade of polluted air for some pie in the sky BS.”



CLEAN SKIES FOUNDATION

**Funded by the natural-gas industry, the Potomac River Green concept seeks to do away with a coal-fired power plant on the city’s waterfront.**

**THE STORY** of how a coal-fired power plant ended up on valuable waterfront property dates to 1949, when the Potomac Energy Company — now known as Pepco — constructed the Potomac River Generating Station. Back then, the land use fit into a

collection of industrial uses along the waterfront that included everything from a rendering plant to an abandoned torpedo factory. The coal-fired power plant was situated between the Potomac River Clayworks and the American Chlorophyll Company. Over time, the waterfront became less

industrial. A park replaced the rendering plant. Condominiums replaced warehouses. And the Torpedo Factory became an art center. But the old coal-fired power plant remained intact and operational, with Pepco leasing the plant to Atlanta-based energy company Mirant. In 2004, city officials be-

gan a coordinated campaign to shut down the plant.

“We tried everything,” recalled Councilwoman Del Pepper. “We tried to take away their special-use permit. We tried rezoning. None of it worked.”

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# Battle Between Coal, Gas

FROM PAGE 6

By 2008, City Council members were ready to compromise. So they struck a \$32 million deal with Mirant to clean up the operation by installing the latest technology in an effort to reduce the level of particulates released into the atmosphere. But progress has been slow. It's been three years since the settlement agreement and none of the "baghouse" filters have been installed yet. City officials hope to have the first of three baghouse filters installed by the end of 2012.

"This isn't like changing a bag on your vacuum cleaner," said Bill Skraback, deputy director for the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "It takes time."

**BUT THE PROPOSAL** for Potomac River Green calls that settlement into question. Instead of investing tens of millions of dollars into making the coal-fired power plant cleaner, supporters of natural gas now say that money might be better spent cleaning up the site and preparing it for some other use. That would include removing asbestos in the turbine hall, PCB contamination in the transmission switchyard, fly-ash deposits around the site and fuel-oil residue associated with coal-fired electric generating stations — a process that could cost as much as \$50 million, according to the Clean Skies Foundation.

"In short, the time has come to start planning for what will come next," wrote American Skies Foundation CEO Gregory Staple in a written statement. "Today the prime riverfront site the PRGS occupies (some 25 acres) is worth much more for alternative civil and commercial purposes than for generating electricity."

The concept for Potomac River Green notes that much has changed since the 2008 agreement between Mirant and the city. For starters, Mirant has now become the property of GenOn, a much larger company that owns more than 40 power plants. In addition to this, the foundation notes, demand for electricity produced at the plant has fallen off as more efficient and lower cost power producers compete to sell electricity to Pepco and other distribution companies. And new air-quality standards from the Environmental Protection Agency could jeopardize the economic viability of the operation.

"Whatever the provisions for site redemption," the concept outline concluded, the Potomac River Green plan "contemplates an early resolution of the responsibility and funding for demolishing the PRGS and site clean up."

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## Coleman Pleads Guilty to Child Pornography

**A** teacher at John Adams Elementary School pleaded guilty Wednesday, Aug. 3, to two counts of producing child pornography following an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations.

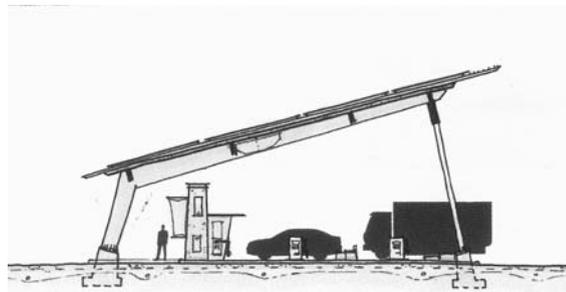
Justin Coleman, 35, of Falls Church, was arrested on April 6, on receipt of child pornography charges. A federal grand jury indicted Coleman on June 16 on six child pornography related charges. According to the statement of facts, Coleman was among

900 individuals in the United States identified by Italian law enforcement as part of an overseas child pornography investigation.

During an interview with U.S. law enforcement, Coleman admitted he had viewed child pornography for years, as often as two or three times a week, and preferred images and videos depicting 5- to 12-year-old girls engaging in sexually explicit conduct. A forensic analysis of digital evidence in this case revealed that Coleman had created at least two videos.

The analysis also found more

than 2,500 images of existing child pornography that had been altered by Coleman to depict former, minor female students to appear to be engaging in sexually explicit conduct. Overall, the analysis found more than 75,000 images of child pornography and child erotica and 1,000 child pornography movies. Coleman faces a mandatory minimum of 15 years and a maximum penalty of 30 years for each production charge when he is sentenced on Oct. 28, before U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee.



CLEAN SKIES FOUNDATION

**The Potomac River Green concept calls for an Alternative Fuels Center that would recharge electric vehicles and serve as a public compressed natural gas refueling center for taxis, corporate fleets and government vehicles.**

making any public statements about shutting down the plant, a provision of the 2008 agreement. (Violating this condition could jeopardize the settlement.) But others have been vocal about the possibility of shutting the doors of the coal-fired power plant as soon as possible. Shortly after the plant was acquired by GenOn, the Sierra Club launched a campaign called "GenOff" to warn about the potential dangers of the plant. According to the Sierra Club, the Potomac River Generating Station is responsible for 37 deaths, 60 heart attacks and 610 asthma attacks each year.

"We need to stop investing money in a plant that has no future," said Philip Ellis, field organizer with the Sierra Club.

"It's time to stop trying to put a Band-Aid on this and start working toward a solution like the one that the Clean Skies Foundation has laid out."

Critics of natural gas point out the dangers of hydraulic fracturing, also known as "fracking" that is currently used in most oil and gas wells. Last week, 22 universities in 13 states signed a letter objecting to the makeup of an advisory panel named by Energy Secretary Steven Chu to examine safety and environmental issues associated with fracking. The scientists said the panel was dominated by the natural gas industry, pointing out six of the seven members of the Energy Advisory Board National Gas Subcommittee have ties to the natural gas industry.

"In our work, we believe in reducing individual biases in evaluating the merits of scientific or technological ideas," the scientists wrote to Secretary Chu. "The current panel does not meet this standard."

Councilwoman Pepper said that the Clean Skies Foundation will be meeting later this month with Pepco to discuss the Potomac River Green concept.



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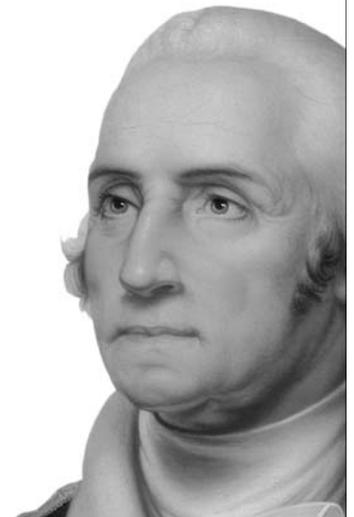
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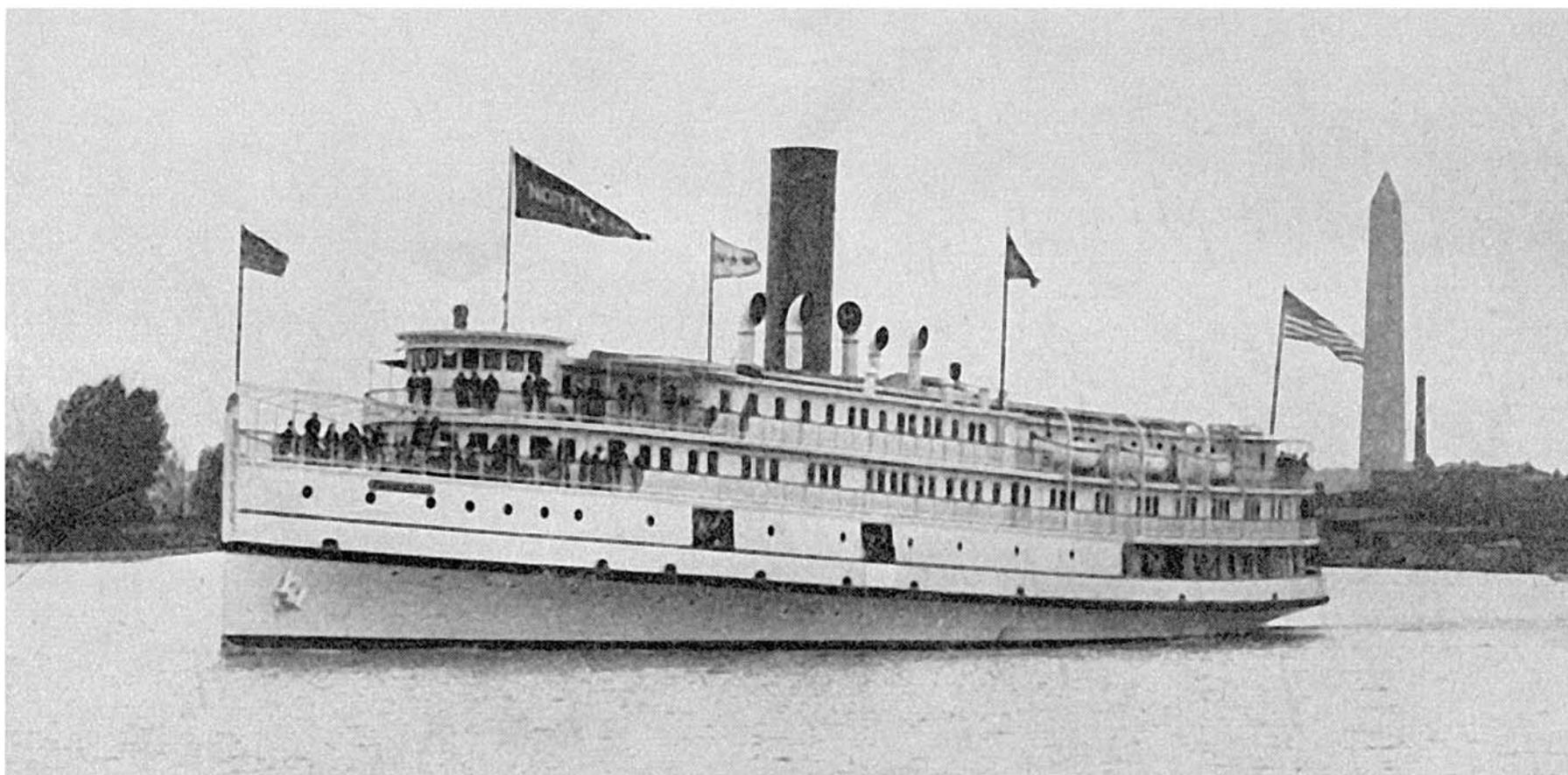
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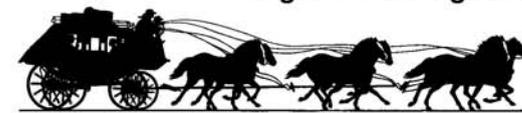
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# Battle for 30th Senate District ... And Also in the 39th

## Three vying to replace retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
THE CONNECTION

The campaign to replace retiring state Sen. Patsy Ticer (D-30) started long before the incumbent senator officially announced her decision not to seek a fifth term in February. As early as October, Councilman Rob Krupicka, Del. Adam Ebbin (D-49) and Arlington School Board Chairwoman Libby Garvey were already working behind the scenes to build a base of supporters and put together a campaign team for the all-important Democratic primary.

