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On Parade

Alexandria Town Crier Benjamin Fiore-Walker leads the George Washington Birthday Parade along South Fairfax Street on Monday afternoon, Feb. 20.

Paramedic Laid to Rest

Thousands turn out for funeral of Joshua Weissman.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Public-safety officers from across the country were in Alexandria last week for the funeral of Joshua Weissman, the 33-year-old paramedic who died responding to an emergency earlier this month. Weissman was responding to a vehicle fire when he fell off an overpass on Interstate-395 into Four Mile Run creek.

The funeral featured a procession with dozens of color guard units.

During the service at Beth El Hebrew Congregation Thursday, Feb. 16, Fire Department Chief Adam Thiel described Weissman as a perpetual optimist with a wry sense of humor.

"I know that while we all miss Josh, he lives in all of us," said Thiel. "I know that his purpose beyond all the lives that he saved, beyond all the compassion that he doled out was to help the men and women of our fire department refocus and remember why we are all here."

He was also remembered as a top-notch technician who was constantly pushing

the department to innovate. That spirit was evident in his final hours as he clung to life at the Virginia Hospital Center in Arlington.

"I'm sure that Josh was looking over everybody's shoulder critiquing every single bit of care that he received," said Thiel.

Alexandria Fire Department Chaplain William Coates remembered Weissman as hard worker who saw a job through.

"When he knew that he had done all that he could do to get the patients to the primary care physicians, Joshua would go grab a popsicle, get on the back of an ambulance and reward himself with a job well done," Coates said.

EMS supervisor Kelsea Bonkoski described Weissman as a talented storyteller.

"He always made us laugh from the bottom of our hearts," Bonkoski said. "He is not here to do that now. So it is up to us to pass on his stories. No worries, Joshua. We'll take it from here."

Weissman was buried at Ivy Hill Cemetery, which has a memorial to fallen firefighters.



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More than 100 pipers from the Emerald Society Pipes and Drums play Amazing Grace.

A Scattered Dream

Block by block, 1940s-era public housing is being demolished.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

For more than half a century, the Parker Gray neighborhood has been home to blocks of public housing. Today, the densely packed garden apartments are being demolished. Block by block, row after row, the 1940s-era public housing is vanishing. It's the end of an era in Alexandria, where city leaders have now fully embraced the concept of "scattered site" public housing — essentially mixing market-rate units and public housing in the same block instead of concentrating poverty into tight blocks of crime and despair.

Because of a city ordinance known as Resolution 830, all of the public-housing units that were once located here are being replaced — a one-for-one ratio city officials are legally bound to follow. About half of them will remain in the neighborhood, which is now known as Old Town Commons. Others will be replaced else-

where. Although federal officials were once eager to create new housing units after World War II, that era has drawn to a close.

"The goal is to enlarge the reservation," said former City Councilman Ira Robinson in the early 1970s when Resolution 830 was created. "The goal is to get people off the reservation and throughout the city."

Forty years later, Robinson's vision is finally becoming reality. But it hasn't always been a smooth transition. The city's first large-scale experiment with scattered site housing is in North Old Town, where blocks of public housing previously known as the Berg were replaced with a development known as Chatham Square. Last summer, residents in market-rate housing complained about a growing sense of lawlessness in the neighborhood, charges that prompted cries of racism from many of the public-housing units. Police issued statistics showing minimal crime, but the Alexandria

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ARHA director Roy Priest, left, and chairman Melvin Miller in one of the market-rate units at Old Town Commons. A demolished block of public housing is visible through the windows.

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Planning without Rezoning

This weekend, members of the Alexandria City Council are set to conduct a public hearing on an ordinance officially incorporating the controversial waterfront small-area plan into the city's master plan. Significantly, council members will *not* be considering the most controversial part of the plan — a zoning change for three sites slated for redevelopment that would more than double density compared to what's there now. That part of the plan has been put on hold as the Board of Zoning Appeals considers two challenges to the rezoning and the Alexandria Circuit Court considers another.

"To some extent, the zoning helps implement the vision of the plan," said Deputy Planning Director **Karl Moritz**. "So it's important to have the zoning in place when a development proposal comes forward."

That could be as early as this fall, say city planners. Washington-based Carr Hospitality is already preparing plans to redevelop a site known as the Cummings warehouse. Although the small-area plan approved by City Council members last week would increase the zoning from the existing 71,000 square feet to 187,000 square feet, that zoning change is now in limbo. That means that the developer could be restrained to the previous zoning of 125,000 square feet unless all the challenges are dismissed.

"Passing the plan without the rezoning is a meaningless gesture," said **Katy Cannady**, one of the plan's most vocal critics. "One without the other really doesn't work, which is why they were originally presented and voted on together."

The Board of Zoning Appeals is expected to take up the two appeals in April, although those could be appealed to the General District Court. And the Circuit Court case has yet to be docketed for a specific date.

Tall Tales

Alexandria resident **David Lee Parker**, 50, wasn't all that he made himself out to be.

For example, he was never a diplomat, despite the fact that he talked his girlfriend into giving him more than \$90,000 to relieve him of an employment contract with the French government. And he didn't have any significant background in intelligence or national security, although that didn't stop him from gaining access to National Security Administration databases. He also took out fake credit cards using the names of his elderly grandmother and grandfather as well as his own teenage daughter. And then there were the two investors he duped out of \$120,000 in a fraudulent scheme to open a Hard Times Café in Europe.

It all came crashing down for Parker this week. On Tuesday, he pled guilty in federal court to a six-count criminal information charging him with several different fraud schemes during the last six years. He faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison on the access device fraud, 20 years on the wire fraud counts, mandatory minimum sentences of two years on the aggravated identity theft counts and five years on the fraud in connection with the computer hacking count.

Sentencing is scheduled for May 23.

East Meets West

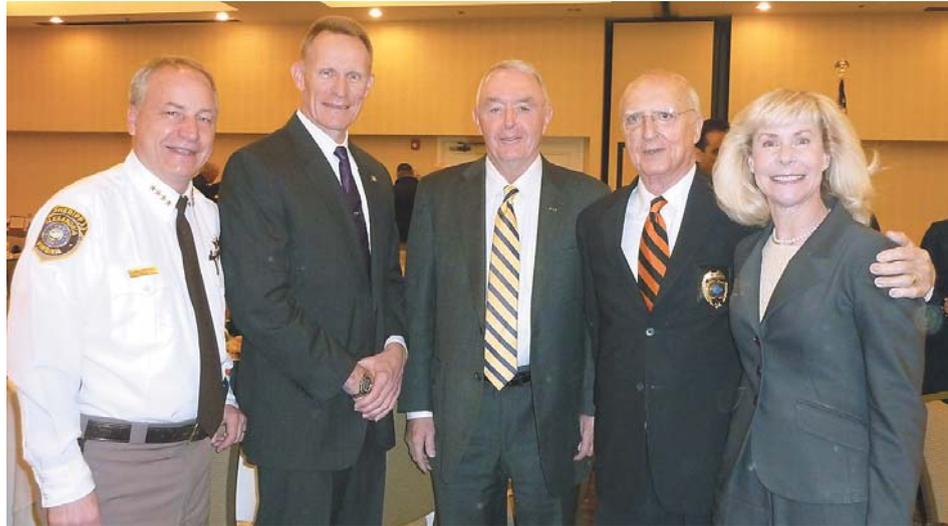
Alexandria is a city that clings to its colonial history. This weekend, members of the Alexandria City Council will be considering a different kind of colonial legacy as members consider a special use permit application for Bombay Curry Restaurant on Mount Vernon Avenue.

Bombay was the name British gave to the capital of India. Now that colonialism is no longer in vogue, the city has taken to calling itself Mumbai. But the legacy of Bombay is still around, of course, in Bombay Sapphire Gin and Bombay Curry Restaurant. Since 1994, the restaurant has been located at the Calvert building, which is now slated for demolition. This weekend, council members will consider a permit allowing the restaurant to open a few blocks south.

"As if living in Del Ray wasn't almost perfect, I've often mentioned in passing that I wish we had an Indian restaurant within walking distance," wrote **Wendy Maines** in a letter supporting the application. "The more dining and ethnic options Del Ray can offer its residents and tourists, the better off we'll all be."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

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Sheriff Dana Lawhorne, Tom Trobridge, Gen. Barry McCaffrey (ret.), the Rev. George Pera and Chief Judge Becky Moore.

McCaffrey Addresses Friendship Veterans

Patsy Ticer receives distinguished service award.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association held its annual breakfast Feb. 20 at the Holiday Inn and Suites in Old Town in the traditional kick-off to the city's George Washington Birthday Parade celebrations.

Highlighted by a keynote address by Alexandria resident Gen. Barry McCaffrey (ret.), the breakfast featured the presentation of the Rev. Ben Lynt Distinguished Service award to Patsy Ticer.

"Never in my wildest dreams did I expect this," said a surprised Ticer. "My contributions are minimal compared to what so many others are doing in our community."

In addition to McCaffrey, Don De Haven as Gen. George Washington and Fire Chief Adam Thiel addressed the crowd.

"The last 10 days have been the worst and best of

my life," Thiel said. "The loss of Joshua Weissman was unimaginable but at the same time I am proud of our department and how we all pulled together in the spirit of brotherhood throughout all branches of city government."

McCaffrey spoke on the current state of U.S. national security to a crowd of dignitaries that included Gen. Bruce Scott (ret.) and his wife Mary, whose father Gen. Richard Tallman was the last general to be killed in action in the Vietnam conflict.

"America has never been safer in our country's history," McCaffrey said. "No power, economic or military, represents a significant threat to the United States."

McCaffrey closed his remarks by noting that America remains a beacon to other nations.

"We are still admired as a nation around the world," said McCaffrey, who added with a laugh that his own Irish parents came to America through Ellis Island. "Look at them. They were drunk and they did OK."

Reconfiguring City's Public Housing

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Gazette Packet revealed that he statistics were incorrect and, in many cases, misleading.

"We had some apprehension because we heard about what happened last year," said Joey Burgess, who moved into Old Town Commons in May 2011. "But we were assured that all the residents will be screened before they can move in."

The juxtaposition of low-end residents and high-end townhouses is supposed to create a rising tide of opportunity. Ideally, the concept is supposed to work both ways. Public-housing residents are supposed to learn from their market-rate neighbors and vice versa. Meanwhile, the persistent problems with crime caused by concentrating public-housing units in one place are supposed to disappear as the city adopts a new philosophy.

"The best part of this is that nobody can ride by here and tell which ones are the public-housing units and which ones aren't," said Melvin Miller, chairman of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority.

Two of the five blocks have already been built, and the first block is already fully occupied. Redevelopment plans call for construction to take place over the course of a decade. The development is a joint project of the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority and Eakin Youngentob for a "mixed-income community" on an 8.49-acre site. The plan calls for removal of 194 old units, replacing

them with 379 new units. That includes 134 public-housing units and 159 market-rate townhouses and 86 market-rate multi-family units.

"The economic viability of this project depends principally on two sources of financing: the land value of the market-rate units which in turn is dependent upon their marketability and tax credit financing," wrote EYA cofounder Terry Eakin and ARHA chief executive officer Roy Priest in a letter in support of the development special-use permit.

Because of Resolution 830, 60 public-housing units must be replaced somewhere else in the city. Although the original plan was to move all 60 units to Glebe Park, that number was later reduced to 44 units to provide workforce and market-rate units on the Old Dominion portion of Glebe Park. Last year, City Council members authorized \$3 million to purchase condominium units for the remaining 16 units. Since that time, the public-housing authority has purchased 10 condominiums, five townhouses and one single-family house that will now be used as public housing.

"You really wouldn't be able to accomplish something like this almost anywhere else," said Priest during a recent tour of Old Town Commons. "We were able to do this because the land values here are so high."

City officials say the redevelopment of James Bland presents a rare opportunity to reclaim five blocks within the urban fabric that were lost with the intro

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What's in a Name?

Behind the Vola Lawson Animal Shelter.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

For 15 years, she served as City Manager and knew in advance the details of every item that was scheduled to come before City Council. So for Vola Lawson, that one City Council meeting back in 1999 took her by surprise.

"As we were working through the agenda one night, [then mayor] Kerry Donley moved to take a vote on an undocketed item," Lawson said. "I was absolutely stunned when the motion was being made to name the new animal shelter after me."

At the time, the city's animal shelter consisted of a run-down facility on Payne Street. A passionate animal lover ever since childhood, Lawson was spearheading the

fundraising drive for a new facility that would eventually open in 2002 on Eisenhower Avenue.

"My earliest childhood memories are of me being walked around the yard by our German Shepherd Fritz," said Lawson, who continues to serve on the board of directors for the Animal Welfare League of Alexandria. "I've always loved both cats and dogs and am honored that the facility has my name on it."

Lawson and the board are preparing for AWLA's second annual Mardi Growl fundraiser, to be held March 2 at National Airport.

"We have more than \$32,000 worth of auction items this year," Lawson said. "The night is great fun and an opportunity to raise money to help the animals in need at the shelter."



Former City Manager Vola Lawson with her Jack Russell Terrier Jack in Market Square in 2007.

Lawson still wields considerable political influence in the city and praised the efforts of current elected officials.

"We are very lucky to have a City Council and delegation to the General Assembly that are animal-friendly," Lawson said. "And I love working with such a hard-working board of community leaders that are dedicated to the welfare of animals."

For Pets From Paradise, Alexandria Is Heaven

Adoption opportunities for kittens in need.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

The U.S. territory of St. Croix is a Caribbean paradise. A rolling sea surrounds lush beaches, the climate is warm year-round and there are few crowds. The same island features that make for an amiable habitat for humans, however, are disastrous for local animal populations.

A warm climate leads to an overabundance of puppies and kittens, and with a population of only 50,000 there are not enough homes to go around. As a result, approximately 95 percent of the estimated 3,500 island cats are euthanized.

"Many of the stateside shelters have rescues nearby or in other states that will help relieve the high intake of their pets. Since we are on an island, we do not have that luxury," said Melissa Pieffer, adoption and rescue coordinator with the St. Croix Animal Welfare Center, in an email exchange.

According to Pieffer, while many shelters in the continental states can have thousands of rescues per month, on the island of St. Croix there are only 400 adoptions per year.

That's where animal rights activist and local author Allie Phillips steps in. On a trip to St. Croix nearly three years ago, Phillips heard of the dire problems facing Pieffer and the local shelter. Determined to help, Phillips brought a local Siamese back to Alexandria through the island's Pets from Paradise program.

"The cats from St. Croix are gorgeous, they have a unique Siamese look but they need homes," said Phillips. "I learned there was no organization that transported the



Susie is one of 35 cats who have found a home in the mainland thanks to the King Street Cats partnership with the St. Croix Pets from Paradise program.

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ALLIE PHILLIPS

"They have some difficult days on the island, but it gives them hope knowing the cats have a chance."

— Allie Phillips, author of **"Defending the Defenseless"** and volunteer with **King Street Cats**

cats from St. Croix to the mainland, so I started my own."

