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Nathaniel Ribyat with the T.C. Williams baseball team, pushes Tucker Riley around the bases as Owen Malone of the Alexandria Rugby Club looks on.

Batter Up!

Miracle Leagues begins second season, prepares for new field.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Miracle League of Alexandria began its 2012 season April 22 with a ceremony at the Lee Center field that included the presentation of several checks that will help fund a new Miracle Field.

"This is not just a field, it will be a destination," said Miracle League president Bill Rivers. "The neighbors have been very supportive and depending on the cost, we may even be able to add lights."

Owen Malone of the Alexandria Rugby Club and O'Connell's Restaurant presented a \$1,000 check to the Miracle League while President of Alexandria Little League Bill

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Allison Nelson hits a home run.

Funding Clash At Potomac Yard

Arlington backs out of joint study, leaving Alexandria short.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

Tensions between Alexandria and Arlington are growing along Route 1, where city and county leaders are moving in different directions about how the jurisdictions want to create a high-capacity transit corridor.

At issue is \$40 million to \$120 million worth of federal funds that could help pay for upgrading Alexandria's bus-rapid transit system to streetcars. The money, which could be delivered through the federal New Starts program, is tied to completion of the envi-

ronmental analysis. Back in 2010, Alexandria and Arlington struck a deal to share the cost of the study. Arlington would kick in \$2.4 million and Alexandria would pay \$1 million.

Now Arlington is backing out of that agreement. City Council members must determine if they want to pay for part of the study that Arlington agreed to fund before changing course.

"There's been no dialogue between myself as the mayor and the chair of the Arlington Board of Supervisors on this topic at all," said Mayor Bill Euille Tuesday night. "That's not how you do business."

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Spreading the Wealth

Campaign-finance records show variety of support for candidates in Democratic primary.

BY MICHAEL LEE POPE
GAZETTE PACKET

In the first three months of the year, first-time candidate Sean Holihan raised more money than any of his competitors in the campaign for cash this political season. According to recently released campaign-finance records, Holihan is followed by two former incumbents hoping to regain seats the party lost in 2009, former

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Money Raised

- ◆ \$37,906: Sean Holihan
- ◆ \$23,418: Tim Lovain
- ◆ \$21,202: Justin Wilson
- ◆ \$15,811 Allison Silberberg
- ◆ \$9,588: John Chapman
- ◆ \$8,959: Melissa Feld
- ◆ \$7,804: Donna Fossum
- ◆ \$7,796: Del Pepper
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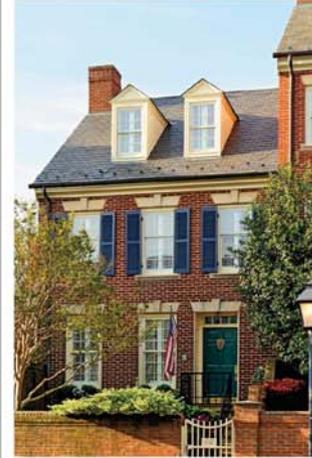
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COUNCIL NOTEBOOK

Gag Order

Mayor **Bill Euille** is asking his colleagues on the City Council to refrain from answering questions about where they think the Potomac Yard Metro should be located. The gag order comes as city officials consider three different options for the \$240 million station.

The first two options would sit astride the tracks, one at the northern edge of Potomac Greens townhouses and the other at the southern edge of Potomac Yard shopping plaza. The third option is an elevated Metrorail line similar to the one planned for Tysons Corner that would be constructed at the southern edge of the existing shopping plaza, which is expected to be demolished during redevelopment.

Which option does your elected official support?

"The press may want to press members of council," explained the mayor, adding he's already received inquiries. "That's not a position for us to be taking at this moment."

First Night Fireworks

A few years ago, the Virginia General Assembly passed a law aimed at increasing safety during fireworks displays by creating setback requirements. Since then, Alexandria's annual First Night celebration has been without fireworks. Organizers have tried to find other ways to ring in the New Year, the most recent of which sent thousands of Ping-Pong balls scattered across the lawn at the George Mason Masonic Temple. Fans of First Night appreciate the effort, but nothing compares to a display of fireworks.

Next year, says Vice Mayor **Kerry Donley**, things will be different. Fireworks will be returning to First Night, he promised.

"The setbacks make fireworks at the Masonic Temple just impossible," said Donley. "So we are looking for some other way of doing fireworks."

Single or Multi?

Should Alexandria be a city of single-occupancy vehicles driving to single-family homes? For decades, city officials have been trying to move away from that model, approving high-density development and encouraging public transportation. Recent Census records seem to indicate the efforts have changed the demographic profile of the city, showing a shift of more people using public transportation and fewer residents using a single-occupancy vehicle to get to work.

"This is not just a bunch of statistics," said Planning Director **Faroll Hamer**. "You have people moving here specifically because they don't want to commute by car."

Hamer says the new Census information can be used in a wide variety of ways — determining when new schools should be constructed, calculating response times for public-safety officers and projecting market demand for various kinds of housing. Since Alexandria has been moving in the direction of multi-family residence in multi-use buildings, planning officials say, the effort has attracted people looking to escape the suburban lifestyle. Projections call for the city population to increase about 1 percent a year over the next decade.

"It's a healthy rate of growth, and it keeps the city renewing itself from within," said urban planner **Pat Mann**. "But it's not something that rapidly overpowers municipal services."

Film Festival

The mayor's State of the City address was once a grand affair, with hundreds in attendance and major announcements. Now it's become a YouTube video linked to the city's website. This year's installment was premiered at the end of Tuesday night's City Council meeting, although the event lacked a red carpet or paparazzi. Councilman **Paul Smedberg** joked that people may be tempted to leave.

"Lock the doors," he declared with a smile.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE

NEWS



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Students and mentors gather at the pavilion in Fort Ward Park after the morning walk in the park.

Walkathon Supports Project Discovery

The City of Alexandria hosted the 16th annual "A Walk in the Park ... Strides Toward Success" Walkathon on Saturday, April 21, at the Fort Ward Park. Proceeds from the Walkathon benefit the Department of Community and Human Services' Project Discovery-Alexandria — a program that helps low-income and/or first-generation students at T. C. Williams High and the Minnie Howard Campus to succeed in getting into and completing college. There are almost 100 students enrolled in the program this year. Since its inception in 1985 over 2,000 students have benefited from Project Discovery.



Students, staff and supporters start the 16th Annual Walk in the Park for Project Discovery on Saturday morning.

Honorary Chairs for the walk were Aaron Gilchrist, anchor and reporter for News4 and a host on NBC Washington Nonstop, and Tracee Wilkins, a general assignment reporter for NBC News4.

Along Democratic Primary Money Trail

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councilmen Tim Lovain and Justin Wilson. The primary election is June 12.

"Often people who run for office are afraid to take strong positions. That's never been my style," said Holihan. "And I think that's helped in terms of fundraising."

Overall, candidates have raised about \$150,000 so far this election cycle. The biggest single contribution so far in the election cycle is \$3,500 from Del. David Englin (D-45) to Holihan, helping to vault the first-time candidate to the top slot. Communications firm Donmoyer Miller also made one of the season's largest single contributions so far, \$3,000 to former incumbent Councilman Justin Wilson, hoping to make a comeback this year.

"As a general rule, it's better to raise more money than not," said Kyle Kondik, political analyst with the University of Virginia's Center for Politics. "Then again, candidates who spend more money than their competitors lose all the time."

In his independent campaign against Democratic incumbent Mayor Bill Euille, former Vice Mayor Andrew Macdonald has had a hard time keeping pace. In the first three months of this year, Macdonald

posted only \$190 — \$100 from supporters and a \$90 loan from the candidate. That stands in stark contrast to the mayor's fundraising total for this year, which is \$6,945. The mayor's top contributors include \$1,000 from developer Myron Erkiletian, \$500 from Lindsay Cadillac and \$500 from the accounting firm of Renner and Company.

"This is basically why I'm running," said Macdonald. "The mayor's got all these connections who stand to gain from development in this city, and I don't think it's good for Alexandria."

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS are an important part of campaign finance, although critics say candidates often post large-dollar amounts to provide a boost to the bottom line. Some of the largest in-kind donations posted this cycle include political consulting and campaign services. First-time candidate Allison Silberberg received \$5,000 in videography from Double R Productions. And first-time candidate Melissa Feld posted a \$2,900 in-kind contribution from Power Base Associates for campaign consulting.

"All candidates want to make it look like they've raised as much money as possible," said Kondik. "But

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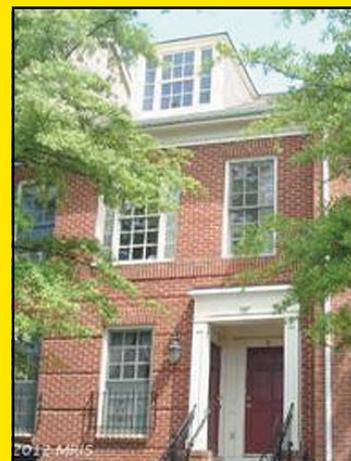
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Funding Clash at Potomac Yard

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Euille said Arlington County Board members should have had the courtesy to sit down with Alexandria City Council members and explain why they had changed course. Instead, Euille said, elected officials learned about the decision secondhand. He called for a joint meeting between County Board members and City Council members to talk about how the neighboring jurisdictions should proceed with the Crystal City Potomac Yard transit corridor.

"I think that it is a show of bad faith on the part of the Arlington County Board," said Councilwoman Alicia Hughes. "That is not the way you operate in a regional cooperative."

THE JOINT STUDY is an idea that dates back to 2010, when the Arlington County Board offered to include Alexandria as a full participant in an environmental analysis setting the stage for streetcars. Documents from the time show that Arlington leaders sold the opportunity to Alexandria as a way to lay the groundwork for federal funding that could be used to purchase streetcars.

City leaders saw the \$1 million appropriation as a way to save money by combining efforts.

"Given Arlington's head start in these matters, Alexandria can only benefit by joining in to an ongoing process rather than waiting a few years and starting its own studies later," wrote former City Councilman Tim Lovain, chairman of the Northern Virginia Streetcar Coalition, at the time. "It would be disastrous to public opinion of our fair city to have people get off an Arlington streetcar, cross Four Mile Run, then take a bus in Alexandria."

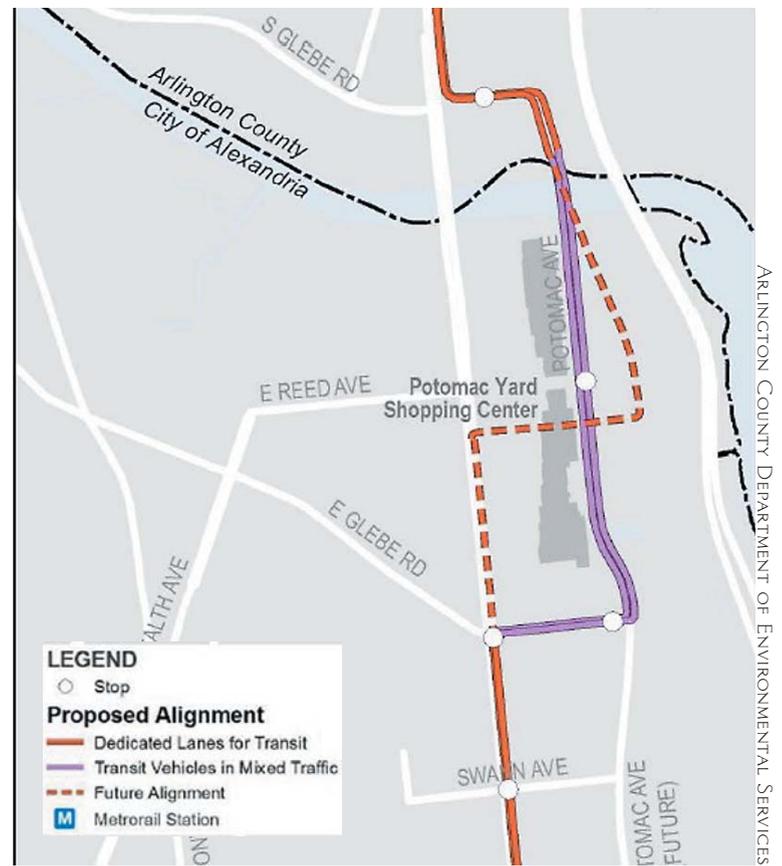
Now that disaster could be on the horizon. When the first five-mile stretch of the transit corridor opens in late 2013, riders will be able to shuttle between Pentagon City through Crystal City into Potomac Yard and ultimately end up at the Braddock Road Metro station. The route will include several stretches of dedicated lanes, where transit vehicles will not have to share the road with regular traffic — a first for Northern Virginia. The launch will be a system known as bus-rapid transit, essentially using buses instead of

railcars.