"I would very much like to be replaced by a woman," Ticer said in October. "There are only seven women in the Senate, so any scenario involving a man being elected to the seat is moving backwards in my opinion."

A few months later, Ticer offered her formal support to Garvey. But Krupicka had his own list of A-list endorsements, including Alexandria Mayor Bill Euille, Commonwealth's Attorney Randy Sengel and former City Manager Vola Lawson. Meanwhile, Ebbin supporters include Del. Charniele Herring (D-46), Del. Scott Surovell (D-44) and Arlington Commissioner of Revenue Ingrid Morroy.

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

Campaign-finance documents show that Krupicka has raised more money than the other two candidates, putting together a war chest of more than \$211,000. Top contributors include venture capitalist Robert Henry Dugger III, real-estate developer Hubert Hoffman and Krupicka himself. On the campaign trail, Krupicka has downplayed the significance of fundraising totals, saying the Democratic primary is not about which candidate can raise the most money. On the campaign trail, Krupicka casts himself as someone who would expand access to early childhood education, champion environmental causes and support services to veterans.

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

Ebbin raised more than \$176,000, and he raised more money than his competitors during the third quarter of 2011. Top contributors include the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund, the Mid-Atlantic Community Fund and Washington restaurateur Augustine "Gus" Dimillo. On the campaign trail,



**Adam Ebbin**



**Libby Garvey**



**Rob Krupicka**

the four-term House of Delegates member casts himself as a legislator with what he calls "liberal values" who works in a "progressive tradition" to fight human trafficking, expand environmentally sustainable energy and fight against "blatant xenophobia."

"From day one, I'm ready to hit the ground running," Ebbin said in a March candidates forum. "These relationships don't just happen overnight."

Garvey raised more than \$170,000, and she raised more money than her competitors during the second quarter. Top contributors include Ticer for Senate campaign committee, Arlington businessman Robert Hemphill and Wisconsin retiree Jean Quay. On the campaign trail, Garvey has repeatedly attacked Krupicka for being a member of the Alexandria City Council when the Alexandria government endorsed the Mark Center site as a potential location for the Washington Headquarters Service, which is expected to create regional gridlock when it's at full capacity early next year.

"I would have insisted that it be made public because it was all done behind closed doors," Garvey said at an August forum. "I would have gone to the mat."

## Two Republicans vying to take on incumbent Sen. George Barker.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE  
GAZETTE PACKET

In one of the hottest races in Northern Virginia, two Republicans are hoping to take on freshman state Sen. George Barker (D-39). Republicans and Democrats see Barker as vulnerable, so the winner of the Republican primary is likely to wage one of the highest profile races in the region. Candidates in the race are former Justice Department official Miller Baker and education administrator Scott Martin. The stakes are high, and many say control of the state Senate could be at stake.

"This is definitely a battleground seat," said Isaac Wood, communications director for the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "The political calculus the Democrats are using here is that they need to make this seat more safe while not jeopardizing other seats."

Campaign finance records show that Baker has raised more money than his competitor, amassing a war chest of more than \$140,000. Top contributors include Chantilly businesswoman Marianna Horinko, Louisiana Reform Political Action Committee and Reston-based property manager Christopher Walker. On the campaign



**Miller Baker**



**Scott Martin**

trail, Miller casts himself as a Republican who is eager to take on Barker, whom he blames for the expected gridlock associated with the Washington Headquarters Service at the intersection of Shirley Memorial Highway and Seminary Road.

"He's been asleep at the switch on BRAC," said Baker in reference to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission process. "This is clearly a case of misplaced priorities."

Martin raised more than \$112,000. Top contributors include Oakton businessman Andrew James Butler, Clifton businessman William Williams and McLean real-estate developer James Marty Irving. On the campaign trail, Martin emphasizes his role in the academic world and pledges to make the colleges admissions process more transparent. He's also been critical of Baker, who has repeatedly described himself as the frontrunner in the primary.

"I just haven't heard my opponent say why he's running," said Martin, who ran an unsuccessful Republican campaign for the Fairfax County School Board in 2003. "I would have never run for state Senate as a first-time candidate, especially without real ideas or a plan."

## Addressing Small Business Challenges

### Free SBDC workshops set for Aug. 23.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN  
GAZETTE PACKET

Alexandria's charm and continued mention on various "best" lists is due in large part to the many different retail establishments that populate the city. But according to Bill Reagan, director of the Alexandria Small Business Development Center, that distinction presents a unique set of challenges for local businesses.

"More than 91 percent of Alexandria's businesses have fewer than 20 employees," Reagan said as he addressed members of the Del Ray Business Association Aug. 15 at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center. "And most of those have fewer than five employees, yet those businesses generate 55 percent of the city's gross re-



**SBDC director Bill Reagan speaks to the Del Ray Business Association.**

ceipts."

Reagan's presentation outlined several issues confronting small business owners.

"Most small businesses are under-capitalized," Reagan said. "They don't have deep pockets, which means they don't have the time or resources to hire experts or in-house HR personnel or controllers."

In an effort to help local business owners, the SBDC will be holding two workshops on Aug. 23 at the Lyceum.

"Industry expert Marc Willson will present two workshops that

day," Reagan said. "A morning session will focus on retail businesses and an afternoon workshop will be targeted to the restaurant industry. Both are free to attend."

The programs will address the latest industry trends and provide guidance on marketing, branding and creating the most attractive environment in your shop or restaurant. The programs will also touch on the effective use of social media.

"Alexandria's small businesses pull in 14 times the gross receipts of Potomac Yard," Reagan told the DRBA crowd. "There's a vested interest in your well-being."

The retail workshop will run from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. and the restaurant session from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Both workshops are free but require pre-registration. To register for the retail workshop, visit [www.planetreg.com/E7216553590](http://www.planetreg.com/E7216553590). To register for restaurant workshop, visit [www.planetreg.com/E72113514090](http://www.planetreg.com/E72113514090).



**To the Pageant**  
**Leila Evans, 9, of Alexandria, will be competing in the Little Miss division of the 2011 National Finals of the All American Girl & Boy Pageant at the Marriott Hotel in Stamford, Conn. Finalists were selected from throughout the U.S. to compete in beauty, model and talent competitions.**

## Open-minded Leader Needed

To the Editor:

Assuming the deliberations of the waterfront advisory panel were accurately reported in "Clock Is Ticking", (Gazette Packet, August 11) it certainly appears that this panel was established with the cynical purpose of creating an aura of public approval for the City's original waterfront plan. The appointment of Paul Smedberg, who was characterized in the article as "... one of the most outspoken supporters of the plan currently under consideration by the City Council", and the stifling of debate by him and the City-appointed facilitator point to a lack of real interest by the Mayor and Council to address the concerns of a large number of Alexandrians, who expressed displeasure with their plan. This is governance of the worst kind, and is reason alone to question the dedication of some of our elected officials to the interests of citizens outside of the Chamber of Commerce and other commercial interests. If the Mayor and Council persist with this approach, next year's elections could prove to be very interesting.

I was also disappointed to not see the constituency of the "Waterfront for All" organization defined. Is it a true grass-roots group or like so many organizations today, a front for those with a vested interest in seeing the City's plan go forward?

I believe that it is essential that the leadership of the advisory panel be immediately revised. Mr. Smedberg should be removed and replaced with an open-minded and as neutral a leader as possible, preferably not a member of the Council. The Council could assign one of its members as an observer, if they want to stay abreast of the panel's activities. The facilitator's credentials should be examined, and if a bias exists, a replacement should also immediately be found. In any case, the facilitator should not play an active role in the panel's discussions but should only work to help the primary participants work through hard spots. Over my career, I have participated in many activities with facilitators, and their real value is often far overrated.

This advisory group should be a real problem-solving body and not the modern day equivalent of a 1950's Soviet "show trial."

**William W. Rogalski, Jr.**  
Alexandria

## Who's Running Work Group?

To the Editor:

The Waterfront Work Group's second meeting on the 10th of August was a laugher at best. The Convener, Councilman Paul Smedberg and his outrageously paid (\$4,000 a session) Facilitator Sherry Shiller are indeed intent on hurrying up this process. They want a speedy conclusion so that the Planning Department's original plan will be endorsed by Council. All that despite the fact that the Council killed that plan in favor of coming up with a viable alternative.

The appointment of a non-voting Convener  
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### Snapshot

**6:26 p.m., Aug. 11: New dog on the block in Northridge.**

and Facilitator pales any degree of sanity. Smedberg sometimes attends the Waterfront Committee meetings but he has never offered anything substantive in any of our deliberations. Don't know where the Facilitator came from but she hasn't added anything to the group's discussion other than to cut off cogent discussions and is apparently hell bent on hurrying the process along. It is very evident the way this charade is being conducted that she, Smedberg and the planners are all in cahoots with each other. If the remaining seven members of the group were left to their own devices something good might come of this process. Otherwise it is doomed to failure.