Phillips, who volunteers with the no-kill animal shelter King Street Cats in Alexandria, has been active in the St. Croix program ever since that first successful adoption of an island feline. To date, the Alexandria partnership has helped 35 cats from St. Croix find homes in the mainland.

"Every story has been a success. A couple of times a year we will check in with updates and photos to send back to St. Croix," said Phillips. "They have some difficult days on the island, but it gives them hope knowing the cats have a chance."

Established nearly 10 years ago as a way to save island shelter animals, the Pets from Paradise program encourages visitors to escort an animal back to the mainland after a stay at St. Croix. The island's shelter provides the necessary paperwork, and pays

the transport fee. Once visitors return to the mainland they are greeted by stateside partner organizations, and the animal is taken to a no-kill shelter before finding a permanent home.

Although the island has partner organizations in 15 states and the District of Columbia, Alexandria is currently the only location where cats are taken in. From King Street Cats the felines can find a home locally, or are sent wherever there is a shortage of animals. In some regions of the United States, such as New England, spaying and neutering programs have been almost too successful and cats are in demand.

While attempts have been made to spay and neuter the St. Croix population of dogs and cats, including free and discounted programs, few on the island have taken advantage of the services.

"We also have a huge issue on our island with animal neglect, abandonment, cruelty and abuse, which we are working very hard to change," said Pieffer in an email exchange. "It's all about educating the youth and the public."

Thanks to the efforts by King Street Cats and other partners, the Pets from Paradise program has seen a significant increase in adoptions year-by-year. According to Pieffer, in 2009 120 pets were saved, and in 2011 nearly 275 pets found homes through the rescue efforts.

Public Housing

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duction of public housing in the 1940s. Though the new structures will be larger than the old garden-apartment style buildings, planning officials say the approved site plan follows the principles of traditional Parker Gray townhouses. Residences face the streets with small front yards and doors that open directly onto the streets to create an active streetscape, although almost all of the existing trees will be eliminated.

"Unfortunately, the proposed redevelopment requires significant underground work for the infrastructure and will necessitate the removal of all the trees," according to a report on the redevelopment by planning officials. "One large 36-inch oak tree located at the rear of St. John Baptist Church will be protected and saved."

LATE LAST YEAR, City Council voted to approve a major change to the part of the redevelopment that faces Patrick Street. Previous plans for the block in question, which faces the east side of Henry Street between First Street and Montgomery Street, called for a large multi-family building that mixed market-rate housing with public housing. After council members approved the original design in 2008, the investors decided they wanted a separate building for the market rate units.

"They're interested in protecting their investment," explained Miller as he was exiting the council chamber after the vote.

The revised plan approved Saturday has three buildings instead of one, two public-housing facilities without elevators and one separate market-rate building that will be much more high-end. The unscattered-site housing development will need to apply for tax credits in March, so council members were facing a time crunch to approve the amendment on Saturday. But that doesn't mean they were thrilled with the proposal. Councilman Paul Smedberg said the revised plan watered down the architecture by moving toward something city planners call "warehouse vernacular."

"There's nothing of interest at all on these buildings," said Smedberg. "I'm sick of always having to compromise on architecture."

Meanwhile, a few blocks east, EYA and ARHA leaders say there's a lot of interest in what's happening on the blocks where the James Bland public housing complex was. Recent sales of the market-rate units have exceeded expectations, and the first block is already fully occupied. The second block, which was recently completed is selling now.

"They're selling like hotcakes," said Miller, beaming as he took in the view from one of the market-rate units third floor terrace. "Basically, we're benefiting from bad decisions that were made in the 1940s and 1950s."

Seminary Chapel Campaign Raises \$10.8 Million

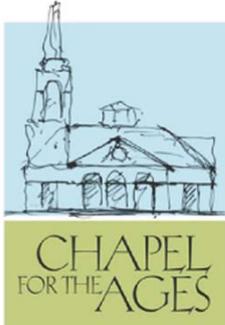
Additional funds still needed to replace chapel.

BY MICHAEL MCMORROW
GAZETTE PACKET

Allowed to start a 100-yard dash at the 80-yard mark confers a mighty advantage on the racer. So it is with the Virginia Theological Seminary. The public — and final — phase of the Seminary's "Chapel for the Ages" campaign is beginning. Of the \$13 million needed, \$10.8 million has been raised.

Sixteen months ago, the 1881 Immanuel Chapel on the Hill was destroyed by accident in a fire. Efforts began immediately to replace what many call "the heart of the Seminary." Decisions were made on where to build, which architects to engage and what design would best serve today and in the days to come. Fundraising began, too. Some donors were asked to contribute and others stepped forward without waiting to be asked.

Last week a campaign was launched for support from the general public and other friends of the Seminary. The goal is \$2.2 million, enough to reach the full cost of construction. The Very Rev. Ian S. Markham,



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dean of the Seminary, led the proceedings. He observed that each generation is faced with challenges, but each should be welcomed as an opportunity. A gift to assure success of the current fundraising effort, he urged, "is our opportunity to meet a challenge and build for the next century and beyond."

Mayor William D. Euille recounted the meaning of the fire-ruined chapel to local citizens. Its steeple was visible from afar, both as a landmark and a reminder of what the Seminary stood for. The new chapel, he said, will serve the same purposes.

Directing attention to artist renderings and a model before him, Grant F. Marani, partner in Robert A. M. Stern Architects, explained the concepts soon to be embod-

ied in brick and stone. Susan L. Shillinglaw, director of communications, introduced a video inviting the public to participate in the campaign.

"I am so grateful," said The Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV, vice president for institutional advancement, when asked about the fundraising success to date. His explanation was simple: With so many good people in the world, merely showing the need prompts a generous response.

The current campaign must not be allowed to become selfish or inward-looking, advised The Most Rev. Frank T. Griswold III, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church. Each gift toward the new chapel, he said, "itself should be tithed to build elsewhere in the broad reach of the Church." He commended



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The Rev. J. Barney Hawkins IV and Rosa Maria Colina, associate with Robert A. M. Stern, Architects

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The Mesothelioma Foundation staff in front of their historic office building (c. 1808) on King Street in Old Town. From left are Mary Hesdorffer, Kristin Siebeneicher, Melinda Kotzian, Jessica Barker, Kathy Wiedemer and Erin Maas.

They Focus on 'Orphan' Disease

Malignant mesothelioma appears in 3,000 cases annually.

BY MICHAEL K. BOHN
GAZETTE PACKET

Malignant mesothelioma is a tumor found in the lining of the lungs, heart or stomach. Exposure to asbestos causes mesothelioma. It lies dormant and asymptomatic within people for as long as 50 years before it erupts. Once diagnosed — 3,000 cases annually — the disease is always fatal.

In 2010, the National Cancer Institute invested \$7 million in mesothelioma research, compared to \$632 million for breast cancer, \$270 million for colorectal and \$44 million for kidney cancers. The world abounds with "orphan" diseases; mesothelioma is one of them.

Alexandria resident Kathy Wiedemer is trying to halt the inexorable tide of mesothelioma suffering. She is the executive director of the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, which has its headquarters at 1317 King St. in Old Town.

"The foundation is the primary national nonprofit organization aimed at helping patients and funding research," said Wiedemer. "Prior to 2004, there was no approved treatment for mesothelioma, but we have helped develop two drugs that briefly extend survival time beyond the usual eight to 12 months. We are urgently seeking more therapies."

Surgery can aid about 15 percent of patients, but even those victims will die within three years.

The foundation, created only 11 years ago, uses a board of experts to screen and select proposals for peer-reviewed research on the disease and possible treatments. Since 2000, it has awarded nearly \$8 million in grants to support innovative and promising studies around the world.

Further, the foundation offers one-on-one medical

consultations to patients and their families, coordinates support groups and sponsors an annual mesothelioma symposium. The third major foundation initiative is advocacy for mesothelioma within the federal government. Because of the long history of asbestos use on naval ships, the foundation convinced the U.S. Department of Defense to help underwrite research.

After joining the foundation two years ago, Wiedemer organized the move of the foundation from Santa Barbara, Calif. to Alexandria. "Our board of directors wanted us to be closer to the National Institutes of Health and federal sources of research funding," she said.

Wiedemer is veteran development director and chief executive officer in the nonprofit healthcare field. She has been a senior manager at two hospital foundations in Florida, the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center at Georgetown University, the National Parkinson Foundation and American Society of Clinical Oncology Cancer Foundation. She first lived in Alexandria in 1998.

"My two sons attended Georgetown University, and when my husband and I visited them we fell in love with Old Town," she said. She and her husband Peter, a sales executive, own a home on Oronoco Street.

The foundation sponsors the annual International Symposium on Malignant Mesothelioma, with this year's meeting scheduled for July 12-13, 2012 in Washington, D.C. The symposium is a three-day conference for the entire mesothelioma community, including patients, their families, caregivers and advocates.

For more information on mesothelioma and the Mesothelioma Applied Research Foundation, visit www.curemeso.org. Bear in mind that Googling "mesothelioma" in search of medical information and resources will also yield dozens of websites associated with lawyers offering advice to victims.

"We really need volunteers to help with event planning and coordination, letter-writing campaigns and fundraising," Wiedemer said. "There is a 'Volunteer' tab on our website's home page."

Local Man Charged In Terrorism Plot

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Federal agents arrested a 29-year-old man residing in Alexandria last week for attempting to detonate a bomb in a suicide attack on the U.S. Capitol Building as part of what he intended to be a terrorist operation.

The Department of Justice describes the suspect, Amine El Khalifi, as an immigrant from Morocco who is "illegally present in the United States." The criminal complaint filed in the Eastern District of Virginia charges El Khalifi with attempting to use a weapon of mass destruction against property that is owned and used by the United States. If convicted, El Khalifi faces a maximum penalty of life in prison.

"The complaint filed today alleges that Amine El Khalifi sought to blow himself up in the U.S. Capitol Building," said U.S. Attorney MacBride in a written statement Friday. "El Khalifi allegedly believed he was working with al-Qaeda and devised the plot, the targets and the methods on his own."

El Khalifi had been monitored by the FBI Washington Field Office's Joint Terrorism Task Force as part of an undercover operation. The explosives and firearm that he allegedly sought and attempted to use had been rendered inoperable by law enforcement and posed no threat to the public.

"Today's case underscores the continuing threat we face from homegrown violent extremists," said Assistant Attorney General Lisa Monaco in a written statement. "Thanks to a coordinated law enforcement effort, El Khalifi's alleged plot was thwarted before anyone was harmed."

COURT DOCUMENTS show that a confidential human source reported to the FBI in January 2011 that El Khalifi met with other individuals at a residence in Arlington. During this meeting, one individual produced what appeared to be an AK-47, two revolvers and ammunition. The documents say El Khalifi expressed agreement with a statement by this individual that the "war on terrorism" was a "war on Muslims" and said that the group needed to be ready for war.

"This individual allegedly followed a twisted, radical ideology that is not representative of the Muslim community in the United States," said FBI Assistant Direc-

tor in Charge McJunkin. "He became known to the JTTF because of his stated desire to carry out attacks in the U.S., specifically, the U.S. Capitol building.

When El Khalifi sought to be associated with an armed extremist group, the affidavit alleges, he was introduced by a man he knew as "Hussien" to an individual named "Yusuf," who was, in reality, an undercover law enforcement officer. Throughout December 2011 and January 2012, federal prosecutors say, El Khalifi proposed to carry out a bombing attack. His proposed targets included a building that contained U.S. military offices, as well as a synagogue, U.S. Army generals and a restaurant frequented by military officials.

"This arrest is the result of dedicated special agents, task force officers and intelligence analysts from the FBI and our partner law enforcement agencies that make up the JTTF," said McJunkin.

PROSECUTORS SAY El Khalifi handled an AK-47 during meetings with the undercover officer and indicated his desire to conduct an operation in which he would use a gun and kill people face-to-face. On Jan. 7, 2012, the agent known as "Hussien" informed El Khalifi that he was an al-Qaeda operative. El Khalifi allegedly discussed the possibility that his planned bombing of the restaurant would be followed by a second attack against a military installation to be conducted by others who El Khalifi believed to be associated with al-Qaeda. The affidavit alleges that El Khalifi understood that his attack on the restaurant would be part of an al-Qaeda operation that would include both his restaurant bombing and the attack against a military installation.

On Jan. 15, 2012, according to the affidavit, El Khalifi modified his plans for his attack. Rather than conduct an attack on a restaurant, the document says, he wanted to conduct a suicide attack at the U.S. Capitol Building. That same day at a quarry in West Virginia, as a demonstration of the effects of the proposed suicide bomb operation, El Khalifi dialed a cell phone number that he believed would detonate a bomb placed in the quarry. The test bomb detonated, and El Khalifi expressed a desire for a larger explosion in his attack.

He also selected Feb. 17, 2012, as the day of the operation, according to the affidavit.

An Eminent Choice

Voters to decide eminent domain as amendment passes General Assembly.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

This fall, voters across Virginia will be confronted with a hotly debated amendment to the Virginia Constitution that seeks to limit the ability of local governments to use the power of eminent domain. According to various sides of the debate, the measure would either be a disastrous move that would drastically increase the price of transportation projects, an empty measure that's intended to appeal to voters or a bold way to prevent local governments from abusing the power of eminent domain.

"Voters tend to view eminent domain negatively," said Jeff Skelley, political analyst with the Virginia Center for Politics. "So delegates and senators who voted for it probably just gave themselves a little more cover."

The lopsided nature of support for the effort in the General Assembly certainly speaks to the political popularity of being seen as tough on eminent domain. The state Senate approved the amendment 23 to 17, and the House of Delegates passed the measure with an 80 to 18 vote. Essentially, the amendment would allow business owners to

seek damages from local governments if they could prove that property taken under eminent domain resulted in a loss of profits or loss of access, the definitions of which are laid out in a separate bill now working its way through the General Assembly. Although many feared that the implementation could allow lawsuits for something as simple as removing a left turn lane, the legislation outlining how it would work is crafted very narrowly to focus on actual land being taken. Nevertheless, some say the final version would create a hardship for the Virginia Department of Transportation.

"It's not as bad as it was, but it is still a very troublesome piece of legislation and should not have passed," said state Sen. Barbara Favola (D-31), who voted against the amendment and the implementing legislation. "I think it's going to be very challenging for VDOT to be able to acquire private right-of-way to put into public use without paying an incredibly inordinate amount of money."

THE DEBATE ABOUT eminent domain snapped into the public conscious back in 2005 when the U.S. Supreme Court issued a 5-4 decision in *Kelo versus City of New London*. The majority in that case ruled that the government taking of property from one



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/THE GAZETTE

Last summer, city officials in Alexandria announced they were considering taking some of the land owned by the Old Dominion Boat Club through eminent domain. They later backed down, although the constitutional amendment could have made the process more difficult.

private owner to give to another for economic development constitutes a permissible public use under the Fifth Amendment. That ruling created a massive backlash, including 2007 legislation in the Virginia General Assembly that defined "public use" in a way that narrowed how eminent domain could be used in the commonwealth.

"This is legislation that closed the Kelo loophole, but every year people come to Richmond and try to weaken it," said John Taylor, president of the Virginia Institute for Public Policy. "That's why a constitutional amendment is necessary."