The problem is down the line. Five years from now, however, Arlington plans to upgrade to streetcars. County leaders have determined that waiting for federal funding would pose too much of a delay and they already have the money to pay for it. Leaders in Alexandria, on the other hand, will have money tied up in building a new Metro station and won't have money to upgrade the BRT system to streetcars — making the environmental analysis much more important for Alexandria than Arlington.

"If we actually walk away from the alternatives analysis, we forever close the door on those federal funds," said Rich Baier, director of the Department of Transportation and Environmental Services. "So that alternatives analysis is a necessary precursor step in order to be able to apply for future federal funds."

A STREETCAR LINE in Northern Virginia has been a dream years in the making, one that is finally on the verge of happening now that the region's first transit corridor is about to launch. And



yet some elected officials are urging caution, suggesting that local governments should not take on too much of a debt burden now. Councilman Frank Fannon, for example, is among those who say the new Metro station at Potomac Yard should be completed and paid for before the city considers upgrading from BRT to streetcars. "If we are going to continue on

this alternative I think Arlington definitely needs to be on board because they've got us to this point," said Councilman Frank Fannon. "They can't just walk away."

Arlington County Board Chairwoman Mary Hynes did not return phone calls, and Arlington County communications director Diana Sun declined to answer questions for this story.

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NEWS

Batter Up!

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Gehrig and executive director of the Alexandria Soccer Association Tommy Park each presented checks of \$5,000 to the league.

"I have a brother with autism and have seen him benefit greatly from programs like the Miracle League," Park said. "We have our own soccer program for special needs participants and are excited to see this field come to be."

The Kelley Cares Foundation presented a check for \$10,000 on behalf of the upcoming Kelley Cares Race next month.

"We hope to commit another \$30,000 to the project," said Lindsay foundation spokesperson Lindsay Swanson. "The more runners that participate in our race, the more we will be able to support the Miracle League and the construction of the field."

Construction on the synthetic turf field, developed specifically for use by special needs athletes, will begin in July and is expected to be completed in October.

Members of the T.C. Williams baseball team joined Mayor Bill Euille on the field for the first pitch followed by cheerleaders from the Mount Vernon Recreation Center



PHOTO BY LOUISE KRAFT/GAZETTE PACKET

Abram Davidson is greeted by Jackie Pearson, Director of Therapeutic Recreation.

to lead off the game. Members of the Psi Nu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi fraternity again donated the food for league players and visitors.

"We wanted to give the players a feeling of being at the ball park," said fraternity member Laverne Short. "This is our second year and we love doing this for the kids."

The Kelley Cares Foundation Road Race will be held May 19 at 8 a.m. at George Washington Middle School. All proceeds from the road race will go to the construction of the Miracle Field at the Lee Center. For race information visit www.kelleycares.org.

For more information on the Miracle League, visit www.miracleleagueofalexandria.com.

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PEOPLE

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Team "Richard's Lunch" is one of two teams that will represent Alexandria at the fourth national championships of World Tavern Trivia. Derek McGuire, Nick Prelosky, Jane Zaretskie, Jose "JR" Lazo, Nicole Jackson, Sterling Wiggins and Gina Kvitkovich are colleagues with the Alexandria-based Helicopter Association International.

The Brainy Bunch

Alexandria teams head to national trivia championships.

BY MONTIE MARTIN
GAZETTE PACKET

Which U.S. president took early morning swims in the Potomac River? What were "poulaines" used to indicate in medieval Europe? What are the 10 least grossing Eddie Murphy movies?

It takes brains, mettle and a sense for the absurd to win World Tavern Trivia, held Wednesday nights at the Flying Fish in Old Town. It also takes a team, with a fun name, and for some a willingness to represent Alexandria at the national trivia championships.

Alexandria teams "Richard's Lunch" and "In Second Place" will compete in Atlantic City, April 29 and 30, for a chance to win a \$10,000 cash prize. Competition promises to be fierce, however, with 78 teams from as far away as Arizona slated to battle over the two-day event.

"We plan to represent Alexandria and show our hospitality and sportsmanship," said Derek McGuire, a data specialist with the Alexandria-based Helicopter Association International who plays with his coworkers on team Richard's Lunch. "Winning the first time we played was icing on the cake, and we wanted more cake."

Spring Season

World Tavern Trivia takes place 7 p.m. Wednesday nights at the Flying Fish in Old Town. Teams range between one and eight people, and the spring season is currently in full swing. For more information and to follow the leader board visit: worldtaverntrivia.com.

THE POPULARITY of World Tavern Trivia has mushroomed since 2009 when a total of five teams attended the Atlantic City event. Organizers and participants credit the format for the success, which includes a round of multiple-choice questions, a "list challenge," as well as fill in the blank answers. Trivia queries are generated from a database of 20,000 questions in 13 categories, and range from the impossibly difficult to the outrageously obvious.

"We like to say it's a trivia game designed for everyone; there's a huge percentage of the population being missed by only targeting trivia buffs," said Mike Matsinger, founder of World Tavern Trivia. "It's so much more than a trivia game. There's more of a community. You get to know other teams, build relationships, become tighter with friends and coworkers."

ers."

"Teams get up and talk with each other; we want to win but it's about having fun," said McGuire. "We rival the brain capacities of fellow Alexandrians, it's a fun communal event."

According to McGuire and his team, tricks for winning include an understanding of diverse topics, being well read, and to go with gut instincts; any answer is better than no answer. Most important of all is a team name that fits the group mentality.

Team "In Second Place" credits the welcoming atmosphere of the Flying Fish for the success of pulling a winning team together. "We just grabbed people sitting next to us to make our team," said Matthew Baise, managing editor at Voice of America and member of team In Second Place. "We chose our team name to mess with Don."

Don "Speck Slim" Fisher, an Alexandria native and trivia MC, keeps the tavern trivia entertaining with witty commentary and maintains a friendly, light atmosphere.

"It says a lot we have unique team names. Team In Second Place tickles me all the time because they're often in first place," said Fisher. "Some MCs play by the letter, there's an overwhelming sense of seriousness which takes the fun out of it. I try and keep it alive, we want to have as much fun as possible."

Victorious teams at the Flying Fish win a \$50 bar credit, as well as boasting rights. The cash element of a victory at nationals, however, with \$10,000 on the line, makes for a wholly different dimension to trivia play. Virginia has carried the national title for the previous two years thanks to Richmond-based "Red Fox Danger," composed of a rocket scientist, a lawyer and a stay-at-home dad.

"The national champions happen to be good friends; they have all the categories covered, but I have a feeling they will be defeated this year," said Matsinger. "I can't get into details, but teams should study up on the '70s. In Atlantic City there's so much more than trying to win the cash, at the end there'll be a whole disco-themed party. Plan coming to have a great time."



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BUSINESS MATTERS

New Name, Two Bills

Say goodbye to the Alexandria Sanitation Authority. Say hello to Alexandria Renew Enterprises, and get ready to pay two bills instead of one.

The authority, which cleans wastewater for 350,000 city residents, began operation in 1956, with an initial goal to “afford a nuisance-free effluent discharge” into Hunting Creek and the Potomac River. Since that time, the authority’s mission has broadened to reflect greater public concerns about the environment and energy use. Authority leaders launched the new name and logo on Earth Day as to signify an expanded mandate to renew natural resources and make them available to the greater market.

“Alexandria Renew Enterprises will take us down a new and exciting path to greater sustainability — real-world, environmentally friendly products available to businesses and the public that will help reduce the demand for the costly energy, fresh water, and the chemicals we use in our crop fields and gardens,” said Alexandria Renew executive officer **Karen Pallansch**.

Currently, city residents receive one bill from Virginia American Water that covers the supply of new water and the treatment of wastewater. Beginning in October, residents will start receiving two bills, one from Virginia American Water that covers the cost of clean water and another from Alexandria Renew Enterprises that covers the cost of treating wastewater.

“Each year, Alexandria Renew Enterprises restarts its commitment to protect the environment and our fragile ecosystems with the same passion it gave to honor the community and people served every day since the first Earth Day more than 20 years ago,” said board chairman **Thomas Van Wagner**. “That is what ASA is about today and what Alexandria Renew Enterprises will deliver in the future.”

Ideal Reduction

For the last two years, the Alexandria Economic Development Partnership has been celebrating the “Alexandria Ideal,” a marketing campaign aimed at prospective business audiences. Now City Manager **Rashad Young** is proposing reducing the budget for the campaign by \$83,000, decreasing the amount of industry-specific advertising conducted by the partnership.

Young says the organization can increase personal outreach with brokers, developers, owners and potential tenants to offset the reduction. But leaders in the partnership are fighting for their slice of the pie. In a memorandum to city officials, partnership president **Val Hawkins** says the proposed \$83,000 cut to marketing and advertising efforts would “compromise momentum gained over previous years in promoting regulatory and structural changes at City Hall that have made Alexandria ideal for business.”

“Alexandria’s regional competition continues to advertise and promote their respective jurisdictions, so lack of funding may negatively impact our competitive position,” Hawkins wrote. “Restoration of the \$83,368, which represents 40 percent of the entire AEDP marketing budget, would restore current levels of investment and allow for ongoing marketing and advertising.”

Recovery Will Be Televised

Fresh on the heels of new economic reports showing Virginia’s unemployment rate has plunged 23 percent since January 2010, Republican Gov. **Bob McDonnell**’s Opportunity Virginia political action committee is launching a new television advertisement. The commercial, which is set to air in the coming weeks, features several businesses that have created jobs during Virginia’s economic recovery.

“Virginia is growing strong again,” said McDonnell in a written statement announcing the advertising campaign. “This ad highlights some of the men and women driving this recovery, while noting all that has been accomplished over the past two years.”

Only one Northern Virginia business is featured in the commercial, Vienna-based MicroTech. Company vice president **Marisa Andrews** is one of eight people featured in the commercial.

— MICHAEL LEE POPE



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Executive Director Ann Dorman, left, joins First Night Alexandria board members April 19 in presenting checks to support local school music programs.

Applause in the Form of \$1,500

First Night donates to school music programs.

First Night Alexandria’s board of directors voted unanimously April 19 to make monetary contributions to the music programs at T.C. Williams High School and George Washington and Francis Hammond Middle Schools.

“These contributions just make sense,” said board chairman Kerry Donley. “We chose these particular groups since First Night is all about the performing arts.”

During the April board meeting, checks totaling \$1,500 were presented to Brian Thomas, chair of the music department and band director at T.C. Williams High School. The funds are divided equally among the band, orchestra and choir.

Also receiving checks for \$750 for their music programs were Anne Provencher of George Washington Middle School and Patricia Williamson of Francis

Hammond Middle School.

Last December, two students from T.C. Williams played significant roles with First Night. Lauren McCracken, a senior, wrote the clues for the afternoon Fun Hunt. Keira Moran, a junior, was a performer at Nickells & Scheffler.

“We hope that these contributions today will encourage more of Alexandria’s students to join in the effort to provide this fun, affordable event each year” said Donley.

In addition to the school contributions, First Night Alexandria has shared the success of the past two years with all of the performers.

“After several years of cold rainy weather and small crowds, all of the performers took a 10 percent cut in their fees to help us out,” said Executive Director Ann Doorman. “When the weather worked in our favor and the crowds swelled, we wanted to show our appreciation to the performers by giving each of them a small bonus.”