The seven voting members of the group can easily vote in their own chairman. Bert Ely made that recommendation only to be rudely chastised by Smedberg who said he was the chairman and that no one else but he was going to be the leader of this group. Unfortunately at that point no one stood up and challenged him. He doesn't have a vote, therefore if the appointed group of seven wanted a chairman they could do so with or without his consent. It's still not too late. The very successful Fort Ward Task Force didn't have a convener or facilitator and it functioned extremely well. In addition, while going through his tirade, Smedberg said that the plan developed by the city planners was a good plan and had been thoroughly researched. Well, if any of that were true then why did the Council appoint the Waterfront Work Group? We must ensure that the new Waterfront Plan is a product of a deliberative and productive process untied to a certain completion date. Otherwise the results will be no better than what the planners gave us before.

It's evident that all the special interest groups have put a lot of pressure on the Council to bring in more hotels. What we the citizens need to do is boycott any business that does not subscribe to an open pristine waterfront with-

out hotels. In other words if a business endorses the rezoning of the waterfront, which is their right, just don't expect any citizen or their friends to patronize your business. In a 365-day year all of these businesses need citizen participation to survive especially during the non-tourist seasons. In addition, the Alexandria Convention and Visitors Association (ACVA) and the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership (AEDP), two public private partnerships, should be defunded. Paying these two zero-producing entities to continue their non-citizen friendly operations is costing us over \$5 million a year. Both of these operations could be replaced at one-fifth that cost or less.

The Waterfront Plan is the eye of a perfect storm that's building for the replacement of most of the members of this defunct Council. There is growing dissatisfaction throughout the entire city on a myriad of items. For openers take a look at the fiascos the Council and City Staff have created concerning not just the Waterfront Plan but the Potomac Yard development and the funding of a Metro Station, BRAC 133, the threatened use of eminent domain on the Boat Club's property, the trans-loading facility in Cameron Station, mass transit in Corridors A, B and C, Harris Teeter opposite the Alexandria House, truck traffic on Washington Street, lights at Hammond School, the BRT on Route 1 or Washington Street and tour buses in the Old and Historic District. Even our AAA bond rating may be in jeopardy. By talking up all of these issues during next year's election campaign, several new candidates might be able to win seats on Council. Let's hope so.

**Townsend A. "Van" Van Fleet**  
Alexandria

## Questions on Open Space

To the Editor:

I have now attended the two meetings of the waterfront working group appointed by Mayor Euille. At the first meeting, on July 27, the facilitator Sherry Shilling said one of the goals of the group should be to find out what are facts and what are assumptions. I thought that was an excellent goal.

When the time came for public comment at the end of the meeting, Ms. Shilling's statement inspired me to include a question in my remarks. The group has a professional note taker who records the meeting as if she were preparing a court transcript. I was happy to see my comments and question summarized accurately in the handout we all got when we came to the second meeting. The summary said:

"Ms. Cannady said most residents support a walkable green strip along the water's edge, and that because the green strip is required in the Settlement Agreements, its expansion would occur without a Waterfront Plan under by-right development. Ms. Cannady requested a map be provided marking which green space comes from the Settlement Agreements and which the City has added. Also, since Fitzgerald

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# OPINION

## Music to His Ears

BY KATHARINE MEDINA, CAPS  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
REBUILDING TOGETHER ALEXANDRIA

One year after the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, Bill\*, then just 11, and his family moved onto Elbert Avenue, at the time, a mostly African American community. It was here that Bill became “color blind” — children at the playground between white and black neighborhoods had a “meeting of the races,” Bill remembers, “and we all learned how to play together. There are no people of different color, just people of different perspectives.”

### COMMENTARY

Growing up, Bill’s home was always filled with music. His mom, who worked at Hopkins House, played the piano while his father, a minister, could “sing like Nat King Cole,” Bill fondly recalls. His sister sang and he learned to play many musical instruments. Bill left Elbert Avenue in his 30’s and moved to Europe — he toured as a very successful musician for 25 years.

One day his sister called him and asked that he move back home to help take care of his ailing parents. Bill, his wife and son, left Paris and came back to Alexandria. His parents passed away, and shortly thereafter his wife died of cancer. Bill spent his sav-

ings on taking care of his parents and wife, and his own poor health makes it hard for him to find work as a musician. Trying to make ends meet for his 16-year-old son, himself, and their dog Bernie doesn’t provide much money to maintain his Elbert Avenue childhood home.

Bill called Rebuilding Together Alexandria for volunteer home repair help. An energetic team of volunteers from First Baptist Church met with Bill and his son to review his repair list. Then, armed with supplies and tools, tens of volunteers showed up at Bill’s home to make the much needed improvements, including new grab bars and stair railings, new storm doors and door knobs, backyard fence repair, removing tree limbs, cleaning and securing gutters, proper caulking and more. With all the repairs made, Bill and his son live more safely and comfortably in his Elbert Avenue home, and enjoy having ‘jam’ sessions with each other in the living room. Once again the house is filled with music.

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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 10

Square (now the Old Dominion Boat Club parking lot) is not a certainty, does any of the “five acres of open space” in the July Waterfront Plan summary include Fitzgerald Square?”

The only substantive issue discussed during the Aug. 10 meeting was flood control. No one ever mentioned open space nor was it even clear that it would be discussed in the future. The group will take up “general environmental” at its next meeting Aug. 23.

Over and over, the city staff and supporters of the plan have said that the city’s plan must be adopted to give us more open space. If this were so, why aren’t staff members anxious to answer my question, clearly set out in writing?

**Katy Cannady**  
Alexandria

## ‘Lipstick On the Pig’

To the Editor:

The following letter was sent to Councilman Smedberg, the appointed “Convenor” of the Waterfront Panel, after reading your ac-

count of its first meeting.

Dear Councilman Smedberg: I am writing to express my extreme dismay at the role you appear to be playing in the proceedings of the Waterfront Panel. If the account in the Aug. 11 Gazette Packet is even roughly accurate (and it purports to contain direct quotations from you), I must sadly revise my estimation of you as a fair-minded official responsive to citizen concerns. Instead, you seem to see your function on the panel as ensuring that it does nothing more than “put lipstick on the pig” of the Planning Department’s current proposal, and does so with as little inconvenience and delay as possible.

If the Mayor and Council majority wanted and expected nothing more from this panel than sprinkling holy water on the existing plan, you should have had the courage to pass it in June without raising citizens’ hopes or wasting the time of panel members. What conceivable basis is there for asserting that “time is of the essence” when one is speaking of a plan that — even imagining it operates as proposed — would unfold over decades and impact the City for the indefinite future? Surely the short-term interests of those who

own (or wish to buy) the properties concerned cannot justify this haste. As a resident of Alexandria since 1967, and of Old Town since 1972, I find it difficult to express my disappointment with what seems for all the world to be a sham. I’ve expected much more of my City Council.

If I (and the newspaper account) have mischaracterized your statements, I will happily apologize, but unless the quotes were simply manufactured I cannot see how an apology can be warranted.

**William Doying**

## Learn From Others

To the Editor:

The Waterfront Working Group appointed by Mayor Euille is currently examining the facts and assumptions underlying the City of Alexandria’s waterfront redevelopment plan. However, the City seems not to have investigated the results — good or bad — that other cities have experienced in their own waterfront redevelopment efforts. Because we believe that valuable lessons can be learned from these experiences,

CAAWP (Citizens for an Alternative Alexandria Waterfront Plan) has undertaken this effort ourselves. In a series of letters over the next several weeks, we plan to share summaries of our findings with the City and other citizens.

We have already discovered that some cities began their own waterfront redevelopment efforts by first studying previous efforts, evidently with the goal of taking advantage of the lessons learned — both good and bad — by these projects. For example, the Boston Redevelopment Authority studied 30 other redevelopment projects before concluding that none were sufficiently similar to their own situation. They subsequently developed their own unique and original plan.

Other cities have sought the assistance of professional groups with long and successful experience in waterfront redevelopment efforts. The Madden Planning Group, for instance, with more than 25 years of experience in the regeneration of urban areas, has developed plans for 41 different downtown and waterfront areas and for 18 different university campuses. In the past decade, four of their projects have won national awards, including projects in

Providence, R.I., and along the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia, Pa. Another organization with similarly extensive and successful waterfront experience is the Manhattan-based Project for Public Spaces.

An alarming number of waterfront renovation projects have failed. In an effort to identify factors common to successful waterfront redevelopment projects — as well as what to avoid — Lindsey Miller conducted three case studies in her June 2011 dissertation for Master of City and Regional Planning at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, entitled “Sustainable Waterfront Revitalization: Baltimore, San Francisco, and Seattle.” Her well-researched and well-reasoned work found that “... waterfronts must provide a balance and mix of uses, assimilate with the surrounding city, provide connections between attractions and with the city and region, continuously reinvent themselves, provide attractions that draw both locals and tourists, and have a clear identity.” She also found that a number of successful projects in the 1980s and 1990s made use of grants from Housing and Urban Development, either the Community Development Block Grant Program or Urban Development Action Grants. We hope that the experiences of these and other cities will prove to be of value to the City of Alexandria as the Waterfront Working Group continues its efforts to make our riverfront the unique and shining “jewel” that we all want it to be.

**Hugh M. Van Horn**  
CAAWP Working  
Group on Other Cities

## Listens Then Acts

To the Editor:

Rob Krupicka is my choice to represent the 30th District in the state senate.

Rob has been an excellent member of the Alexandria City Council, and knows the issues that affect us at a local level. Like outgoing state Sen. Patsy Ticer, Rob’s experience of the issues at a grassroots level makes him the best of three candidates, each of whom has distinguished themselves in this positive campaign.

There are many other reasons why Rob will have my vote ranging from his real life experience in the business world to the fact that he has served our community in many different ways, not least of which is his prior service on the

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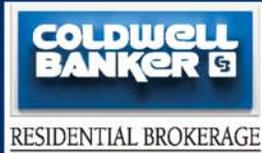
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# OBITUARY

## Elizabeth Fawn Slack Pignatello

**E**lizabeth Fawn Slack Pignatello, 39, of Alexandria died Sunday, Aug. 7, 2011, in a private airplane crash.

Born in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 29, 1971, Pignatello grew up in Rockford, Mich., the daughter of Enid L. Robinson and Robert J. Slack, stepdaughter of Collin Robinson, and sister of the late Erik B. Slack.

Pignatello lived her life to the fullest by Henry Ford's motto: "Whether you think you can or can't, you're right." Her can-do attitude led to a successful career as an attorney and a fulfilled life as a mother, daughter, sister and friend.