Taylor and other supporters began working years ago to set the pieces in place for a constitutional amendment to Virginia's Constitution. Last year, the effort was given preliminary approval by the House and Senate. But because the way the amendment process works in Virginia, the text of the amendment had to be approved again the next year with an intervening election. Now that identical text of the amendment has been approved for a second time, the amendment is on the way to Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell.

"The right to own property was codified by our founding fathers and is a part of what makes up the fabric of our nation," said Jeff Caldwell, press secretary to the governor in an email response to questions. "Ensuring that individual property rights are protected, maintained and not threatened by government use for non-core services was part of the governor's agenda this year, along with Republicans from the General Assembly."

Supporters say the effort is aimed at ensuring that property owners are compensated if they are subjected to eminent domain. Opponents say the amendment could cost the state an extra \$100 million each year by making transportation projects more expen

IN SESSION

A Divided Delegation

Alexandria's Senate delegation is divided on the King's Dominion Law, the 30-year-old mandate that prevents school systems from opening before Labor Day. Sen. **Adam Ebbin** (D-30) is against the restriction, and he introduced legislation earlier in the session to undo the limitation.

"I feel strongly about local school divisions having autonomy," said Ebbin, who represents the city's east end.

Ebbin's bill died in the Senate Education and Health Committee in late January. One of the votes against Ebbin's bill was cast by Sen. **George Barker** (D-39), who represents the city's west side. Now that the Senate Education and Health Committee is set to take up the House version, the senator is being lobbied heavily to change his vote. But Barker says he's sticking by his guns on this vote because he wants to make sure the Virginia's business community remains strong.

"The objective here is to provide the best education we can for our students," said Barker. "And if we don't have the revenue to do it, we're not doing our job."

Local school districts across Virginia have tried to change the law for years, although with little success. Many thought this might be the year for a breakthrough when Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell** identified the issue as one of his top priorities for the session during his annual State of the Commonwealth speech.

"Local communities can best balance their teaching and calendar needs with the important concerns of local tourism and business," said McDonnell during his annual state of the commonwealth address. "They know their situations far better than Richmond."

Supporters say they only need to change two votes on the Senate Education and Health Committee.

Eye of Beholder

How valuable is the governor's Task Force on Local Mandate Review?

During a discussion of the task force last week, Democratic Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley** took aim at the group, criticizing the group for spending a whole lot of time doing not all that much. After Republican Councilwoman **Alicia Hughes** explained that the group considered about 600 unfunded mandates and made recommendations on about 40, the vice mayor struck.

"Pretty low batting average," he quipped. "You hit that kind of batting average, you're not playing in the major leagues."

Donley said that the group accomplished little more than creating a smokescreen, describing the goal as merely to be a campaign plank than a serious government reform. Unsurprisingly, **Hughes** took objection to Donley's suggestion that the task force was doing "a whole lot of nothing," citing the savings accomplished by the task force to local governments.

"If you're got a \$60 million price tag to local governments, and it's been reduced by \$15 million, I'm not exactly going to call that nothing," said Hughes, citing the savings in fiscal year 2014. "I will not call that a waste of my time, I will not say that's rhetoric, and I will not say that's government not working."

Adopting Discrimination

One of the more aggressive conservative moves of the new Republican majority in the General Assembly has been to authorize licensed, state-funded foster care and adoption agencies to discriminate in making services available to children and prospective parents. The "conscience clause" would permit child placement agencies to create arbitrary disqualifying guidelines based on written religious or moral convictions or policies. Disqualifying characteristics of the child or potential adoptive parents could include religious affiliation, marital status or sexual orientation.

"The bill is far-reaching in the type of discrimination it allows," said Sen. **Barbara Favola** (D-31). "The fact of the matter is almost any reason could be used to discriminate, and the only protections that will remain will be federal protections against discrimination on the basis of race, color or nation of origin."

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

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LIVING LEGENDS

2012 Living Legend of Alexandria: Lillian Patterson

A life devoted to making a difference.

BY SHERRY WILSON BROWN

Volunteer. Historian. Educator. Wife. Mother. Activist. There is no one noun to describe fourth-generation Alexandrian Lillian Stanton Patterson, nominated to be an Alexandria Living Legend by her daughter, Marilyn Patterson, and Volunteer Alexandria Executive Director Donna Walker James.

The eldest of seven children, Lillian was Dr. Oswald Durant's first Alexandria delivery when she was born at the family home in the Uptown community (now the Parker-Gray Historic District) on the northeast corner of Oronoco and Henry Streets, 1021 Oronoco Street. Sadly, their home which housed both the Gray/Stanton family and Gray & Campbell's Funeral Directors, her maternal grandfather's mortuary business, no longer stands. Her father, Reverend N. Howard Stanton, was a pastor at Ebenezer Baptist Church before serving 50 years as pastor at Nazareth Baptist Church in Orange, Va. Her mother, Esther Gray Stanton, was a teacher, as was her maternal grandmother, Lillian Curray Gray.

Lillian's siblings still live in Alexandria or nearby and their reunions can attract 60 or more family members. Her first ancestor, Nace Stanton, was brought to this country as a slave in 1779, married, and had one son. Nace was sold again, separating him from his wife and son. His son Garland's freedom was eventually purchased by his free wife. Lillian's great-grandmother, Annie Brannon Curray, had four brothers who were sold away. Unfortunately, they and their possible descendents have never been traced.

In the segregated years of Lillian's public education, when African American students never had the benefit of new school books, she did not allow that obstacle to deter her from graduating from Parker-Gray High School in 1944 and receiving a BA in social studies from Storer College in Harpers Ferry, W.Va. in 1950. She also did graduate work in sociology at American University and in early childhood development at UVA's Northern Virginia extension.

Lillian met and married the late Edward Lloyd Patterson who was music teacher and assistant principal of Parker-Gray High

School until it was dissolved, then principal of Parker-Gray Middle School. He retired as director of staff relations and student activities. Together they raised two daughters, Marilyn, who now owns Joyous Events, LLC, an event management business in Alexandria, (where Lillian often works) and Valerie Patterson Connors who lives in Owings Mills, Md. Marilyn has one son, who has made Lillian a great-grandmother, and Valerie has two sons.

She and her husband led a busy civic and social life, often attending several formal events a month. Lillian enjoyed sewing and often made her evening gowns for these occasions as well every day clothes. She made her sister's wedding dress and cotillion dresses for her daughters and several nieces. One cotillion dress was such a hit that a few years later another niece wanted a dress just like it. Lillian found similar material and made a copy to everyone's satisfaction.

LILLIAN STARTED her years of service to this community at Shiloh Baptist Church as a young child. Her strong spiritual foundation was the springboard that opened the door to a history of over 50 years of impassioned involvement in the City of her birth. Lillian volunteered her time and sought opportunities to broaden her exposure. She did not just join organizations, she took an active role in them.

Despite the busy period while her daughters were growing up, she became a charter member, treasurer, and then vice president of the Alexandria-Mt. Vernon Chapter of Jack & Jill of America. She remained an active member (1965-1985) until her second daughter graduated from T.C. Williams High School. In addition, in the 1960s as Alexandria was learning to deal with the demands of desegregation, Lillian became a positive agent of change, serving on the boards of the Human Relations Council (1965-1967) where she worked with Episcopal Theological Seminary students to develop a tutoring program and with the League of Women Voters (1965-1981) to plan legis-



PHOTO BY NINA TISARA

By example, Lillian Stanton Patterson shows that a life of service makes a difference.

lative forums to inform voters on candidate issues.

Her interests then led Lillian to serve on the board of directors of the Alexandria Community Health Center (1975-1979) where she was chairperson. While on the board of directors at the Alexandria Commission Y, she was a Heather Chairperson. In 1977, Lillian was invited to join the Alexandria United Way Board and until 1983 served on the Membership and Allocation panels for the Washington Metro Area United Way. Twice between 1980 and 2009, she served as president of the Seminary Civic Association. This led to a 2004 invitation to join the board of directors of the Seminary Hills Association, a position she still occupies.

By example, Lillian shows that a life of service makes a difference. One example is her joining the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau (now Volunteer Alexandria) in 1990. The one office she did not want was secretary but when the incumbent resigned mid-term, Lillian agreed to take the job until they could find a permanent replacement. She went on to serve in that capacity for nine years but her time on the board was an opportunity to learn more about the importance of volunteer service and how to engage more people in volunteerism as a lifestyle choice.

IN 1995, Lillian, joined the Project Discovery Board of Directors and used her talents, influence, and resources to help financially students that are the first in their families to go to college. Through her involvement with Project Discovery, she continues

to encourage students to pursue the educational dreams that will positively impact their futures.

History has always interested Lillian and she serves as historian for Shiloh Baptist Church where she spearheads a committee that is writing the rich history of this 150 year old African-American congregation. Her professional life included serving as a curator at the Alexandria Black History Museum from which she retired in 2010 and where she continues to volunteer for special projects.

Lillian is a tireless leader. At a time in life when many of her contemporaries are just watching others work in the community, she continues to be active in shaping Alexandria's legacy. She is a guest host for Comcast Community focus segments produced by Hoop Academy and is a member of the Ad Hoc Naming Committee at Charles Houston Recreation Center formed to ensure that prominent African-American com-

munity leaders are properly remembered. Lillian also supports the Concerned Citizens Network Association by sharing Alexandria and local African-American history with Hammond Middle School students to encourage more interest in the city they call home.

She is on the Board of Harambee Community Development Corporation which created Beasley Square affordable housing for seniors.

Through the years she has been recognized by numerous agencies for her tireless contributions with such awards as the Outstanding Community Service Award (United Way National Capital Area); Community Service Award (Hopkins House); Community Service Award (Alexandria NAACP); Women-to-Women Making a Difference Award (Alexandria Commission on Women); and Generation to Generation Award (Alexandria Senior Services).

She does occasionally treat herself to "down time." She just finished reading Condoleezza Rice's autobiography ("very interesting") and she enjoys listening to smooth jazz, easy listening, and gospel, but "not necessarily in that order." TV mysteries are a special treat with *Matlock*, *Murder She Wrote*, and *Perry Mason* reruns particular favorites.

Lillian Stanton Patterson, now an octogenarian, enjoys Alexandria and willingly works with those who are moving and shaping its policies. She demonstrates how to live in a way that makes a difference.

So while there is no one word to describe Lillian Patterson, two words very accurately and deservedly do: Living Legend.

Living Legends: The Project

Now in its sixth year, Living Legends of Alexandria is an ongoing 501(c)(3) photo-documentary project to identify, honor and chronicle Alexandria's Living Legends. The project was conceived by Nina Tisara to create an enduring artistic record of the people whose vision and dedication make a positive, tangible difference to the quality of life in Alexandria.

Platinum and Gold sponsors this year are the Alexandria Commission for the Arts, Club

Managers Association of America, Dominion Foundation, Erkiletian Real Estate Development, John McEneaney in memory of Ginny, Renner & Company, CPA, P.C. and the Rotary Club of Alexandria.

This is one of a series of 12 profiles that will appear this year. For information, to volunteer, become a sponsor or nominate a Legend for 2013, visit www.AlexandriaLegends.com or contact Nina Tisara, AlexandriaLegends@ninatisara.com.



A Hammond Middle School student adjusts the tuning pegs on her cigar box guitar as part of the ASF building program.



An ASF building program student carves out the frets in his cigar box guitar.



A participant in the ASF building program at Hammond Middle School marks off the spaces between frets on his home-made cigar box guitar.

COURTESY PHOTOS

Birth of the Blues ASF, Hammond students team up to build guitars.

Twelve Hammond Middle School students stood before their teachers, classmates, School Board members and administrators Feb. 1 as they gave a musical performance using their own hand-crafted cigar box guitars. As a result of an after-school program sponsored by Alexandria City Public Schools and the Alexandria Court Services Unit, several middle school youth proudly displayed the culmination of

four months of work building their instruments.

Led by the Alexandria Seaport Foundation, the program is part of the ASF Educational Boat Building Program, which uses nationally recognized hands-on teaching techniques to assist students with various building projects.

Staff and volunteers from ASF worked with the group one day per week in cooperation with Matt Cupples, Career and Tech

Ed teacher at HMS. The guitar project was part of an afterschool program that also included the construction of model boats and skate boards.

Curtis Blues, DC Solo Blues Artist of the Year, also worked with the students in an effort to bring the arts alive for them.

"You should see the looks on their faces when I hand the kids back their guitars after I have tuned them," Blues said. "When the instruments sound like real music ...

they light up with pride."

Blues kicked off the concert with a brief history of the various genres of music, followed by a performance of his own.

A similar ASF program is underway at George Washington Middle School. For more information on the Alexandria Seaport Foundation's educational programs, call 703-549-7078.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

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OPINION

Looking Ahead Despite Disappointments

BY ADAM P. EBBIN
STATE SENATOR (D-30)

The 2012 General Assembly has passed “Crossover,” when each house must complete action on all of its legislation that is to “cross-over” to the other body. Nine of my bills have passed the Senate and will now be considered by the House of Delegates:

❖ Virginia Preschool Initiative Local Grant Program - SB 261

RICHMOND REPORT Would create a grant program to improve training for preschool educators, create and expand classrooms, and help ensure preschool education for the children of veterans.

❖ Microenterprise Investment Grant Program - SB 262

Would create a grant program for individuals who make an investment in a microenterprise; including a “green” microenterprise, or one located in an underutilized business zone, up to \$12,500.

❖ Child Abuse - SB 265

Would add athletic coaches and directors to the list of persons required to report child



abuse. (Passed Senate as part of SB 239.)

❖ Prenatal Medical Coverage - SB 568

Would provide prenatal care to legal immigrant women, preventing extremely costly neonatal care for infants.

❖ Solitary Confinement Study- SJ 93

Directs the Crime Commission to study the use of solitary confinement by the Department of Corrections.

❖ Human Trafficking Information for Public Schools - SB 259

Would require the Board of Education to provide training materials for local school divisions on strategies to prevent human trafficking of students.

❖ Asbestos Worker Safety - SB 482

Would require the Virginia Board for Asbestos Inspectors to administer, or supervise the applicant exam for an asbestos work license. Workers would be provided with written safety guidelines and instructions for reporting violations. Principals of firms that have been in

violation would be prohibited from being principals of new asbestos remediation firms. (Senator Favola, Co-Sponsor)

❖ Bicycle Safety - SB 264

Would forbid automobiles and trucks from following bicycles too closely.

❖ Fairfax County School Board Elections- SB 581

Would allow the Fairfax County School Board to stagger the terms of their members.

While I am pleased with the progress of most of my legislation, I am disappointed that two bills in particular were defeated. My legislation prohibiting discrimination against foster and adoptive parents did not pass. In fact, a bill to specifically allow discrimination against applicants — including prospective LGBT parents passed. Another bill to outlaw discrimination in public employment was also defeated.

Disappointed, but not defeated, I will continue to stand up and fight for our progressive values.

If I can be of assistance with a state government matter please e-mail District30@Senate.Virginia.Gov or call 571-384-8957.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you in the Virginia Senate.