— JEANNE THEISMANN

NEIGHBORHOOD

Taylor Run

BROADWAY SUCCESS

Nancy A. Gibbs, who formerly lived in our neighborhood on W. Taylor Run, has produced a new hit in New York. “Peter and the Starcatcher” is a prequel to Peter Pan. It explains how Peter and the Lost Boys attained their eternal youth, and why Captain Hook pursued them so relentlessly. The New York Times reviewed the show most enthusiastically.

Janet and David Beckmann, of Park Road, went up to New York to the opening night, which they enjoyed tremendously.

“Peter is a tour-de-force of the imagination,” says Janet. “The

audience could not have been more elated.”

JOYFUL DINNER

“After a Christmas cruise to the Caribbean, we decided to have a big Easter dinner,” says Katherine Morrison. At the table were the Morrison’s two sons and six friends from the past. Benjamin Terry has been a friend of one of the Morrison’s sons since their days at T. C. Williams High School.

Katherine has the most interesting job; she moves from firm to firm taking positions as an interim executive director. She is now serving as the executive director at Community Bridges up in Silver Spring. Jim and Katherine live on

W. View Terrace.

FORT WARD EXCITEMENT

Those enterprising people of Fort Ward are again bringing us an unusual experience; a Civil War encampment will take place and a 19,000 cubic ft. netted gas balloon will rise over the park. This will all happen on April 28; activities will start at 11 a.m. These balloons were used for reconnaissance during the Civil War at Fort Ward.

CORRECTION

I must apologize to Darlene Johnson for changing her name to Doreen in the last column.

— LOIS KELSO HUNT

ACT To Kick Off Spring for Alexandria Events

Gala to honor Ticer, Ariail family.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

John Porter thinks big. As this year's group of events collectively referred to as Spring for Alexandria draws near, Porter has set some lofty goals for the May 2 kick-off online giving event Spring2Action.

"We are looking to double our numbers from last year," said Porter, the executive director of the community trust ACT for Alexandria. "We want 2,000 citizens to help us raise \$200,000 for local charities and will be hosting live 'give-togethers' May 2 to help donors get engaged in the effort."

The ACT events will be held at the Uptowner from 7-9 a.m., Bittersweet Cafe from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and Pork Barrel BBQ from 6-10 p.m.

State Award for Sherman

Dr. Morton Sherman, superintendent of Alexandria City Public Schools, is the recipient of the Virginia Association of Elementary School Principals 2012 Pathfinder Award. The honor recognizes Virginia educators who have provided leadership in educational reform at the elementary and middle school levels and who have, by their deeds, enhanced the quality of education in their districts or in the state.

"We raised more than \$104,000 last year from 1,265 donors but are confident the community will help us reach our goals this year," Porter said. "This is a fun way to encourage local philanthropy."

Spring2Action is a 24-hour campaign to raise as much money as possible for more than 70 local non-profit organizations. Grants and prizes will be awarded to nonprofits and individual donors as part of the online giving event.

Spring2Action begins at midnight May 2 and ends at 11:59 p.m. at www.spring2action.org.

The following day, ACT will host the fifth annual Generations of Giving Gala at the Patent and Trade Office. This year's theme is "A Blast From the past: Remembering Alexandria in the 1960s" and the evening will culminate with the presentation of the Legacy of Service Award to Patsy Ticer, honoring her commitment to community service, giving, and investment in Alexandria.

Leslie and Allison Ariail will represent the Ariail family as it is honored with the Legacy of Giving Award in celebration of its many years of community philanthropy and service.

Tickets or more information on the event can be found at www.actforalexandria.org or by contacting Henrietta LaMotte at henrietta.lamotte@actforalexandria.org or 703-739-7778.

The Business Philanthropy Summit kicks off the May 4 Community Service Day and the city-wide initiative wraps up May 5 with Alexandria Gives! at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center.

For more information, visit www.springforalexandria.org.

Event Schedule

MAY 2

Spring2Action

Online giving campaign for Alexandria nonprofits.
www.spring2action.org

MAY 3

ACT for Alexandria Generations of Giving Gala

Patent and Trade Office
www.actforalexandria.org

MAY 4

The Business Philanthropy Summit

An annual breakfast event hosted by Volunteer Alexandria to promote and showcase philanthropy by local businesses.
7:30-9:30 a.m.

Spring for Alexandria Community Service Day

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Teams and individual volunteers from businesses, organizations, associations and city departments spend the day providing hands-on service throughout Alexandria.
www.springforalexandria.org

New in 2012: The Wrap Party

Celebrate after Service Day: a wrap party will take place at Mango Mike's on Duke Street with fun and refreshments for all! www.mangomikes.com
1:30-5:30 p.m.

MAY 5

Alexandria Gives!

Grand Prizes will be awarded May 5 at this new multi-cultural festival organized by the Jaycees. Volunteers from area charities are on-site at the Mount Vernon Recreation Center collecting donations to contribute to neighbors in need.
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OPINION

Connection Wins Public Service Award

VPA Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service; plus 44 other awards.

The Connection Newspapers was awarded the Virginia Press Association Award for Journalistic Integrity and Community Service last Saturday, April 21, “for exhaustive coverage of homelessness in the newspaper’s circulation area.” The award was announced in Roanoke at the press association’s annual convention.

The public service entries were judged by Robert Giles, former editor and publisher of The Detroit News and the immediate past curator of the Nieman Foundation.

Giles wrote of the Connection coverage:

“Its stories gave voice to the homeless. Its stories effectively portrayed the plight of the poor living in tents and other makeshift shelters. It reported on how poverty and homelessness affects children. It examined the causes of homelessness and explained why people don’t have a place to live even when some have a job. It reported on the role of government and groups that advocate for the poor. It provided extensive lists of community organizations with missions to help the poor and homeless, and told how individuals could volunteer.

EDITORIAL

“It invited knowledgeable citizens to contribute guest editorials that offered perspectives and fresh ideas for addressing the problems of homelessness.”

The online component of the homeless project also won first place in the multimedia category. Edited by Michael O’Connell, the project included stories, video and photos by

Read the Winners

Many of the winning entries are posted at www.ConnectionNewspapers.com/

Victoria Ross, Deb Cobb, Robbie Hammer, Bonnie Hobbs and Amber Healy.

The Connection Newspapers group, including the Alexandria Gazette Packet, Mount Vernon Gazette and Centre View and Potomac Almanac, won 45 awards in all.

The Alexandria Gazette Packet won 17 awards.

The top award winner was Michael Lee Pope, who won 12 awards including first place for government writing; health, science and envi-

ronmental writing; in-depth or investigative reporting; breaking news and public safety writing.

In addition to her work on the homeless project, photographer Deb Cobb won individual first place awards for photo illustration for a cover depicting a vampire; for an online slide show of “wounded warriors at bat,” and for general news photo.

Bonnie Hobbs won two first place awards, one for education writing and one for feature portfolio. Alex McVeigh won first place for in depth or investigative reporting for his coverage of a land use issue in Great Falls. Montie Martin won two first place awards, one for business writing, the other for personal service writing.

The Children’s Connection won an award and judges said it was a “simple and elegant idea showcasing children’s artwork, a great way to attract young readers.”

While it is gratifying and fun to win awards, it reflects our mission to tell the stories of the local community. We welcome your ideas and suggestions about what we should be covering now.

— MARY KIMM,

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Winning Entries, Alexandria Gazette Packet



Michael Lee Pope



Jeanne Theismann



Louise Krafft



Montie Martin



Mary Kimm



Steve Hibbard



Steven Mauren



Laurence Foong

See a complete list of winners on page 18.

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 1st place, Government Writing, Judges comments: Excellent depth of reporting on multiple engaging topics. Readers were well informed by these articles.

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 1st place, Health, Science and Environmental Writing, Judges comments: Really interesting stuff and like how writer sets the stage to present opposing viewpoints. Takes talent to write about a topic that could be as dull as dirt and keep the reader engaged. Really good work.

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 1st place, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting, Hidden Crime, Judges comments: Shows a direct approach to capture the attention of the reader.

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 1st place, Breaking News Writing, School system iced. Judges comments: Thorough information on a late breaking story. The lead was good in establishing why the school superintendent was upset. And the inclusion of quotes from the ACLU was a good way to put the investigators’ action — or lack of it — in perspective. Well done.

❖ Montie Martin, 1st place, Business and Financial Writing

❖ Montie Martin, 1st place, Personal Service Writing Judges comments: Zombie story is weird enough to grab attention. Other entries workmanlike. None overwritten, which appears to be the norm in these “personal service” categories.

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 1st place, Public Safety Writ-

ing, Judges comments: Writer does an outstanding job tackling broader issues. The bank-robberies article is extremely well done and doesn’t sugarcoat an issue sure to give local police a black eye. The article on domestic violence is equally well done, giving the perspective of a victim who is now a survivor. The look at changes 10 years after 9/11 is another strong article, providing great insight and perspective.

❖ Jeanne Theismann, 2nd place, Business and Financial Writing

❖ Steven Mauren, Steve Hibbard, Jeanne Theismann, Louise Krafft, Laurence Foong, Mike Pope, 2nd place, General Makeup, Judges comments: It’s hard to make a tab appealing, but this one is. Good photography and packaging throughout. An attractive product.

❖ Jeanne Theismann, 2nd place, Headline Writing, Judges comments: Many of the headlines in this group are cleverly written, especially “Some Like it Haute.”

❖ Steve Hibbard, Steven Mauren, Jeanne Theismann, Louise Krafft, Laurence Foong, Mike Pope, 2nd place, Lifestyle Or Entertainment Pages, Judges comments: Nice depth to the section is, no doubt, a go-to place for readers.

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 2nd place, Personal Service Writing, Obituaries, Judges comments: Well-researched and well-told biographies. Lots of interest to the community. I have to wonder, however, what sort of treatment do the less-socially-prominent receive?

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 3rd place, Breaking News Writ-

ing, Gen-on Power Plant to be Unplugged, Judges comments: Knowing the background here enabled the reporter to write a thorough explanation of what the closing of the power plant meant. The history of the plant — and efforts opposing it — put things in perspective for the reader. Nice touch to add the quote from the plant opponent who understood what it might mean for the employees.

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 3rd place, Business and Financial Writing

❖ Mary Kimm, 3rd place, Editorial Writing, Judges comments: Mary Kimm’s editorials are sharp and on point. Great work.

❖ Michael Lee Pope, 3rd place, In-Depth Or Investigative Reporting

❖ Louise Krafft, 3rd place, Pictorial Photo Kool Academy Graduate Inaugural Class Judges comments: Nice moment caught.

Write

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POETRY

The following poems, submitted because April is National Poetry Month, are from Alexandria residents.

Nature's Cookie

Flowers,
Pretty and sweet,
Easy to hold,
Treats for bees and me.

— MICHELLE BERBERET

Angel Brain

My dear angel brain
What kind of angel are you?

Are you Gabriel
telling me I am chosen?

Or Michael, the defender of
God
and my guardian angel?

Or one of those fat little
cherubs all soft and cute,
but a little dangerous with his
bow and arrow?

Perhaps Lucifer, tempting my
heart with
power and arrogance?

Or Capra's Clarence showing
me the
the value of my life when I
forget?

Are you all of these my dear,
daring,
darling angel brain?

You devil, you.

— MICHELLE BERBERET

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OPINION

Keeping a Promise

BY DR. MORTON SHERMAN
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



The mission of Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS) is to provide the environment, resources, and commitment to ensure that each and every student succeeds — academically, emotionally, physically, and socially. To achieve our mission, the priority of the administration and staff is to keep our students safe in an environment conducive to learning.

The Alexandria City School Board and I made a commitment to the families of Alexandria last year that we would review our policy on volunteers and our processes for allowing volunteers into our schools. I am proud to report to you that ACPS has enhanced security for students by implementing a new electronic system to check visitors against the national sex offender registry and conduct background checks for volunteers. Our visitor and volunteer screening system was upgraded with KeepnTrack in mid-March. KeepnTrack is a school security solution used by school systems across the country. ACPS staff thoroughly researched, discussed, and tested the system before deciding to implement it.