With an inquisitive mind and a passion for social justice, Pignatello pursued a B.A. in American Culture and History at the University of Michigan, where she served as editor of the Michigan Daily and co-chair of the American Culture Society. She graduated magna cum laude in 1993 and returned to her birthplace to attend the Washington College of Law of the American University.

There, Pignatello continued to distinguish herself as editor of Journal of Gender & the Law, student attorney in the Clinical Program and member of Women's Law Association. After earning her Juris Doctor in 1996, she was admitted to both the District of Columbia Bar and the Virginia State Bar,

and specialized in civil litigation at Ashcraft & Gerel in Washington, D.C. She later joined the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office in Alexandria as a trademark examining attorney.

In 2008, Pignatello founded an intellectual property law practice and maintained an active corporate and securities law practice concentrating on securities regulation and compliance. She was also of counsel at Cameron LLP in Washington, D.C.

While her list of academic and career accomplishments is long, Pignatello was most proud of her role as mother to her beautiful daughter, Isabella Firth, 8, and her exuberant son, Anthony "Nino" Robert, 4. She lit up in their presence and always put their needs first, volunteering in her children's schools, supporting their interests in sports and the arts, and encouraging their Christian faith.

As an active member of Christ Church in Old Town, Alexandria, Pignatello sought ways to enrich her spirituality. She was an enthusiastic participant in the Christian Family Movement whose mission is to promote a Christ-centered family life and to improve society through actions of love,



COURTESY PHOTO

**Elizabeth Fawn Slack Pignatello of Alexandria was killed in a private airplane crash earlier this month.**

service, education and example.

That commitment to service led to her involvement in the Junior Friends of The Campagna Center, an Alexandria-based education organization. For seven years, Elizabeth gave of her time, creativity and resources to raise necessary funds to operate critical educational programs for at-risk children.

In the last year of her life, Pignatello found true love and happiness with Lieutenant Colonel Shannon D. Beebe, 42, who also died in the plane crash. Shannon, an accomplished pilot, author and recognized security expert on Africa, was a combination of heroism and humility. He and Pignatello shared a love of travel, reading and art, but mostly, they preferred spending time with close friends and her two young children.

Pignatello enjoyed a special, close bond with her mother and stepdad who lived nearby, and she was a doting daughter and caregiver to her father who called her the "light of his life."

Pignatello touched many lives and forged strong, enduring friendships — from child-

hood to college, law school and work, moms' groups, Junior Friends and, especially, a close-knit group of friends fondly referred to as the "wrecks." Initially struck by her radiant beauty, people were quickly disarmed by her warm spirit and genuine interest in others. Those lucky enough to call her a dear friend will remember her strength, perseverance, humor, zest for life, and for her devotion to her two young children.

By example, Pignatello demonstrated the importance of family, friendship and faith, and this is the legacy she leaves for her children and everyone she knew. She will be loved and remembered always.

Survivors include her mother, Enid, and stepfather, Collin, of Gainesville, Va., father, Robert, daughter, Isabella, son, Nino, and ex-husband Anthony Jay Pignatello, all of Alexandria. She was preceded in death by her brother, Erik. Honorary pallbearers were Tara Bewak-Egresits, Jodi Vanden Berg, Anna Wege, Allison Brooks, Laura Niswander, Bridget Teter and Adrienne Luscombe.

A memorial service and reception was held Monday, Aug. 15 at 11 a.m. at Christ Church in Alexandria. Memorial donations may be made to Isabella F. and Anthony R. Pignatello Scholarship Fund, c/o Collin Robinson, 6582 Alderwood Way, Gainesville, VA 20155, or to Crohn's & Colitis Foundation, National Processing Center, Attn: Honor & Memorial Gifts, PO Box 1245, Albert Lea, MN 56007-9976.

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Address	BR	FB	HB	Postal	City	Sold Price	Type	Lot AC	Subdivision
500 IVY CIR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$895,000	Detached	0.25	IVY HILL
414 N. FAYETTE ST	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$895,000	Detached	0.10	OLD TOWN
3103 EDGEHILL DR	3	2	2	ALEXANDRIA		\$875,000	Detached	0.17	BEVERLY HILLS
904 SAINT STEPHENS RD	4	2	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$875,000	Detached	0.27	SEMINARY RIDGE
16 GLENDALE AVE W	3	2	0	ALEXANDRIA		\$870,000	Detached	0.17	ROSEMONT
1425 JANNEYS LN	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$870,000	Detached	0.62	BALLANTRAE
2813 CENTRAL AVE	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA		\$849,000	Detached	0.23	BRADDOCK HEIGHTS
305 QUEEN ST	2	2	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$849,000	Townhouse	0.03	OLD TOWN
107 MONROE AVE W	5	1	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$840,000	Detached	0.31	N/A
3509 STERLING AVE	4	4	0	ALEXANDRIA		\$830,000	Detached	0.46	STERLING
723 HAWKINS WAY	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$826,000	Townhouse	0.04	OLD TOWN GREENS
715 HAWKINS WAY	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$815,000	Townhouse	0.04	OLD TOWN GREENS
307 FAYETTE ST	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$810,000	Townhouse	0.02	OLD TOWN VILLAGE
5238 BESSLEY PL	4	4	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$803,000	Townhouse	0.04	CAMERON STATION
132 TULL PL	4	3	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$800,000	Townhouse	0.04	CAMERON STATION
5 SUNSET DR	3	3	1	ALEXANDRIA		\$799,700	Semi-Detached	0.10	OLD TOWN
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Past Estate; L-Ferry Landing; R-Mount Vernon Cir;  
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**OPEN SUN!**

5421 Grist Mill Woods Way  
\$825,000

**Modern Home-Magnificent  
Setting!**  
Large colonial with bright,  
open floor plan in prime  
location on 1/2 acre lot  
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Fabulous home with all the  
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**Randy Bender 703.906.1749**

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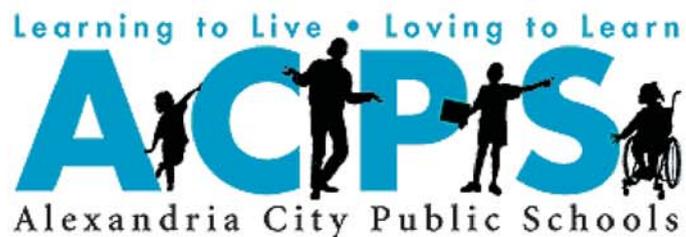
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Congratulations to Principal Suzanne Maxey and all the students and staff.

# Carlyle Club Offers a 1940s-style Night Out

Experiencing that retro supper club ambience.

BY MAYA HOROWITZ  
GAZETTE PACKET

The Carlyle Club seats about 300 for an evening of dancing, dinner and 1940s-style fun in Old Town Alexandria. The supper-club experience starts as guests walk down the red carpet outside of the club.

“How many places can you go to dine and dance in an elegant style?” asks Arlene Hewitt, co-owner of the club. “We are the only facility like this in metropolitan Washington.”

Decorated in 1940s art deco style, the club has dimly lit lamps on each table, retro wallpaper and carpeting and waiters dressed in tuxedos. It is meant to evoke the famous Copacabana nightclub from New York. But it’s not just the décor, the experience, claim the owners, is unique.

“I don’t really know that there is another place like this in D.C. Maybe not even in New York,” said Brennan Reilly, co-owner.

“There’s a fair amount of places to see live music and a number of nice restaurants but there isn’t anywhere to do both,” said Sharon Reilly, also co-owner.

They wanted to create an alternative to standard date nights.

“TV kind of killed the night club. Once you hit 30, it’s kind of dinner and a movie and that’s all there is,” said Brennan Reilly. “[The Carlyle Club] is a substitute instead of dinner and a movie. A live show for really not that much difference in price.”

That price is generally about \$15-\$20 for admission to the show and \$20-\$35 for dinner.

Tracy Goodnough, a patron from Fauquier County, said, “It’s date night — I love it. It’s really hard to find a place that has big band swing music and a certain décor.”

The idea for the Carlyle Club came from the Reillys. They had owned a previous res-



The bar at the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria.



The art deco-style dining room at the Carlyle Club.

taurant that was a 1940s style diner. “In the couple years it took to find a spot it evolved into a night club,” said Brennan.

They opened in October 2007.

The concept for the Carlyle Club has continued to grow and change over time. “We’re not even what we originally thought we would be. We weren’t going to do private events. It’s kind of taken on a life of its own,” said Brennan Reilly. Now, the club does about 50 percent private events, 50 percent shows.

They had also hoped that the area surrounding the night club would be a destination for shopping and restaurants. But at present, the area has a relatively few number of businesses. The parking garage that was built to accommodate customers for the area is now almost exclusively for guests of the Carlyle Club.

“This area was supposed to be like Clarendon,” said Brennan Reilly. “We’re kind of the last man standing ... What saved us is that people find out about our shows online. They don’t just wander in. We’ve found one thing that actually works.”

The club plays “everything but classical and hip hop,” said Brennan Reilly, from jazz to oldies rock to beach music to big band to Motown. Regular performers include Doc Scantlin, Beatlemania and Satin Doll Jazz.

Brennan Reilly said he appreciates it when performers “do more than get up there and sing. They make it a night out. That’s one of the benefits of having such a small venue. That’s ultimately what we try to do here. To make it more fun than just seeing a concert.”

Dancing is encouraged by the staff and performers. “You don’t have to be professionally trained to dance. Everybody can get up and have a good time,” said Sharon Reilly.

They hold charitable events as well as

political fundraisers. “We’re equal opportunity,” said Brennan Reilly. John Warner, Mark Warner and Patsy Ticer have all held events there. “There isn’t anything in the meeting or event area that we can’t do,” said Hewitt.

Although the music is often the focus, the Carlyle Club is, after all, a supper club.

“The purpose is to come here and enjoy the music and have an excellent meal. But you don’t need to be a foodie,” said Sharon Reilly.

The style of food is “American kind of steak and seafood,” said Brennan Reilly.

Meaghan Reilly, the oldest daughter of Sharon and Brennan Reilly, runs the hostess stand. At 16, she has gotten her friends from school involved in the upkeep at the Carlyle Club. She said she likes “the whole atmosphere” and “I like working with the different bands that come here. I get to know them.”

Waiter Joseph Elian echoes her sentiment. “I enjoy every band that comes here ... I love it here. I enjoy every moment of it.”