Building Windmills, Transforming Communities

BY MORTON SHERMAN, ED.D.
ACPS SUPERINTENDENT

I was amazed and inspired when I read “The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind: Creating Currents of Electricity & Hope,” written by Malawi-born author William Kamkwamba with journalist Bryan Mealer. I shared the book with our principals this summer as we met to prepare for the new school year. The principals shared my enthusiasm for the inspiration that William’s story offers and we left our meeting prepared to share this story and inspire our school community to build and create their own windmills — sources of change and hope.

In his book, William shares the story of how he achieved his dream of bringing electricity, light, and the promise of a better life to his family and his village. It started with a bicycle dynamo—basically, a pedal-powered wheel that generates light. This taste of electricity (a luxury enjoyed by just two percent of Malawians) filled William with a desire to create his own. Before long, his scientific curiosity sent him on a quest to build a windmill. Besides dealing with all sorts of financial obstacles and technical difficulties, William had to become a self-taught physicist, overcome local superstitions, and withstand being mocked for his “crazy” ideas. Through reading at his village’s library, William gained the knowledge that would help him transform his community and his life.

On Friday, March 23, William will spend the day in Alexandria and bring his inspiring message of hope, accomplishment, and transformation to our community for the ACPS Community Read event. Co-sponsored by the City of Alexandria, Alexandria Library, and the Alexandria PTA Council, this event will provide

a venue for William to share his message with students, parents, and members of our community and will provide an opportunity to promote literacy and reading among our families and community. Our eighth-graders and our ninth-grade engineering students will all read and discuss the book in class and will have an opportunity to meet as a group with William on the morning of March 23 for an enlightening book discussion. Our elementary schools each have copies of William’s children’s book with wonderful illustrations that have inspired a division-wide art contest. In addition, a student from each elementary school will have the opportunity to ask William questions during a taped television studio session that afternoon. Finally, the entire community is invited to spend the evening of March 23 with this phenomenal author and inventor to hear his presentation about his book and his journey. The evening event will be held at T.C. Williams High School in the auditorium at 7 p.m.

William remains an inspiration for us all as he continues his education at Dartmouth College. I believe everyone can learn something from his story. I hope you will listen to our

students when they tell you about the boy who built a windmill from their class discussions, help them create art that represents the hope of what William brought to his village, read the writing prompts being worked on in class, and most importantly read and discuss this book with your child and others.

Please join in the Community Read and be inspired to continue to support reading among our youth. Encouraging reading is encouraging learning. Students who are excited about learning are limitless in reaching their full potential. We can only imagine what windmills they will build, what hope they will bring to the world, and how they will help transform our global community. We are excited to have William visit our community and to extend our thanks to this phenomenal young man for serving as an inspiration to so many. The Community Read event is the kick-off for the Alexandria Library’s All Alexandria Reads event. Please join in and check out, pick up, or download a copy of this book and most importantly share a copy with a child. You may contact your neighborhood school or local library for more information about our Community Read event.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Prompt Action, Good Work

To the Editor:

I am writing to commend the City of Alexandria’s Office of Environmental Quality for its prompt response to a concern I passed along to them this past Wednesday, Feb. 15.

That morning, I was walking my dog in the Chinquapin woods, like I do every week-day just before dawn. On this particular

morning, I came across several large pools of sludge that were on one of the main trails running along the stream in the woods. Above the trail, at the bottom of Kingston Avenue where it dead-ends at the woods, I also noticed a pick-up truck, a pile of pipes, and a storage tank.

I called the Office of Environmental Quality a short time later to say it appeared someone might be illegally dumping something into the woods. A very nice lady took my

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sive. It's a debate that has created difficulty by some lawmakers. Sen. George Barker (D-39), for example, voted for the amendment last year in an effort to strip out language adding the ability of property owners to seek interest on top of the loss of profits and loss of access. This year, he voted against the bill, which he says he opposed all along.

"It's nowhere near as bad as the proposal that came out of committee last year," said Barker. "But it still has very significant negative con-

sequences in terms of cost, and it's also something that would be very difficult to change."

The implementing legislation may have undercut at least some of the opposition. Now that the ability of businesses to collect for an action not involving land acquisition, the thrust of the amendment is now aimed squarely at cases that involve actual condemnation. Because existing law is already clear on how that works, some have interpreted the implementing legislation unveiling the effort as a naked attempt to capitalize on a politically popular

issue.

"If this determination is being made, it seems to me that it somewhat negates the need for a constitutional amendment," said Alexandria Vice Mayor Kerry Donley. "Is the constitutional amendment intended to be a politician's brochure?"

"I'm shocked that anyone would even raise the fact that we might pass a political measure," responded state Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34), who voted in favor of the amendment. "Frankly, I think the impact will be minimal."

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My mixed-breed dog, Nora was in the Pet Gazette edition in the summer of 2010. At that time she was being treated for a cancerous bump on her nose. I am happy to report that she is healthy now. Shortly after that we adopted a black shepherd named Annie, who was rescued by my big-hearted petsitter, Millie. Annie is the youngest 10-year-old dog I know. Here is a photo of them in guard duty position on the living room couch. Nora is on the left, and you can see the white/grey fur that grew in where her nose was burned from radiation therapy.
— Georgann Meadows



First-time pet owners Thomas and Matthew Haymes of Alexandria chilling after school with their guinea pigs, Goldie and Guinea.



Pomeroy, a 13-year-old rescued Pomeranian, lives in Old Town. After spending 7 years in a puppy mill, he now enjoys spending his vacations at the beach in Duck, N.C.
— Shari Bolouri, Alexandria



Francesca Barboza with Shamrock at the Outer Banks, N.C. in September 2011.



In photo (from left): Michael McJury, Bobbi and Derrek McJury. Bobbi, the family's wired-hair fox terrier, looks adoringly at her uncle, Derrek McJury. As a pup, she ran circles around his shoulders. Young Michael McJury, looks at the camera knowing he's the only one that comes near to keeping up with her on the run.
— Terry Ann Darcy, Alexandria



Shamrock, Ash, Bea, and Mojo (Boxer) at a Virginia Greyhound Adoption Meet and Greet at the Potomac Yards Petsmart (September 2011) with owners Michael, Alan, Charles and Merrie.



Francesca Barboza with Ella (adopted from Virginia Greyhounds Adoption) at the Outer Banks in September 2011. Owners are Charles Stulb and Carol Tan of Alexandria.

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Our young cat Cannoli, enjoying the new rug, at about 2 years old. — Brian Marquis, Alexandria



Collin Marquis, 16, with dog Guinness, 7.5 years old, and Cannoli the cat, 2.5 years old. — Brian Marquis, Alexandria



Alexander Ritsch, 10, and his dog, Reilly, a chocolate lab, who loves to play fetch in the ocean. — Bob and Tricia Ritsch, Alexandria



Lou Lou Maybelline Knebel of Old Town takes a break from her afternoon walk and relaxes in front of the old ice house on S. Lee St. — Amy Knebel, Alexandria

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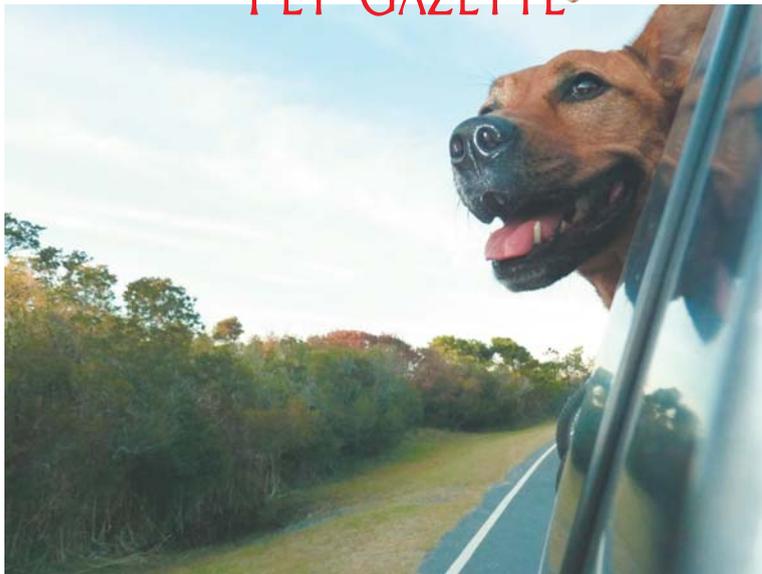
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Ceci hangs her head out of the window of our minivan as we arrived in Assateague National Seashore, Md. Ceci just turned 7 years old and is a Rhodesian Ridgeback and Boxer mixed breed. We adopted her from the Arlington Animal Welfare League in 2005.

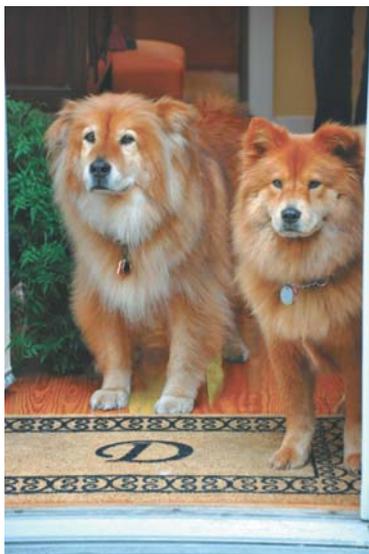
— Joscelyn Silsby, Mark, Wilson and Gabo Caicedo, Alexandria



Thomas Haymes of Alexandria and his new best buddy, Goldie.



Ella Turner and Scotch enjoy some smile time at home on Summers Drive.



Mars (left) and Luna visit in a friend's garden here in town. Both are chow mixes and rescues. Mars was found in a barn south of Charlottesville and Luna was rescued from a hoarding situation in Lancaster, Pa. They are sweet and lovable dogs; we enjoy strolling the parks in Old Town. — Tina Lamoreaux



My furry kids and me across the street from Buddy and Hunter's favorite place to explore — Oronoco Bay Park along the banks of the Potomac. — Marcy Covarrubias, Alexandria



This is Cooper Frank and me. He's 9 weeks in this photo — a little bigger now. We're Founder's Park veterans. We got Cooper from the Gap View Kennel in Broadway, Va., near Harrisonburg. — Grady Frank, Alexandria.



Bernadette the cat, adopted from the Animal Welfare League in Alexandria, has also joined the family. — Georgann Meadows, Alexandria



Tyty: My mom rescued me from a kill shelter in Kentucky. She bribed a lady to drive me to West Virginia and she met her there to pick me up! I live with a collie, Bails, and the true rulers of the house, two cats, Kiez and Razz-L-D. I am so happy here and keep my mom amused on a daily basis. And I say 'Hi' to anyone that passes! I just love doing that! See? I told you I was lucky!!



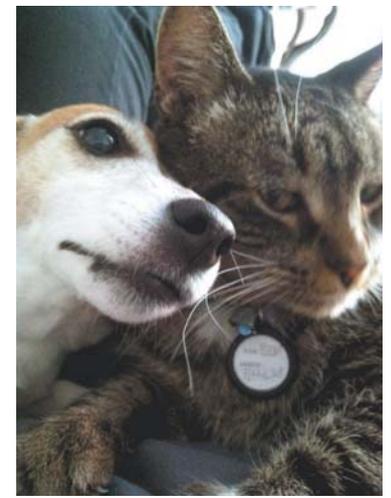
Willy and Brendan Griffith (age 12) at the beach in Bethany Beach, Delaware during the summer of 2010. — Anne Barsanti Griffith, Alexandria



Our Lab mix Guinness in Holmes Run Park, 7 years old, June 2011. — Brian Marquis, Alexandria



Percy & Clare Williams: Percy came to us by way of a family who moved to a place that did not allow pets. He has a forever home with us. He loves our daughter Clare most of all, even overcoming his dislike of water to jump in the tub with her. He knows he is funny too. — Maureen & Mark Williams, Alexandria



Hunter and Oscar: This is the 'love' part of a love/hate 12-year relationship. — Marcy Covarrubias, Alexandria



Otis takes his seat by the window in anticipation of an afternoon ride in the car. — Louise Krafft



New family member - almost! One evening a while back, Cat Cinco wandered into the room looking extremely weird. His mouth had black smudges on it, and he had what looked to be a black pencil hanging from his chest. Looking more carefully, I saw that the pencil was wriggling and had 4 tiny appendages, so I took a facial tissue and picked it off of him. It was a partially live skink with part of his tail missing (thanks to Cinco). Yech. I do understand that skinks are "good guys" and eat bugs; however, I wish I'd met him some other way! — Susan Dawson, Alexandria

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Tapping into the Beer Market

Great Lakes Brewery expands to N. Virginia.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Great Lakes Brewery of Cleveland, Ohio, is set to enter the Northern Virginia market with an ambitious agenda of tap takeovers and samplings across the region. With a suite of gold medal awards in the lager, porter and ale categories, area beer aficionados can hardly wait for a chance to fill their glass.

Rustico will host a tap takeover of Great Lakes beer at both the Arlington and Alexandria branches on Feb. 27. The Monday evening event will feature all five of the top standards including Commodore Perry IPA, Burning

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— Lauren Boveington, a spokesman for Great Lakes Brewery

River Pale Ale, Edmund Fitzgerald Porter, Eliot Ness Amber Lager and Dortmund Gold Lager.

“It’s a great opportunity to showcase the five styles all at once,” said Lauren Boveington, a spokesman for Great Lakes Brewery. “We’ve always had plans to continue growing in the area, people have been begging us to cross the river.”

Great Lakes entered Washington, D.C. in July of 2010, and the reception from a market known for its sophisticated taste in beer has given company officials encouragement to expand.

Demand persuaded the company to make significant investments in the Cleveland-based brewery, which recently completed a series of expansions that has allowed for a doubling of capacity.

With a wide area of coverage, however, including markets in 13 states, Great Lakes had to choose strategically where to best develop. At least one reason for selecting Northern Virginia was the sheer number of area residents from Ohio who want a taste of home

“There’s a lot of hype surrounding the launch,” said Boveington. “A lot of Cleveland transplants are excited, especially in Arlington and Alexandria.”

“It’s a big deal, when you think of beer in Ohio you think of Great Lakes,” said Attiya Mahmood, an Arlington native who studied in Ohio. “My Ohio friends are very excited, it’s exciting to get a piece of home over here.”



COURTESY OF GREAT LAKES BREWERY

Five award-winning brews will be on tap this week as Great Lakes rolls into Northern Virginia. Great Lakes has two beers in the lager category, including Eliot Ness Amber and Dortmund Gold. Eliot Ness Amber is named after the prohibition era officer made famous by the film Untouchables, while Dortmund Gold is humbly named after the sheer number of gold medals it has received from the world beer championships.

Great Lakes Rollout Events

The Ohio-based Great Lakes Brewery will roll into the Northern Virginia market with a week of special events that include samplings at area beverage shops and tap takeovers at local bars. Rustico in Arlington and Alexandria will hold a dual event on Feb. 27 with all five award-winning brews on tap. For a complete list of area events visit greatlakesbrewing.com



The St. Patrick's Day Parade will be Saturday, March 3 at 12:30 p.m.