As our community partners and individual volunteers continue to devote their

valuable time and experience to helping students, they must all now undergo annual criminal background checks in order to receive badges to allow them into the school buildings. This is an additional layer of protection for our students. I hope that this proactive measure will be embraced by our partners and volunteers and seen by our parents as an enhancement of our efforts to keep our students safe and focused on learning. We want our community to be verified with pride when it comes to the safety of our children.

April is National Volunteer Month, and I applaud the more than 350 members of our community who have already completed the new background check procedures and are ready to begin (or continue) working with students to increase achievement and enhance their learning experience. We need volunteers to help with tutoring, mentoring, and program implementation. Often a community volunteer in our schools provides that extra spark or adult connection with a student that can make a difference, inspire a change in behavior, or provide a missing

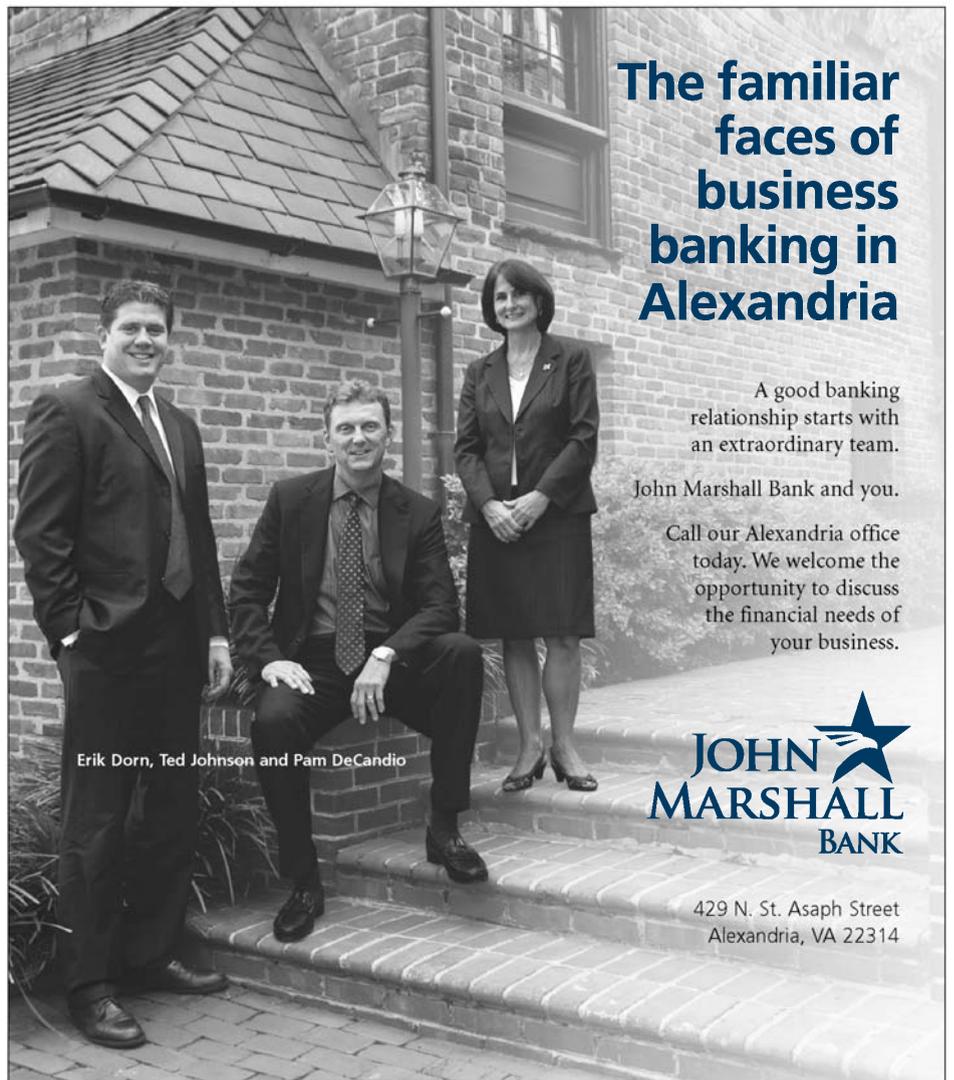
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POTOMAC YARD



POTOMAC YARD
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LandDesign.

Project map shows the Land Bays and the features to be developed in each.

Transforming a Vision into Housing, Commerce

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK
GAZETTE PACKET

First in a three-part series about Potomac Yard development.

Creating an urban development, one land bay at a time.

The City of Alexandria is building what will be a small city on the old Potomac Rail Yard that could bring as many as 8,000 new residents over the next 20 years and become a commercial center that could outstrip Crystal City, Ballston, the Pentagon Mall, and 14th Street Northwest.

OVERVIEW

Planners believe it will draw thousands of office workers and customers from other northern Virginia communities as well as Washington and Maryland. Crystal City in its prime years attracted 60,000 workers a day to its offices and the new development's capac-

ity could exceed that number. Called the "Potomac Yard" projects, the four main sections of this undertaking are laid out on 295 acres of land between the Metrorail and railroad tracks and U.S. Route 1, at the center of high density, high income communities in Old Town, Delray, Rosemont and Arlington. Ronald Reagan National Airport abuts the eastside of the development and there are currently rail, subway and bus connections to Washington and the region.

The city plan divides the project into what it calls "Land Bays," numbering the Land Bays A through M, but in fact there are four main projects.

One, named Potomac Greens, is nearly complete and includes 244 townhouses, most occupied, 20 acres of open spaces and a small local shopping area called Potomac Plaza.

The other three projects will include residences, offices, public parks, athletic fields, a Metro Station and perhaps a school. They are in varying stages of planning, construction or site preparation. One structure, a firehouse in distinctive dark red brick on Route 1 was completed in 2009 and houses some 65 units of affordable housing plus Engine Company TK.

Pulte Homes, one of the developers, was a partner in the con-



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A view from under the Monroe Street Bridge.

struction of new bridge on Route 1 over Monroe Avenue and has finished a connection road that parallels Route 1 from the Monroe Bridge to the Arlington County

line. It also paid a significant share of the firehouse construction.

Potomac Yard is the last major

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POTOMAC YARD

Building Upon Layers Of History

From Native American settlements to gentrified neighborhoods.

BY NICHOLAS HORROCK
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If you stand on the roof of a high rise apartment build in North Alexandria, you can get a sense of the extraordinary flatness of the Potomac Yard. You can see the Washington Monument and the Capitol dome across a skyline unbroken by anything but the occasional lifting off of a plane from Ronald Reagan Airport. To the left are the high rise buildings of Crystal City, but they are manmade break in the flat land which runs from the Potomac River south to below Old Town before a ridge of any significant height changes the contour of the country side.

“From prehistoric times through the present, these level terraces paralleling the Potomac River provided a north/south path-



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Photograph of the Potomac Yard about 1972.

way for moving people and goods,” according to an essay by Francine W. Bromberg, the preservation archeologist for the City of Alexandria.

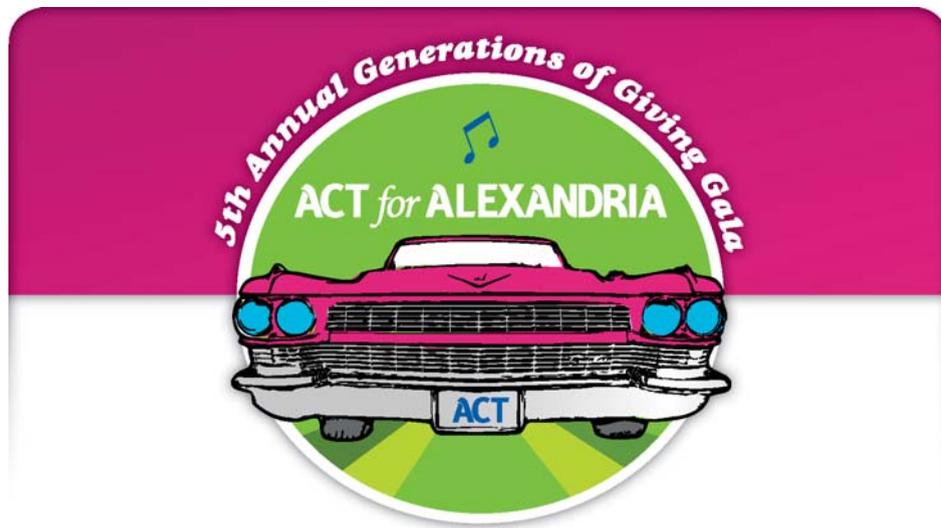
“While the modes of transportation

changed from foot to horse and stagecoach, then to canal boats and later trains and automobiles, the landform remained an important link.”

According to Bromberg, “bands of Native

American hunters and gatherers may have traversed the area that became Potomac Yard as early as 13,000 years ago.” By the

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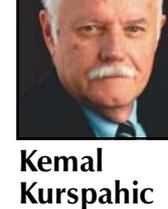
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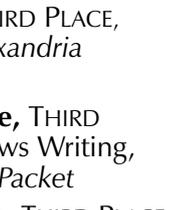
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'God of Carnage'

Grown-ups behaving badly at Signature Theatre.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

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Fat chance.

It doesn't take long for the couples to drop the charade and trade their parsed euphemisms for boxing gloves in the Signature Theatre production of the Tony Award-winning "God of Carnage."

Written by French playwright Yasmina Reza and translated by Christopher Hampton, the Signature production stars Vanessa Lock and Paul Morella as Annette and Alan Raleigh, the parents of the offending youth, and Naomi Jacobson and Andy Brownstein as Veronica and Michael Novak, the

parents of the victim.

Over espresso and calfouti, polite chit chat is quickly abandoned as Veronica persists in pressuring Annette and Alan to accept responsibility for their son's behavior. Having none of it, small irritations between the couples give way to more direct confrontation as the social pressure-cooker begins to boil over.

Jacobson, a 12-time Helen Hayes Award nominee and two-time winner, leads the nimble cast in a collective display of comic dexterity that leaves the audience howling.

Together with Brownstein, Lock and Morella, the actors play off one another with the expertise and timing of a finely tuned quartet as director Joe Calarco orchestrates their performances like a maestro.

Morella nails the smug smoothness of Alan, the cocksure lawyer who is more concerned about his cell phone conversations than the

task at hand, with Lock as his increasingly ill and eruptive wife Annette.

As Michael, Brownstein is the boorish counterpoint to Jacobson's rapidly unraveling Veronica. The hostility and humiliation hurled between the couples is the stuff of hilarity as rum is consumed and allegiances shift with blazing speed.

James Kronzer's well-designed set provides a sophisticated playroom for the physical action that eventually replaces the verbal volleys in this one act, 90-minute play where two wealthy and self-righteous couples take no prisoners. Add in some good rum and Cuban cigars and you get an evening that is anything but boring.

"God of Carnage" is playing now through June 24 at Signature Theatre, 4200 Campbell Ave., Arlington. For tickets or more information, call 703-820-9771 or visit www.signature-theatre.org.



Vanessa Lock (left, as Annette) and Naomi Jacobson (as Veronica) share a laugh and a drink in the Washington premiere of "God of Carnage". Playing at Virginia's Signature Theatre through June 24.

And Then there Was One

'Someone Who'll Watch Over Me' at Port City Playhouse.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE GAZETTE

It's been more than a quarter of a century since Irishman Brian Keenan, Englishman John McCarthy and American Terry Anderson were taken hostage in Beirut and held in a series of desolate cells throughout the city. Keenan was released after more than four years in captivity and went on to pen "An Evil Cradling," a chilling account of his experience.

Inspired by conversations with Keenan, playwright Frank McGuinness adapted a fictionalized version of the ordeal in the 1992 award-winning "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me," now expertly staged by Port City Playhouse in Alexandria.

As strains of Ella Fitzgerald's "Someone to Watch Over Me" wafts through the Lab at Convergence, we meet Adam, an American doctor (David James), Edward, an Irish journalist (Matthew Randall) and Michael, an English literature professor who by his own admission can be a "sanctimonious prig" (John Shackelford).