Ros and Howard Patrick, of Potomac, Md., come at least once a month “because of the dancing and the standard of performance.” Ros Patrick said, “It’s a treasure and people should support it.”

The Carlyle Club is at 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria. Call 703-548-8899. To find out about upcoming shows, go to <http://thecarlyleclub.com/>.



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Patrons dance as Juanita Williams and the Swing Machine perform.



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Arlene Hewitt, co-owner, and Joseph Elian, waiter, at the hostess stand.

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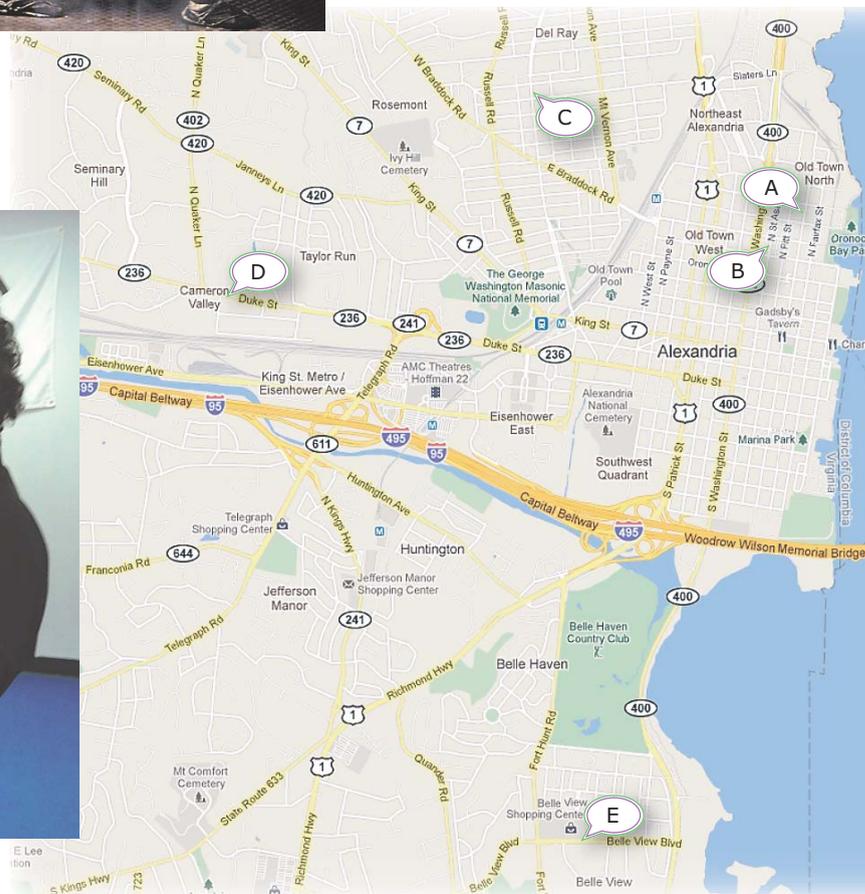
## The Martial Arts

The Wanderer has taken full advantage of the lazy days of summer. His midsection is beginning to look less like the six-pack of yore and more like a super size Slurpee. His young, buff nephew has him convinced that the martial arts will teach him the control and discipline he needs to keep his shrinking edge. Here are a few places he suggested.



Richard Romero, president and founder of Seichou Karate, with 5- and 6-year-old students.

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# ENTERTAINMENT

## NOW THROUGH OCT. 31

**Alexandria Arts and Crafts Fair.** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. every Sunday. Features some of the areas' best artists and artisans and includes jewelry, glass works, ceramics and pottery, hand woven products, and other crafts. At St. George Gallery, 105 North Alfred Street, in the heart of Old Town Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 18

**Healthy Cooking Demo. 7 to 8 p.m.** At Murraygate Village, 7800 Belford Dr., Suite 100, Alexandria. Contact Rhonda Richardson, Program Coordinator, Inova Health System Community Health at 703-698-2516.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 19

**Swing Dancing.** 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is \$4. With the a live band led by conductor Owen Hammett. Open to all. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

## AUG. 19-28

**Alexandria Summer Restaurant Week.** 62 restaurants offer a \$35 prix-fixe three-course dinner or \$35 dinner for two. Savor the flavors of Alexandria's distinctive collection of eateries, from fine dining establishments to casual neighborhood favorites. Participating restaurants include Bastille, La Bergerie, the Grille at Morrison House, Cheesetique, A la Lucia, Tempo, and many more. 703-746-3301. Menus and online reservations on VisitAlexandriaVA.com

## SATURDAY/AUG. 20

**Summer Orchestra Series.** 7:30 p.m. The Marine Chamber Orchestra presents Music of "die Nacht." At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or www.schlesingercenter.com.

**War of 1812: Music and Life in Seaport Alexandria.** Noon to 2 p.m. The Ship's Company Chanteymen will perform songs of the War of 1812 era on the Magnolia Terrace. The concert will be followed at 2:30 p.m. by a conversation with John Carlyle's great-granddaughter, Margaret Herbert Fairfax (b. 1784, d. 1850), the wife of the 9th Lord Fairfax of Cameron. Visitors can explore the schooner Lion, a scale replica of a War of 1812



## SATURDAY/SEPT. 10

**Washington Balalaika Society.** 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20. Presents An Ensemble of Russian folk instruments. At the Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Visit www.balalaika.org. Call 703-549-0760.

privateer ship, which will be parked in front of the museum. Tours of the house will take place from 12-4 p.m. Admission is \$10/adults; \$5/children ages 5-12. At 121 N. Fairfax Street in Old Town Alexandria; call 703-549-2997.

**Focus Music Folk Concert.** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. Nick Annis and Sally Spring will perform at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church in Alexandria. Visit www.focusmusic.org.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 21

**Kenny Sanders Band.** 4 p.m. Donation is \$15. Sponsored by the Committee for Jazz at Meade. At Meade Church, 322 N. Alfred St., Alexandria.

**Family Tour Day.** 1 to 4 p.m. Special tours hosted by Junior Docents who will be stationed at each stop on the tour, including the taproom, bedchambers, ballroom, assembly room and dining room. At Gadsby's Tavern Museum, 134 North Royal Street, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4242 or visit www.gadsbystavern.org.

**Cambodian Day Festival.** Noon to 6 p.m. Free. Classical and folk dances, arts and crafts exhibits, live band, social dances and food and beverages. At Ben Brenman Park, 4800 Brenman Park Dr., Alexandria. Call 703-746-5592 or visit www.cambodiancommunityday.org.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 24

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

**"Three Boys Night Out."** 1:30 p.m. Free. At Hermitage of Northern Virginia, 5000 Fairbanks Ave., Alexandria.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 25

**Elephant Day.** All elephant items will be 25 percent off at Ten Thousand Villages in Old Town Alexandria. In addition, 15 percent of the day's sales will be donated to the International Elephant Foundation.

## AUG. 26 TO 27

**Red Wanting Blue.** 9 p.m. Admission is \$12. At Iota Club, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington. Visit http://redwantingblue.com.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 27

**Fish-Fry and Bazaar.** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fish dinners, chicken dinners, silent auction, white elephant sale, 50/50 raffle, games for children and vendors. At St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 711 North Columbus St., Alexandria. Call 703-836-3725.

## MONDAY/AUG. 29

**Wiygul Golf Classic.** 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A fundraiser for ALIVE! At Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Sign up at Alexchamber.com

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 31

**Author Maria Lima.** 7:30 p.m. Author of "Blood Lines" will introduce her new book, Blood Sacrifice. At Duncan



## SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

**Historic Downspouts Lecture.** 10 a.m. Archaeologist Mark Michael Ludlow will present "The Mid-Nineteenth Century Decorative Cast Iron Downspouts of Old Town Alexandria: Decorative and Functional Architectural Statements of Social Status and Their Connection to the Two T.W. & R.C. Smith Foundries, the Early Hugh Smith Family, and Alexandria's Early Locomotive Manufacturers." At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince Street, Alexandria. To make a reservation, contact Paul Nasca at Alexandria Archaeology at paul.nasca@alexandriava.gov or 703-746-4399.

Library, 2501 Commonwealth Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705.

**"Race to Nowhere."** 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$15/door. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Visit http://www.racetonowhere.com/epostcard/5121.

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

## SEPT. 1 TO 5

**Abbey Road on the River.** Beatles Tribute Festival with 50 bands from around the world. A highlight will be the full reenactment of the soundtrack album LOVE, which was produced as a re-mix of over 130 Beatles songs for the Cirque Du Soleil show. The LOVE concert, presented by Gretsch Guitars, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 8:30 p.m. and feature 34 performers. At the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, National Harbor in Maryland. Also a fund-raiser for the American Red Cross. Visit www.abbeyroadontheriver.com.

## SATURDAY/SEPT. 3

**Alexandria Art Market.** 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The market boasts amazing artwork from local artists, music from multicultural musicians and great food from local restaurants. At Colasanto Park in the heart of Del Ray. Free and open to public. www.TheDelRayArtisans or DRA.AlexandriaArtMarket@gmail.com to apply.

## MONDAY/SEPT. 5

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Director Sue Pinkman listens to cast members express their gratitude for her work.



Actress Mink Stole, right, joins Assistant Producer Rachel Alberts following a cast talk back Aug. 5. Stole starred in the original 1988 John Waters film "Hairspray."



T.C. Williams senior Sam Jones, who played teen heartthrob Link Larkin, is congratulated by his voice teacher Laura Halick.



Stage manager Jennifer Lyman, joined by fellow crew members, parodies the role of Tracy Turnblad following the final performance of "Hairspray" at LTA Aug. 13.

## It's A Wrap! 'Hairspray' closes at LTA

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Cast members Caitlin Jackson, Gardner Reed, Jonathan Faircloth and Larry Gray at the cast wrap party.

The final curtain came down Aug. 13 on "Hairspray," a show many called the best ever produced at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

"Nothing compares to this," said director Sue Pinkman following the traditional parody of the show performed by LTA crew members. "Over 4,000 people came to see this show and none of them expected a show like ours. It's by far the best thing most of us have ever done."

Mink Stole, who starred in the original 1988 John Waters film that inspired the musical, attended



Gina Tomkus and Brenda Parker enjoy the crew parody following the final performance of "Hairspray" Aug. 13.

the Aug. 5 performance.

"The cast was exceptional," Stole said. "It was wonderful being a part of the LTA experience."