Seven A Cappella Groups to Compete At the Harmony Sweeps Festival

Seven A Cappella groups, three of them local to the area, will compete at the Birchmere on Saturday, Feb 25, at the region’s premier A Cappella event: the Mid-Atlantic Regional Harmony Sweeps A Cappella Festival Competition.

Groups competing this year will be: Epic, Faithful, Glorious, GQ, Keystone, Loose Interpretations, and TBD. They come from a variety of backgrounds but all share one common bond — a love of A Cappella music. They include music teachers, jazz singers, government workers, a farmer, church musicians, scientists and engineers, New Yorkers, former members of college A Cappella groups, and a former Miss Maryland.

Three of the competing groups are local:

❖ Epic — Four fun-loving young ladies with backgrounds ranging from barbershop, jazz and opera, who love harmony. They are members of Harmony, Inc, an international organization of women barbershop harmony singers;

❖ Faithful — A composite of richly talented musicians coming together from Richmond and D.C., from diverse churches and spiritual persuasions. They sing gospel music with a jazz influence; and

❖ TBD — A contemporary A Cappella group styled after professional A Cappella groups such as Rockapella and Da Vinci’s Notebook. They are members of Alexandria’s award-winning barbershop chorus, The Harmonizers, but as TBD perform a wide array of genres from traditional A Cappella standards to current radio hits.

31st Annual Alexandria St. Patrick’s Day Parade

The 31st Annual Alexandria St. Patrick’s Day Parade will take place on Saturday, March 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the heart of Old Town Alexandria. The parade will start at the corner of King St. and Alfred St., and proceed East down King St. to the corner of King St. and Lee St.

“Our Alexandria St. Patrick’s Day Parade falls very early in March this year, and we know it will be a wonderful way for the thousands of spectators who view the parade every year to kick off their celebrations of Irish American Heritage Month,” said Pat Troy, Ballyshanners Chairman and Parade Master of Ceremo-

nies.

This year’s parade will be lead by co-Grand Marshals Tom and Melinda Mooney, who are the proprietors of the Murphy’s Grand Irish Pubs in Alexandria, Washington, D.C., and Virginia Beach. The Mooneys are long-time supporters of Irish-American activities in the Northern Virginia area.

As always, the parade will feature more than 100 units, including groups celebrating their Irish heritage, marchers from the military services, Irish dancing schools, bagpipe bands and other Alexandria community groups.

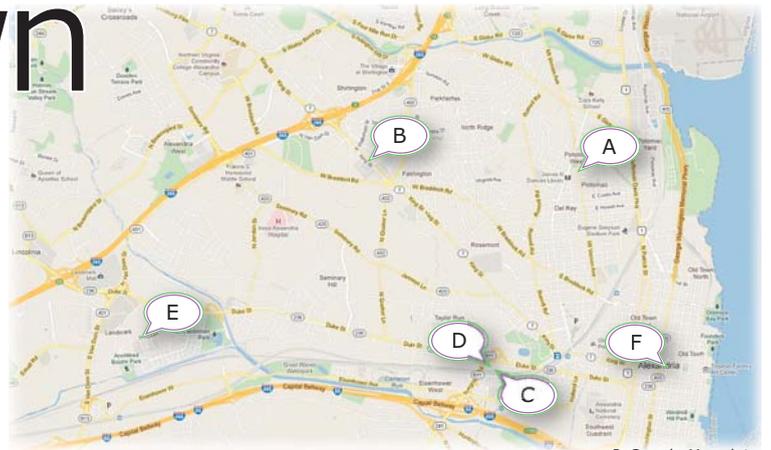
In addition to the parade, festivities will include a Classic Car

Show, held on Pitt St. between King and Cameron Streets beginning at 10 a.m., and a Fun Dog Show held in Market Square, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

All events are free to the public. Parade organizers suggest using Metrorail to the King Street Metro stop, and walking 10 minutes East on King Street to the Parade Route.

All events are sponsored by the Ballyshanners – Gaelic for “Old Towners”. A not-for-profit group, the Ballyshanner’s goal is to promote and preserve Irish heritage through sponsorship of the Alexandria St. Patrick’s Day Parade and the Alexandria Irish Festival, held every summer.

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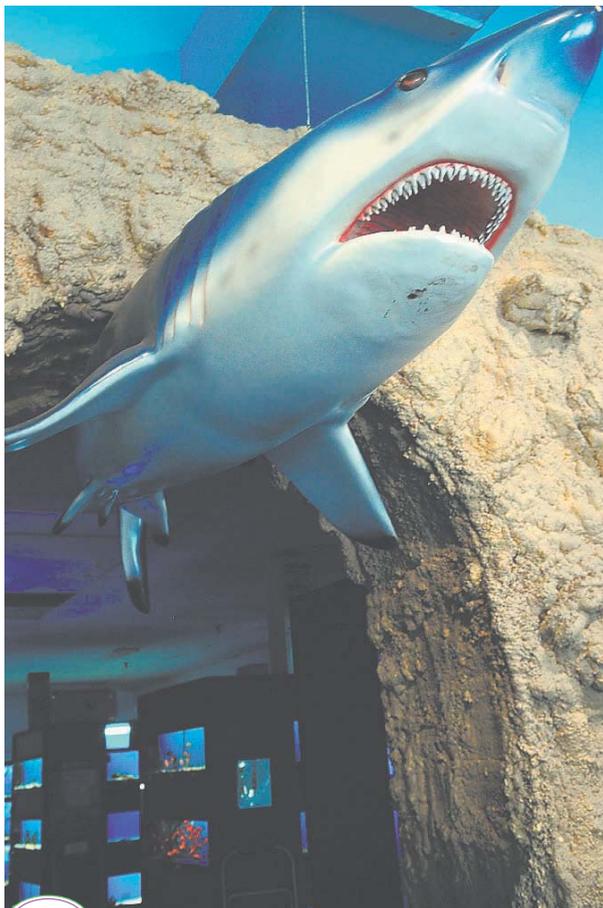
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FINE ARTS

NOW THROUGH MARCH 4

Gallery West Presents. The 15th Annual National Juried Fine Arts Competition for 2012. The juror is Edward J. Reed, a critically acclaimed, international-award-winning artist. At Gallery West, 1213 King Street in Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.gallery-west.com.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 22

"A Palette of Paper - the Collages of Megan Coyle." The Center for the Arts, Caton Merchant Family Gallery in Manassas, will feature Alexandria resident Megan Coyle's collage art in a solo exhibition called "A Palette of Paper." Coyle's show will display portraits of people, animals, as well as landscape and cityscape collages.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 25

Cuba Revisited, 2011. Karen Keating, member of Multiple Exposures Gallery, will be exhibiting new images from her most recent trip to Cuba, April 2011. Reception is Sunday, March 4 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.; Artist's Talk is Thursday, March 15 from 7 to 8 p.m. At Multiple Exposure Gallery, Studio #312.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 4

"An Affair to Remember." Embrace artisan handmade creations made with a little love in February at Scope Gallery in the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Kiln Club show at the Scope Gallery, 106 North Union Street, ground floor, Studio 19, Alexandria. Call the Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.htm

NOW THROUGH MARCH 11



MARCH 5 TO APRIL 1

"Large and Little" Ceramic Guild Show. At Scope Gallery, 105 North Union St., Ground Floor Studio 19, Alexandria. Call Scope Gallery at 703-548-6288 or visit www.torpedofactory.org/galleries/scope.

GA Gardner: Interconnections. Gardner uses the vibrant colors and energy of his native Trinidad and Tobago in his paintings and mixed media works to address our often complicated relationship with mass communication. At The Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 18

"City Limits." Featuring acrylic paintings on canvas by Eric Garner of McLean. At The Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall & Arts Center, Margaret W. and Joseph L. Fisher Art Gallery at the Alexandria Campus of Northern Virginia Community College.

THEATER

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JUNE 1 TO 17

"A Little Night Music." Presented by TAP. Auditions will take place in March. The director will cast 14 singing actors (five male, nine female), age ranging 14-70. Singing actors of diverse backgrounds are encouraged to audition. At the Arlene and Robert Kogod Cradle at the Mead Center for American Theater. Visit www.thearlingtonplayers.org.

MARCH 6 THROUGH APRIL 15

"Brother Russia."

Performances are Tuesday through Sunday evenings, with matinees on Saturdays and Sundays. Tickets are now on sale starting at \$63. Single tickets are available in person at the Signature Box Office or by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT. Student discount tickets are \$30 and must be purchased the week of the performance. At Signature Theater, 4200 Campbell Ave. in Shirlington.

APRIL 20 TO MAY 6

"Someone Who'll Watch Over Me." Port City Playhouse presents a play focused on the trials and tribulations of an Irishman, Englishman and an American who are kidnapped and held hostage by unseen Arabs in Lebanon. Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors & students, \$14 groups of 10+. At The LAB at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-838-2880 or www.portcityplayhouse.org.

NOW THROUGH MARCH 25

"Really Really." Showtimes are Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Thursdays and Fridays at 8 p.m., Saturdays at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2



FEB. 24 TO MARCH 10

"The Dixie Swim Club." Port City Playhouse presents a delightful comedy about five women who were on their college swim team and get together for a "girls only" weekend at a cottage on the Outer Banks every summer. Fri.-Sat., Feb. 24-25, March 2-3 and 9-10; Tues., March 6 at 8 p.m.; Sat. matinees March 3 and 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$18 general admission, \$16 seniors & students, \$14 groups of 10+. At The LAB at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. Call 703-838-2880 or www.portcityplayhouse.org.

p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$56 - \$80 and are available by calling Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT (7328) or visiting www.signature-theatre.org. Signature is offering a special "20 Seats for \$20" ticket deal for every performance. At Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington.

FEB. 9 TO MARCH 3

"Genesis Reboot." Tickets are \$30. Presented by Syntetic Theater. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 2 p.m. At Crystal City Theater, 1800 South Bell St., Arlington.

JUNE 1 TO 17

"A Little Night Music." At the Mead Center for American Theater. Replaces the planned production of "Cats." A Little Night Music has a book by Hugh Wheeler and lyrics and music by Stephen Sondheim. Presented by the Arlington Players (TAP). Visit www.thearlingtonplayers.org.

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NOW THROUGH FEB. 26

Love, Politics & Scrabble. The Games People Play, juried art exhibit at Del Ray Artisans, inspired by the games people play throughout life. This juried show explores the numerous games people play in life, whether power, Monopoly, manipulation, poker, Angry Birds, baseball, or gossip. The community is invited to 'get their game on' at Art Games on Feb. 10 and Game Talks on Feb. 25. The exhibit and Marketplace, with artful Valentine Cards, closes Feb. 26. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or 703-838-4827.

THURSDAY/FEB. 23

Life Line Screening. Get screened to reduce your risk of having a stroke or bone fracture. Packages start at \$149. At the YMCA of Alexandria, 420 East Monroe Ave., Alexandria. Call 1-877-237-1287 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com. Pre-registration is required.

AAUW Lecture. 7 p.m. Speaker Holly Kearn, who works as a program manager for AAUW in the Legal Advocacy Fund department, will talk about sexual harassment at school and on the streets. At the Mt. Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria.

Colonial Republican Women's Club. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Meets at the Virginia Hills Administration Center (Old Virginia Hills School), 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria. Social time begins at 6:30 p.m., the meeting 7 - 9 p.m. Contact Debbie at 703-768-1934 or dbodlander@hotmail.com.

Brain Health and Memory Tips. Noon. Susan Wranik, MS, will present "Save Your Memory and Your Mind, 7 Steps to Better Brain Health." A luncheon is open to the public with advance reservations. Attendance is free and seating is limited. For information or reservations, call 1-877-254-9840. At The Fountains at Washington House, 5100 Fillmore Ave., Alexandria.

FRIDAY/FEB. 24

Multinational Food and Performance. 6 to 9 p.m. Free. Featuring The Arya International Dance Academy, Batala DC, Capoeira Candeias,



MARCH 1 TO 18

"Out of the Box."

This Spring Arts on the Horizon presents the world premiere of *Out of the Box*, an engaging 30-minute interactive, nonverbal theatrical production geared toward theatregoers ages 18 months through 5. *Out of the Box* was created by the husband and wife team of Tia Shearer and Matt Bassett. March 1, 2, 8, 9, 15 at 10:30 a.m.; March 3, 10, 17 at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.; March 4, 11, 18 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$8/children and adults. At Landmark Mall, 5801 Duke St., Alexandria. The performance venue is located on the second level near Macy's. For more information, contact Michelle Kozlak at 703-967-0437 or mkozlak@ArtsOnTheHorizon.org or visit www.ArtsOnTheHorizon.org.

Salsa Vive, Born to Dance Studio, Hip-Hop Youth Company, Carl Sandburg's Jazz Ensemble, Dance Team, Drama Club, Step Team, Cheer Team and the Sandburg Singers. There will also be a food-tasting extravaganza with a Dinner Theater potluck event. At Carl Sandburg Middle School.

SATURDAY/FEB. 25

Sock Hop. 6 to 10 p.m. At Mount Vernon Recreation Center Gym. Tickets are \$25/singles; \$40/couples; \$50/entire family. Proceeds benefit the Miracle Field to honor Ryan Bailey. Visit www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com.

Civil War Recruiting Day. From 1 to 4 p.m. Soldiers and civilians of the 3rd U.S. Regular Infantry, Company K, will talk about a soldier's uniform and equipment, demonstrate drills and explain the roles of military and civilian reenactors. At Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.fortward.org or call 703-746-4848.

Multicultural Fair. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The events will include an exhibit hall (cafeteria) filled with opportunities to see, taste, touch, listen and create. Families share their customs through food, clothing, music, photos, collections, games and much more. At Hollin Meadows Elementary, 2410 Nordok Place, Alexandria.

"Lincoln's War at Washington's Boyhood Home." 10 a.m. Archaeologist Paul Nasca presents a free Java Jolt lecture co-sponsored by Friends of Alexandria.

Reservations are requested, and can be made by emailing archaeology@alexandriava.gov or calling 703-746-4399. At the Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 105 North Union St., #327, Alexandria.

A Cappella Contest. 7:30 p.m. 28th Mid-Atlantic Regional Harmony Sweeps "A Cappella" Festival and Competition. Groups specializing in Pop, Rock, Jazz, Gospel, Beat Box, Doo Wop, Barbershop and Comic. Visit www.harmony-

sweepstakes.com/dc.html. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

Book Lovers Love Music and Food. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Friends of the Beatley Central Library will hold a "Book Lovers Love Music and Food" CD and Cook Book Sale at the Charles E. Beatley, Jr., Central Library, 5005 Duke Street, Alexandria. Single CDs, \$1.00; CD Packaged Sets (5 +), \$5; Hardcover Books, \$3; Paperbacks, \$1. Call 703-746-1742 or www.alexandria.lib.va.us.

Game Talks. 3 to 5 p.m. Local experts will present several short talks on some of the common games people play throughout life. Following the talks will be an interactive game experience and light refreshments. This event is part of the "Love, Politics & Scrabble" exhibit which runs through Feb. 26. Suggested for adults 18 and older. Free. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org.