Unsure if they are awaiting

death or release, the three attempt to keep insanity at bay by imagining movies they might make, cocktails they might drink and letters they might write. In one of many standout sequences, Edward and Michael re-enact Virginia Wade's 1977 victory at Wimbledon, complete with Randall doing an uproarious impression of Queen Elizabeth.

"Someone" is a tour de force production for Randall, James and Shackelford, three remarkable actors who handle the "suffering and inhumanity" of their incarceration with such aplomb that audience members were moved to tears. Together they skillfully balance their grief and anger with moments of humor and camaraderie.

James gives a powerful and explosive performance, evoking the pent up rage of a caged animal as he wonders in despair "They're going to kill me for oil?"

Randall — with a perfectly intoned Irish brogue — has masterfully crafted the character of Edward, a volatile and powerful personality who veers between charisma and antagonism.

Last but not least is the truly

unforgettable and tenderly tragic performance turned in by Shackelford. As Michael, he is riveting to watch in a poignant display of verbal wit in the face of the monotony of his senseless captivity.

Directed by Rosemary Hartman, the squalid set designed by Frank Pasqualino draws the audience into the mental anguish these men endure.

Effectively lit by a single light bulb, the only props are water bottles placed next to grimy mattresses along with a copy of the Bible and Quran.

In the end, "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" is a well-written, superbly staged story of the unbreakable strength of friendships forged in the most dire of circumstances. Be prepared to laugh, to cry and to leave in awe of three of the finest, most perfectly calibrated performances seen on any stage.

The Port City Playhouse production of "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me" is playing now through May 5 at the Lab at Convergence, 1819 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria. For tickets or more information, visit www.portcityplayhouse.org.



PHOTO BY MIKE DEBLOIS

David James plays Adam (the American), Matthew Randall plays Edward (the Irishman) and John Shackelford plays Michael (the Englishman) in "Someone Who'll Watch Over Me."

ENTERTAINMENT

E-mail announcements to the Gazette, gazette@connectionnewspapers.com. Photos and artwork are encouraged. Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper. Call Steve Hibbard at 703-778-9412 with questions.

MONTH OF APRIL

Harvest Assembly Baptist Church 25th Anniversary. At 8012 Fordson Road, Alexandria. Services are held at 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.; and 5 p.m. Special dates:
 ♦ April 29: Dr. David Cunningham, Dr. Regretta B. Johnson Ruffin and Bishop William Walker, Latta SC. Featuring: HABC Dance Ministries and the HABC Unity Choir
 Adults: \$40 13 & up; Children: \$20 12 & under
 Featuring: The Singing Angels, HABC Pastor's Praise Team
 Call: 703-799-7868.

NOW THROUGH APRIL 29

Childhood Memories. Works by artists inspired by their childhoods. Memories are endless: an experience, a trip, a gathering, an animal, a poem, a person or a place that brings one back to a childhood memory. Show exhibits April 6-29; Open Thursday-Sunday. Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. 703-838-4827. www.TheDelRayArtisans.org

THURSDAY/APRIL 26

African American Heroines of the Civil War. 7 p.m. Admission is \$10. Join C.R. Gibbs, Historian of the African Diaspora, in a look at the inspiring achievements of little-known black women. Sponsored by the Alexandria Black History Museum. Admission: \$10/person. At the Charles Houston Recreation Center, 901 Wythe Street, Alexandria.

ArtNight SpringHill Suites. 5 to 8 p.m. A one-night showcase featuring artwork from the Torpedo Factory's Art League and Alexandria's Del Ray Artisans. At SpringHill Suites by Marriott Alexandria Tech Center, 2950 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.facebook.com/springhillsuites.

Does Mom Need to Move? 7 to 8:30 p.m. Seminar is part of its free Spring 2012 Seminars for Family Caregivers series. At Martha Washington Library, 6614 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria. Register online (go to www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dfs/olderadultservices and link to caregiver series), email caregiver@fairfaxcounty.gov, or call 703-324-5205, TTY 711.

Republican Forum for 8th District Candidates. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Colonial Republican women and the Lee District Republican committee will host a forum for 8th District Republican Convention candidates. At the Virginia Hills Administration Center, Old Virginia Hills School, 6520 Diana Lane, Alexandria. Contact Debbie at 703-768-1934 or colonialrepublicanwomen@gmail.com

APRIL 27 TO 29

Edison Pyramid Show. 6 to 7 p.m. Featuring students' work from the following schools: Edison,



SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Make a House Storybook. 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Local artist and writer Sushmita Mazumdar will show how she makes books that are houses for all kinds of creatures and all kinds of stories. Then kids will learn how to make their own "House Storybook" of a special place. For children ages 6 to 12. Cost is \$15/family and includes materials. Register at 703-746-4356. At the Alexandria Black History Museum, 902 Wythe St., Alexandria.



SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Native Plant Sale. 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Largest native plant sale in D.C. metro area hosts 14 vendors from five states selling native perennials, shrubs, and trees for sun or shade in historic Parkfairfax. At 3601 Valley Drive, Alexandria. Call 571-232-0375 or www.ParkfairfaxNativePlantSale.org.

Twain, Bush Hill, Cameron, Clermont, Franconia, Mt. Eagle, Rose Hill. In collaboration with the Edison High Theater Department's production of "Oklahoma." At Edison High School, Entrance 17 by the Theater, Alexandria.

FRIDAY/APRIL 27

Spelling Bee. 6 to 8 p.m. Trophies awarded to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. At William Ramsay Elementary School.

Music of "Harry Potter" Films. 7:30 p.m. The Symphony Orchestra of Arlington will perform the music of Harry Potter from eight films. Pre-concert activities at 6 p.m. At the George Washington Masonic Memorial Theater, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. Visit www.symphonyorchestraofarlington.com

Brahms for Violin and Piano. 8 p.m. Free. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Call The United States Air Force Band's Concert Line at 202-767-5658 or visit our homepage: www.usafbnd.af.mil.

Magician Captain Token. 7:30 p.m. \$25/advance; \$40/door. Fundraiser for the Optimist Club of Alexandria. At Patrick Henry Elementary School, 4643 Taney Avenue, Alexandria.

SATURDAY/APRIL 28

Annual Yard Sale. 8 a.m. to noon. Tons of furniture, household items, clothing, etc. All funds raised will support the Youth Service Project. At Nativity Lutheran Church, 1300 Collingwood Road, Alexandria. Contact 703-678-9324.

The Urban Attic Launch Party. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Christmas Attic store unveils the 'other side' of The Attic. The 40-year-old holiday store is redesigning its store to create 'two stores in one.' At 125 S. Union St., Old Town Alexandria. Call 703-548-2829 or visit www.christmasattic.com.

Civil War Balloon Corps. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn about Alexandria's history and the Civil War Balloon Corps in a living history program held at Fort Ward Museum and Historic Site. In 1861, a civilian Balloon Corps attached to the U.S. Army was organized to gather information on Confederate positions and movements from the sky. Fort Ward Museum & Historic Site is located at 4301 West Braddock Road. Visit www.fortward.org, or call 703-746-4848.

5K Croc Trot Run. 7:30 to 9 a.m. At Island Creek Elementary School, 7855 Morning View Lane, Alexandria.

Duke Street Speedy Lube & Auto Maintenance Car Care Clinic. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Car Care Month is a nationwide effort to focus motorists' attention on the importance of vehicle care and maintenance. During the Spring Car Care Clinic, we will be performing free vehicle check-ups. The inspections include checking fluid levels, tires, lights and other system components. After the inspection is completed, volunteers review any

discrepancies with the motorist and provide information about proper vehicle maintenance and repair.

YMCA Open House. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Join YMCA Alexandria at 420 East Monroe Avenue, Alexandria. Activities include pony rides, train rides, manicures, make a kite station, family zumba, Face Painting, Balloon Sculptures, SeaPerch underwater robotics demo, Healthy Snack Attack Shack, Pirates of Alexandria Scavenger Hunt, and more! It's free and open to the public.

Rebuilding Together Rebuilding Day. 8 a.m. Help repair 50 vulnerable Alexandria residents' homes during National Rebuilding Day. Some 1,000 volunteers are needed. Event kicks off at First Baptist Church, 2932 King St., Alexandria. Contact Shawn Flaherty at 703-554-3609.

"Oklahoma." 2 p.m. Benefit for Koinonia. Tickets are \$20/person. At Edison High School, Franconia Road, Alexandria. To purchase tickets, visit <http://edisondrama.com/Koinonia.html>.

APRIL 28 AND 29

"Swan Lake." Sponsored by the Virginia Ballet Company. Performances are Saturday, April 28 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Sunday, April 29 at 2 p.m. The production includes all four acts, fully staged and costumed, and the score by Tchaikovsky. Dancers Christine Gilmore and Eleni Thomas will alternate in the role of Odette/Odile. Performances will take place in the Ernst Cultural Center Theater at NVCC Annandale Campus. Tickets are available on-line at www.virginiaballetcompany.org or at the box office.

Carpenter's Shelter Cook-Off and Run. 8 a.m. on Saturday is the Run for Shelter 10K and One-Mile Fun Run. Registration for Run for Shelter 10K is \$40; Fun Run is \$20. To register, visit www.runforshelter10k.com. All proceeds benefit Carpenter's Shelter and its work on behalf of homeless individuals, children, and families. The 10th Anniversary Cook-Off Celebration is Sunday, April 29, from noon to 3 p.m., at The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Featuring 30 of the area's best restaurants offering samples of their food, plus a live auction offering attendees the chance to bid on trips, tickets, meals and more. Tickets are \$40 for adults and \$10 for children under 12. Visit www.carpenterscookoff.com.

SUNDAY/APRIL 29

Rocknoceros. 4 p.m. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10/advance; \$12/door. Join the three guys — Coach Cotton, Williebob and Boogie Woogie Bennie — who make award-winning music for the whole family. Purchase tickets through the synagogue office, check or exact change only. At Agudas Achim Preschool, 2908 Valley Drive, Alexandria; call 703-998-6072.

Duncan Sheik with Suzanne Vega. Performing songs from his latest album covers 80s, theater works and early catalogue. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com; for tickets, call



Clockwise from the top Joe Quinn, Matt Stover, Amin Yachnes, Angela Longo, Jared Walters and Alex Wong.

APRIL 26, 27, 28, 29

"Seussical the Musical." Performed by West Potomac High School theater department. Tickets are \$12/door. Performances are April 26, 27, 28 at 7:30 p.m.; April 29 at 2:30 p.m. At West Potomac High School, 6500 Quander Road, Alexandria.

Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or order online at www.Ticketmaster.com.

MONDAY/APRIL 30

Seniors, How "CarFit" Are You? 10:30 a.m. With Fairfax County Police officer Allison Eggers. CarFit offers older adults the opportunity to check how well their personal vehicles "fit" them. Individual assessments will be conducted following this presentation at 15-minute intervals. Appointments are required for individual CarFit assessments. At Hollin Hall Senior Center, 1500 Shenandoah Road, Alexandria. Call 703-765-4573 to sign up.

TUESDAY/MAY 1

Swing Dancing — Cancelled. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Tom Cunningham Orchestra. At The Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle Street, Alexandria.
Nanci Griffith with Guest Eric Taylor. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$39.50. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.birchmere.com or call 703-549-7500.
Morrison House Presents. 6 to 8 p.m. Free admission. Author F. Lennox Campello discusses his controversial book, 100 Artists of Washington, D.C., and provides insights into the selection process, the publication of the book and the subsequent eruption of controversy in the Greater DC area art scene. At Morrison House, 116 South Alfred St., Alexandria. Visit www.morrisonhouse.com or call 703-838-8000.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 2

Musician Laura Warshauer. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com; for tickets, call Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or order online at www.Ticketmaster.com.
U.S. Air Force Band Concert. 7:30 p.m. Free. Featuring the Singing Sergeants. At Bishop Ireton High School, 201 Cambridge Road, Alexandria. Call 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafbnd.af.mil.

MAY 2 TO 5

Spring Book and Media Sale. Sponsored by the Friends of Duncan Library. Book prices \$1 to \$5; media \$0.50 to \$3. Dates are May 2 from 7-9 p.m. (Friends Preview Night, membership available at

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the door); May 3 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; May 4 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; and May 5 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. At 2501 Commonwealth Avenue Alexandria. Call 703-746-1705 or duncanlibraryfriends@gmail.com.