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"Movies with a Mission" are free monthly films about Africa and the African Diaspora that seek to inform and inspire dialogue. Screenings will be followed by a discussion and gallery walk. Reservations are requested, as seating is limited. Call 703-746-4356. The following films will be offered:

❖ **Sept. 10 - "The Will to Survive"**

Directed by Al Hawkins, "The Will to Survive: The Story of the Gullah/Geechee Nation" focuses on the last remaining intact Geechee community of Hog Hammock in Sapelo Island, Georgia. It has been called the most authentic African American community in the United States, but today, island villagers struggle to preserve their African culture and American property rights. The film allows viewers a rare glimpse into the soul of Sapelo Island, as well as the proud and mysterious Gullah/Geechee people. (60 minutes)

❖ **Oct. 8 - "From Florida to Coahuila"**

This film from Rafael Rebollar Corona explores the African legacy in Mexico by focusing on Africans who escaped from slavery in the United States and made their way to the Spanish colony of Florida. There they intermarried with the Seminoles and eventually moved into Mexico, gradually integrating that culture. A fascinating exploration of a cultural identity that transcends the constraints of political borders! (50 minutes)

❖ **Nov. 12 - "Standing on My Sisters' Shoulders"**

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❖ **Dec. 10 - "The Black Candle: A Kwanzaa Celebration"**

This landmark, vibrant documentary from M.K. Asante uses Kwanzaa as a vehicle to explore and celebrate the African-American experience. Filmed across the United States, Africa, Europe and the Caribbean, "The Black Candle" is a timely illumination on why the seven principles of Kwanzaa are so important to African Americans today. Narrated by Maya Angelou, it traces the holiday's growth out of the Black Power Movement in the 1960s to its present-day reality as a global, pan-African holiday embraced by over 40 million celebrants. (71 minutes)

Founded in 2002, Atlanta-based SankofaSpirit is dedicated to providing cultural and educational programs and services that focus on Africa and the African Diaspora. Through its programs and services, SankofaSpirit encourages people of African descent to reconnect with their important legacy. For more information, please visit [www.sankofaspirit.com](http://www.sankofaspirit.com).

The Alexandria Black History Museum is located at 902 Wythe Street in the heart of the Parker-Gray Historic District and is open from Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Visit [www.alexblackhistory.org](http://www.alexblackhistory.org) or call 703-746-4356.



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## OPINION

# Senior Services: More Important Than Ever

BARBARA S. ANDERSON, ESQUIRE  
PRESIDENT, SENIOR SERVICES  
OF ALEXANDRIA



**T**he 2010 census data confirms the “baby boomers” are transitioning into retirement in burgeoning numbers. At every stage, we “boomers” have forced changes and strains on communities and governments with increasing numbers, and there is no reason to suspect we will be less demanding as seniors. The coming wave of demand for services has been called the “silver tsunami,” evoking visions of the recent terrible tragedy in Japan. To avoid our own tsunami, the City of Alexandria, nonprofit and faith communities, and concerned citizens must work together to ensure that planning for seniors and related services are

targeted, focused, and available to meet growing needs.

I have the privilege of serving as president of Senior Services of Alexandria this year and leading a board of directors dedicated to at-

tacking the issues we see coming. Following in-depth strategic planning last year, SSA is focused on increasing services to seniors in three areas:

❖ Increasing Meals on Wheels deliveries from five days/week to seven days/week to ensure access to nutritious meals. SSA contracts with the City to administer this program and deliver meals each day. Generous donations have already been received

from the Ron Bradley Foundation, Rotary, Yellow Cab and others to fund meals on holidays and Saturdays for the coming year.

❖ Providing speakers on varied aspects of family caregiving and aging to educate the community about available resources and opportunities. Watch for the speaker series to begin in November.

❖ Operating the Senior Resource Center as a point of contact for seniors, families and loved ones seeking services. This is an outgrowth of SSA's existing program, working in partnership with City agencies, nonprofits, the faith community, and commercial providers.

These goals demand close partnerships with businesses, agencies, nonprofits, religions institutions and commercial providers in Alexandria to avoid duplication of services, ensure services are properly targeted, and protect our citizens. Each of us has networks of friends, colleagues, family

members, neighbors, or vendors we use and trust.

If we combine those networks we can provide a safety net to increase security and maximize the resources available to our citizens. I hope you will join SSA in this goal as a member, volunteer and by attending events! Please call SSA at 703- 836-4414 and ask to speak with Janet Barnett, executive director or Mary Lee Anderson, resource center director.

SSA is partnering with the Alexandria Bar Association to present Senior Citizens Law Day on Saturday, Oct. 15, 9 a.m.-noon, at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St., Alexandria.

Doors open at 8:30 a.m., and a continental breakfast will be served. Come learn from local experts about basic planning options, long term care possibilities, and how to pay for the care you or your loved ones need at this free event.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Community Services Board.

As the father of a person with a developmental disability, I am looking for someone who understands the issues and is willing to listen to the concerns of his constituents. Rob (and Paul Smedberg) stepped forward to sponsor the Alexandria City's declaration of April as Autism Awareness Month. Rob has read the JLARC reports on how Virginia lags behind in its provision of services for our most vulnerable citizens. Most importantly, Rob listens and then acts. I can think of no better person to endorse in this race than Rob Krupicka, which is why I urge you to vote next Tuesday for the one person who understands Alexandria and the needs of its most vulnerable citizens: Rob Krupicka.

**David Cordell**  
Alexandria, Virginia

## Experience Counts

To the Editor:

Here is why Adam Ebbin is my choice for State Senate in the 30th district. Adam Ebbin has a long list of accomplishments and a proven ability to pass bills in the House of Delegates. He has been in Richmond for eight years and he is endorsed by more of members the House and Senate than any other candidate. He was also elected Whip in the House of Delegates, the person who gathers the votes for his party. Adam knows how Richmond works, how to get a bill through committee and he will be able to carry Senate bills over to his old colleagues on the house side and get them passed. He also knows that sometimes you have to work tirelessly year after year to get things accomplished, and Adam will be willing to stay in Richmond to get the job done. Adam has not only worked hard for eight years in Richmond, but he helps other candidates get elected. When he has not had

an opponent he has worked hard to raise funds for other Democratic candidates which has helped keep the Democratic majority in the State Senate. Adam also worked to help elect Jay Fisetto in Arlington, and my mother, Lois Walker, to the Alexandria City Council. For Adam, it is not just about getting himself elected, but about working with others and on behalf of others. He was the first openly gay member of the House of Delegates, and will be the first openly gay member of the Virginia State Senate and was a founder of the Virginia Partisans.

For Adam the State Senate will not be a stepping stone to some higher office, but a place he will work diligently for the next four years to add to his list of accomplished service for Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax. When Adam is asked about an issue, from diversity to taking care of seniors, he can point to a bill he has sponsored or co-sponsored. No other candidate can say that. Adam also knows about our local issues like BRAC, providing transportation solutions, and where things stand on the waterfront. I have walked the Alexandria waterfront with him and know he will work in Richmond to get funding for a waterfront that works for residents and visitors. He will work with Arlington to get the regional transportation solutions we need. And he will work in Fairfax County with Scott Surovell to improve Route 1 to Fort Belvoir. Adam has taken the time to listen, and offer constructive solutions.

These are the reasons I am endorsing Adam Ebbin and urge you to vote for him on Aug. 23.

**Boyd Walker**

## Important Lessons

To the Editor:

The closing ceremony for the Kool Akademy Camp was awesome; it was at-

tended by our city's leaders.

Councilman Rob Krupicka said, “This is a great program that teaches children the set of skills they need to compete in today's world. They're going to grow up to be the next generation of leaders in the state and the country, so we should take very seriously the lessons they learn early in life — we all need to do more to foster an environment conducive for learning in these children's schools and homes.”

Bryan Spoon, outreach director for Congressman Jim Moran said, “Kool Akademy's Youth Leadership Camp is a training ground for our next generation of leaders. It was wonderful to talk with such an engaged, thoughtful and committed group of young people dedicated to improving themselves. The lessons learned at Kool Akademy's leadership camp will serve them for the rest of their lives.”

Gwen Lewis, executive director of CCNA Concerned Citizens Network of Alexandria, said, “I thought it was a resounding success. Col Fannie Allen has a passion for children and it shows. Ms. Etiquette herself came through as the children marched up in the final ceremony dressed as young ladies and young men, poised and speaking with grace. We came together as a community to support our children. Their families were there and they were so proud of their children. If we all network and bring our resources together around our children who need us the most, there would not be an “at promise” child in the city without the necessary support and adults in their lives to assure their future is secure and successful. I'm looking forward to many more wonderful things from ‘Kool Akademy.’”

The Kool Akademy is a way for the young to build a sense of character and self-esteem that will serve them throughout life.

**Geri Baldwin**  
Alexandria

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## DOG DAYS OF AUGUST

### Odes To Dogs

Alexandria is known for its adulation of man's best friend. And so what better way to memorialize and celebrate the canines of this city and of our hearts, than to put such sentiments into poetry. The Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Alexandria's poet laureate, Amy Young, and the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria invited all dog-loving Alexandria residents to write poems about their favorite canine, past or present.

Poems will be displayed throughout August at the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter, at Alexandria's dog parks, and published in the Alexandria Gazette Packet as well as at many businesses.



### A Tribute to Duke

My nephew's dog, my sister raised,  
Duke stayed with her most days.  
Companion, watchdog, loyal friend,  
Illness came quickly in the end.  
Still waiting for him to just appear,  
It has already been a year.  
Still sad. . . will always miss and hold him dear.

— SANDY Y.

### Buster

Funny, goofy, makes me laugh  
Pokey, pokey when it's hot  
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— STEPHANIE SIMMONS

## SCHOOLS

# The Post-SOL Experience — A Real Education

BY CLAIRE M. GIVEN  
LANGUAGE ARTS CHAIR  
GEORGE WASHINGTON MIDDLE SCHOOL 1

**T**he Virginia Department of Education administers the SOEs (Standards of Learning) tests during the first week of June. All curriculum material must be presented and mastered prior to the testing. ACPS students, however, are in school until the third week of June, so, what happens during the remaining two weeks in the school calendar?

There is a lot more to a comprehensive education than what is revealed in textbooks and the classroom. Classroom education takes on a whole new meaning when students are able to make connections between the material in the curriculum, their own lives, their communities, society and the world.