Woodcocks at Huntley Meadows. 5:15 p.m. This is the time when male Woodcocks are doing their amazing courtship displays. Join Rich Rieger at Huntley Meadows, hopefully to witness this display. Meet at the South Kings' Highway-Telegraph Rd. parking lot (the backside of Huntley Meadows Park.). Bring a flashlight. In case of heavy rain, the walk will take place Sunday, Feb. 26, 5:15 p.m. Free.

Silver Anniversary Ball. 6 p.m. to midnight. Dinner, dancing silent and live auctions and honorary guest Patsy Ticer. Sponsored by the Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria. Tickets are \$200/each or \$150 for first-timers. To benefit the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra. At the Westin Hotel, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria. Call 703-548-7454 or email jring10@comcast.net. Tickets also available at www.alexsym.org.

SUNDAY/FEB. 26

"The French Connection." 2 p.m. Presented by the U.S. Marine Band. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Northern Virginia Community College, 3001 North Beauregard Street, Alexandria. Call 703-845-6156 or www.schlesingercenter.com.

Hot Tuna in Concert. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35.

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ENTERTAINMENT

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At the Birchmere Music Hall, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

FEB. 27

Free Foreclosure Prevention Clinics. Housing Counseling Services will host Foreclosure Prevention Clinics during the month of February. Clinics are at 12 p.m. in Conference Room 3 of the City of Alexandria Office of Housing, 421 King Street, Suite 200, Alexandria. To register, call 202-667-7006.

TUESDAY/FEB. 28

Quilt Presentation. 12:30 p.m. Free. Jean Ann Wright, retired Editor-in Chief of Quilt Magazine, will present a fun-filled trunk show and program "Quilts in My Suitcase: The Life of a Traveling Quilt Editor." The MVQU program will be filled with stories, adventures and quilts made while on the road as a quilt magazine editor. MVQU meets at Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Contact MVQUPresident@gmail.com.

WEDNESDAY/FEB. 29

Orchestra Concert. 7 p.m. Free. The Carl Sandburg Middle School and West Potomac High School Orchestras combine for an evening of joyful music. Pieces by Brahms, Haydn, and Tchaikovsky will be featured, as well as several folk and modern arrangements. At West Potomac High School, Springbank Auditorium, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria.

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

"On the Shoulders of Giants" - The Harlem Rens, an all-black Harlem Renaissance basketball squad. 10:30 a.m. This film documents the segregated world of pro hoops during the 1930's and follows the Rens on their way to becoming pro basketball's first world champions. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573.

THURSDAY/MARCH 1

Frank Lloyd Wright Lecture. 7 p.m. at The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St. Alexandria. Two homeowners discuss the experience of living in Wright-designed houses. Sponsored by Woodlawn/Pope Leighey, Historic Sites of the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Ticket information: popeleighey1940.org.

Gala Benefit. 7 to 10 p.m. Tickets are \$125. Featuring "Mad Men" theme celebrating the style and sophistication of the 1960s. With a Silent Auction, a Mini Raffle, "Be A Star" station where patrons can buy gifts that benefit the Center, and a Cocktail Buffet. Hosted by the Center for Alexandria's Children, a child-friendly facility that protects children and strengthens families by coordinating the investigation, prosecution, treatment and prevention of child abuse and neglect. At Virtue Feed and Grain, 106 South Union Street, Alexandria. Visit <http://madforalexandriachildren.eventbrite.com>.

FRIDAY/MARCH 2

David Bromberg Quartet. 8 p.m. **Indie Singer-Songwriter Marye Lobb** will be the opening act. Bromberg will perform from the new CD, Use Me. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500.

Mardi Growl Gala. 7 to 10 p.m. The Animal Welfare League of Alexandria (AWLA) is hosting its 2012 Mardi Growl Gala and fundraiser at the Terminal A at Reagan National Airport. Last year's event raised \$80,000 for the League. The proceeds from this event provide for thousands of animals throughout the year. Becky's Pet Care is giving away two tickets and a parking pass. Anyone is eligible to win. Enter by going to Facebook (facebook.com/beckyspetcare) and write on the wall saying you would like to enter the Mardi Growl ticket raffle. Or send an email to Jenny@beckyspetcare.com. For details, visit www.AlexandriaAnimals.org/MardiGrowl.

MARCH 2, 3, 4

"Once Upon a Mattress." Tickets are \$5. Sandburg Middle School presents the musical version of the fairy tale, "The Princess and the Pea." Friday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 4 at 2:30 p.m. At Carl Sandburg Middle School. Call 703-799-6241.

SATURDAY/MARCH 3

One God Ministry Church Grand Opening. 10 a.m. to noon. At new Alexandria building location at 6318 Grovedale Road, Alexandria. Visit www.onegodministry.org.



MARCH 1

Cowboy Junkies. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

Center Stage Dance, Capitol Movement, Impulse, and MYTE. For tickets and information, visit www.dujdc.org.

SUNDAY/MARCH 4

Playing Against Type. 2 p.m. The Marine Chamber Orchestra performs. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, NVCC, 3001 North Beauregard St., Alexandria.

BINGO Fundraiser. 1 to 4 p.m. The West Potomac All-Night Graduation Celebration committee is holding a BINGO fundraiser from 1 to 4 p.m. At Belle View Elementary School, 6701 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Email westpoANG2012@gmail.com with questions.

MONDAY/MARCH 5

Dinner Meeting. 6:15 p.m. The R.E. Lee Camp will host its Dinner Meeting at the American Legion Post 24 Hall, 400 Cameron Street at N. Royal St behind Gadsby's Tavern, Alexandria, and the cost to attend the dinner meeting is \$25 per person. Nicholas Ward will speak on the topic of the battle of the Ironclads, the USN Monitor and the SCN Virginia. RSVP to Mr. J.J. Smith at 703 299-1725. Checks should be made out to R.E. Lee Camp #726 and mailed to 401 Wilkes St., Alexandria. Payments will be accepted at the door. Visit www.leecamp.org.

TUESDAY/MARCH 6

The Peculiar Insurrection. 6 p.m. Free. Morrison House Presents: Michael Lee Pope, Author of "Hidden History of Alexandria, D.C." He will discuss the days when Alexandria was part of the District of Columbia and the events that led to the eventual return of Alexandria to the Commonwealth of Virginia. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred Street, Alexandria. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com.

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Tom Cunningham Orchestra. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

WEDNESDAY/MARCH 7

National Nutrition Month and You. 10:30 a.m. Presented by the Senior Citizens' Resource Center. At Inova Alexandria Hospital, 4320 Seminary Road, Alexandria. Visit www.seniorservicesalex.org or call 703-836-4414, ext. 13.

Musician Ruthie Foster. Will celebrate the release of her new CD, Let It Burn. At the Birchmere, 3701 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Tickets are available at www.ticketmaster.com or call 800-745-3000 or call 703-549-3701.

MARCH 8

Bob Sima. 7 p.m. Poet, observer, scribe, and sometimes reluctant healer all bundled up into one singing/songwriting bundle of energy. At the Athenaeum, 201 Prince St., Alexandria. Call 703-548-0035 or visit nvfaa.org.

FRIDAY/MARCH 9

Wine and History. 6:30 p.m. The Mount Vernon Inn's inaugural wine dinner, A Well-Stocked Cellar: Dinner and Wine Tasting at Mount Vernon, begins with a private reception and remarks from Mount Vernon staff. Following the reception, guest will move up to the Mansion for a private tour that includes Washington's cellar. Concludes with a special four-course dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn with historic commentary between courses from Mount Vernon staff. Tickets are \$110 and include tax and gratuity. Available beginning Feb. 1 through www.MountVernon.org or 703-780-2000.

SATURDAY/MARCH 10

Trace Your Civil War Ancestor. 1 p.m. Cost is \$10. Learn how when experts from the National Archives and Records Administration present "Tracing Your Civil War Ancestor" at Fort Ward Museum, 4301 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Call 703-746-4848 to make reservations. Visit www.fortward.org.

Fun Dog Show. Presented by Barkley Square. Email gayson@barkleysquare.com to receive the official sponsorship form. In the Market Square in Old Town Alexandria.

MARCH 3 AND 4

26th Annual Jazz & Tap Dance Festival. Saturday at 8 p.m.; Sunday at 4 p.m. At Northern Virginia Community College. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$22 at the door. Performers include Encore Performers,

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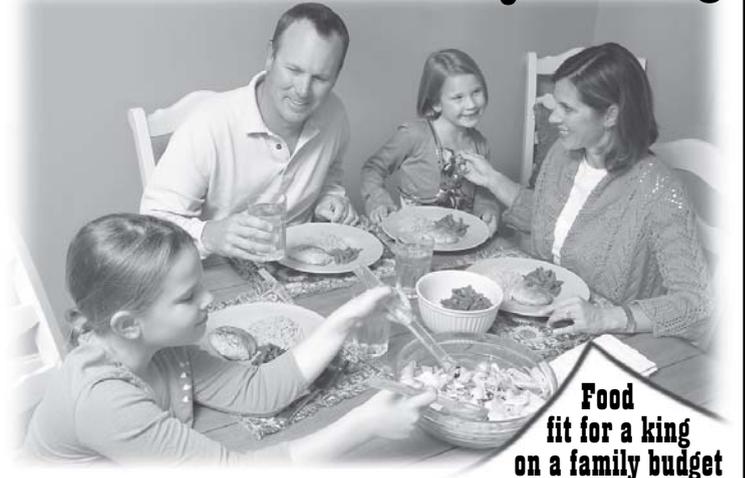
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Seminary Valley

If you lived in Seminary Valley in the 1960s and '70s, you knew the McKeon family and their eight children: Charles McKeon, Jr., Sharon, Brian, Peggy, John, Pat, Keen and Marie. Last week, the Valley and Alexandria lost Mae McKeon, formerly of Strathblane Place. Marie (Zack) still lives in the original family home and it was the scene of a reunion after Mae's service at Blessed Sacrament. The rooms were alive with reminiscences about former Valley families: the Youngs, the Kennedys, the Lavens, the Harts and the McKeons, who lived and played together when our homes were brand new. Besides raising their eight children, Mae and Charlie are most famous for founding Alive! (Alexandrians Involved Ecumenically).

The week also marked a goodbye to another one of the Valley's long-time residents, David Greenspan of Pegram Street. David was a good friend and neighbor here on Pegram, and could often be seen lugging his tuba or his golf clubs out to his Buick. Always on

the go, David was an original member of the Redskins Marching Band until 1990; as part of that organization he was inducted into the Football Hall of Fame (along with his two brothers). He also played the upright bass with the Army band and several dance bands. A veteran of the D.C. Fire Department, David was also a dedicated member of the Shriners and worked as an assistant registrar for the City of Alexandria.

Talented young people abound in Seminary Valley. Congratulations to Abby Cox, a T. C. Williams senior and power swimmer. After medaling in the Regional Meet in January, Abby is officially the 10th-fastest 200IM swimmer in the Old Dominion, after last week's State Swim and Dive Competition in Virginia Beach. Abby is entertaining offers from several schools to swim as a college freshman. Kudos are also due to several T.C. Williams Band members who are vying for positions in the All-State Band: Jonathan Forbes, Alex Psaltis-Ivanis, Kate Aplin, Emily Dooley, Christian Contreras, Nate Conrad, Bobby Warden, Maria Jones, Khalil George, and Cameron Lyons.

— MIA JONES

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call, and said they would look into it right away. The next morning at 6:45 a.m., I bumped into someone from the Office while walking my dog in the woods. He told me they had sent someone out shortly after my call, and determined that subcontractors from a nearby construction project had illegally dumped at least 800 gallons of silt into the woods. The pick-up, pipes, and storage tank, were gone, and a silt fence had been erected along the trail to keep the sludge from going into the stream. The trail would also be cleaned and restored, all at the expense of the contractor — who, presumably, was also being fined.

The Chinquapin woods are one of the hidden jewels of Alexandria, and are something every City resident should want to preserve and protect. As a City taxpayer, it is good to know the Office of Environmental Quality shares that goal, and that my tax dollars in this regard are being put to good use.

I commend the Office for their prompt action and good work.

Lou Zickar
Alexandria

Invaluable Assist for Seniors

To the Editor:

With all the talk about the rapid growth of the aging population, here in Alexandria there is an answer that benefits our community by supporting seniors who want to stay in their homes.

Studies have shown that the overwhelming majority of seniors want to remain, independently, in their homes as they age. The community groups called "villages" have the answer. These are organizations of volunteers devoted to doing a long list of services to help the elderly stave off the wrenching decision to leave

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PROPOSAL TO CLEANUP DISCHARGE OF OIL

There has been a discharge of oil at:

1135 Colonial Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia 22314-1324

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requiring Griffith Energy Services, Inc. to develop a Corrective Action Plan to address cleanup of an oil spill at the site. If you have any questions regarding the cleanup, please contact:

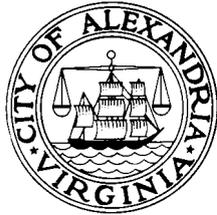
Charlie Raines
Safety Director
Griffith Energy Services, Inc.
2510 Schuster Drive
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(301) 322-6691

The Corrective Action Plan has been submitted to the Northern Regional Office of DEQ on February 10, 2012. If you would like to review or discuss the proposed Corrective Action Plan with the staff of DEQ, please feel free to contact Jay Green at (703) 583-3812 or james.green@deq.virginia.gov after the date of the Corrective Action Plan submittal. DEQ Northern Regional Office will consider written comments regarding the proposed Corrective Action Plan until March 29, 2012 and may decide to hold a public meeting if there is signifi-

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cant public interest. Written comments should be sent to DEQ at the address listed below. DEQ requests that all written comments reference the tracking number for this case; PC #2011-3038.

Department of Environmental Quality
Storage Tank Program
13901 Crown Court
Woodbridge, Virginia 22193



Public Hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, City of Alexandria, Virginia, on Saturday, February 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard on the hereinafter described items.

WATERFRONT ORDINANCE: AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment here-

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VIRGINIA: IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALBEMARLE

In the matter of the adoption of a child to be known as KAIA GRACE PRITCHETT (Birth Certificate Registration Number 2005 120102, State of Florida) a minor, born on July 7, 2005 by Robert Wesley Pritchett and Jamie Anne Pritchett,

PETITIONERS

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

The object of the above-styled suit is an adoption action. An affidavit having been filed that due diligence has been used by the plaintiff to ascertain the address of the Defendant, Kenneth James White, without success. ORDERED that the defendant appear on or before the 23rd day of March at 9:00am, 2012 in the Clerk's office of this Court and do what is necessary to protect his interest.

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tofore approved by City Council as Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-0001 to incorporate the Waterfront Small Area Plan Chapter into the Master Plan and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said Master Plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

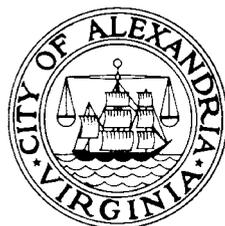
The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-0001 to incorporate the Waterfront Small Area Plan into the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sections 3-3-35, 3-3-39, 3-3-43, 3-3-52, 3-3-54, 3-3-62, 3-3-69, 3-3-70, 3-3-81, 3-3-81, 3-3-121, 3-3-122, 3-3-127, 3-3-128 and to amend and ordain Section 3-3-63.2, of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, in order to make the procurement provisions comply with the Code of Virginia and make clerical changes.