FRIDAY/MAY 4

Volunteer for Community Service Day. Event Combines Community Service, Fundraising and Fun. Volunteers are needed to help in community service projects throughout Alexandria from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Event information: <http://springforalexandria2012.kintera.org>

SATURDAY/MAY 5

Alexandria Art Market. Third season begins May 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. At Colasanto Park. Local artists, musical performances. Other dates: Saturdays 6/2/12, 7/7/12, 8/4/12, 9/1/12, 11/3/12. Application available for non-DRA members. Contact Kimberley Bush ArtMarket@TheDelRayArtisans.org or visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org/ArtMarket.

Simpson Demonstration Garden Open House. 9 to 11 a.m. At 420 E. Monroe Avenue, Alexandria. Tour five gardens, each of which demonstrates a separate theme — waterwise, flagstone, tufa, butterfly and scented gardening. The gardens are located between the YMCA and Eugene Simpson baseball stadium. Park in the YMCA lot. Visit www.mgnv.org.

St. Luke's Barbecue. 11 a.m. Besides slow-cooked North Carolina-style chopped pork BBQ, the church will be offering grilled chicken, hot dogs, beans, cole slaw and soft drinks. Proceeds support church activities and community outreach. St. Luke's is located at 8009 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria.

Bowties & Belles, a Kentucky Derby Party. 4 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100/patrons; \$80/individuals. Features an afternoon of watching the Derby, a raffle, silent auction, cocktail reception. Sponsored by the Junior Friends of the Campagna Center. Proceeds help support programs of The Campagna Center. At Collingwood on the Potomac, 8301 East Boulevard Dr., Alexandria. Visit www.CampagnaCenter.org.

SUNDAY/MAY 6

Art at Home. Noon to 1:30 p.m. and 2 to 3:30 p.m. (Two seatings). Tickets are \$15. New Interior Design Interactive Lecture Series introduced at the Torpedo Factory Art Center. Interior designer Mary Mitchell will show how to layer design elements with furnishings and the visual arts to create an environment unique to every home owner. At Studio 325, Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 North Union St., Alexandria. Visit www.torpedofactory.org; or call 703-838-4565.

Titan Expo. 1 to 5 p.m. A community fair, will be held on the front lawn of T.C. Williams High School. Featuring games, moon bounce, bingo, food, book sale, and the ever popular car bash. All proceeds support the Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. T.C. Williams is located at 3330 King Street, Alexandria. Call 703-824-6868.

MONDAY/MAY 7

Children and Trauma. 6:30 to 9 p.m. Free. Featuring guest speaker Margaret Dowell who will discuss the connection between trauma and behavior. At The Lyceum, 201 S. Washington St., Alexandria. Call 703-746-3579 or email latanya.wooten@alexandriava.gov.

TUESDAY/MAY 8

Swing Dancing. 9 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$10. With the Bay Jazz Project. At the Carlyle Club, 411 John Carlyle St., Alexandria.

Musician Mike Doughty. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25. Featuring "The Book



MAY 4, 5, 11, 12

"Crazy for You." Tickets are \$5/students, seniors; \$10/adults. Presented by T.C. Williams Drama Department. Show dates are May 4, 5, 11, 12 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at the door. The whole family will enjoy this upbeat show, which features a humorous plot, impressive dance numbers, and unforgettable songs, including "I Got Rhythm" and "Someone to Watch Over Me."

of Drugs": Concert, Reading, Q&A. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Call 703-549-7500 or visit www.birchmere.com.

WEDNESDAY/MAY 9

Ottmar Liebert in Concert. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$35. At The Birchmere, 3701 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Visit www.Ticketmaster.com.

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

FRIDAY/MAY 11

Bid and Win Dinner/Auction. 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. The Cocktail Social and Silent Auction will run from 6:30 to 9 p.m. A Buffet featuring London Broil and Chicken will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. and the night will cap off with a Live Auction. Tickets are \$40 each. Sponsored by the Fort Belvoir Officers' Spouses' Club. At 5500 Schulz Circle, Fort Belvoir. To reserve your tickets or offer an item for donation contact Boscfundraiser@gmail.com or 540-847-1467.

Music for Oboe. 8 p.m. Free concert. At The Lyceum, 201 South Washington St., Alexandria. Call The United States Air Force Band's Concert Line at 202-767-5658 or visit www.usafband.af.mil.

Benefit Concert for Haiti. 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50. NSO Concert Master Nurit Bar-Josef and acclaimed pianist Rohan De Silva are guest artists for this National Chamber Players concert featuring Fritz Kreisler's Schön Rosmarin, Liebesleid, Sicilienne and Rigaudon, "It Ain't Necessarily So," by George Gershwin and arranged by Jascha Heifetz, and Antonín Dvořák's Piano Quintet in A Major, Op. 81. At Pendleton Hall, Episcopal High School, 3900 W. Braddock Road, Alexandria. Visit www.episcopalhighschool.org.

SATURDAY/MAY 12

Jazzercise Fundraiser. 10 to 11 a.m. Fundraiser where 100 percent of donations go to the American Cancer Society. At Waywood Elementary Gymnasium, 1205 Waywood Blvd., Alexandria. Contact Peg Frydenlund 703-765-5659 or peg2011@verizon.net.

"This Old House." 10 a.m. Watch episode 2 of "This Old House" that was filmed in Alexandria. General contractor Tom Silva heads to Alexandria to restore the windows in a home built by George Washington. Afterward, plumbing and heating expert Richard Trethewey installs a water filter at a kitchen sink. Airing on WETA-TV 26 and WETA HD.

Garden of Light Reception. 3 to 5 p.m. Help put an end to domestic

violence by attending the Bethany House reception. Tickets are \$55/person. At the Holiday Inn and Suites, 625 First Street, Alexandria. Visit www.bhnv.org or call 703-658-9500.

American Balalaika Symphony

Spring Concert. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$20/advance; \$25/door. Peter Trofimenko and The American Balalaika Symphony welcome Spring with How a Peasant Went to a Fair — An ordinary tale told through extraordinary music. Travel back in time to a place where the pace was slow, the pleasures simple, and spring, a time of wonder and delight. With works by Andreyev, Tsygankov, Shalov, Gorodovskaya, Kachalin and more. Featuring ABS balalaika soloist Ekaterina Borodulina. At the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, 3001 Beauregard St (NVCC Campus), Alexandria. Visit www.nvcc.edu/schlesingercenter.

BBQ Fundraising Dinner. 4:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. The Women's Auxiliary of the Salvation Army Alexandria is hosting its BBQ Fundraising Dinner. Dinner is sponsored by RockLands Real Barbeque. Tickets are available through Auxiliary Members or calling TSA at 703-836-2427. Event is held at The Salvation Army Citadel Corps, 1804 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria.

Symposium on Historic Clothing. 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Historic Pohick Church Docents Guild is sponsoring a "Symposium on Historic Clothing at Historic Pohick Church" covering the 18th and early 19th centuries. Speakers for this event are costume historians Mary Doering, Colleen Callahan, and Newbie Richardson. Tickets are \$75 (\$65 for students), which includes lunch and a tour of the church. Deadline for registration is April 27, and space is limited. For ticket information contact Charlotte Knipling at 703-339-8196 or c.knipling@gmail.com.

Folk Trio We're About 9. Meets at 7 p.m. Trio of Katie Graybeal, Brian Gundersdorf and Pat Klink. Tickets are \$18/general; \$15/advance. At St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 8531 Riverside Rd., Alexandria. Visit www.FocusMusic.org.

Explore Alexandria's Firefighting History. 1 p.m. Tickets are \$6/adults; \$4/youth. The walking tour, "Blazing a Trail: Alexandria's Firefighting Past." As they walk through Old Town, participants will learn about volunteer firefighting in early Alexandria and stop at historic buildings that once served as fire stations. At Friendship Firehouse, 107 South Alfred St., Old Town Alexandria. Visit www.friendshipfirehouse.net or by calling 703-746-4994.

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Mark Lee Adams (Sir Wilfred Robarts, QC), Dan Beck (Clerk of the Court), Bruce Schmid (Barrister), Jeffrey Clarke (Justice Wainright), Raedun Knutsen (Court Stenographer), John Barclay Burns (Mr. Mayhew), James McDaniel (Mr. Meyers, QC), and John Johnson (Barrister) star in "Witness for the Prosecution."

Did He or Didn't He?

'Witness for the Prosecution' opens at LTA.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

It's 1954 and Leonard Vole stands accused of the murder of a rich elderly woman whom he befriended. His wife's testimony could save him until she suddenly becomes a "Witness for the Prosecution" in the Agatha Christie thriller now playing at The Little Theatre of Alexandria.

Leonard's only hope is to seek the aid of famed barrister Sir Wilfred Robarts, who is puzzled by the circumstances surrounding the death of Emily French, a wealthy widow who made Leonard the principle beneficiary of her estate mere weeks after meeting him.

Using the audience as the jury, Director Eddie Page moves "Witness" along at a quick pace as facts are discovered, alibis debunked and motives debated as Leonard's trial unfolds.

Mark Lee Adams is Sir Roberts, who slowly elicits crucial details from an array of witnesses in his pursuit of proving Leonard's innocence. Assisted by John Barclay Burns' Mr. Mayhew, they attempt to piece together the clues to solve the crime.

Adams leads the cast with a commanding performance and is especially engaging to observe during his courtroom scenes with James McDaniel as the oppos-

ing barrister.

Robin Zerbe is compelling as Romaine, Leonard Vole's mysterious wife and key witness in the trial.

The accused man is portrayed by Russell Silber, who paints Leonard as a naïve and gentle soul seeking to garner the sympathy of the jury.

Together, Zerbe and Silber masterfully keep the audience engrossed in the twists and turns of the trial and guessing until the very end "Did he or didn't he?"

The supporting cast includes standouts such as Jeffrey Clarke as the judge, Larry Grey as Dr. Wyatt, Peter Alden Hyde as Inspector Hearne and Elisabeth Richters as Roberts' secretary Greta.

Veteran actress Cheryl Sinsabaugh, making her LTA debut, is especially delightful as the victim's loyal housekeeper Janet McKenzie, whose testimony punctuates the trial proceedings with chuckles.

With a creative revolving set by John Downing, costumes by Susan Boyd and wigs by Bette Wil-

liams, "Witness" perfectly augments Christie's surprise ending script.

"Witness for the Prosecution" is playing now through May 12 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. For tickets or more information, call 703-683-0496 or visit www.thelittletheatre.com.



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Mark Lee Adams (Sir Wilfred Robarts, QC), John Barclay Burns (Mr. Mayhew), and Elisabeth Richters (Greta) star in "Witness for the Prosecution."

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Along the Democratic Primary Money Trail

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it's also a way for people to show support for a candidate by donating services."

The campaign season has presented a stimulus package of sorts for the city's restaurant industry.

Tim Lovain noted a \$2,500 in-kind contribution from Café Pizzaioli owner Lawrence Ponzi. Donna Fossom received a \$734 in-kind donation from Tempo Restaurant. Allison Silberberg presented supporters with \$733 worth of in-kind food from Los Tios Grill.

"Some of the candidates may have gotten discounts on the food," said Lovain. "I didn't get to eat much but everybody else said the food was delicious."

Contributions sometimes serve as a who's who of supporters. Planning Commissioner Donna Fossum received \$734 from former City Councilman Mel Bergheim. Councilwoman Del Pepper received \$500 from Planning Commissioner Stewart Dunn. Councilman Paul Smedberg received \$500 from state Sen. Richard Saslaw (D-35). And first-time candidate Boyd Walker received

\$200 from Elizabeth Gibney, one of the "Iron Ladies of Old Town" who filed a court challenge to the waterfront plan.

"I haven't had time to chase the money as other candidates are obviously doing," said Walker. "I know my fundraising numbers are low, but a lot of my supporters are engaged in a very expensive legal fight against the waterfront plan."