These connections are especially important as ACPS moves into the International Baccalaureate Program, which stresses interrelated lessons, project based learning, and a service culture. Additionally, in a perfect world, families would provide these connective experiences, but not all families have the capacity to do so.

During the school year there is little time available for out-of-classroom learning opportunities. But we know that students thrive on them. Principal Gerald Mann of George Washington Middle School 1, in conjunction with his leadership team, conceived of a unique and what has proven to be enormously successful resolution to this dilemma.

In the Spring 2010, teachers at each grade level were challenged to design out-of-classroom experiences or field trips that would build on classroom teaching and make connections between academic curriculum and the larger world. Over the last two years, with the support of the PTA, parents and faculty, GW 1 students have had learning experiences outside the classroom that they



**Students gather for a photo in the National Air and Space Museum Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center.**

may have never had otherwise.

❖ Sixth grade students have kayaked and canoed on a Potomac River estuary, where they encountered a live ecosystem and its inhabitants. They personally witnessed the damage done by careless pollution and contributed to the clean-up effort. This year, sixth graders also visited the Carlyle House in Old Town Alexandria. The house and gardens allowed students to experience 18th century, pre-Revolutionary life, outside the pages of a Social Studies textbook.

❖ Seventh graders travelled to Philadelphia to visit key historic sites that they had previously seen only in the text or on YouTube. They also participated in an archeological dig, experienced the American History Museum, which brought their classroom studies to life, conducted some forensic science and visited The Sports Barn for individual and team competitions.

❖ Eighth graders began their week with

a trip to The Air & Space museum near Dulles airport, where they viewed an IMAX film on the Hubble Space Telescope, rode a variety of flight simulators and viewed a Space Shuttle, *Enola Gay*,



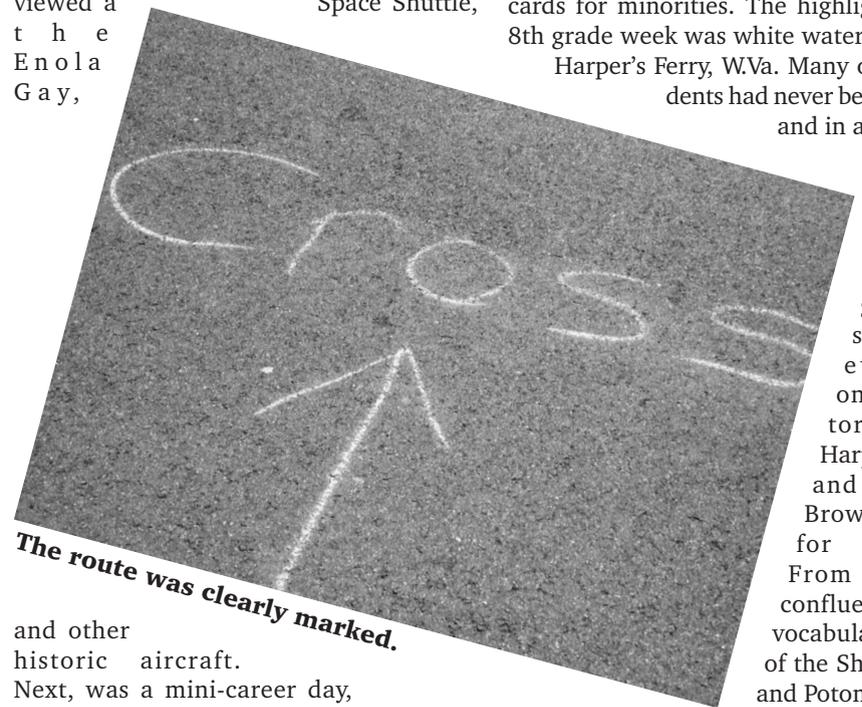
**Jay Seline and Evan Sevillano experience flight in a simulator.**

cards for minorities. The highlight of the 8th grade week was white water rafting in Harper's Ferry, W.Va. Many of our students had never been rafting,

and in addition to providing a lot of fun, the raft guides schooled everyone on the history of Harper's Ferry and John Brown's stand for equality. From the confluence (new vocabulary word) of the Shenandoah and Potomac rivers, students saw the point where three states actually meet. Some fluid dynamics filled out the day.

These two post-SOL weeks were intentionally and creatively crafted to bring relevant and experiential learning to our students who had spent many months working hard in the class. Every activity was designed to enhance curriculum completed during the year, and to provide those real life connections that are vitally important in a meaningful, comprehensive education.

After two pressure filled weeks of testing, would you rather be writing another paper and solving 10 more math problems or taking a walk through the history of your community and floating down a scenic river? I think it's a 'no-brainer!'

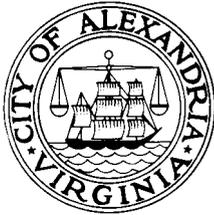


**The route was clearly marked.**

and other historic aircraft. Next, was a mini-career day, with speakers from several fields, who opened new horizons and possibilities for many. They also took a walking tour of Alexandria, based on the theme; Pools, Libraries and Schools: Teen Life in Alexandria Prior to Integration. Many of our students are not familiar with the rich history of Alexandria, nor do they know much about the significant people for whom many of our schools, libraries and pools are named. Each clearly marked stop on the walk featured a history lesson, which tied into the year's Civics curriculum. Students were asked to ponder what it would be like to be denied admission to the local pools, and then possibly drown in the Potomac, because there was no lifeguard. On Queen Street, where Samuel Tucker was born, students recounted his peaceful protest to gain library



**Eighth grade boys get the hang of rafting.**



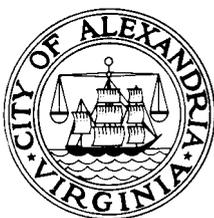
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The following requests have been received for administrative review and approval.

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PROPOSAL TO MODIFY CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AT AN UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST) SITE.

There has been a release from an underground storage tank system at the Former Fannon Petroleum Services Facility, 1200 Duke Street, Alexandria, Virginia. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring Mr. Bill Fannon to prepare a Corrective Action Plan Addendum to address cleanup of petroleum fuel contamination at this site. If you have questions regarding the cleanup, please contact: John P. Diehl, Environmental Consultants and Contractors, Inc., 43045 John Mosby Highway, Chantilly, VA 20152, (703) 327-2900. The Corrective Action Plan will be submitted to the Remediation Division of the Northern Regional Office of the DEQ no later than August 19, 2011. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of the DEQ, please feel free to contact Mr. Randy Chapman of the DEQ at (703) 583-3816 after the date of the Corrective Action Plan Addendum submittal. The DEQ Remediation Division will consider written comments regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan until September 19, 2011, and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is significant public interest. Written comments should be sent to the DEQ at the address listed below. The DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case: PC # 82-0757. Department of Environmental Quality, Remediation Division, 13901 Crown Court, Woodbridge, VA 22193.

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**Successful  
Legislator**

To the Editor:

I am very proud to endorse my good friend Adam Ebbin, who is running for the State Senate to replace the remarkable Sen. Patsy Ticer in the State Legislature. Among folks around this region, I have known Adam probably the longest. He and I became friends during the first week of college at American University. Hard to believe that was the fall of 1981!

I have lived in Alexandria since 1989, which is the same year that by chance Adam moved into Alexandria as well. Through the years, he has worked hard for our community, and I have been so impressed with the job Adam has done representing Alexandria these past eight years in the General Assembly. His firm commitment to the right causes and his ability to work with all kinds of colleagues has gotten results for us and earned him strong praise from many in Richmond.

Adam's successes are many, including passage of a renewable energy bill as well as a bill to protect the elderly from abuse, plus he secured a \$1.5 billion federal government match for Metro improvements. Adam is the only Democratic candidate in this Senate race who has stood up to Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli's destructive ideas. Others may speak about it, but Adam has worked hard in the State Legislature to shine a light on Mr. Cuccinelli's dangerous agenda.

Adam Ebbin has my full and enthusiastic support for the Senate race in the 30th District not only because of our long-standing friendship, but also because I know that Adam has proven that he will deliver for Alexandria. During these tough times, it is critical that we have a dedicated, proven voice for us in Richmond. Please join me in voting for Adam Ebbin on Aug. 23.

**Allison Silberberg**  
Alexandria

**Effective  
Service**

To the Editor:

Many people have asked me why I chose to endorse Adam Ebbin for the Virginia Senate in the 30th district, especially now as we near the election. I planned to stay quiet and not add my voice to the mix — there are three great candidates in this race. I did not endorse Ebbin because he is my col-

league in the House of Delegates; I watched the campaigns closely, considered each candidate's experience, ideas expressed, and communications with voters. I decided to endorse Ebbin because it is the right thing for me to do. I want voters to know that Adam Ebbin has a strong record for fighting for those who do not have a voice, working for quality education for Virginia's children, standing up against discrimination, being proactive to find transit solutions for the region, and continuously bringing new ideas to the table for legislative policy. Adam Ebbin's history of effective service in the House of Delegates is a compelling indicator that he will be just as effective in the Senate.

Richmond is not a monolithic atmosphere dominated by a single political party. The Republican Party has the majority in the House of Delegates and controls the Executive Branch. A Democratic legislator cannot be effective in Richmond unless they know how to work across the aisle without compromising their principals. Not every legislator is successful in finding that balance but Ebbin has demonstrated over and over again that he is able to work with others and keep to his beliefs. When there is an issue that his constituents face, he owns that issue and brings home results. It is important to be able to fervently express your position and fight for your beliefs, but many times in the process of shouting to be heard, we can lose the opportunity to effect real change, even if it is only a small one.

When Ken Cuccinelli issued an opinion stating that Virginia's colleges and universities could not protect members of the LGBT community from discrimination, it was Ebbin who had a personal meeting with Governor McDonnell on the issue.

The Governor then issued a letter prohibiting discrimination against LGBT individuals in state agencies. While there is no bill number related to this action. It happened and voters need to know that Ebbin often works behind the scenes instead of just trying to grab attention.

Ebbin worked with me to push for funding from Richmond for transit and road funding options in the face of BRAC. He worked regionally to address the issue by listening to concerns of residents with me and generating a continuous dialogue and pool of information that people can turn to for information.