The proposed ordinance amends and adds the above listed Sections of the Code of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, 1981, as amended, in order to make the procurement provisions comply with the Code of Virginia and make clerical changes.

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the owner of the property located at 923 King Street to construct

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-TAKE NOTICE-

NOTICE is hereby given that the Alexandria City Council will introduce for first reading on February 28, 2012, with public hearing, second reading and final passage to be set for March 17, 2012, an ordinance to amend and reordain Section 2-2-11 (ESTABLISHMENT OF CENTRAL ABSENTEE VOTER ELECTION DISTRICT AND VOTING PLACE) by adding Charles E. Beatley, Jr. Central Library as an additional absentee voting place for the 2012 Presidential Election. Jackie M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk and Clerk of Council

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and maintain an encroachment for two (2) bay windows and a front door entry way on the King Street right-of-way and two (2) bay windows and a portion of building wall on the Patrick Street right-of-way at that location.

The proposed ordinance permits the owner of the property located at 923 King Street to maintain encroachments into the right of way on Patrick Street and King Street for bay windows, a portion of the building wall, and an entrance way.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by City Council to Braddock Metro Station Small Area Plan and the Northeast Small Area Plan Chapters as Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-0008 and no other amendments, and repeal all provisions of the said Master Plan as may be inconsistent with such amendment.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-0008 to change the maximum height allowed for one multifamily building on the northern multifamily block adjacent to Patrick Street from 50 feet to 60 feet.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain the Master Plan of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, by adopting and incorporating therein the amendment heretofore approved by City Council to the Fairlington/Bradlee Small Area Plan Chapter as Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-0007 and no other amendments, and to repeal all provisions of the said Master Plan as may be inconsistent with such amendments.

The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Master Plan Amendment No. 2011-00007 to change the land use designation of the property at 3526 King Street, from CG/Commercial General to OC/Office Commercial with proffer.

AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Sheet No. 032.01 of the Official Zoning Map, Alexandria, Virginia, adopted by Section 1-300 (Official Zoning Map and District Boundaries), of the City of Alexandria Zoning Ordinance, by rezoning the property at 3526 King Street from CG/Commercial General to OC/Office Commercial with proffer in accordance with the said Zoning Map Amendment heretofore approved by City Council as Rezoning No. 2011-0002. The proposed ordinance accomplishes the final adoption of Rezoning No. 2011-0002, to rezone the property at 3526 King Street from CG/Commercial General to OC/Office Commercial with proffer.

PUBLIC HEARING on the Strategic Plan on Aging for 2012-2016.

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

OBITUARY

HERBERT LEWIS LELANSKY,

78, of Locust Grove, Virginia since 2002 passed away with his family by his side on Tuesday, February 21st 2012. Mr. Lelansky was born June 14th 1933 in Rangeley, Maine to the late Joseph and Dorothy Bolduc Lelansky. He served his country in the US Marine Corps in Vietnam and Korea before retiring as a Gunnery Sergeant in 1987.



Mr. Lelansky resided in the Alexandria/Fredericksburg area for many years before moving to Camp Lejeune, NC in 1990. He was an original member of the USMC 9th Engineer Battalion, a member of the Mt. Vernon/Dumfries Lions Club, a member of the governing body of the Potomac Valley AAU, and involved with the Sea Urchins (Camp Lejeune Scuba). He also was a long time Alexandria business owner, running PhotoCom for many years.

Mr. Lelansky is survived by his beloved wife of 28 years, Mary "Bunny" B. Lelansky of Locust Grove; four children: Paula Lelansky and companion Ray O'Connor, Brenda Lelansky, Jerry and wife Irene Lelansky, Craig and wife Debby Lelansky; and four stepchildren: Kimberly Jones, John Burke, Tim and wife Cindy Jones, Tina and husband Jody Wenrich; four siblings: Sheila and Donald MacLane, Joseph and Linda Lelansky, Cheryl Reynolds, Geoffrey Wilson; and two others that were like siblings, Ken and Nat Alden; seventeen grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren, several nephews and nieces and a host of other relatives and friends. Another sibling, Becky Hackbarth preceded Mr. Lelansky in death.

Friends may call at the Semper Fidelis Memorial Chapel, 18900 Jefferson Davis Hwy., Triangle, VA on Friday, February 24th 2012 from 11:00am until time of services at 12:00. Interment will follow in Quantico National Cemetery, 18424 Joplin Road (Route 619), Triangle, VA with Marine Corps Honors.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area, 7700 Leesburg Pike, Suite 208, Falls Church VA 22043 or to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, 3800 Fetter Park Drive, Suite 104, Dumfries, VA 22025.

On line condolences may be made at www.LoudounFuneralChapel.com

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home. They will do fix-up chores, help with electronics, light yard work, transportation to medical appointments, and a lively calendar of social events such as museum visits, "Dining Around" gatherings at restaurants, "Conversation With ..." lectures, TGIF chatfests and just daily "how are you" phone calls.

I know what the villages can do because I am a member of At Home in Alexandria, the village that covers most of our city. AHA!, as it is called for short, celebrates its first anniversary in mid-April. AHA! volunteers have helped me with little home-maintenance chores and rides to various events. I am far from helpless, but after my husband died, I found there are some things that were easy to do around the house that are no longer easy.

AHA! is one of more than 100 villages nationwide; more than a dozen are operating or in the planning stages in the Washington, D.C. region. I encourage Alexandrians to think of elderly relatives, neighbors or friends who may benefit from the things that AHA! does. The AHA! office is 703-231-0824 and email address is aha@athomeinalexandria.org

The Website, for further information, is www.athomeinalexandria.org

Patsy Ticer

Honoring George Washington

To the Editor:

I commend Mayor Euille for proclaiming February 2012 as a month-long celebration to mark George Washington's 280th birthday and the Birthday Committee for planning and facilitating the events and activities throughout the month.

In addition to the annual February celebration, I would like to see the City of Alexandria establish a tangible and lasting tribute to George Washington as its most famous and revered citizen.

A bronze statue that can be visited year-round would appropriately recognize the unparalleled significance of his contributions to our City and the Nation.

Penelope Garver
Alexandria

Manager's Budget Lacks Vision

To the Editor:

Alexandria's city manager's proposed budget reveals a flawed focus and vision. Instead of proposing major budget cuts in public safety and scaling back the major capital improvement projects, our city manager has instead preferred to cut jobs and reward the speculative metrics of more expenditures on public safety and priority development projects. It is interesting that the city manager's budget does not proposed the reduction of his salary or other top department head salaries including the city's school superintendent.

The city's manager proposed budget is an exercise in fiction and actually lacks vision

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Kerman, Stingy Defense Propel Titans to District Title

TC holds South County to 39 points in championship.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

T.C. Williams point guard Daquan Kerman climbed a ladder and started to take part in the celebratory ritual of post-championship net cutting after the Patriot District boys' basketball final on Feb. 17. While the senior prepared to remove a piece of commemorative twine from a basket at Lake Braddock Secondary School, his Titan teammates gave the floor general a hard time about his past struggles with scissors.

"When we won the district championship when I was in ninth grade, I didn't know how to use the scissors on the net," Kerman said. "So they always tease me."

While Kerman might struggle with the celebration part, the four-year varsity veteran showed he can handle leading a team to victory on a championship stage.

Kerman scored a team-high 13 points and led a stingy Titans defensive effort as T.C. Williams defeated South County 54-39 to capture its second consecutive district



The T.C. Williams boys' basketball team won the 2012 Patriot District championship.

PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

title and the program's sixth in seven seasons.

T.C. Williams, winners of four of the last five Northern Region titles and the 2008 state championship, experienced a sub-par regular season by its standards, entering the postseason as the No. 4 seed in the Patriot District with a 14-9 record. The Titans lost two home games to Northern Region opponents and suffered a four-game losing streak in January. Regardless, TC regrouped in time for the district tournament, knocking off West Potomac in the first round and edging top-seed Woodson in the semifinals. Against South County in the championship game, the

Titans held the Stallions to their lowest offensive output of the season.

"It means a lot because everybody doubted us," Kerman said. "You see everybody here now, but they weren't here when we were losing. We came together as a team. We were all we had. We just bonded. We had our mind set on the district championship."

Kerman is the Titans' primary ball-handler, but rarely does No. 1 look to score. On this night, Kerman picked his spots to be aggressive and finished with a team-high 13 points. He scored on a drive to the basket late in the second quarter to give TC a 26-17

halftime lead, part of an 11-3 run to close the half. In the third quarter, Kerman came up with a steal and drove coast-to-coast for a layup.

"I look to score when I need to," Kerman said. "I like to get my teammates [involved], but I know when I need to score and get a run going."

TC head coach Julian King said Kerman played like a veteran leader.

"He definitely played with a lot of energy, but more importantly, he played with a lot of poise," King said. "He ran the show, he took leadership [and] he did exactly what a fourth-year player is sup-

posed to do."

Senior forward T.J. Huggins scored 11 points for TC and senior guard Jordan Byrd added 10. Junior guard Dealo Robertson came off the bench to score nine points.

"[Robertson is] a sparkplug off the bench for us," King said. "Some nights he doesn't score, but his energy level is off the charts."

Defensively, TC forced 17 turnovers and limited South County to just one double-digit scorer — first-team all-district forward Marquice Johnson with 11.

"TC, they're a heck of a team. They did things differently than they did the first few times we played them," said South County head coach Wendell Johnson, whose Stallions split their two regular-season meetings with TC. "They controlled the pace of the game and we really couldn't get it back." TC defeated Thomas Jefferson 56-40 on Feb. 20 in the opening round of the Northern Region tournament, giving the Titans 10 wins in their last 11 games. TC hosted Westfield in the quarterfinals on Feb. 22. The result was not available prior to the Gazette Packet's deadline. The semifinals are scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 25 at Robinson Secondary School.

"We didn't come in with the momentum that we had planned on," King said. "We were lucky to get here, and we got here and took care of business and that's all that matters right now."

TC Girls Finish Runner-up to Spartans, Again

The T.C. Williams girls' basketball team lost to West Springfield in the Patriot District championship game for the second consecutive year, this time falling 78-63 on Feb. 17 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

West Springfield won both regular season meetings with TC by a combined four points. On Friday, the Spartans blew the game open early, outscoring the Titans 17-3 in the second quarter en route to a 43-16 halftime advantage. TC battled back in the second half, thanks in part to West Springfield standout Logan Battle being sidelined with foul trouble, and cut the lead to nine in the fourth quarter. But the Titans couldn't get any closer and fell to 0-7 against West Springfield during the last two seasons.

"If we had started off like we played the second half, it would have been an easy game," TC junior guard Christian Roberts said. "We always dig ourselves

in holes every single game."

Gaby Moss led TC with 24 points and Roberts added 15. Both players made the all-tournament team.

Jordan Miller led West Springfield with 21 points and Amy Berglund finished with 20. Battle scored 11 points and April Robinson added nine.

TC defeated Fairfax 69-48 on Feb. 20 during the opening round of the Northern Region tournament. The Titans traveled to face Oakton on Feb. 22. The result was not available prior to the Gazette Packet's deadline. The semifinals are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 24 at Robinson Secondary School.

— JON ROETMAN

T.C. Williams junior Christian Roberts, left, is defended by West Springfield sophomore Amy Berglund during the Patriot District championship game on Feb. 17.



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T.C. Williams senior T.J. Huggins (2) and South County junior Oren Burks jump for a loose ball.



T.C. Williams boys' basketball coach Julian King, right, talks to the Titans.



TC fans erupt in cheers as the boys varsity team moves ahead in scoring at the district championship game.



T.C. Williams junior Dealo Robertson, left, and South County senior Marqueice Johnson battle for the ball during the Patriot District championship game on Feb. 17 at Lake Braddock Secondary School.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

TC Wins Titles at Northern Region Indoor Track Meet

Jonathan Anderson won the shot put championship, Devon Cooper captured the long jump title and the 4x400 relay team of Kathryn Hendley, Morgan Lataillade, Sydney Schaedel and Shannon Smythe finished first, highlighting the T.C. Williams indoor track team's performance at the Northern Region meet on Feb. 17-18 at George Mason University. In total, 16 Titans qualified for the state championships, which will be held Friday and Saturday, Feb. 24-25 in Hampton. Anderson won the shot put with a toss of 52 feet, 3 3/4 inches, a new personal best. Cooper posted a first-place and personal-best mark of 21 feet, 6 3/4 inches in the long jump and the 4x400 relay team recorded a PR and championship time of 4 minutes, 5.77 seconds.

Smythe also qualified for states in the 1600-meter run with a personal-best and school-record time of 5 minutes, 12.64 seconds. Schaedel also qualified for states in the pole vault (third, 9-6) and the 1000-meter run (fourth, 3:02.64).

Jose Urritia (boys' shot put), Ayzha

Ward (girls' shot put), Nicolas Ahumada (boys' pole vault), Kahron Lee (boys' high jump), Jennifer Zhu (girls' high jump), Indya Weaver (girls' triple jump), Za'Quan Summers (boys' 55-meter dash and 300-meter dash) and the boys' 4x200 relay team of Willie Curry, Percy Haskins, Joshua Alcon and Summers also earned a trip to states.

The T.C. Williams boys' team finished in a third-place tie with Annandale with 56 points. Westfield won the region championship with 76.5 points and South Lakes finished runner-up with 60.

The T.C. Williams girls' team finished fourth with 47 points. South County won the team title with 81 points, followed by Robinson (65) and Oakton (58).

Sleepy Thompson Tournament

The 56th Annual Sleepy Thompson Basketball Tournament will be held Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 23-25 at St. Stephen's & St. Agnes School.

Episcopal, Glenelg County, McDonogh, Middleburg Academy, St. Albans, St. Vincent Pallotti, The Heights and SSSAS will compete during the three-day tournament. Action will begin at 3 p.m. Thursday, with McDonogh facing Middleburg. Glenelg will play Episcopal at 5 p.m., SSSAS will take on The Heights at 7 p.m. and St. Vincent Pallotti and St. Albans will play at 9 p.m.

Jesuit Rugby Classic Set for March 16-18

The Third Annual Jesuit Rugby Classic will be held on Friday-Sunday, March 16-18 at George Washington Middle School in Alexandria. This will be the City of Alexandria's first year of hosting the JRC, which is growing in stature each year as a premier high school rugby tournament.

JRC games will be held on March 17-18 at GW Middle School.

The following schools will be participating in this year's JRC: Gonzaga College High School (Washington, D.C.), McQuaid Jesuit (Rochester, N.Y.), Fordham Prep (Bronx, N.Y.), Fairfield Prep (Fairfield, Conn.), Georgetown Prep (Bethesda, Md.) and Xavier High School (New York, N.Y.).

T.C. Williams High School will play Eleanor Roosevelt High School from Greenbelt, Md., for the JRC "Showcase Game," before the JRC championship match on Sunday.



T.C. Williams' 4x400 relay team of Kathryn Hendley, Morgan Lataillade, Sydney Schaedel and Shannon Smythe won the Northern Region championship during the weekend of Feb. 17-18.