A handful of the candidates have donated to themselves or accepted campaign cash from family members. First-time candidate Michael Hepburn contributed \$192 to himself, and first-time candidate Sammie Moshenberg gave her own campaign \$550. Longtime incumbent Del Pepper received \$1,000 from husband F.J. Pepper. And first-time candidate Vicky Menjivar received \$550 from her husband, former executive director of Tenants and Workers United John Liss.

"I love my wife, and I believe in her candidacy," said Liss, who paid for the initial filing fee. "But I don't have deep pockets, so this will not be a self-financed campaign."

Traditionally, people with business before

the City Council are not shy about spreading the wealth to support specific candidates. The list of campaign contributors from previous election cycles includes former real-estate powerhouse Mark Winkler Company, land-use attorney Bernard Fagelson and the political action committee operated by Washington Gas. Automobile magnate Jack Taylor is a frequent contributor, and his college-age son was even listed as a supporter of Councilman Smedberg in the last election cycle.

"To be honest, nobody has ever asked me to vote a certain way because of a contribution," said Smedberg in 2009. "I really don't see it that they expect anything from me." The fundraising totals show this year's Democratic primary is already shaping up to be fiercely competitive. But even after the June citywide election, candidates are going to have to face Republicans. In the last election cycle, Republican Councilman Frank Fannon raised and spent more than any other candidate for City Council, spending \$7.24 for each vote. So far this year, he's already raised \$7,019.



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Correction

The boy who was the beetle in the Little Theatre of Alexandria's "Leaping Beauty" was misidentified in the March 29 Alexandria Gazette. His name is Cillian Farrell.

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To the Editor:

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Alexandria's population of 140,000 residents consists of approximately 50 percent renters and 50 percent homeowners. The core responsibilities of the city are to provide police and fire services, road maintenance and improve the school system. The advantage of being one of the most prosperous communities in America is that our property values have remained strong through the great recession. The average non-condo home is assessed at \$620,000 in the city. One of the disadvantages, however, is that Alexandria is an expensive place to call home, where the average one-bedroom apartment rents for \$1,380 per month.

Housing has become a major challenge for people in our city, and the City Council continues to do what is within our control to provide affordable housing to residents. Virginia is one of 45 states that does not have rent control. This means that the government cannot tell a private landlord what to charge for rent. The city's role comes into place during negotiations with developers who plan new projects in the city. Recently, Council approved new developments in Arlandria, Braddock Metro and the Eisenhower Valley, and we will be voting on the Beauregard plan where millions of dollars have been negotiated to preserve affordable housing for hard-working Alexandrians.

The city needs to be selective in its spending and the major projects it undertakes. Purchasing apartments and subsidizing rents are not economically viable for the city. When the debt grows, the results are usually answered by increased taxes on our citizens and businesses. With thousands of additional market-rate apartments in the construction pipeline throughout the city, increased competition for new apartment tenants will likely keep rents from rising rapidly. In the meantime, City Council will continue to negotiate with developers for more affordable housing options for our citizens to continue to call Alexandria home.

Frank H. Fannon, IV
Alexandria City Council

Another Done Deal

To The Editor:

It is no surprise to the residents of the Beauregard section of the West End that the Mayor/council and city staff are once again pulling another "done deal" in our neighborhood and that the push for a major redevelopment in this area is a result of the BRAC-133 and loss of property tax dollars. When the non-appointed citizens

group was formed about a year ago, we rarely discussed the major issues that are now being put together in a working draft plan by the Planning & Zoning Department.

Unfortunately, the discussions we are now having with city staff did not happen with the citizens group and all we did was to submit comments, not recommendations, to city staff, i.e., TES, P&Z, Housing Department and Assistant City Manager Mark Jinks. Mayor Euille has publicly stated at a council meeting two months ago that he and council were not rushing this plan through. Well, you could have fooled us who have been involved for the past year. The plan will now come in front of the Planning Commission on May 3. The transportation commission will meet on May 2 and one of the agenda items will be the BSAP wherein they will probably take a vote to forward their recommendations onto the Mayor/Council without hearing the specific issues that are not included by city staff impacting the cost and transportation issues impacting the Beauregard neighborhood plan.

Once again, this "transportation advisory group" that was established and appointed by the Mayor and Council on April 12, 2008 will be another "rubber stamp" for our elected officials. Many citizens involved with the BSAP for the past year have been told we cannot speak at the May 2 transportation meeting. Remember, this is only a working draft plan, not a recommendation and yet the so-called transportation commission will be voting to recommend whatever TES Director Rich Baier and Assistant Director Abi Lerner tell them to do in order to rubber stamp this plan for the Mayor and Council. It's not as if we have been working on this plan for three-plus years even though the idea for the Beauregard plan had been initiated in 2009, but nothing resulted from this discussion. There is a memo dated June 2009 from former City Manager Jim Hartman to mayor/council/AEDP requesting grant money from DoD in order to get the Beauregard plan started. It sounds familiar to the memo of 2008 signed by Assistant City Manager Mark Jinks stating that Alexandria welcomes BRAC-133 be it at the Victory Center site or the Mark Center. With the Mark Center site selection as recommended by Mr. Jink's 2008 memo, there is no metro, is now located in a residential neighborhood, but "come on in DoD, we have everything you need at the Mark Center/Duke Realty properties." A done deal? You bet — without citizen knowledge or input until it was too late.

Citizens are getting tired of hearing from our elected officials and city staff that "we hear you and we're listening to your concerns because we care about your neighborhood and Alexandria." Really? If that were true, then they would not be pushing the Beauregard Plan and pretending to care about all the residents who live in the Beauregard neighborhood. There is much work to be done and now that five developers have become involved with this plan, this neighborhood will become a massive redevelopment and lose the character its residents want. We will now have an homogenized neighborhood similar to

Clarendon, Shirlington and Ballston. I have lived on both sides of the West End. The Duke Street side, known as Condo/Canyon, is a neighborhood mix of condos and apartments along with some industrial use. The Beauregard neighborhood is a cultural mix of single-family homes, town homes, apartments, open space, trees and now, of course, BRAC-133. Most of us, myself included, believe we do need some improvements in our neighborhood, but not the major redevelopments proposed by the five developers. There needs to be more specifics about funding and financing, a real transportation plan that excludes a traffic circle at the intersection of Seminary/Beauregard, elimination of BRT lanes on Beauregard and good planning regarding land use, zoning/rezoning, retail, commercial and residential and affordable housing. The continuation of the working draft changes from day to day without clearly defined guidelines and criteria. It's the developers, elected officials and city staff creating our neighborhood without an honest attempt to "hear what we want" and one that will initially involve large Alexandria taxpayer commitments. It is time for our elected officials to start doing what they were elected to do and that is represent all of Alexandria residents and not their own personal agendas. We all know that Mayor Euille and members of council want this plan passed before the November elections. However, the BSAP needs much more time for specific questions, answers and discussions from citizens who will be most impacted by this major redevelopment if it is going to succeed. Another "done deal" from city hall? You can count on it.

Annabelle Fisher
Alexandria

Keeping a Promise

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POETRY

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Words

Individually
You did not impress me
Much /but when
You all were together/rearranged
For meaning/the way you touch
Inspire/even wound
Your beauty and your power/
Took/Take/My/ Breath
Away

— MCKENYA DILWORTH-
ABDALLA

Realizations

I am a contradiction
of desires, Gemini, twins
going in opposite directions
equally good at being bad
cowardly approaching
the conditions that
Confront me.
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the edges of my hair have gone on
strike
tired of the pulling, the weave
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and all other attempts at camouflaging myself
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to descend/I am young/no longer
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pressure more than ever to make
something out of myself/this nine
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ideas for dollars
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for all to see
while daffodils fade away
today

— PETER LATTU

T.C. Williams' Huggins, Moss Compete in Capital Classic

Episcopal's
Fitzpatrick coaches
Adala Moto, Savage.

BY JON ROETMAN
GAZETTE PACKET

Anxious T.J. Huggins received an ovation from the crowd as he checked into the 39th Annual Capital Classic's main event with 7:27 remaining in the opening quarter.

Playing on his home court as a member of the Capital All-Stars, the T.C. Williams senior found himself matched up against a U.S. All-Stars team composed entirely of Division I-caliber basketball players. Huggins had earned Northern Region Player of the Year and first-team all-state honors during the 2011-12 season, but facing opponents heading to such schools as Virginia, North Carolina and Maryland would put his skills to the test.

It didn't long for Huggins to show he could play with some of the nation's best.

After entering, Huggins promptly knocked down a pair of jump shots. He finished the contest with 10 points, six rebounds and four steals, earning him the team Most Valuable Player award for the Capital All-Stars, which lost to the U.S. All-Stars 105-93 on April 21 at T.C. Williams High School.

"It was great to know," Huggins said, "that everyone supported me on my home court."

Huggins said the competition was quicker, stronger and more physical than what he was used to. The U.S. roster included players from Georgia, New Jersey and Texas, among other states. Eight athletes stood 6 feet 6 or taller, including three listed at 6 feet 10.

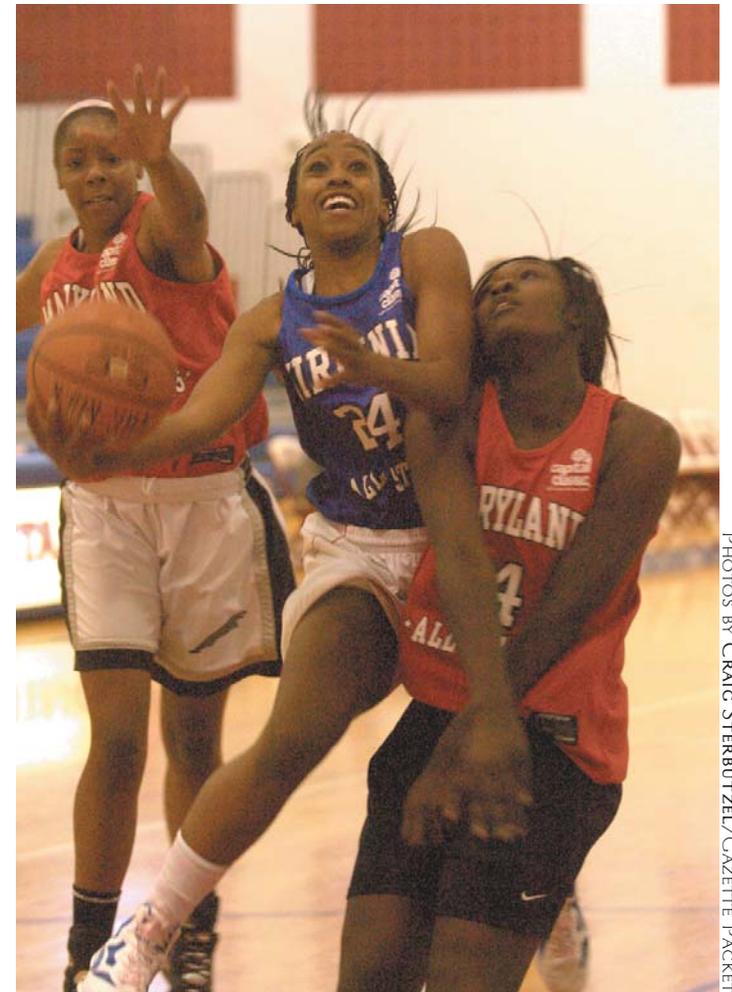
The 6-foot-5 Huggins, who was the only



T.C. Williams senior T.J. Huggins was named MVP of the Capital All-Stars during the main event of the 39th Annual Capital Classic on April 21 at T.C. Williams High School.

player from the Northern Region to compete in the Capital Classic's main event, is verbally committed to Navy.

"For him, it's a big confidence booster," said T.C. Williams boys' basketball coach Julian King, a member of the Capital Clas-



T.C. Williams senior and Virginia All-Star Gaby Moss goes up for a shot against Maryland All-Star Sarafina Arthur-Williams, right, and Carla Batchelor during the Capital Classic on April 21.

sic Coaches Committee. "It lets him know he can play at a high level — it doesn't get any higher than that right there. Hopefully he'll carry this on into the future and have some good years a head of him."