Ebbin has made what many thought would be impossible possible. He successfully crafted legislation criminalizing human traf-



**Youths participate in a puppet workshop that addresses issues like bullying.**

**Puppets Provide Lessons**

BY MCKENYA  
DILWORTH-ABDALLA  
NANNIE J. LEE MEMORIAL  
RECREATION CENTER

**T**he Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is up to more innovative programming, having ended its successful summer with the theme of "Let's Go Green!"

For the past two summers, Joblink has agreed to place youth workers in an arts training program where they are responsible for creating and performing skits that discuss bullying and self-esteem. To date, we have had five successful performances around the city performing for eager audiences of five- and six-year-olds. We have performed at Charles Houston, Youth Arts Festivals (2010 and 2011), Nannie J. Lee, John Adams and MacArthur Elementary Schools.

It is important to note that the skits are created by youth for youth and explore different angles and perspectives of bullying. Children get to talk openly about name calling and how it makes them feel. At the end of the puppet theatre work-

shops, participants are urged to make a pledge that is simple: "I will treat others, the way that I want to be treated."

The workers from Joblink are teenagers, starting their first jobs. This is definitely a unique first job to have with being responsible for creating skits that challenge ideas and encourage children and youth to openly talk about issues like bullying and self-worth.

The workers/arts apprentices of the Alexandria City Community Theatre Anti-Bullying Puppet Theatre Workshops this year were La'Naisha Fleming and Kiara Burgess.

They did a good job with learning how to maneuver the puppets and embrace the responsibility of becoming working artists. Keep up the good work young ladies.

I want to thank Joblink's Ms. Pippy and Mr. Fulton for embracing the possibility of having youth do more than what is considered "traditional" for their first jobs.

If you want to book an anti-bullying workshop for ages 5 to 7 years for your church group, school or community group please do not hesitate to contact me at 703-746-5533. We mean to stop bullying, one puppet workshop, at a time.

ficking in Virginia. Ebbin's work on this issue was no small feat. I witnessed Adam work this difficult bill through committee and after its passage, I saw General Assembly members, both Democrat and Republican, praising him for his work on the issue.

The 30th District is lucky to have such a wonderful pool of Demo-

cratic candidates. However, Adam Ebbin's positive campaign, spirit of inclusiveness, and experience in Richmond mean he will be an effective legislator from his first day — and why he gets my endorsement.

**Charniele Herring**  
Delegate (D-46)

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# Titans Look To Build on Successful 2010 Season

**Junior outside hitter  
Whitmire to lead  
TC offense.**

BY JON ROETMAN  
GAZETTE PACKET

**T**he T.C. Williams volleyball team received a glimpse of its capabilities last season when the Titans, under first-year head coach Michael Burch, finished fourth in the Patriot District standings, earning a home match in the district tournament for the first time since 2001.

TC won the first two games against No. 5 Lake Braddock, but the eventual district champion Bruins stormed back to win the next three and take the match.

"Now, from day one next year, they know the work ethic they need, they know the level of play they need," Burch said after the loss. "I think this loss did more for us than any of the wins."

One year later, 73 girls tried out for volleyball at T.C. Williams, with 36 making one of the three teams (varsity, JV, freshman). Burch said the increase in numbers led to more talent in the program, and the Titans have their sights set on once again finishing in the top half of the district, and competing for the 2011 championship.

The growth in player turnout "has translated to probably all three teams being more athletic — that's especially true for the varsity," Burch said after practice on Aug. 12. "... Due to attrition at some other schools and improvement in us ... if we're not top three or if we're not competing for the district title, I think we would be very disappointed."



**T.C. Williams junior outside hitter Kate Whitmire enters her third season as a varsity starter.**

Leading the Titans is junior Kate Whitmire, a 6-foot-1 outside hitter who has started at the varsity level since her freshman year. TC relied heavily on Whitmire last season and the sophomore delivered, earning first-team all-district honors. With another offseason of club ball and conditioning under Whitmire's belt, Burch said she can be a more efficient player.

"Her offseason training regiment is tremendous," the coach said. "She's increased her vertical — touching a basketball rim — she's increased her skill level. She's just in phenomenal shape."

Whitmire said she feels more confident on the floor.

"Freshman year I was scared," she said, "but now I'm more used to it and I can see myself being a leader."

Senior outside hitters Grand Roberson and Zoe Newhouse, and junior outside hitter Sydney Trout also saw significant playing time last season. The trio, along with senior middle Brooke Ninman and junior setter Kelly Dervarics figure to contribute heavily to an improved offense.

"We can talk about Kate being somebody we're going to design our offense around," Burch said, "but this year we don't necessarily need to rely on her."

Senior Sophie Siegel and junior Emerald Taylor-Drummond will compete for playing time as middles. Seniors Emily Morgan and Jennifer Zhu are the Titans' liberos, seniors Elizabeth Schwartz and Mollie Timmons are setters and junior Patricia Brown is a utility player.

TC will travel to Thomas Jefferson for a scrimmage at 7:15 p.m. on Aug. 25 and open the regular season with a home match against Hayfield on Aug. 29. The Titans start district play at home against Woodson on Sept. 26.

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFFT/GAZETTE PACKET

## TC Crew Concludes Summer Rowing Program

**T**he T.C. Williams Crew Team brought its Summer 2011 rowing program to a close on Aug. 6 by holding the Blue Plains Sprints at the Dee Campbell Rowing Center on the Potomac River in Old Town.

More than 50 student athletes participated in this year's summer rowing program, which kicked off on June 27. The goal of the program was to introduce novice rowers to the basics of crew and provide more experienced rowers with additional training to build on the experience they have gained during past rowing seasons. In addition to the student athletes, the program was also open to adult novice rowers from the City of Alexandria and the surrounding area.

The Blue Plains Sprints is the traditional close of the T.C. Williams summer rowing program. Named in honor of the sewage treatment plant on the Maryland side of the Potomac that can be seen — and, depending

on the wind — sometimes smelled from the dock of the Dee Campbell Rowing Center, the Sprints features novice and more experienced rowers squaring off against each other and their coaches in a series of fast-moving 500 meter races down the river. The 2011 summer rowing program was headed by coach and former TC rower Lexye Hearing.

The T.C. Williams High School rowing program is one of the oldest and most successful rowing programs in the United States.

Established in 1947, TC crew involves more than 150 student athletes each year and is recognized throughout the area and the nation for its tradition of excellence. It is also recognized for its world class facilities and equipment, the quality of its coaching staff, and its success in national and international competition. By tradition, TC crew athletes are also outstanding students who are committed to academics.



**Rowers and coaches gather on the dock in front of the Dee Campbell Rowing Center following the 2011 Blue Plains Sprints.**

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### Lil' Titans Youth Flag Football

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the Lil' Titans Youth Flag Football program. This developmental program is for participants ages 5-6. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of Oct. 1, 2011. Teams are formed by recreation districts. Registration fee is \$50. All participants must be resident of the City of Alexandria. Games will be held on Saturday afternoons in September and October. The league is limited to a maximum of 100 registrations. 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) for the registration forms or to register online.

#### SPORTS BRIEFS

### Girls Volleyball Program

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the girls volleyball league for ages 9-14. League age is determined by the age of the participant as of Dec. 31, 2011.

The league is designed to develop the basic fundamentals and further the development of the skilled players. Teams will be formed in the 9-11- and 12-14-year-old divisions. Practice begins mid-September with practices on Sunday afternoons and games on Thursday and Friday nights. The registration deadline is Sept. 9 and is limited to a maximum of 120 participants. The fee is \$30 and participants must be a resident of the City of Alexandria. There will be a weekend clinic for the girls registered on Sept. 10-11.

For more information, call the Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or visit [alexandriava.gov/recreation](http://alexandriava.gov/recreation) for the registration forms or to register online.

### Youth Coaches Needed

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities is currently seeking volunteers to coach flag football, basketball, volleyball, baseball and softball. Criminal history background checks are required. Interested persons should call the Youth Sports Office at 703-746-5402 or email [emai](mailto:emai)



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### Charity Event

Alexandria resident Charlie Holden, center, hosted his annual charity golf tournament at Belle Haven Country Club on Aug. 1-2. Golf professionals in the Middle Atlantic area made up the field, and the event has raised more than \$800,000 in the past 12 years for the Alexandria-based Prevent Cancer Foundation. Tim White, left, PGA director of golf at Chesterfield's Lake Chesdin GC, won the senior division. Bryan Sullivan, PGA director of golf at Kilmarlic GC in North Carolina, won the regular title. The Prevent Cancer Foundation supports cancer prevention research, education and outreach programs nationwide, and has funded the work of more than 400 scientists. See [www.preventcancer.org](http://www.preventcancer.org).

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### Adult Seniors Leagues Arriving

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the senior adult co-ed early morning softball and soccer leagues. The leagues will be for men and women 50 years and older and will be held at the Joseph Hensley Athletic Complex, beginning in early September and running through the end of October. Games will be played mornings starting at 8 a.m. The game days and times will be determined by the number of teams that enter the leagues.

The cost to play in the softball league is \$300 per team. The league will follow the ASA & modified City rules & regulations for coed softball competition. The teams will play a 12-game schedule and the top four teams will make the playoffs. The Seniors softball league will be one division with a maximum of seven teams.

The cost to play in the soccer league is \$450 per team. The league will follow the FIFA and modified City rules and regulations for soccer competition. The teams will play an eight-game schedule and the top four teams will make the playoffs. The senior soccer league will be one division

with a maximum of nine teams. The deadline for registration is Friday, Aug. 26. For more information, contact the sports office at 703-746-5409 or Marvin Elliott at [marvin.elliott@alexandriava.gov](mailto:marvin.elliott@alexandriava.gov).

### Adult Sports Marathon Tournaments Coming

The Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities; Sports Section is now accepting registrations for the adult co-ed softball and soccer "Play Around the Clock" marathon tournaments. The two tournaments will be held at the Joseph Hensley Athletic Complex beginning Friday, Aug. 26 at 11:30 p.m. and running through the weekend until the tournaments are complete.

The cost for the softball marathon is \$125 per team and the cost of the soccer marathon will be \$225 per team. Teams will have a three-game guarantee for each marathon and must submit a tournament roster with payment. First- and second-place awards will be presented. Deadline for registration is Friday, Aug. 19. For more information, contact the Sports Office at 703-746-5409 or Marvin Elliott at [marvin.elliott@alexandriava.gov](mailto:marvin.elliott@alexandriava.gov).

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