PHOTO BY KATIE SMYTHE

Improving Budget While Fighting Right-Wing Social Agenda

BY DAVID ENGLIN
STATE DELGETAE (D-45)



On Sunday, the House and Senate budget committees unveiled competing versions of Virginia's \$85-billion two-year budget. An initial review suggests that both proposals restore some of the cuts to education and the safety net proposed by Governor McDonnell. However, the House version of the budget still cuts \$65 million that schools in Northern Virginia need to account for our region's high cost of living, and it includes Governor McDonnell's plan to divert about \$100 million per year from education, health care, and public safety to pave roads. The House version of the budget also eliminates the Virginia Early Childhood Foundation, which is precisely the wrong move if our goal is ensuring the lifetime success of our children. Since, constitution-

ally, the lieutenant governor cannot cast tie-breaking votes on the budget, Democrats have some leverage in the Senate, where the parties are equally divided. I am hopeful that we can use that leverage to address some of these issues and develop a final budget we can all support.

Unfortunately, with just a few weeks to finalize the budget, we continue to be distracted by the Republican majority's "Guns, God, Gays, and Abortion" social agenda, which I fear is turning Virginia into a national laughingstock. During his annual State of the Commonwealth address, Governor McDonnell cautioned the new Republican majority in Richmond against arrogance and overreach, especially on divisive social issues. As the following litany dem-

onstrates, they didn't heed his advice:

Prior to our state law limiting handgun purchases to one per month, Virginia was a major source of arms used while committing crimes in other states. We likely will be again now that the Republican majority has repealed that law. The new "personhood" bill, which voters in Mississippi and Colorado overwhelmingly rejected last year, grants full rights of personhood beginning at conception, effectively outlawing the most common forms of contraception. Under the guise of religion, another bill will allow groups to place gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender foster children in homes where they will be subject to abusive "conversion" and "reparative" therapy that has been discredited by the American Psychological Association. Another bill will require many women in Virginia to undergo vaginal penetration with an ultrasound probe against their consent in order to exercise their constitutional right to an abor-

tion, even for nonsurgical, noninvasive, pharmaceutical abortions.

Republicans in Richmond note correctly that these represent only a small fraction of hundreds of bills, most of which draw little controversy. The point is not the sheer numbers of these bills but the disproportionate legislative energy they consume and how dramatically they undermine the progress Virginians have made together. It is true that this agenda is nothing new for House Republicans, who have always been an aggressively conservative bunch. However, we used to always know that the Senate would reject these bills. But now that they have total control in Richmond, these bills are actually on track to become law. What I wouldn't give to spend just one legislative session without having to fight against this divisive conservative social agenda! Rest assured that I will continue standing up to this agenda while also working to ensure the best possible state budget for our community.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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and progressive administrative models. I look forward to his revised budget to the city council.

Greg Thrasher
Alexandria

Say Thanks In the Budget

To the Editor:

Scott Gordon wrote a very moving tribute to our Alexandria First Responders in his Feb. 16 letter entitled "Say Thanks." He's right; the spirit of his letter and his recommendation to just say thanks are both spot on.

A practical way we can also thank these brave men and women is, in this budget season, to demand that our elected and appointed officials do more to ensure we provide them the very best equipment, and plenty of it, to do their jobs.

You see, I live across from the Alexandria Fire Department Headquarters and you notice things when you live across from a fire station. It's become fairly routine to see fire engines from neighboring jurisdictions parked in front; yesterday the truck out front had Maryland plates. That's right, we undoubtedly had to go to little old Tacoma Park, Md., to borrow a working fire truck. On other occasions, at least two in recent memory, I've watched as either the Fairfax County Fire Department or the Washington Metropolitan Airports Authority Fire Department responded to calls in our city.

While we appreciate the assistance of our neighbors in time of need; we should all be very un-

comfortable with the fact that our Alexandria fire fighters' "back up" has to drive from a county or even a state away.

Our fire fighters deserve better than that. I would argue, in the spirit of Scott's letter, that they not only deserve better; indeed they deserve the very best.

Your paper covered our aging fire truck fleet on April 7, 2011, in "Putting the Alarm on an Aging Fire Engine Fleet." In your report we learned "on a good day, [Fire Chief Adam Thiel] has seven working engines and a sole serviceable ladder truck to cover the city." His estimate is that eight engines and three ladders are what's required to cover the 19,000 calls the Alexandria Fire Department receives each year. We also learned the average age of our fleet was 10 years old; the newest truck was seven years old. Most fire engines are only serviceable for 12 to 15 years.

So when I read Mayor Euille's sorry reply to your article last year

(our fire engine fleet aged not overnight, mind you, but on his watch), and when I read this year that the Council's budget deliberations turned to talk of cupcakes rather than issues that should take priority, I was left to wonder, "who's running this place?" And then I remembered we're Alexandria, where special interests always take priority over the fundamentals.

I'm not a budget maestro but it seems to me that the additional \$18.7 million Rashad Young has asked to add to the City's coffers could solve our fire truck fleet problems in one year. Jim Hartmann added \$3.4 million last year; but I'm not sure if it actually made it in the final budget. If it did, that's an OK first step. This year, appropriating the remaining amount needed to bring the entire fleet up to date would meet the City's number one responsibility to safeguard lives and property, would do right by our brave fire fighters, would fulfill an immedi-

ate requirement as stated by the Chief himself, and would be the best \$18.7 million this City would spend in probably a century.

And in doing so, the City Manager and the City Council could finally, with good reason, take the same amount of pride in their budget that our fire fighters take in their station and their engines. You see you notice things when you live across from a fire station. When they're not out there protecting you and me, they're out front ensuring their "house" is in order and their trucks are clean and ready-to-go. Ask your neighbors, the fire fighters, they'll tell you — this is done not only be always ready, but also out of sense of pride.

So even when they're not immediately responding to a call, they've always got our back. Mayor Bill, Rashad, City Councilmen, it's long overdue we have theirs.

George G. Demetriades, Jr.

Displacing The Poor

To the Editor:

I recently had the opportunity to attend the Beauregard Small Area Plan working session held at the Landmark Mall. As many of your readers may be aware, this plan is quite contentious — particularly to the residents of the West End neighborhood who will be most impacted.

It is my opinion that there is still a lot of work yet to be done on this plan. That's not to say that I oppose development in this neighborhood — far from it. Development is critically needed in this part of the city, and it's encouraging to see city leaders turning their attention to an area that has in the past been overlooked when it comes to improvements and new opportunities. Yet the plan as currently proposed is deficient in sev-

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eral key areas.

Chief among these deficiencies is the plan's treatment of affordable housing. Simply put, the current version of this proposal decimates affordable housing in Alexandria, and that is not something that I can support. In this plan, the Beauregard corridor will lose a significant number of affordable housing units. In exchange for this, the developer would allow for about 703 affordable housing units. I find this deeply troubling,

especially considering that the plan is virtually silent on what would happen to thousands of displaced Alexandrians. Where will they go? Are they expected to move to Woodbridge?

Ultimately, the content of this plan illustrates the need to have a broader conversation about the definition of affordable housing. The current plan considers residents with income ranges from 55 percent to 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). As I understand it, most of those that live in

the area fall below this income threshold. Realistically, their incomes are in the range of 30 percent to 50 percent of AMI. This just reinforces my sense that the plan has no intention of supporting the families that live in the area today. Before this plan moves forward, a study should be done of resident income levels so that decision-makers and residents can better understand exactly who this plan will benefit.

At the very least subsidy considerations must be made for those

in the 30 percent to 50 percent AMI range to keep people living in their community. The cost could potentially be offset by a reconsideration of the \$29 million ellipse that neighbors have strongly opposed. Alexandria needs to be a more livable and walkable city and the ellipse at Seminary and Beauregard would not be pedestrian friendly. In addition, it goes against the spirit of smart growth, which attempts to provide a means of getting people out of their cars and onto sidewalks.

I believe that Alexandria and JBG Properties can be more creative in their approach to improving our city. I think it is in the best interest of everyone affected by this development to slow down and to try and find the middle ground that benefits the city, the developer and the residents alike. That means figuring out a true affordable housing compromise, preparing for the changing transportation needs of the area, and making appropriate considerations for green space. We are making choices here that will provide a template for the future of an exciting and vibrant part of our city. We owe it to ourselves and to future Alexandrians to make sure that we do it right.

Charles Sumpter

The writer is a Democratic candidate for Alexandria City Council and a resident of the West End.

Congressional Satirist?

To the Editor:

Let's not lose our faith in Rep. Moran's ability to surprise.

As background, he gamely de-

cidated to co-sponsor the STOCK Act which prohibits congressmen from buying or selling securities based on "congressional nonpublic" information.

So, with the news that he insider-traded 90 stocks the day after his "congressional nonpublic" meeting with the Federal Reserve Chairman and the Secretary of the Treasurer still fresh in mind, now we see a press release on the STOCK Act's passage from Jim Moran that, given the circumstances, I would have expected from the professional satirists at The Onion.

Some excerpts:

"Lawmakers should be focused on improving our country, not inflating personal profit," said Rep. Moran. (Hmmm, what was Rep. Moran focused on that Wednesday before the financial collapse when he executed 90 stock trades: "country" or "personal profit"? And how long does it take to dump 90 stocks? Or did you tell your stockbroker to do it for you? And what did he then advise the rest of his clients to do?)

"The reforms put in place by the STOCK Act have real staying power to make our ethics rules stronger, improve transparency and help instill greater confidence in elected officials," Moran concluded.

OK. Well-played Sir. But just to set the record straight, you are the "elected official" who "personally profited" from the pre-STOCK Act's lack of transparency and weak ethics rules.

And your brazen press release only instilled greater confidence in your knack for satire — not your commitment to ethical behavior.

Bruce Shuttleworth

The writer is a candidate in Virginia's 8th District.

Advice for Healthy Seniors

BY MARY LEE ANDERSON
SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER DIRECTOR,
SENIOR SERVICES OF ALEXANDRIA

The Senior Speaker Series continues next month with an event co-sponsored by Senior Services of Alexandria and Inova Alexandria Hospital on March 7 at 10:30 a.m. March is National Nutrition Month and the perfect time to focus on an important issue for everyone, but particularly for seniors: How to stay healthy and fit.

Let's face it, healthy eating is a challenge. Even though we all know the importance of "eating right" it can be hard to do when confronted by some of the issues we face as we get older. If you live alone, find it difficult to shop and even harder to prepare meals, proper nutrition can easily disappear.

SSA and Inova Alexandria Hospital have teamed up to give seniors and their caregivers really useful information about all the benefits that result from good nutrition and ideas for easy and healthy meals you can make on your own.

The program will begin with live cooking demonstrations of new simple and healthy dishes for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. Hospital experts will highlight a range of nutritional issues.

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City of Alexandria FISCAL YEAR 2013 PROPOSED BUDGET			
A summary of the City of Alexandria's proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget is set out below. Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2013 budget for the City of Alexandria. The hearing will be held in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 301 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia, on Monday, March 5, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. Persons wishing to speak on the proposed budget may sign up prior to the public hearing by calling the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at (703) 746-4550. Presenters are requested to provide a copy of their text to the City Clerk and Clerk of Council. Persons with disabilities who wish to request an accommodation for this public hearing should contact the Office of the City Clerk and Clerk of Council at (703) 746-4550 (TTY/TDD (703) 838-5056) prior to March 5, 2012, if possible.			
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Registrar of Voters	1,329,147	1,329,147	
Sheriff	28,215,562	28,967,635	
Finance	\$10,716,703	\$11,317,063	
General Services	12,165,351	12,532,912	\$11,580,000
Human Rights	642,630	685,169	
Information Technology Services	7,995,061	8,092,742	\$15,442,000
Internal Audit	494,445	494,445	
Management and Budget	1,043,502	1,043,502	
Non-Departmental - Debt Service	48,514,314	48,514,314	
Non-Departmental - Contingent Reserve	425,000	425,000	
Non-Departmental - Insurance, Memberships, Other	10,103,269	11,103,269	\$1,567,963
Human Resources	3,038,685	3,044,685	
Real Estate Assessments	1,686,128	1,686,128	
Office of Communications & Public Information	1818,332	1,818,332	
Fire	\$38,506,209	\$41,344,937	
Code Administration	895,344	5,976,247	
Emergency Communications	6,209,821	6,209,821	
Police	51,738,368	53,103,096	
Alexandria Health Department	6,898,200	6,930,657	
Community and Human Services	49,936,308	88,441,672	
Other Health Activities	1,324,000	1,324,000	
Housing	2,153,969	3,134,001	
Economic Development Activities	4,732,583	4,732,583	
Planning and Zoning	5,597,239	5,693,015	
Historic Alexandria	2,743,667	3,203,632	
Library	6,790,200	7,250,606	
Other Recreation Activities	288,814	288,814	\$359,862
Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities	20,246,799	20,882,255	\$4,818,000
Transit Subsidies	18,434,378	23,396,378	\$10,105,000
Transportation and Environmental Services	34,552,313	45,649,373	\$30,713,250
Other Educational Activities	\$11,721	\$11,721	\$245,513
Schools	180,719,405	236,686,271	\$24,070,405
Cash Capital	\$6,605,483	\$6,605,483	
GRAND TOTAL	\$585,605,758	\$711,636,521	\$99,014,386

Any person desiring to review the proposed budget may visit the City's website (alexandriava.gov/budget) or visit City Hall, Office of Management and Budget, Room 3630, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays), 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PROPERTY TAXES
The proposed budget includes no increase in the real property tax rate of \$0.998 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation based upon an assessment ratio of 100% fair market value. It should be noted that City Council will set the maximum tax rate to be advertised at its March 13, 2012, meeting at 7:00 pm in the City Council Chambers and that Council may not adopt a rate that exceeds this tax rate, but may adopt an equal or lesser tax rate. The proposed budget represents no change in the present personal property tax rate of \$4.75 per \$100 of assessed value on all taxable personal property except vehicles specially equipped to transport persons with disabilities, which are proposed to be taxed at the present rate of \$3.55 per \$100 of assessed value; machinery and tools, which are proposed to be taxed at the present rate of \$4.50 per \$100 of assessed value and, privately owned boats and water craft that are used for recreational purposes only which are proposed to be taxed at the present rate of \$0.01 per \$100 of assessed value. Under the proposed budget, the amount of the real estate tax rate required to support existing debt service related to open space acquisition will be 0.3 percent of the total real estate tax revenues. The amount of real estate tax rate dedicated for affordable housing and to support existing debt service related to affordable housing is 0.6 cents.

USER FEES
It is proposed that the City's single family residential trash collection fee remain unchanged at \$336 per household in FY 2013.

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Joanne Gunn
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Easy Living

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ALEXANDRIA \$448,000



Home Sweet Home

This adorable Cape Cod is beautifully renovated and waiting for its proud new owner. The kitchen has abundant maple cabinetry and handsome Corian counters. There are wood floors throughout, a separate dining room where sliding glass doors open to an expansive private deck. Four lovely bedrooms, two full baths, all in a great location!

Robin Arnold
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