The score was tied at 45-all at halftime

before the U.S. All-Stars started to pull away in the third quarter. Huggins' final bucket came on a putback late in the third, which cut the U.S. lead to 75-67.

"I thought T.J. played very well," said SEE CAPITAL CLASSIC. PAGE 28

Freshman Girls Bring Home Another Victory for T.C. Crew

For the second time this season, the girls' freshman 8 have brought home a victory for the T.C. Williams crew team, crossing the finish line nearly 10 seconds ahead of the competition at the Noxontown Regatta in Middletown, Del., this past Saturday, April 21.

The T.C. freshman girls finished with a time of 5:21.6, handily defeating Holy Spirit (N.J.), which finished with a time of 5:31.2. The freshman victory was their second of the season — they also won top honors in their first race at Noxontown on March 31. Members of the freshman 8 include coxswain Kathrina Policarpio and rowers Maeve Bradley, Kyra McClary, Maura Nakahata, Claire Embrey, Lynn Stevens, Ana Diaz, Rachael Vannatta and Zoe Gildersleeve.

In other events at the Noxontown Regatta this past Saturday, the T.C. Williams girls' novice 8 took home second-place honors in their race, finishing — in a reversal of the freshman 8 contest — eight seconds behind

the Holy Spirit novice girls with a time of 6:03.8.

Also coming in second on Saturday — but in a different state, and in a margin that could be measured in the blink of an eye rather than a few ticks of the clock — were the boys of the T.C. Williams varsity 4. After winning their heat at the Smokey Jacobs Regatta on the Occoquan Reservoir in Virginia, the defending state champion Titan rowers crossed the finish line in the final with a time of 5:14.22 — just .62 second behind winner Woodbridge.

In addition to the boys' varsity 4, the T.C. Williams boys' freshman 8 also came in second place at Smokey Jacobs, crossing the finish line with a time of 5:07.84 behind the Generals of Washington-Lee. Other strong performances by T.C. rowers at Occoquan were turned in by the boys' junior 4, the boys' second 4, the boys' novice 8 "B" boat, and the girls' novice 8 "A" boat, all of which took home third-place honors on the day.

The T.C. Williams crew team returns



With Mark Comey in the coxswain seat, rowers Greg Montenegro, left, and Henry Anderson, right, help power the T.C. Williams boys' varsity 4 crew team toward the finish line in their morning heat at the Smokey Jacob Regatta on April 21. The varsity 4 won the heat and then took second place in the final, finishing just .62 seconds behind the winner.

closer to home this coming weekend for the Charlie Butt Regatta, a contest that will not only see the Titan rowers compete on the Potomac River just off the shores of Georgetown, but compete against some of the top rowing teams in and around Wash-

ington, D.C.

The T.C. Williams crew team is guided by boys' head coach Pete Stramese and girls' head coach Mercedes Kiss. For race schedules and more information on the program, visit www.tccwcrew.org.

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SPORTS

Capital Classic

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Episcopal boys' basketball coach Jim Fitzpatrick, who coached the Capital All-Stars. "To be honest with you, I thought T.J. played as well tonight in the game as I've seen him in the practices, and I think that's a product of him just capitalizing on the moment. Obviously, this is a comfortable setting for him, but he still has to make the shots and make the plays. The best compliment I can say about T.J. is he played within himself, and I think that was the difference for him."

Fitzpatrick, who led Episcopal to a state runner-up finish, also got to coach two of his own Maroon players: Arnaud Adala Moto (Wake Forest) and Kethan Savage (George Washington). Savage scored eight points and Adala Moto finished with four.

"It was fun to coach them, but at the same time I wanted to make sure they meshed in with the other players," Fitzpatrick said. "I'm not sure I would have had this honor of coaching tonight if I didn't have those players play for me, so I wanted to make sure that I gave them the proper respect to let them play. But I also wanted them to understand that they were the same as all the other 10 members of the team in terms of their importance to the team."

The Capital Classic was an all-day event, with two girls' games in the afternoon and two boys' games at night. The first girls' game was a public school matchup between the Virginia All-Stars and the Maryland All-Stars. T.C. Williams senior Gaby Moss was a member of the Virginia starting five and finished with nine points as Virginia cruised to a 74-49

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Episcopal senior Arnaud Adala Moto scored four points during the Capital Classic on April 21.

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T.C. Williams' Huggins, Moss Compete in Capital Classic

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victory.

Moss, who will play for Georgia State, said players were unselfish, making it easier to mesh on the floor.

"We've played against each other, so we know each other's game," Moss said. "We know what each other does. It was really just getting into a groove. ... You don't want to get lost in the mix, but at the same time they're good players, so you look better when you get other people involved and they do the same thing."

West Springfield senior Logan Battle came off the bench to score 12 points and earn game MVP honors. After a slow start by both squads, Virginia's second unit of Battle (Georgetown), West Springfield teammate April Robinson (Duquesne), Forest Park's Lexi Carpenter (Dayton), Stafford's Merritt Hempe (Georgia) and Fairfax's Liz McNaughton (UMBC) sparked an 11-2 first-quarter run as the team gradually pulled away.

"Sitting on the bench starting out gives me a chance to see how the other team plays and get a feel for what I'm supposed to be doing," Battle said. "... We've all seen each other play [and] played with each other during AAU or in other all-star games before. When we got on the court, we worked well together [because] none of us are selfish."

Fred Priester, who led Oakton to an undefeated record and the 2012 state championship, coached the Virginia All-Stars.

"There's always a little edge there," Priester said of the interstate matchup. "We in the Virginia suburbs think we play pretty good ball, they think they play pretty good ball, so there's a little bit of bragging rights there."

Oakton's Katherine and Caroline Coyer scored six and five points, respectively for the Virginia squad, playing their final high school game before suiting up for Villanova.

"It was a little bittersweet," Katherine Coyer said. "It was definitely great to get to represent Oakton High School one more time. Of course, it's sad that this is the last time we're going to be putting on these shorts and playing to represent Oakton, [but] even going forward, this isn't something we're going to forget."

Robinson scored six points, Edison's Ruth Sherrill (Hofstra) finished with five and McNaughton had three.

In the other girls' game, the Prep-Private All-Stars defeated the

Interhigh All-Stars 76-67. Bishop O'Connell's Nicole Carty scored three points for the Prep-Private team.

In the first boys' game, the Suburban All-Stars defeated the District All-Stars 109-100. The Suburban All-Star roster had four players from the Northern Region: Langley's Daniel Dixon, Yorktown's Jack Earley, Edison's

Matt Murphy and Westfield's Zach Elcano.

Dixon was a standout during the Northern Region all-star game on March 17, scoring 17 points for the Liberty/National team in a losing effort. On Saturday, Dixon scored 16 points and knocked down four 3-pointers to help the Suburban squad get the win.

"I try not to force things and try

to just let the game come to me because I know I have great players around me," Dixon said. "I know I can make them better, they can make me better so it's much easier. ... My goal today was to come back and redeem myself and I felt like I did that."

Elcano (American) scored 11 points for the Suburban team. Murphy finished with six and

Earley (Claremont McKenna) added three.

Paul VI guard Tilman Dunbar (Navy) scored 16 points for the District All-Stars.

"Everyone out here, for the most part, is going to play college ball — lots of Division I players," Earley said. "It's great to come out here and play against that caliber of players."

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Transforming a Vision into Housing, Commerce

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parcel of land in Alexandria, a city that has successfully developed former military bases like Cameron Station and Eisenhower Avenue. The open land at one end of Eisenhower Valley attracted the U.S. Patent Office to transfer its headquarters to Alexandria and also houses the United States Court complex and the extensive Carlyle high rise apartment developments. Cameron Station, the one-time military commissary, was developed into a townhouse community.

BUT THE POTOMAC YARD plan is more problematical. It is a far larger undertaking, nearly twice the number of acres as Cameron Station, in a largely different economy and in an area where near traffic paralysis occurs with disturbing regularity. If a development brings perhaps 5,000 to 8,000 new residents does that mean 5,000 to 10,000 cars traveling streets that are already crowded and thousands of cars visiting the offices, stores, theaters and restaurants?

Jeff Farner, deputy director of Alexandria's Planning and Zoning, said that he thought the importance of Potomac Yard "is much more than numbers of people and square footage. This is a very rare opportunity for a jurisdiction inside the beltway to actually extend segments of the community."

He and members of the planning team, Gwen Wright, chief of the Development

"One of the challenges with this site, which was a brownfield site, necessitated a lot of infrastructure; laying a sewer line from this site to the plant, building the bridge and roads and street complexes; a lot of infrastructure that has to go in place to make it ready for development."

— Jeff Farner, deputy director, Alexandria's Planning and Zoning

Division and Sandra Marks, chief of transportation planning, believe they have set out a development protocol that can manage the influx of cars, visitors and residents by requiring transportation and environmental completion before construction of offices and residences.

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plexes; a lot of infrastructure that has to go in place to make it ready for development."

The primary factor to make this project work is to build a new Metro Station between Reagan National Airport and Braddock Road Metro Station. Alexandria City Council created a tax district to finance a Metro station which it proposed would be between the airport and Potomac Yard. That is what is now unfolding every day in North Alexandria.

THE PLANNING for how to develop Potomac Yard began in the late 1980s when the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad began to explore development ideas since the area was no longer used as a rail yard. At the same, Alexandria was updating its 1974 Master Plan.

The first plan was never acted upon by the City Council. It proposed building a Metro Station in the middle of Potomac Yard, allowing some 16 million square feet of development designed as sort of extension of the communities nearby — Del Ray, St. Elmo, Lynhaven and Hume.

Among other proposals was Jack Kent Cooke's idea to locate the Redskins Stadium there and another plan to attract the U.S. Patent and Trade Office. The Patent office later agreed to move to the Eisenhower Avenue site.

In 1999, the City Council approved an updated Potomac Yard /Potomac Greens Small Area Plan and rezoned the land to a Coordinated Development District. This is the framework that is unfolding.

Historical Perspective

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time John Smith made his voyage up the Potomac River in 1608, he recorded there were two Native American villages along the Potomac, one near the site of Reagan National Airport and another near Belle Haven, south of what became Alexandria.

In the late 18th century and the early years of the 1800s, the area provided acreage for farming, at first tobacco and later wheat and vegetables to feed the growing community of Alexandria and Georgetown across the river in Maryland. The French Army led by the Comte de Rochambeau crossed the Potomac by ferry from Georgetown and followed a road south through the Potomac Yard site on his way to Yorktown to fight with the Americans against the British in 1781.

Bromberg writes that competition with Georgetown in Maryland was a growing concern for Alexandrians in the early 19th century and when they learned that the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal would end at Georgetown, they became concerned that western trade would bypass their wharves.

They chartered the Alexandria Canal Company in 1830 and financed the building of a canal that crossed the Potomac on a unique aqueduct bridge built on eight masonry piers. In Virginia, canal boats were pulled along seven miles across the flat land that would become the Potomac Yard and lowered to the Potomac at Alexandria through four lift locks.

But it was the railroads that preserved this as open land from the mid-19th century through the 1980s. It is what land developers call a "brownfield" site, where no other community of any size has stood; where land is clear and ready for use. Potomac Yard became an important rail hub in the Civil War and connected to the north by a railroad bridge, allowing the Union forces to transfer freight to supply units fighting to the south.

In 1906, to relieve critical crowding as freight cars were transferred from northern rail lines to southern rail lines, six competing railroads agreed to band together to construct a rail yard. At its height the yard had 136 miles of track crammed into a 2.5 to 3 mile stretch of land with a round house repair building, icing facilities, and warehouses. The rail yard at its height employed 1,500 workers many of whom settled in the small bungalow communities along Route 1. Known as the "Gateway Between the North and the South," Potomac Yard was the largest freight transfer yard on the east coast and serviced more than 100 trains a day.

With its passing in 1987, went, in a sense, a cultural subset, the blue collar worker. St. Elmo, Hume, Lynhaven and to a larger extent Del Ray were settled by working class Americans, many employed on the railroads. Now those communities are gentrified and the new residences planned at the Potomac Yard are selling for \$300,000 to \$800,000.

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